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We've Been Through College

Contrary to the impression we must frequently create, we are not trying to work our way through college by selling magazines. We spent many happy years playing tennis, poker, chess, and hookey at different colleges, several decades ago. Our purpose in soliciting subscriptions to ONE MAN'S OPINION is simply to reach as many readers as we can with some words of warning which we think are badly needed. When a wise political prophet said, more than a hundred years ago, that the twentieth century would be given over to a struggle between the United States and Russia for mastery of the planet, he had no conception of how far the United States would go in helping Russia to win.

We are sure that our articles will add little to the knowledge, and less to the happiness, of yourself or your friends. But we do honestly believe that they will, at times, add to your understanding of some of the puzzling developments in contemporary affairs, because of our insistence on finding the pieces that mesh and on putting those pieces together. And we refuse to throw away the experience of forty years, or all the earlier pages in the book, as a basis on which to judge the present and the future, every time the schemers in the Kremlin write a new page.

On the other side of this sheet is a letter which was mailed late last November to a small list of people who were not subscribers to this magazine. We hope it falls within the classification that the advertising fraternity calls "legitimate puffery". At any rate, it created enough favorable interest for us to want our subscribers also to read it. Despite the fact that the letter is now two months old, therefore, we are using it as backing (the pun is definitely intended) for this subscription form. As you can see, we are bound to guess right some of the time, so you had better subscribe. RW

Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Robert H.W. Welch, jr
810 Main Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

November 26, 1956

Dear Reader:

May we blow our own horn for just three paragraphs? We promise to do so as quietly as possible.

In the November 10 issue of the Saturday Evening Post there is an article by Ernest O. Hauser on the Russian "New Look". Mr. Hauser comes to the conclusion that the defamation of Stalin has not been a defensive measure, on the part of Khrushchev and his cohorts, but one important piece in the pattern of an audacious new offensive against the West.	In the issue of ONE MAN'S OPINION which was mailed early in September we said the same thing, outlined the most important other pieces in this pattern of deception, and -- with regard to the attack on Stalin -- devoted many paragraphs to showing that "the key to this action is not its defensive value ..... But the explanation lies in the great positive value in a continuing offensive."
Recently Mr. Aidan Crawley, famous commentator of the British Broadcasting Corporation, devoted his program to the thesis that Malenkov is still the all-powerful directing force behind the scenes in Moscow. This suggestion is now being brought forward in other quarters.	Three months ago we set forth, in ONE MAN'S OPINION, several pages of facts and arguments to support our surmise that "since the death of Stalin Georgi Malenkov has been, still is, and for an indefinite future will be, the absolute dictator of the whole Communist world."
The anti-Communist powers in Europe are now convinced, by tangible and documentary evidence, that Nasser is not just an ambitious opportunist, seeking to advance his interests by any means that happen to come to hand from any source; but that he is, instead, a definite and completely controlled agent of the Kremlin.	We have been saying this, however, for months. As far back as last April, in ONE MAN'S OPINION, we wrote: "Colonel Nasser ..... has put himself and his country completely under the thumb of the Kremlin, even to the extent of spearheading some of the Kremlin's diplomatic and propaganda efforts with Egypt's neighbors."

We could keep this list up for quite a while, to show why you should read ONE MAN'S OPINION. Yet we certainly do not claim to be prophets with regard to the actions of the Communist conspirators. And in every paragraph of our magazine we try to make clear whether we are stating facts, engaging in analysis, or merely offering a guess. But we do look at, and write about, the Communist conspiracy realistically. It is to do our part in strengthening a realistic attitude towards the menace and the progress of Communism that we are trying to reach as many readers as we can. If you would like to help with a subscription for a friend (or for yourself if not already a subscriber), a convenient form is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Robert H.W. Welch, jr.

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January 16, 1957

Dear Reader:

The first letter on this page, in the first issue of this magazine, was dated January 16, 1956. It does not *seem like yesterday.*

Always conscious of the inescapable suggestion of vanity in any one-man publication, we have worked very hard — on top of other heavy responsibilities — to make the contents of ONE MAN'S OPINION justify its existence. For the encouragement we have received from many sources; for the letters, from hundreds of leaders in American public life, expressing interest in our analyses of persons and events; and for subscriptions from every state, from Alaska and Hawaii and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and from several foreign countries, we are deeply grateful.

One reason we gave, a year ago, for this unusual undertaking, was that the publishing pattern would enable us to write whatever we wished — whenever we wished and however we wished — without regard to the editorial problems, objections, or requirements of anybody else. And we are taking more advantage of that self-provided leeway in this number than in any previous issue. For it has seemed to us that the interrelation of some of the important events of the past two or three months, in the area of foreign affairs, has been too generally ignored; and that tying these events together in one continuous article offered our best chance of making some small contribution to our readers' understanding and appraisal of their significance.

In this number, therefore, we really offer you a pamphlet; and it may be a precedent for occasional deviations from normalcy in the future. But we expect to return to the regular format in the next issue; and as a general rule we shall continue to offer the same features which some of you, at least, tell us you have come to like and to expect. In the meantime, we hope you will take a look over our shoulder, in the following thirty-two pages, at some developments which should alarm you. And not all of the reason for alarm is just one man's opinion.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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IN BRIEF REVIEW

VICE-PRESIDENT NIXON says that the Hungarian revolt dealt the Soviet empire a mortal blow from which it cannot recover. Holmes Alexander tells his huge newspaper audience that Soviet power has fallen sprawling on its face, and will not be able to get up again. In London, columnist Alexandre Metaxas writes, in the same vein, of "the twilight of the Soviet system".

Of course the man who said it all first, for what turned out to be a world-wide audience, and who went to jail for doing so, was Milovan Djilas, the former vice-president of Yugoslavia. His article to that effect, first published in the November 19, 1956 issue of the *New Leader,* was promptly reprinted in other magazines and newspapers in this country, England, France, West Germany, Norway, Sweden, India, and Japan. So the idea did not originate in the West. But whether Mr. Nixon, Mr. Alexander, or Mr. Metaxas was aware that he was quoting Djilas, almost verbatim, is neither clear nor important. For many other outstanding patriots and experienced observers, English and American, are daily proclaiming that the uprisings in Central Europe marked the beginning of the end of the Soviet tyranny. And we hope, as earnestly as Mr. Nixon himself, that they are right.

But we do not believe it. We believe it is exactly the disarming conclusion that the Communists have wanted us to reach. We believe that precisely the opposite is true. And we believe that in such wishful thinking lies grave and imminent danger to our country. We are ourselves more frightened today than ever before by what seems to us to be the steady, unmistakable, and accelerating progress of the Communist conspiracy towards total subjugation of our already half-conquered planet.

Of course we can be entirely wrong. The true balance sheet of the Kremlin at any given time, as to both moral and material assets and liabilities, like the true purpose of the Kremlin in any given action, is always hidden under multiple layers of deliberate and diversified confusion. We do not claim any X-ray type of intelligence, that can look through this excelsior of confusion to the realities buried deep inside. But we do scrutinize whatever we can see on the surface, and whatever we can reach through patient digging, with eyes and judgment made coldly objective by past experience. And in this article we are asking you also to note and consider, without rose-colored glasses, a few of the stones that fit so neatly into the foundation of our fear.

Some of the paragraphs and pieces of our brief review will not, in the beginning, appear to fall into any connected pattern that justifies anxiety. If you have the patience to bear with us long enough, however, we think that a close relationship between all the images in the panorama will become self-evident in time. We also think that before you reach the last page some shadowy doubts, emanating from *your* mind, will begin to materialize as solid fear on the same foundation as our own.

II
THE PREPOSTEROUS PARADE

EARLY LAST SPRING President Gronchi of Italy was royally received and lavishly lionized in Washington. His was a "state visit", calling for — and getting — the official dining and wining of our president, the red-carpet treatment from other members of our government,

and favorable publicity from our press. But here are some of the things that neither government nor press (with a few rare exceptions) told you about him.

Giovanni Gronchi had come to power in Italy through Communist support. At a time when the Kremlin's agents, from Chile to Canada or from England to Japan, were temporarily flying on a sweetness-and-good-fellowship beam, and were working to form united fronts wherever possible, Gronchi was an outstanding example of a collaborator with the Communists in forming such a united front to promote their purposes. The fulsome hospitality extended to Gronchi in the United States was strong encouragement to pro-Communist politicians in every country in Western Europe, and equally strong discouragement to anti-Communists everywhere. The American people were expected not to be aware of such "angles", nor to attach any sinister significance to the incident. Those expectations were fulfilled.

From Bad To Worse . . . . .

Now any person or organization, even including our State Department, is entitled to a mistake once in a while. And if the boost for Gronchi had been just an isolated bad guess, it could be briefly lamented and soon forgotten. But the tragic importance of the episode arises from the fact that Gronchi's visit was so visibly a part of a deliberate and extensive program — to which there is no end in sight.

For next came "President" Sukarno of Indonesia. And almost as incredible as an invitation having been extended to him in the first place was the failure of our large-circulation newspapers to tell their readers about his record. While we cannot, in this setting, do more than touch on the high spots of that record, we do want to run through it quickly — for two reasons. One is that Sukarno, we are afraid, is little known to most of our readers; and some familiarity with his history is necessary background for this discussion. The second reason is simpler and more dramatic. Sukarno has the distinction, rare even among his kind, of having been the implacable, vicious, and *outspoken* enemy of the United States, from the very beginning of his career, right *up to, during,* and *since* the time when he was running around this country as our guest.

Before World War II Sukarno was a Javanese troublemaker of small renown, working in close association with well-known Communists. He first comes to our serious attention as a very skillful tool of our enemy, Japan, during the three years of the war when Japanese forces are occupying the Netherlands East Indies. He is peddling to the natives of Java a line of malicious hatred of "imperialists", especially the Americans, the English, and the Dutch (but for some reason not including the Japanese!). One of the earliest pictures of Sukarno ever published shows him, on November 8, 1944, making a violent speech to the Javanese about the imperialist monsters. And his inflammatory efforts are successful enough to cause Roosevelt and Churchill to be burned in effigy by mobs in the capital city of Batavia.

At first this line fitted exactly into Japanese plans to indoctrinate the natives to fight on their side, against any attempted retaking of Indonesia by Allied forces. Then, as the Japanese became aware that they were losing the war, Sukarno's activities fitted equally well into their plans to leave behind them as much future trouble for the Allies as they could. Sukarno grew in their favor, and gained standing and experience for himself as a rabble-rouser,

throughout the three-year period. It was Sukarno who persuaded the Japanese authorities, against their better judgment and over the protest of their own occupation administrative officials, to throw *all* Dutch nationals into foul concentration camps; and to disgrace and humiliate these settlers and merchants and administrators, in every way possible, before the eyes of the formerly friendly native population. And two days after Japan surrendered, but before any Allied forces could reach Java or the Japanese troops could be evacuated, it was with the blessing and help of these Japanese occupation authorities that Sukarno and his Communist pal, Mohammed Hatta, set themselves up as "President" and "Vice-President", respectively, of the "Republic of Indonesia".

Since Holland itself had been occupied by the Germans all during the war, and had to have time to get its own house in order, it was still several weeks before even administrative officials of the Netherlands government began to arrive. But despite all of the Communist-inspired propaganda you may have read to the contrary, the Dutch were welcomed back to Indonesia with open arms. Especially in Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes, and the other islands the restoration of Dutch rule was very popular. And even in Java, despite Sukarno's "army" and the huge stores of arms left him by the Japanese, he was compelled by the sheer weight of native opinion to contract his domain, and to be satisfied with trying to keep some foothold on the island as "Republican" territory. Even this base was saved for him by the British. For it happened to be British troops and ships that arrived first, to handle the Japanese evacuation. And the British, with their eternal flair for meddling and muddling compromise, persuaded the Dutch authorities to give *de facto* recognition to Sukarno's government of the area he then actually occupied.

From this point on it is the same old story, to those who are familiar with Communist methods and activities in so many countries during the unsettled conditions of the post-war years. The Dutch were willing to go along with the temporary arrangement indicated above, because they had returned to Indonesia with some farsighted and generous plans of their own. They proposed a "United States of Indonesia", consisting of autonomous republican governments for the different islands, in which they were now willing for Sukarno's "Republic" in Java to be one of the states. The only tie to Holland was to be that these "United States of Indonesia", along with Holland itself, would form a commonwealth of nations under the same crown. This offer was so liberal, and so popular in the other islands, that Sukarno — like Mao Tse-Tung at approximately the same time, with regard to Chiang Kai-shek's proposed constitution for China — felt obliged to accept it "in principle". But he stalled so cleverly, frustratingly, and obstinately that it was never put into operation. Again like Mao in China, Sukarno knew what he really wanted, and what Moscow wanted and would help him to get. Having been willing to deliver two million of his compatriots into Japanese hands for slave-labor military construction during the Japanese occupation, he certainly had no intention now of letting any consideration for the welfare of the Indonesian people stop him short of his ultimate goal.

For four years Sukarno and his guerillas and agents kept the country in such turmoil that the Dutch had no opportunity to undo the damage and disruption caused by the Japanese, or to restore the economy and the daily lives of the

people to a normal peace-time basis. It was not just for Java that this was true, but also for the other islands. In January, 1946, for instance, Communists carried out the infamous "Pusa Revolution" in a part of Sumatra. They mercilessly slaughtered the propertied classes and their families, including the women and children. Then they held a "Congress", claiming to represent and rule all of Sumatra, at which members of Sukarno's "Republic" were official delegates. Similar uprisings, unsuccessful but terrifically destructive, were fomented elsewhere.

The Dutch could readily have put an end to these troubles by strong enough measures. At any time from the end of 1945 through 1948 they could easily have wiped out Sukarno and his terrorists entirely by military force. But they were kept from doing so by American diplomatic pressures, exactly as Chiang Kai-shek was kept from wiping out Mao's guerillas, in 1946, through the truces forced on him by the Marshall Mission. And Sukarno had the additional help of the United Nations. Twice his marauding activities became so murderous that the Dutch instituted "police actions" to subdue them, for the protection of the native population. In the second of these actions they captured Sukarno and his whole "government", and interned the lot of them for months. But both times such a howl went up, from the "liberals" in the American government and in the United Nations, that the Dutch refrained from finishing the job. And the second time the United Nations crowd put on so much pressure that the Dutch released their prisoners.

And so, exactly as Mao, Sukarno won out in the end, and by very much the same means. There were unending riots and sabotage, and trouble-making infiltration into "non-Republican" territory. There was the same unceasing help to these "anti-imperialists" from the American State Department. There was such distortion and suppression of the truth that even veteran correspondents couldn't believe it till they saw it with their own eyes. There was a mysterious plane accident near Bombay, early in 1949, which killed at one swoop thirteen American journalists who had just been to Indonesia, and who were about to tell what was really happening there. In the very scanty notes and despatches which these men had already forwarded before they were killed appear such typical statements as follow.

H. R. Knickerbocker: "The most disturbing single discovery made here was that the United Nations observers . . . came here with a thesis to uphold. The thesis was that the Dutch were always wrong; the Indonesian Republic was always right. Their reports coincide with this preconceived thesis."

Burton Heath (Pulitzer Prize winner): "Only two things have been established beyond doubt. One is that representatives of the State Department here actively resent the coming of American newspapermen, who almost unanimously condemn the State Department's Indonesian policy as a menace to American security.

"The other is that American and Australian junior officers, assigned as field observers for the United Nations, are convinced that their factual reports are being distorted before they are passed on to Washington, Canberra and Lake Success. They say it is useless to submit anti-Republican or pro-Dutch reports."

William H. Newton: "The purpose seems to be to force the facts to conform to whatever happens to be the policy of the U. S. State Department or the United Nations Security Council."

N. A. Barrows: "Certainly even the newcomer here cannot penetrate under

the surface without wondering why the picture given to the outside world is so often distorted and falsely emphasized."

There are plenty more in the same vein. But the very convenient "accident" prevented the enlightenment of American public opinion that Sukarno feared at the time. Perhaps it is unfair to note that the tragedy occurred in the realm of Sukarno's good friend Nehru. So you can consider that remark "stricken from the record", as the lawyers say, if you wish. But it *is* accurate and not unfair to mention that Nehru's very effective help to Sukarno, in other ways and on other occasions, was among those means we are listing by which Sukarno won his long struggle. Probably the most important of all the factors in bringing about that victory, however, was the help Sukarno received from the United Nations in that organization's condemning, handicapping, and harassing of the Dutch at every turn.

At long last the troubles, lies, frustrations, and pressures wore the Dutch out. Despite their wish to protect the other islands from Sukarno, they signed an agreement at The Hague, on December 27, 1949, whereby the Netherlands simply transferred its sovereignty to the "United Republic of Indonesia". It did so, under pressure of the governments of the "democracies", despite the fact that at least three-fourths of the inhabitants of the area involved were bitterly opposed to the transfer and protested vigorously against it. Then, also at long last, Sukarno was able to go to work at making himself really the ruler of Indonesia. For whereas, in the theory of even this final agreement, his Javanese "republic" was supposed to be only one state among equals in the "United Republic", Sukarno knew and the Dutch knew and everybody else knew this was merely a fatuous concession to appearances.

We cannot spare the room to detail the tactics and means Sukarno has used to establish and nail down his dictatorship, especially over the other islands. We cannot pause to demonstrate the meaninglessness of those few "democratic" forms and processes of government which he has still preserved for show. Nor, since Sukarno, like Nehru, denies that he is a Communist, can we stop here for adequate documentation of our belief otherwise. But on this last point let us at least give you a *sample* of the evidence that is available.

Sukarno has always used Communist methods in all of his activities. He boasts of being a disciple of Karl Marx and has said that the youth of the "Socialist Party" (headed by a Communist named Sjahrir) were expected to put Marx's theories into practice. He has encouraged Communist propaganda in the barracks of his army. He has associated closely with Communists all of his adult life; and since he came to power he has surrounded himself and filled his government with Communists. For at least twenty years he has glorified the Soviet Union as a model state on every feasible occasion. At the end of the war, in 1945, he telegraphed Stalin, congratulating him, expressing Sukarno's admiration for the Soviet system, and voicing his confidence in the ultimate attainment of Russian aspirations. When his new "republic" was invited to join the United Nations in 1950, at a time when the Russian member of the Security Council happened to be staying away in a pretended huff (for a very sinister real reason that we have frequently discussed elsewhere), Sukarno refused to join until that Russian delegate had returned to the Council. He has been willing, and allowed, to use detachments of Chinese Red Army soldiers, who had been indoctrinated and trained in Mao Tse-tung's armies, to overcome resis-

tance to his régime in areas hostile to his Jakarta government. He has been willing and able to get an increasing amount of help of every kind from Moscow. And since he has been the head of an officially recognized government, the consolidation of his power and increasing assurance of his personal position have been steadily followed by more and more open adherence to the Communist bloc. If Sukarno is not today a direct agent of the Kremlin he will certainly do until one comes along.

The Great Man Comes . . . . .

A very revealing book, *Inside The State Department,* was recently published. Its author, Bryton Barron, himself a career man in the department for more than a quarter of a century, was forced out because of his unwillingness to distort historical records and otherwise help to maintain the historical blackout concerning American foreign policy of the past twenty years. In this book Barron builds quite a case for blaming the combination of treason, misguided idealism, and stupidity, still prevalent and dangerously effective in the department, on holdovers of the Alger Hiss school from previous administrations.

To what extent the continued and increasing pampering of Moscow's "neutralist" stooges since 1952 can be blamed on these entrenched sympathizers and their influence, we do not know. The fact remains that by the spring of 1956 — it is perhaps uncharitable but certainly not inaccurate to say — the State Department was licking Sukarno's hand. (As witness John Foster Dulles' fanciful public statement, on March 14, 1956, that Indonesia was heading for nationhood "in much the same manner as did the United States".) And the more Sukarno has blasted the United States and the "imperialist" countries, the more ingratiating and solicitous we have become towards him.

So, in May, 1956, our government received Sukarno, with tremendous acclaim, as the honored head of a friendly nation. Not only was he fêted at the White House, allowed to speak before the Congress, and given a triumphal tour of the whole country, but his was actually the longest "state visit" in our nation's history. It lasted nineteen days. *At that very time* Sukarno's Communist goon squads, using arms supplied them by the Soviet *and* ourselves, were waging murderous and destructive war on the Spice Islands — the stronghold of Christianity in the South Pacific, and our most completely unswerving friends and allies in that area during the past two decades.

Of course the great majority of the American people didn't know anything about Sukarno, or the several hundred "cultural attachés" of the Soviet that were in Indonesia helping him to run his government. They were not expected to know. But all officialdom in Asia knew and watched with amazement the way our government took this Kremlin puppet to its breast. It was horrified and vastly disheartening amazement on the part of anti-Communist leaders in Asia, but rapturous amazement on the part of the Communists.

Immediately on leaving our shores Sukarno reported to Moscow. He then went on a tour of other countries to tell them, among other things, what a hero he had been in America; and to impress on Communists and anti-Communists alike the visible fact that the surest road to regal treatment, in and by Washington, is to follow the Communist line. In Peiping, where Sukarno outdid himself to dampen any feeling of the enslaved mainland Chinese that they could ever hope for help from the United States, he also delivered this typical outburst:

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"The Chinese people are building a new society in which independence, justice, prosperity and happiness are ensured. I witness with my own eyes how the entire Chinese people uphold Mao Tse-tung's government, love Mao Tse-tung. We are friends, because we are comrades-in-arms against imperialism. Let us march on side by side. Surely the time will come when the whole world will recognize the Chinese People's Republic."

Never Ending Hypocrisy Rides Unchecked . . .

Sukarno's high regard for Mao Tse-tung is quite understandable. They are both members of the same lodge and — to do a little misquoting of a famous misquotation — a kindred feeling makes us wondrous kind. There are three differences, however, in their positions in the lodge.

First, Mao is a few years ahead of Sukarno, in the firmness and reach of the tentacles of dictatorship they have established over their respective realms. Even in their personal spots, as viceroys of the Kremlin, Mao seems to have no such reason to fear Chou En-lai as Sukarno may have to fear his close associate, Mohammed Hatta. The Moscow control has not yet reached the monolithic rigidity in Indonesia that it has in Communist China.

Second, Sukarno is able to present quite a different appearance of his position and actions, from the one Mao can present, to the outside world. This is because Moscow became smart enough, some five or six years ago, to begin to develop its top agents as "neutralists" instead of recognized subordinates, and their countries as "neutralist" nations instead of recognized satellites. The new policy fitted much more cleverly, in many ways, into their strategy for the last half of their conquest of the world.

Third, because Indonesia had eighty million inhabitants against six times that number in China, and because of many other factors which determined their relative importance in English and American minds, far greater attention was given to Mao's rise to power than to that of Sukarno. Mao's crimes and cunning are so well known to the people of the United States that not even this administration — yet — would dare invite him to be the guest of our nation. Sukarno's equal crimes and cunning, and even his Communist bonds, were just unopened history to the American public. So the "holdovers", or somebody, could get away with promoting his visit.

The difference between Mao's position and Sukarno's position that concerns us here, however, is the façade of neutralism. Among the obvious advantages of this fraud was that it gave the Communist sympathizers in our government, and the misguided do-gooders around them to whom they could sell their schemes as plausible, the opportunity to pour money and aid of every kind into such "neutralist" areas, and to help in every way possible to build up the prestige of the "neutralist" leaders. The argument was that we had to help them even more than Moscow, so that they could be "independent" of Moscow; and try to persuade them, by always turning the other cheek, "to see our point of view." The current procession of state visitors we are now discussing has been one result of that clever policy. And the next guest in that procession was J. Nehru — the Kremlin's viceroy for India, with the official contemporary title of prime minister. Mr. Nehru has just given our president the "privilege and honor" — President Eisenhower's own description of the event — of receiving him at the White House like a long-lost brother. Fortunately for our present purpose, this visitor was already far better known, at least as to the out-

ward shell which he presents to the world, than was his immediate predecessor. So we do not have to give him so much linage. But we hope you will come along while we take a brief look *inside Nehru* nevertheless.

In 1927 Jawaharlal Nehru was thirty-eight years old. The son of a famous lawyer, who had long been prominent in Indian political life, Jawaharlal was himself a graduate of the English preparatory school, Harrow, and of Cambridge University. Presumably he was old enough, and educated enough, to know what he was doing.

In February of that year Nehru attended a meeting in Brussels of a *Congress of Oppressed Nationalities.* His most fulsome biographer, Jagat Bright, dismisses the unsavory origins and character of the organization with the offhand phrase, "Some Communists were back of it." Actually it was a thinly disguised Communist front. Among its leading lights, besides Nehru himself, were Romain Rolland, Madame Sun Yat-sen, Albert Einstein, and Mohammed Hatta — that same Indonesian Communist whom we met in the last section, who was later to become Sukarno's "vice-president". In the course of this meeting a "League Against Imperialism" was formed, with practically the same *dramatis personae,* and with Nehru as vice-president. Its slogan was: "Oppressed of the world, unite." The "imperialists", whom this league was against, did *not* include Russia; the "oppressed of the world", whom the league's founders had in mind, did *not* include the virtually enslaved Russian people.

In fact, from this Congress Nehru went directly to Russia for a long visit. The same biographer sums up Nehru's attitude as follows: "He turned inevitably with good will towards communism. For whatever its faults, it was at least not hypocritical and not imperialistic." Nehru himself, on his return to India, wrote a glowing account of his visit, with praise for almost everything he saw. He had only admiration for the aims of the Communists, and for the general framework of communist existence. He was bitter about the hostility of the "imperialist" nations to the Soviet. "It is only the rigidity of the British government," he said, "that seeks to encircle and strangle Russia." And he was rapturous over the way the land in Russia had been taken from its horrid owners and given to the peasants! This book, although first published in 1929, was reprinted in Bombay in 1949, obviously with Nehru's approval.

In 1929 Nehru, at the Lahore Session of the Indian Congress of which he was president, reiterated his faith in "socialism". There would be to begin with, he said, control of the key industries. And the land would be given to the peasants.

In 1936, in his autobiography, after denying that he is a communist, Nehru writes: "But still I incline more and more towards a communist philosophy." Further along in the same book he says: "The success or failure of the Russian social experiments do not directly affect the validity of the Marxian theory. It is conceivable, though it is highly unlikely, that a set of untoward circumstances or a combination of powers might upset those experiments. But the value of those mighty social upheavals will still remain. With all my instinctive dislike for much that has happened there, I feel that they offer the greatest hope to the world." And this, it should be noted, was after Stalin had literally killed by deliberate starvation three million human beings in the Ukraine, because of their resistance to collectivization of their small, peasant-owned farms.

Up to the time of the Katyn Wood murders, probably the foulest of all the

crimes and most cruel of all the atrocities, perpetrated in carrying out Stalin's orders, occurred during the so-called Civil War in Spain. All the way from shooting, in cold blood, idealistic American youngsters who had been sucked into a game they did not understand, the minute those youngsters wanted to withdraw; through physical torture of individuals that would have made the Assyrians turn their heads; to the burning of churches with their congregations herded inside, and other horrible forms of mass murder; the Communists ran the gamut of savagery, in this rehearsal for more important performances to come. And if any reader thinks this is an exaggeration, we'll be glad to name for him the books in which he can get all the documentation, in both text and photographs, that his stomach can take. This deliberate use of the most terroristic methods of irregular warfare was open, extensive, and long continued. Yet Nehru, after visiting Spain in 1938, was referring to these Communist butchers who had come into Spain to take it over, when he spoke ecstatically of "Passionaria, the great woman leader, and other heroes of the dying republic"; and when, on his return to India, he sent them a shipload of food as an appreciation of their heroic struggle "to keep up the spirit of democracy in the face of heavy odds."

Nor has there been any change in Nehru's philosophy, or attitude, over the years, except for his steadily drawing closer to Moscow since Indian independence was achieved and he no longer needed to keep this attachment so much under cover. In the biography to which we have already referred, Jagat Bright gives vent to his hero worship of Nehru with this: "He was a socialist and a communist even at the age of five, believing in the equal distribution of wealth and property." Which is tommyrot as to what Nehru believed at five, but quite revealing as to what his biographer admired him for believing in 1946, when Nehru was fifty-seven years old, and when this book was published.

It might still be possible to conceive of Nehru as an unworldly, idealistic Indian mystic and philosopher, with merely an unfortunate blind spot in the window of his soul that looks out on communism and the Communists — but for two things. The first is the extreme practicality and political astuteness of his varied actions in furtherance of the Kremlin's purposes during these last many years. The second is on the esoteric side, but perhaps tells us even more. For Nehru's close associates know that the man in history he admires most, as both a statesman and an author, is Kautilya. And it is worth one paragraph, anyway, to see what this means.

Kautilya Chanakya, who helped the founder of the Mauryan dynasty to intrigue, fight, deceive, betray, and murder his way to a throne, and then to stay on it in a "gilded jail" for twenty-four years, is known as the Indian Machiavelli. And his one book, the *Arthashastra,* is the Indian counterpart — and by some eighteen hundred years the predecessor — of Machiavelli's *Il Principe.* The unabashed and emphatic thesis of both books is that cunning, however treacherous, coldbloodedness, no matter how merciless, and crimes, however foul, are positive virtues in the conduct of the ruler of a state — or of one who aspires thereby to become a ruler — if those characteristics are used to advance the interests of the state. Both books glorify unscrupulousness in a ruler much as the Spartans glorified bravery. And Kautilya's masterpiece stresses insistently that the end justifies any means — thus establishing the key to current Communist conduct more than twenty-two hundred years ahead

of Lenin. It may also give the key to Jawaharlal Nehru. And the fact that he frankly admits to those around him that he admires the *Arthashastra* so much may be his way of telling subordinates what his true purposes are and what he really expects of them, despite whatever persiflage of noble sentiments he spouts for public consumption.

To drop all the way from the ethereal upper regions to the solid earth, however, in sizing up Nehru, a very old illustration seems to be in order. Thirty years ago here was an animal that considered itself a tiger, associated regularly and actively with other tigers, and was accepted by them as a leader among tigers. Since then this animal has never ceased to look like a tiger, act like a tiger, spring like a tiger, roar like a tiger, smell like a tiger, or side with the tigers in all their raids on the lambs. What possible basis do we have for the straining and hopeful assumption that the animal might be a lamb today, acting the way it does merely because it is afraid of the other tigers?

In more direct language, not only was Nehru a communist in philosophy and a close associate and admirer of Communists in action, thirty years ago, but since then he has never ceased to praise the Communists, vote for the Communists, and forward Communist causes by all practicable means on all suitable occasions. What's more, Nehru has continuously directed his pro-Communist energies against the United States as the chief target of his enmity — as any good Communist would. On March 27, 1953 he voted with the Soviet block in demanding that the United Nations hear charges that the United States had used germ warfare in Korea. As David Lawrence has pointed out, "his behavior in the Korean armistice negotiations could not have been any more partisan in behalf of the Soviets if he had represented them directly." (One advantage to Moscow of having "neutralist" satellites was that they could pose as, and get designated as, "neutrals" in such situations.) He has worked energetically with the Soviet in every effort to have Red China admitted to the United Nations. He refused to join in the U. N. "condemnation" of the Soviet actions in Hungary. And these are but typical examples from a long unbroken record of vicious anti-Americanism, and of identifying himself unmistakably as a Soviet man-Friday.

Nehru's equivalent of Mao's Chou En-lai, Mr. V. K. Khrishna Menon, has been almost as long and as openly devoted to the Communist Party as Chou En-lai himself. Khrishna Menon helps Nehru to throw all the influence of themselves and their government onto the Communist side of every international issue. Inside India Nehru's daughter, Indira, whom he has made a leading politician, who clearly speaks for her father, and who accompanied him on his American visit, has publicly said of the Communist Party: "In Russia the party has impressed on people what it's doing for them. The sooner we do it, the better for us."

Nehru's apologists make much of the fact that he brutally suppressed some local Communists in Hyderabad who were getting out of hand. Sukarno's supporters likewise point out that he and his forces fought first on one side and then on the other, in the factional strife between two different groups of Communists in Java — while Sukarno was thus establishing himself as the boss Communist of them all. In neither case is the argument against either man being a Communist worth even these few lines to refute it, in the face of such overwhelming evidence otherwise. For there has not been one Communist ruler of any area, from Stalin himself

through Mao and Tito to Rakosi and Ho Chi-minh, who has not murdered, suppressed, and stigmatized other Communists in acquiring his power or maintaining it. And Moscow loves the boys who climb to the top in such struggles by such means. They have what it takes.

There is no valid justification for anybody in our government to assume that Nehru is today anything but a direct conscious agent of Moscow, dedicated to the destruction of America and to the world-wide victory of Communism. But he was invited to pay us a "state visit", was given millions of dollars worth of free publicity in our press and over the air, and was treated — for the world to observe — with all the respect and cordiality due to a great friend and ally. The excuse was that by making this tiger welcome to roam at will in the sheep pasture, we would convert him to the lamb's point of view. But of course not all of those who advance that excuse are dumb enough to believe it.

From Jodhpurs To Brass . . . .

Last May that excellent weekly, *Human Events,* reported that Sukarno would be followed by Nehru in this series of state visits; that Marshal Tito would be next in line; and that finally, if by that time the resistance of the American people had been sufficiently weakened, Khrushchev and Bulganin themselves would get the invitation they had been seeking. The White House clique, the State Department, or *somebody,* had planned it that way.

From the collaborator, Gronchi, to the little-known "neutralist", Sukarno, to the widely-known "neutralist", Nehru, to the "independent" Communist, Tito, to the official and theoretical heads of the Russian Soviet government itself; these are, or were to have been, the easy stages by which powerful forces *somewhere* in our government showed the American people and the rest of the world that the "good old Joe" complex still prevailed in Washington, that Communists were just like anybody else except more deserving of our friendship, and that more and better Yaltas could regularly be expected.

For obvious political reasons there was a break in this parade of the captains and kings of Communism to our shores, from June until after the elections. But not long after; Mr. Nehru arrived in December, white riding breeches and all. There are millions of Asiatics whom Nehru wishes to reach, with the kind of propaganda provided him by his American visit, to whom a picture is literally worth ten thousand words because of their illiteracy. So he has skillfully made of the sloppy white pants (called *churidar* in their Kashmir habitat) a trademark by which he can readily be recognized in any photograph. And the cleverly contrived, brilliantly posed, picture of himself, wreathed in smiles, rushing up the White House steps and practically into the arms of an equally friendly and smiling Eisenhower, who was coming out the White House door to greet him — that picture alone was worth as much to the world-wide Communist parties as if America had started dropping bombs on Bangkok and Baghdad.

But he got a great deal more out of his trip than just pictures, no matter how valuable. To put Mr. Nehru in the proper mood when he paid us this visit, our government recently gave him — pardon us, sold him — six hundred and fifty-two million dollars' worth of wheat, cotton, rice, and other farm products. At least, that is the price our government had paid for the merchandise. We sold it to Nehru for $360 million, on paper. Out of that $360 million we are giving him back $54 million as an undisguised gift. We are allowing

a "long-term credit" for $234 million of it. And the remaining 72 million dollars, all Nehru is actually paying for this 652 million dollars' worth, we are taking from India in goods we are to give away in other parts of the world. Those members of our government who are knowingly and actively trying to spend us into bankruptcy can chalk up a pretty goodsized notch for themselves on that deal. But please do not talk too loud about it until Mr. Nehru's boys have finished their negotiations for some long term "loans" in real money. It is to be used towards paying the ten billion dollars' estimated cost of India's new five-year plan, which started last April.

In the meantime the boss himself, having come from conversations with Chou En-lai directly to America, has rushed back to New Delhi to receive another immediate visit from Chou. But there was another reason why Nehru had to be on his way. That was, in order not to have the next guest, Marshal Tito, treading too closely on his heels. From gazing at sloppy pants we are now to be treated to epaulettes and shining medals. Just so that these "state visits" are paid us by top-ranking stars in the Communist galaxy, the uniform doesn't matter. And it has already been announced that we are giving, or ought to give — the trial balloon was a bit vague — some more jet planes and other harmless toys to Tito, in advance of his coming, to show *him* the cordial nature of our hospitality and to put him in the proper mood to enjoy it.

Of course there has already been some vigorous objection voiced, even by Congressmen, to our honoring this butcher-tyrant as our guest; and some slight alterations or postponements in the plans may be deemed advisable. But sooner or later the Administration will have its way, and Marshal Tito will be royally welcomed in Washington; his bosses in the Kremlin have seen to it that he showed just enough phony independence and went through just enough motions of "Titoism", during the recent troubles in Central Europe, to give Washington a pretext for the gesture.

Whether even our State Department will have the gall to try later to bring Khrushchev and Bulganin over here for a visit, as intended, is another matter. We venture the guess that they may settle for President Eisenhower's old "pal-in-arms", Marshal Zhukov, instead. And since Zhukov now has the exalted official title of Defense Minister of the U. S. S. R., that visit ought to serve the purposes of both "State" and the Kremlin reasonably well.

We must repeat from earlier articles, it seems to us worth repeating over and over, that the Kremlin gangsters thrive and make progress on prestige and the aura of success, far more than on what they ever gain by tanks or bullets. Their military might, starting at the end of World War II as pure bluff, becomes increasingly a more real threat every year; and it is now sometimes used, as it was in Hungary. But their diplomatic self-aggrandizement, and the crafty fabrication of influence and standing for their political agents, continues unceasingly with tremendous success. Yet there are people who wonder why we are losing the cold war. Even if neither Tito nor Zhukov finally get here, a part of the answer as to why we have been losing it up to now ought to be obvious in the parade that has gone by. Instead, it does not seem to be obvious, to enough Americans, that we *are* losing it — or how rapidly and disastrously that loss increases.

This is, we believe, quite largely because they never see the picture whole, nor put enough of the pieces of the

puzzle together at one time for the overall effect to stare them in the face. This is why we needed to put on the canvas one wide swath of the background at home, before starting to paint in some of the scenes abroad. All of which now brings us to a second series of events in the fast-moving history of recent months.

III
THE SUEZ FIASCO

LET'S IMAGINE Georgi Malenkov, or whoever is the real boss behind the scenes at the Kremlin, recounting the success of his brilliant planning to Bulganin, Khrushchev, Zhukov and the rest of his front men in the Politburo. His report would go something like this.

"The results of *Operation Suez* are entirely up to expectations. (1) We have damaged the British-American alliance and friendship to the extent that full recovery would take years — if they had that much time. (2) We have so weakened the prestige and unity of the "Tory" Party in England that the Labor Party is now much nearer to power, with either Aneurin Bevan or Hugh Gaitskell as prime minister. (3) We have shut off about one-third of the flow of oil to Western Europe, thus seriously crippling the industrial machinery of that half of the continent. (4) We have simultaneously increased: a., The dependence on the United Nations of its member countries; b., The sacrifice of national initiative and action to the United Nations; and c., Our own control of the United Nations and its policies. (5) We have enabled our agent, Colonel Nasser, to emerge as the victorious and powerful hero of the Arab world. (6) We have brought a realization of America's unreliability as an ally and supporter, and a realization of the incohesive impotence of the whole Western alliance, right to the doorsteps of Greece, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Pakistan. (7) We have poured enough arms into the Arab world, established enough agents there, and swung enough popular feeling to the support of those agents, to be able to pull Mr. Churchill's so-called Iron Curtain down over most of the Middle East at any time that it is strategically and psychologically wise to do so. (8) We have accomplished all of this without the use of a single Russian division or the loss of a Russian soldier. (9) *We have accomplished it without giving our hand away;* without letting it become visible that we had sufficient direct and indirect influence over the governments of *all* the countries involved to have planned — and made sound plausible — all of the major steps taken on both sides. (10) And the Western nations still do not have any idea of what has happened to them, much less how or why."

Mr. Malenkov could then sit down, amid tremendous applause.

Some Footnotes. On Point 1 . . . . .

This editor was in England during the middle of November. The bitterness towards the United States, "to be seen on both sides of politics, in business circles, among ordinary people high and low," was extreme. The one solace the British could find anywhere was that "we have finally got rid of Dullesism." The following paragraph is from the London Sunday Times of November 25:

"It is not enough for the United States Government to say to us, 'Give up your position and policies, to which we object, and we will then discuss ways and means of helping you.' Once bit, twice shy. That was precisely what we were persuaded to do in Mid-August, when Mr. Dulles prevailed on the British Government not to take the Suez Canal issue to the Security Coun-

cil by promising full American support for a user's association which would force Nasser's hand. When we found we had been deceived over this, confidence in the American Government's good faith was dealt a disastrous blow."

But British ire was by no means confined to Mr. Dulles. Here are some more extracts from this same editorial, presented because, while typical of the comments of the whole British press, they are actually more restrained than most expressions of opinion on the same subjects.

"Where can we seek the ultimate power behind this strange behaviour (of the United Nations)? In the Soviet Union? In part, certainly, but in this matter the U. S. S. R. would be impotent if its line were negatived by the United States. Behind Mr. Hammerskjöld and the Assembly has lain the American Administration. . . ."

"President Eisenhower proclaims his faith in the Atlantic Alliance. Yet almost every act of commission or omission by himself or his government during the past three weeks has been deliberately directed against America's principal partners, and so against the Alliance itself. . . ."

"Very shortly after the cease-fire Sir Anthony Eden approached the President personally and received a cordial response to his suggestion that he visit Washington forthwith to clear away misunderstandings and rebuild mutual confidence. A few hours later this message was reversed. Such facts are now known to informed people in London. The snub given last week to Mr. Casey, of Australia, another visitor who could have put a British view to the President, was obvious to all. That there is no meeting of minds between London and Washington is the calculated fault of the American Administration."

The Times did not say that Mr. Eden and Mr. Casey were not sufficiently pro-Communist to be *personae gratae* with the clique that actually runs foreign policy in Washington right over the heads of Dulles and Eisenhower, but the statement would have been entirely in order. All of the comments *The Times* did make in this editorial were before "American pressure and Soviet threats" (as the French Prime Minister, Mr. Mollet, put it) had compelled the complete backdown, ignominious withdrawal, and incredible loss of prestige and position on the part of the British and the French. So you can easily imagine how much more hostile have become the British feelings towards America in the meantime.

On Point 2 . . . . .

The intemperance of Gaitskell's criticism of the Suez venture rubbed the patriotic sensibilities of most British citizens the wrong way; and the first reaction, strongly against him, probably weakened the standing of both the Labor Party and himself. But as the step-by-step backdown of England and France has gradually turned the whole episode into a pathetic fiasco; as the effect of this fiasco on the stability of the already shaky pound, on British industry, and on the daily lives of the British people (as through petrol rationing) has begun to be felt; and as the division of opinion within the Conservative Party itself has become more visible — with these developments it has also become clear that a terrific blow has been dealt to not only Eden but his party. And to form some idea of the disaster to England that would be involved in Gaitskell's coming to power, you must remember his obsession with one particular facet of socialism, namely *equality*. His announced goal is to see, to bring about by force as rapidly as possible, that not one Englishman shall

have one shilling or one piece of property of any kind, more than any other Englishman; that a deadly and absolute equality shall prevail — except, of course, for the perquisites provided those in government positions. And this is the man whom the Kremlin can claim, quite correctly, to have moved much nearer to the premiership — and ultimately the dictatorship — of England, through its Suez maneuverings.

On Point 3 . . . . .

Since World War II, and partly because of the difficulty encountered by socialist governments in getting enough coal out of the ground, a major part of the more progressive industry in Western Europe has converted to the use of oil as a fuel. At the Third International Manufacturers Conference late in November, which this writer attended, the corridor conversation of the business men from Europe emphasized the much greater seriousness of the Egyptian impasse to their industries, due to this change from coal to oil, than would otherwise have been the case. The impact on production, on currencies, and on living standards, of the stoppage of the flow of oil through Suez, is and will be stupendous. It is true that, according to oft-repeated statements and apparently authentic estimates, the Canal could have been cleared, or could still be cleared, in seven weeks, if the people and the equipment best qualified to do the job were allowed to go to work. But the political obstructions to be cleared are much more unmovable than the physical ones. It has already been almost three months since the Canal was closed, and seven weeks is still the best estimate as to what *could be done,* starting from now. Our guess is that the Soviet No. 1 boy in the area, Colonel Nasser, will find ways to slow down and prevent the reopening of this artery of trade for quite a while. We think there is room for a reasonable doubt as to whether it will ever be open again, to ships of the Western nations, before the Soviet officially brings down the Curtain over that part of the world.

On Point 4 . . . . .

It is our contention — too often repeated, perhaps — that the Communists are relying most heavily on one particular road, among the many along which they are steadily advancing, in their plans to take over the United States. That route follows the course of inducing gradual surrender of American sovereignty, piece by piece and step by step, to an international organization like the United Nations, while the Communists themselves are simultaneously and equally gradually getting complete working control of that organization.

In the Suez case not only did England and France yield all the way to United Nations orders, and meekly submit to being censured and treated as aggressors by the United Nations, but it was the Soviet Union which took the lead, with the help of the United States, in bringing about these steps. The United Nations, with Russia definitely at the helm, even established its play-acting police force in Egypt — with one thousand soldiers from Russia's satellite, Yugoslavia, as the largest and most *mobile* contingent. This police force has exactly the power of a school-boy traffic cop. So long as everybody is willing to cooperate and obey the youngster's signals, everything is all right. But the minute anybody wants to get rough and disregard the "cop", he is helpless. This token *gendarmerie* of the United Nations would be equally helpless if anybody, whether for frankly aggressive or honestly defensive reasons, decided to get rough and override it. Nevertheless it sets a highly significant precedent,

and marks a further sharp extension of the United Nations' claims to super-sovereignty. From this step to the sending of several *divisions* of United Nations "police", composed of troops from Yugoslavia, India, Indonesia, and other "neutral" nations, into Alabama and Mississippi, to "stop civil disorders and preserve peace", is just a matter of degree.

On Point 5 . . . . .

It has seemed plain to us for a long time, as we have pointed out in the pages of this magazine, that Nasser was just as certainly and completely an agent of the Kremlin, under Kremlin orders, as Mao Tse-tung or Ho Chi-minh. The British now claim to have captured papers, especially those in possession of the five Algerian spies, definitely proving this to be so. We have not seen the tangible evidence, but the circumstantial evidence alone is overwhelming.

As to this agent having come out of a contest with England and France, the two nations long considered most powerful in the Middle East, as the successful and victorious hero of the Arab masses — the situation speaks for itself.

On Point 6 . . . . .

Not only the nations named, but many others that are struggling to resist Communist and "neutralist" pressures, have been shown just how weak a reed is American friendship to lean on, in the case of any showdown with the Soviet. They have been vastly puzzled by many American actions before, but there was nothing puzzling about this one. The United States simply deserted its allies and moved over to the side of its supposed enemies, all the way.

It is beside the point to argue that the British and French should not have gone into their half-baked action in Egypt in the first place. (Certainly they should not have, unless they intended and had the courage to see it through, any more than we should ever have gone into the Korean war unless we intended to fight it to win.) We can even waive all the justification given the British and the French, for the course they took, by the Treaty of 1888 governing the future of the Canal; and concede, solely to simplify the argument, that their action was "aggression". The core of the criticism of the United States is that infinitely more brutal and far more senseless "aggression" was taking place at the same time in Central Europe; that the United States spent all of its energy and influence to stop the "aggression" in the Middle East, in which it could support the Soviet Union; and that, except for a few pious "tut-tuts", it did nothing in that situation in which it would have had to oppose the Soviet. No Russian tanks were compelled to pull back from Budapest, no United Nations police force was sent to Hungary, and no threats of any kind were made as to what would happen if the Russians didn't turn the Central European mess over to the United Nations to handle.

Exactly as the *London Times* charged, the United States went far out of its way, at almost every turn, to show its friendship with the Soviet instead of with its actual and its natural allies. Of course some sophists in Washington, with the words put into their mouths directly or indirectly by dialecticians with Marxian leanings, can find their usual specious alibis and disingenuous apologies for the actions of our government. But you can be sure that the hard-pressed and practical-minded anti-Communists in the governments around the Mediterranean, daily facing Communist machinations as the greatest reality of political life, could see no excuse at all.

On Point 7 . . . . .

Russia is known to have poured at least one billion four hundred million dollars' worth of armament into Egypt and Syria already. Shiploads of more arms are still being unloaded regularly at Syrian ports. The Lebanese and Syrian governments cue their actions to Moscow's orders as closely as does Colonel Nasser. The humiliation of the French and British left a "power" vacuum in the Middle East, which Russia is rapidly filling with its own standing and influence. The United Nations, with America's consent and encouragement, is completely subservient to Moscow's wishes and policies in that area. Any further comments on this point would seem to be superfluous.

On Point 8 . . . . .

The unvarying artifice in the global achievements of the Russians has been their manipulation of native leaders, native groups, and native emotional forces, to accomplish their ends. In recent years, whenever that manipulation reached the level of involving international diplomacy, they could count on the United Nations for strategic help. Now the United Nations has also been made a more definite instrument of Russian policy in even tactical operations.

If the Kremlin gang should now undertake — through Middle East deputies and with Middle East armies, of course, as they would — to seize Iraq or wipe out Israel or even to dismember Turkey, the United Nations would be about as useful in stopping them as it was in the case of Vietnam, or Hungary, or Sukarno's murderous assault on the Moluccas, or Nehru's actions in Kashmir. On the other hand, if the United States sent its own armed forces to "resist this aggression", as it did in Korea, and as the currently debated "Eisenhower Doctrine" implies we would, then you would find the United Nations compelling such United States armies to fight a "defensive" war only, with their hands tied behind them so far as fighting back and carrying the war to the enemy was concerned — and the United States submitting to this idiotic compulsion, exactly as was the case in Korea. So far as the events arising out of the advance of Russian imperialism are concerned, history doesn't have to worry about repeating itself; the Kremlin takes care of that by using the same tricks over and over.

The truth is that the United Nations, already a tool of the Kremlin for all practical purposes, is *effective only* in those situations and actions where it is on the side of Russia. But it *is* increasingly effective when helping the Soviet. With that additional help and weight to give to native allies and agents, Mr. Malenkov could have gone even further. He could have assured the Politburo that, except for suppressing rebellions, no Russian soldiers would need to be sacrificed in any of the Kremlin's forthcoming conquests of the foreseeable future.

On Point 9 . . . . .

The parallels in the Suez and Korean episodes are numerous. In the case of Korea we ostentatiously withdrew our forces, practically inviting the attack. Then we reversed our attitude, and stormed back in, at heavy cost and with fearful handicaps. In the case of Suez, the British withdrew their troops from Egypt, practically inviting Nasser to seize the Canal. They then reversed their attitude, and stormed back in, also at heavy cost and with heavier handicaps — especially as to the psychological factors in their position.

In the case of Korea it was the United States government which suddenly and

surprisingly showed firmness against a Communist advance, and all through the resulting struggle it was the British and the French who dragged their heels; and who, through helping Russia in the United Nations, kept us from ever fighting the war to win. In the case of Suez, it was the British and the French who, suddenly and surprisingly, decided that the Communists and their stooges, in seizing the Canal, had gone too far; and who showed the firmness to resist what was the first and only real "aggression" in the whole Suez affair. And it was the United States which held back and which, through helping Russia in the United Nations, kept the opponents of the Kremlin from having any chance to win their struggle.

But the real parallel, we believe, lies much deeper. For in both cases we think that the actions *on both sides* were carefully planned and effectively controlled by the Kremlin. In other words we think, as we said in print three years ago — with much more detail and explanation to support our argument than we can interpolate here — that while President Truman had no idea he was following Communist orders when he suddenly grew so bold and threw us into the Korean "police action", we actually went into that action because the Kremlin wanted us to do so. The Kremlin could plan and foresee the many and weighty advantages for themselves that could be garnered from our engagement in such a war under such circumstances. Now we think, likewise, that while Sir Anthony Eden was not aware of the source of the pressures and influence that persuaded him to face up to the Communist thrust, he made this move — as much out of character for him as was Truman's *volte face* — because the Kremlin wished it. For the Kremlin, knowing in advance the attitude our government would take, could foresee the prodigious gains to be registered by themselves before the whole Suez situation was ever straightened out.

This belief that the Kremlin pulled the wires, which dangled both the British government and ours at the ends, is a very definite and honest one on our part. And since the conclusion, if correct, is quite important as a warning to all of us as to how far Communist infiltration has reached, we hope it will not rub our readers the wrong way for us to state, humbly but frankly, that this is not just a wild surmise. The opinion is based on many years of study of Soviet methods, and bolstered by a reasonable amount of accuracy in previous analyses of analogous developments. But we shall leave further discussion of the whole theme, of which this is but a part, to the end of this review — except for one pertinent comment which really belongs at this point. This is simply that we do not see how anybody who has closely observed Truman and Eden in their attitudes towards the Communists, and all the *other acts* of their respective administrations when the Soviet was involved, can find any other plausible explanation for such surprising dummy-bites-ventriloquist exceptions to their regular performances. When a perfectly tractable dummy does bite the ventriloquist, it is because the ventriloquist willed it that way, and went through the necessary manipulations to bring about the act.

On Point 10 . . . . .

As to the Western nations not knowing what has happened to them, Mr. Malenkov would be entirely right, and for many reasons. One most important reason derives from an entirely different series of events, which is the subject of our next chapter.

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IV
THE HUNGARIAN REVOLT

It seems to us that there has been more nonsense written and spoken about the Hungarian tragedy, with less insight into its real place and meaning in the struggle between Communism and the free world, than in the case of any subject since Walter Lippmann and his fellow liberal pundits so fulsomely praised the great lovefest called Yalta. We do not relish the suggestion that almost everybody in the regiment of commentators is out of step except us. But we must march to the sound of the drums as we hear them; to the tune of what we believe to be the drums of truth, and not to the beat of the drums which the Communists are playing so loudly to drown out all other sounds.

William Schlamm, in the December 22 issue of *National Review*, had a very incisive article on the developments of the past several weeks, and made far more sense — to us — than anybody else we have read in exposition of recent history. Yet, in our opinion, even so penetrating an analyst as Schlamm missed two most important points. They are the first and the last of the numbered items which we shall consider in the discussion below.

Vaccination Is Better Than Smallpox . . .

1. The whole world believes in insurance, and is willing to pay, in some medium of exchange, for protection against future ill fortune, or to soften the blow if ill fortune arrives. The principle of vaccination is analogous to that of insurance, but with one important difference. In the case of vaccination, you accept now a small dose of some evil, in order to render yourself immune to that particular evil, and thus to protect yourself against a heavy or even fatal attack of the same evil at some later date. The whole world believes in vaccination. Yet only the Communists in the Kremlin seem to be smart enough and realistic enough to extend the principle of vaccination to areas outside the field of disease. And because the principle is so little used by others, it is difficult to get the rest of the world to realize and believe how unhesitatingly it is used by the Communists.

But before noting the application of this drastic preventive medicine in Hungary, it seems wise to look briefly at the earlier uprising in Poland. In the November issue of this magazine, which went to press on October 26, we gave many reasons to support our belief that the Poznan and Warsaw riots were precipitated and stage-managed by the Soviet for its own purposes; and that similar inspired revolts would be fomented in other satellites, although one in Hungary *could* get out of hand. Former Premier Mikolajczyk of Poland, following his recent trip to Europe, and supported by much other authoritative opinion, has now announced the same conclusion.

But when the Kremlin turned loose its *agents provocateurs* in Poland, and viciously tightened the screws of oppression, so that the combination would bring about mutinies of despair, we do not believe that vaccination against future rebellion was an important part of the scheme. For we think that the control of Moscow over Poland has been entirely too complete and too pervasive for the Kremlin to be seriously concerned about rebellion in that satellite.

It's true that the Poles have had long experience in the organization and operation of an "underground"; and Poznan, due to both tradition and geography, is a persistent center of such activities. So it was undoubtedly a relief

to Moscow to have some of the leaders of the present underground expose themselves and get eliminated. But we said, and Premier Mikolajczyk now agrees, that the primary purpose of the riots was to give the appearance of a certain degree of independence of Moscow to a new Polish Communist government, still completely controlled by Moscow; and thus to establish a pattern of fictitious "Titoism" for other satellite governments, in order that Washington would have a half plausible excuse to give these governments a lot of money and other aid. That the plan was well conceived is borne out by the fact that Eisenhower, Adlai Stevenson, and John Foster Dulles have all expressed themselves as earnestly in favor of extending such aid promptly to the new and "freedom-loving" government of Poland. Who persuaded them that Gomulka, Cyrankiewicz, and Ochab have any slightest interest in the freedom of the Polish people is a mystery we cannot stop to investigate here.

But after the honest though doomed uprisings in Poznan, against Communism itself, had given the verisimilitude of similar purpose to the early riots in Warsaw — to fool the West — the whole "revolt" became a matter of one Communist faction going through motions, largely phony except for the misguided patriots who got sucked in, of fighting against another Communist faction; while the "ersatz" character of the rebellion was a far smaller factor in the bloody fighting in Hungary. There was a great deal more of the "fight of despair" directed against Communism in general. And we believe that the Kremlin expected — and even desired — that too.

For Hungary was, beyond question, a good place in which to stick the needle containing the vaccine-serum of revolt. Nowhere in Europe was this precautionary treatment needed more, from the point of view of the Kremlin. Admittedly, when a vaccination really "takes", it can be quite troublesome for a while. And of course this one "took". But the Kremlin crew is always ready to accept present troubles for the sake of future gains. These tyrants have the possibility of serious and widespread revolt eternally on their minds. It is naive, therefore, to think that they will not plan and take any steps to insure against well-organized revolts ever getting under way simultaneously in several parts of their enslaved dominions. Such insurance, through discouragement of those who would organize revolt, has been one of the chief purposes of the Summit Conference, of the parade of world-known Communists and Communist-sympathizers on state visits to Washington, and of many other adroit proceedings. To think that, in the face of so permanent a threat, these realistic schemers would overlook the old principle of "divide and conquer"; or that they would fail themselves to create the opportunities to stamp out piecemeal, and to keep on recurrently stamping out piecemeal, the incipient makings of any such future concerted revolt — such naiveté would be absurd. This is not a bunch of children we are playing against, but men who got where they are by being the *most* cunning and ruthless among all the cunning and ruthless Communists in Russia.

Hungary As Horrible Example . . . . .

2. Although we arrived at the above view, that the fine Russian hand had set off the Hungarian revolt, before there was any factual evidence to corroborate the thesis, such corroboration has appeared. Russell Jones, the one American reporter who stayed in the thick of the struggle after all of the others had gone, filed an extremely

interesting news item as soon as his departure finally made such a release possible. He stated it as his own positive opinion, based on actual observations, that the "Communist rulers of Hungary provoked an anti-Communist demonstration. Their idea was to kindle a small fire, to release some of the smouldering passion. Then the rulers would stamp it out so ruthlessly no one would dare to try again." In support of his argument Jones gave facts, places, and times to show the tank and troop movements, and other steps taken by the Communists, to suppress the revolt or to keep it from ever getting too far out of control, before the first demonstration was provoked, the first shot was fired, or the first fuse was lit. And Jones reached his conclusion without any consideration of what we believe to be the most important reason of all for the Kremlin to instigate this ordeal of horror, which will be the last item in our list.

In the meantime, and even if the reader is unconvinced of such subtle perfidy on the part of the Communists, it is easy to see some of the advantages the Kremlin did take of the rebellion, however it got started. One was, by the use of merciless measures of suppression and uncompromising brutality, to make of this insurrection a warning. Neither the Hungarians, nor the Poles for that matter, are again likely to have any courage to revolt for years. Many of the very Hungarians who would be the most inclined ever to rebel have been killed, deported, or driven to leave the country as refugees.

But not only the Hungarians have been warned. Both the uprising itself, and the vicious cruelty of the steps taken to put it down, have been widely publicized — with the Communists allowing and encouraging that publicity. There were several reasons for this "let 'em see it, let 'em tell it" attitude, as we hope to make clear. But one was simply to spread the news of what to expect, to the sullen slaves in other satellites who might be harboring any thoughts of throwing off their chains. The *Schrechlichkeit* in Hungary will give plenty of pause to the revolt-planners anywhere in territory now controlled by the Soviet, or presently to be brought under that control.

Another aspect of the affair that the Soviet is counting on, to dishearten those who might be willing to sacrifice even their lives for freedom, is the repeated demonstration that no help, not even active moral support, can be expected from America. As *National Review* has said: "The rulers of the Soviet Union appear to have proved what the world has long suspected: that they can perpetrate no aggression so bold, or brutality so base, as to cause the United States to take a stand." The policy of the American government with regard to revolt in the satellites seems now to be established, as pusillanimous indifference. The 1952 platform plank about liberation, which helped mightily to get this administration elected, was just a piece of paper — which should no longer cost the lives of thousands behind the Iron Curtain who might be gullible enough to think it was anything else.

The Soviet also used the occasion to give positive proof to those who put any hopes in the United Nations that these hopes were equally vain. It demonstrated particularly, in connection with Hungary, that its own control of the United Nations extended not only to the offensive use of that organization as a weapon in its aggressive actions, but to defensive considerations, as well; to the certainty that the United Nations could never be turned effectively against the Soviet itself, on behalf of rebellious

satellites or peoples. As notice in advance that any revolt was both futile and suicidal, the revolt in Hungary turned into a far-reaching success for Moscow.

Some By-Products . . . . .

3. But certainly, some readers will say, the butcheries in Hungary have caused serious defections from the Communist parties in the free nations all over the world, and have seriously weakened those parties in many cases. Those readers simply refuse to learn from history or to be guided by experience. They have already forgotten that the repudiation of Stalin was supposed to cause so much confusion, and the wide publicizing of Stalin's crimes so much revulsion, as to bring about exactly those results which they now expect from the Hungarian affair. They have forgotten, moving backwards in history, the Hitler-Stalin pact, the attack on Finland, and the Moscow purges of the late 1930's.

There have been defections and dropouts, some real and some phony, and there have been splinterings of the "national" Communist parties, after every one of these exercises in barbarism. But the ultimate effect in every case was to make the international Communist organization more monolithic, the separate parties more dependent on and subservient to Moscow, and the hard core of the faithful everywhere more reliable for Moscow's purposes. It must never be overlooked that murder, treason, lies, and bestiality are all perfectly proper tools of policy to any true Communist; that he is, therefore, not in the least disturbed by their use; and that it is only the true Communists whom Moscow really cares about. The Kremlin does not at all mind shaking off the weak sisters at regular intervals. And those "Communists" whose stomachs were bothered by the blood flowing in Budapest would not be worth very much to Moscow in the more savage days still to come.

These remarks apply, of course, to those who honestly "couldn't take it" any longer. As to those who merely pretended to this humanitarian revulsion, and used it as an excuse for a pretended defection, in order to put themselves in a better position to do, secretly and more effectively, Moscow's dirty work — that is another story. It ties in with Item 5 below.

In order to suppress the revolt with the ruthlessness that was employed, and with the direct hand of Moscow itself so plainly visible, the Kremlin did have to soft-pedal any present claims about the autonomy of the Hungarian Communist government. This is the only clear sign that the revolt may have reached proportions slightly beyond Moscow's anticipation, and have taken some turns not entirely in accordance with Moscow's planning and desires. For the Communists in Budapest will probably have to postpone any immediate pleas to Washington for financial aid and support for their "Titoist" government. But not for too long, you can be sure. The facts of such situations do not concern them at all; only the pretenses they are able to make, no matter how basically absurd. And, we are sorry to say, any plausible pretense will satisfy Washington as well. Moscow will certainly be able to juggle its deputies in Budapest so as to get a few tens of millions reasonably soon, from a government that has given a billion dollars to Tito's Yugoslavia. That is, unless American public opinion can force the Eisenhower administration to come down to earth and learn some of the facts of international life, which seems to be forlorn hope.

Refugees In The Headlines . . . . .

4. Some of the most useful advantages the Kremlin was able to extract from the Hungarian revolt, however, arose in connection with the enormous flood of refugees; a flood furtively urged on by the Communists themselves. When there was time and opportunity for foreign newspaper correspondents to take "human-interest" pictures of refugees, crossing bridges to get out of Hungary and otherwise in the very process of escaping, the intention of the Communist authorities to allow tens of thousands to escape was apparent. The Communists didn't mind shooting down individuals, or breaking up families; and there was no mercy, only method, in this part of their madness. But there was much method.

Let's look first at the simplest and most evident gains. We have already touched on the fact that tens of thousands of the present and future enemies of Communism were either shot or deported to the slave labor camps of Siberia. But not all. For not all joined the vain revolt or could be identified for liquidation. Some of them, sensing the futility of the uprising, or for other reasons, simply seized the opportunity stealthily offered by the Communist left hand, and fled the country. Some of the most vigorously anti-Communist Hungarians, and therefore potentially most dangerous for the future, uprooted themselves, and were eliminated from the satellite population.

A second profit lay in the circumstance that not all of the refugees were anti-Communists. The benevolent haste of other nations to receive these refugees offered a perfect opening for spies, saboteurs, and Communist troublemakers to join the stream. Since, in our opinion, the Communists had projected both this revolt and their treatment of it, far in advance and with their usual foresight as to details, the plans for their agents to take advantage of the refugee migration certainly were not neglected. And the quality of the screening which we gave the thousands rushed to this country fitted into those plans like bacon on a plate of fried eggs.

Next, it was natural, and to be expected without a shade of doubt, that a great wave of sympathy for the escapees would sweep over America and other Western nations. Joining this wave, stirring it up to extraordinary proportions, would give — and has given — secret Communists and their sympathizers, especially if tainted by too much Communist front activity in the past, a beautiful chance for some protective coloration. These fronters could now call a lot of attention to themselves as anti-Communists, by going overboard on behalf of the refugees. If you are going to pretend to be anti-Communists, you have to go through some anti-Communist motions at least some of the time. They could now go through a lot of widely advertised motions, at a time and in a way which would make these motions quite convincing, to the uninformed, as to their anti-Communist status, without doing the slightest harm to the Soviet cause. Even our government, which wouldn't lift a finger to slow down the murders of these people and their relatives in Hungary, has turned somersaults in providing special favors for these refugees as evidence of its anti-Communist bias. And the pro-Communists within our government, by steering genuine anti-Communist energies onto this path and dissipating those energies in this way, could distract the anti-Communists from urging or taking other actions that might be truly harmful.

If this seems harsh, and seems to ignore the genuine feeling of human kindness and pity which has unquestionably

motivated many of the men, both in and out of our government, who have done so much to help the Hungarian refugees, please stop and look objectively at the larger landscape of which the Hungarian thicket is only a tiny patch. The unending brutalities and continuous oppressive cruelties of the Chinese Communists have for years been at a daily level equal to the Hungarian atrocities at their worst. The burden of 125,000 refugees on tiny Austria is doubtless extremely heavy. But nearly five million homeless Chinese refugees from Communism have poured onto the small island of Taiwan, and Chiang Kai-shek's government and people are finding food and lodging and eventually jobs for them. Thousands of Chinese anti-Communists are regularly escaping the mainland right now, at far more danger to themselves and with far more suffering involved for themselves and their families than has been the lot of the average Hungarian refugee.

The flood of homeless and absolutely destitute refugees from Communist North Korea into Syngman Rhee's South Korea is continuous. The horrors of the escape of anti-Communists, including a large number of Christian missionaries, from North Viet Nam (after our government gave its blessing to the turning of that country over to the Communists), and the percentage of refugees who lost their lives in the tropical swamps while trying to escape, have both exceeded the parallel horrors and losses in the Hungarian terror. The refugees that have poured into West Berlin alone, since the suppression of the anti-Communist uprising in East Germany, have probably exceeded in number the total of the Hungarian refugees — and have certainly been as miserable and destitute.

And this list could be continued far too long. The Western peoples have felt great pity for all of these suffering victims, and have extended various kinds and degrees of assistance to them. But nobody has rushed luxury planes to fly them posthaste to our shores, or brushed aside regulations to welcome them to our midst and to give them jobs and housing. The ballyhoo of the past two months would have you think that there had never been victims of Communist oppression before. The politicians and the press have had a field day over the escaping Hungarians and their needs. Why?

The answer is very simple. Because the Soviet wanted it that way, and had enough agents and sympathizers in the right places to whip this perfectly proper feeling of kindness and charity into a blinding furor. If all of this impetuous and extravagant Samaritanism had been spontaneous, it would merely be surprising — and praiseworthy. But the point is that this huge wave of disproportionate and well-time sentimentalism has also been planned and fomented by the Communists. It is not difficult for any reader, who is reasonably well informed as to Communist practices, to convince himself of the truth of this observation by merely studying the sources and the methods of the stimulation of public feeling that has taken place. Nor is it difficult to take the next step, and realize that the flood of refugees, all the excitement concerning them, the tales they could tell and the interviews with them in hundreds of newspapers, would help greatly — and have helped greatly — to dramatize the whole Hungarian revolt. The refugees have been one means of giving it the widest possible publicity, and the most *sustained* attention of the American people. Which, in our opinion, is exactly what the Communists wanted and planned. The reason they wanted it moves us into the final item in this

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chapter, and leads to what seems to us to be the very core of the mystery, the inner plot of the bitter tragedy staged and enacted in Central Europe.

The Hungarian Red Herring . . . . .

5. To follow journalistic practice, and put the substance of this section in the first paragraph, we are dealing here with one extremely simple and fundamental fact. The Soviet is now winning the cold war so rapidly; is chalking up such prodigious victories of diplomacy, infiltration, and control; is taking over, either as actual satellites or under the thin disguise of "neutralism", such huge new hunks of territory so steadily; is moving, with ever accelerating momentum, towards complete conquest of the planet, so irresistibly — that a once minor worry has now become the biggest problem the Kremlin has to face. That problem is to keep the people of the remaining free world, and the honestly anti-Communist members of the governments of the remaining free world, from becoming aware of how fast the Soviet is winning.

Evidence of the Kremlin's preoccupation with this need began to be visible around the end of 1953 — as we have tried to make convincing in earlier issues of this magazine. Up to that time, for one illustration, the Soviet had always suppressed or distorted information about uprisings, in either the satellites or within the borders of Russia itself. It had belittled and played down both actual rebellion and the prospects of rebellion. Even as late as 1953, the great revolt in East Germany got scanty headlines for a few days, scantier articles for a few weeks, and promptly passed into limbo. And to learn practically anything about the significant, extensive, and incredibly courageous revolt at the huge Vorkuta slave labor compounds, you had to go to the semi-underground press and to what the small-circulation anti-Communist journals considered authentic enough information to publish.

But there is one maxim of Soviet policy which we, and anybody else writing about the Kremlin's methods and achievements, must call over and over, even monotonously, to the attention of our readers. It has come increasingly into play with the soaring of Russian strength during the postwar years. The maxim is: *When you are weak, you must give every appearance of being strong; but if you are strong enough, you can afford and use an appearance of weakness whenever and wherever it will serve your purpose.* Every expert bridge player knows the trick; and yet our government and press seem blithely unsuspicious of its use by a régime which has won control of a third of the world by trickery.

We believe that there have been two important manifestations of this particular form of cunning, in the front which the Kremlin has presented to the world during the past three years. One is the pretense of operation by committee. When Stalin died Georgi Malenkov was already in firm control of the situation through long years, as Stalin's right hand man, at the very center of the reins of power. At first it was necessary and important for him to show his strength and firm control, in order to establish himself as the undisputed successor and boss. He had to eliminate Beria because, as the head of the secret police, Beria was the one man who might sooner or later have challenged his dictatorship. But with that done, Malenkov's power within the Soviet hierarchy was so complete and so assured that he could afford the pretense of being demoted. He distributed the ostensible top authority, which had formerly been held in Stalin's hands alone,

among Kruschev as First Secretary of the Party, Bulganin as Prime Minister, and Zhukov as Defense Minister — all three his creatures and agents, taking his orders, carrying out his planning, and reporting to him behind the scenes.

The advantages to Malenkov personally, of this temporary appearance of weakness, and to the whole Kremlin gang in this appearance offered the free world of confusion and squabbling and struggling for position among themselves, we covered at much greater length in an article of several months ago. So we'll not belabor the point here, where Dictator Malenkov's "stoops to conquer" scheme is only an illustration. Our real concern is with the second use of the same maxim; the pretense of the Soviet that its whole empire is in danger of falling apart through rebellions that shake its control, and which might grow to a size it would not be able to suppress. It is a very clever pretense; a very logical step in the Communists' program of constant deception; a striking example of their belief in "gradualism", and of their realistic willingness at every turn to accept losses for the sake of greater gains. Also, it was probably the *only* maneuver open to them that could beguile the West sufficiently, into an unawareness of the gathering strength of the Kremlin, and into a relaxed feeling that the danger from so deadly an enemy was actually declining. You don't win rulership of the world, through deception, without having the courage and the cleverness to use every gambit in the book, even the dangerous and distasteful ones.

And so, beginning with the riots in Stalin's Georgia over — or supposedly over — the postmortem degrading of their native son, and with all of the other factional disturbances which accompanied or followed this surprising feint, the Soviet really started turning the limelight on all incidents of rebellion. When there were not enough incidents of rebellion, incidents were provided. If you didn't know that these various rebellions were shaking the whole Soviet system apart, right down to its foundation, *Pravda* itself told you so in daily headlines. The Kremlin wanted to make sure you realized it had suffered blows from which it could never recover!

That the Poznan riots were timed and precipitated to coincide with the great trade fair, when many representatives of Western nations were in the city, for this purpose of giving those riots greater publicity in the West, seems to us beyond question. We said that we thought so when it happened; we feel sure of it today. But the Kremlin scheming is farsighted, and no other power in history has ever devoted so much attention to "timing", or used it so continuously and effectively in connection with every design. Their meshing of various plans, in different activities and different parts of the world, into one time pattern that made all such plans complement each other and fit best into world-wide circumstances, has been so amazing as to excite our admiration, if its goal was not our own destruction. And the small circumstance of coincidence with regard to the Poznan rebellion was just a little wheel within a very large wheel, timed in its slow turning to synchronize much greater circumstances. For, from at least the time of the Soviet 20th Congress, in February, 1955, the plans for what was going to happen in Egypt — *and in Hungary* — were already formed and were being transmitted to the top actors in the various dramas.

The opening curtain of the Egyptian drama was the withdrawal of our offer to supply money to build the Aswan Dam. We do not claim — nor believe

— that Secretary Dulles was knowingly following Communist orders, or consciously serving Communist purposes, when he announced this decision. We do not claim to know by whom, or for what real or ostensible reasons, he was persuaded to do so. We do believe that the action was a part of the Communist design, and was an illustration of the Communist influence in our government. (Not that we should ever have contributed a penny to build the Aswan Dam, with Egypt under Nasser's rule, goodness knows. But that we should never have promised, or got into the position of being expected, to do so.)

From then on, things moved pretty fast. But they moved with such controlled precision that the showdown came just a week before the American election. Even if there had been sufficient anti-Communist feeling of an aggressive nature in America, to have rallied the American people and bludgeoned the American Congress into a firm support of Britain and France in their show of armed resistance to Communist thievery, the Soviet was quite sure — and correctly sure — no such movement could get under way so close to an election, when nobody knew who was to be the next president.

But the foil and the distraction, with reference to the Egyptian drama, was already well under way, too, and approaching its most attention-compelling scenes. By the time the Soviet had made third-rate powers of Britain and France in the Middle East, had put another huge slice of the world right under its thumb, and had made *faits accomplis* of all the other important goals we outlined in Chapter III, the eyes and minds of the American people were already artfully focussed on the blood baths in the streets of Budapest and the horde of refugees stampeding to Vienna. And during the whole three months that have elapsed since the election, the publicity concerning the fight put up by the Hungarian patriots; articles about the failure of Communist indoctrination in Hungary, and about the evidence of the ideological failure of Communism everywhere which Hungary offers; the talk about the whole Soviet system coming apart at the seams; the plight of the refugees and the extravagant, highly ballyhooed measures to help them — these exciting subjects and benevolent concerns and comforting reflections have kept the American people from even starting to look objectively at the outcome of the "fracas" in the Middle East, or to take stock of what has really happened to them, their allies, and the rest of the free world. By the time they ever begin to forget about the refugees — or to be allowed to forget — and to realize that nothing has really changed in Hungary in the slightest except for a few hundred thousand people being killed or deported or driven from their homes, they will be so accustomed to the fact that Russia now rules the roost in the Middle East that they will not even remember how recently it happened or how vastly important was that Soviet victory.

V
AND A SWEEP OF THE HORIZON

IN VIEW OF THESE EVENTS, Lenin's statement of Communist strategy, so often quoted by ourselves and everybody else, still deserves to be thought about some more. "For us," he said, "the road to Paris leads through Peiping and Calcutta." And to be sure of being understood, he also put it another way. "First we will take Eastern Europe; then the masses of Asia; then we will encircle that final bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not

have to attack it; it will fall like over-ripe fruit into our hands."

The Communists finished taking Eastern Europe, entire, several years ago, *with the active help of our government* — as in Poland and Yugoslavia. Not only despite, but *because of,* the East German uprising in 1953 and the Polish and Hungarian uprisings in 1955, their grip on the whole area is today more solid than ever before. As Judith Listowel indicates, in her two excellent articles in the *Saturday Evening Post* of January 5 and January 12, 1957, and as the Hungarians themselves now expect, the Soviet will probably deport to slave labor camps every young, able-bodied, male patriot left in Hungary. It was Khrushchev who brutally tore 1,200,000 peaceful Poles from their homes in 1939 and 1940, and shipped them off to Siberia, just to reduce the chances of rebellion. It was Bulganin, through his subordinate, Rokossovsky, who allowed the two hundred and fifty thousand patriots of General Bor's army, tricked into the attempt to free their city of Warsaw from the Germans, to be slaughtered to the last man, while the Russian army stood by gloatingly on the other side of the Vistula — so that those same Polish patriots could never rise against the Russians. And it was Zhukov who was in ultimate charge of the Russian divisions and tanks, with their Mongolian crews, who perpetrated the recent massacres in Hungary. The complete further decimation of this country of nine and one-half million people is something for which this incredibly cruel trio, whether on orders from Malenkov or on their own, will have both the stomach and the experience.

The Communists, it must be remembered, have made clear that they are entirely willing to wipe out ninety percent of the people of an area, if necessary, in order that the other ten percent shall be ruled by the Kremlin. (The fact that this applies to one small country, or *to the whole world* alike, should give pause to those who think the Communists would not want to conquer the world by atomic bombs, even if they thought they could do so, because of the destructiveness involved.) And the peoples of Eastern Europe do not need to have this threat spelled out to them any more. They can sense it from actual observation. Some day, somehow, if the West — even for its own urgent defense against its own subjection — ever comes to mean its hypocritical phrases about liberation, the enslaved people of Eastern Europe may be able to rise and win their freedom. But that day seems far more remote, after the vain sacrifices in Hungary, than it has in a long time.

The second part of Lenin's long-range program was to make the masses of Asia a mighty arm of Communist strength. The Communists went vigorously to work on this step within four years after they had established themselves in Moscow. But, except for the part which they already controlled, Russia in Asia, it took them a long time to get even their first solid foothold on that continent. Finally, however, during the years 1944 to 1950, *with the active help of our government* — as at Yalta, Potsdam, and through the Marshall Mission — they got a very large foothold indeed, in the whole mainland of China. Also, in 1948, they made a firm satellite of North Korea. Since that start they have made steady and increasingly rapid progress — always with the assent and frequently with the assistance of our government. Of the continent of Asia the Kremlin now rules outright: Siberia; Outer Mongolia; North Korea; Manchuria and all the mainland of

China; North Vietnam; Tibet; and Afghanistan. And for all practical purposes it controls, if not yet the peoples, at least the governments, of Indonesia, Burma, Ceylon, India, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria — with Egypt, although in Africa, also an important part of this controlled Asiatic block of "neutralist" nations.

There still remain, of Asia, that they have not yet taken over: Japan; the Philippines; Formosa; Hongkong; Malaysia; Thailand; South Vietnam and some small parts of Indochina; Nepal; Pakistan; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Saudi Arabia; Yemen; the Aden Protectorate; and Turkey. This sounds, by sheer numbers, like an imposing list. But there is doubt as to how some of these countries actually stand in this classification; and the total of them all, as to either area or population, is far less than that of Mainland China alone. By any reasonable standard of appraisal, the Kremlin is already three-fourths of the way towards finishing the second segment of its three-part task.

Beneath all of the tactical pulling and hauling, through all the wars the Communists have contrived to bring about and chaos they have created as milieux in which to work and as means to an end, there has been an epic simplicity about Communist strategy for forty years. This was the road of conquest laid out for them: Eastern Europe; the masses of Asia; the United States of America. All else was subservient or collateral to movement in this direction; Spain was mere rehearsal, Guatemala was untimely error soon corrected, incursions into Mexico and Panama were but encircling stepping stones to make the last part of the road broader and easier when they came to advance down it in full force. "Hold onto Eastern Europe, which is already won; keep working steadily on Asia, at both ends and in the middle, until we have it all; and do everything possible to keep America ripening until we are ready to shake the branch!" No matter which way the Kremlin seems to be moving or looking, no matter what seems to be going on inside the Kremlin itself, these are the goals that it keeps as firmly in mind today as it has throughout more than three decades since Lenin set them out.

There is no standard of measurement which our readers would accept for appraising how far the Communists have already made progress towards their third goal. But Harry Bridges and his Communist unions have a stranglehold on Hawaii. Alaska and Panama are known to contain a dangerous number of Communist agents. The unions which control our shipping and many other vital parts of our economy are Communist-ruled or Communist-dominated. Communist-planned, Communist-fomented riots and disorders in our southern states are slowly building towards a typical Communist-contrived civil war. Our great universities go out of their way to put Communists or Communist sympathizers on their faculties, and our great foundations spend millions to make Communism untouchable and respectable. Our press and radio and television systems are loaded with commentators, columnists, and even news reporters brazenly advancing the Communist point of view. It is easily demonstrable, by statistics or by plain observation, that those who lean towards Communism get ahead faster and win greater acclaim in any of our arts, from music to the movies — with especial emphasis, as to this point, on the Broadway stage. It is hard to tell, in the case of many of our great church organizations, where the support of Communism leaves off and devotion to currently advanced religious princi-

ples begins. We have a true national debt, when contingencies to which we are committed and the actuarial obligations of our social security program are added to the admitted debt, amounting to at least six hundred billion dollars, and are following the Marxian plan of spending ourselves into wild inflation and bankruptcy as fast as the Washington bureaucrats can devise ways and excuses to do so. We have now shut off, and kept shut off for more than two years, any effective exposure of the actual Communist agents in our midst. We have steadily concentrated power in the hands of the executive branch of our federal government to the point of making it infinitely easier for the Communists to manipulate or seize the necessary reins of power than was the case only a few years ago. We have, by one means or another, estranged almost every friend we had among the other nations of the free world and are rapidly estranging the remainder. We are told daily, through every means of communication, from thousands of sources, the defeatist nonsense that we are in a world-wide socialist revolution which nothing can stop, and that communism is ultimately inevitable. And, in our opinion, concurred in by at least a hundred men we know who are well-informed on the subject, there are more Communists and Communist-sympathizers, more highly placed and with more influence, right inside our government today, than there were at any time under either the Roosevelt or Truman administrations. It would seem to us to be a very conservative guess that the Communists are already at least twenty-five percent of the way on the road to the accomplishment of the third and final task in their program.

The application of simple arithmetic, to these numbers of 1, ¾, and ¼, shows that — even by these estimates, and the fractions are conservative — the Communists have now gone two-thirds of the way towards the total accomplishment of their job as Lenin saw it. Nor can there be any doubt that he sized up the requirements, and the order of best accomplishment, with brilliant foresight. Whether the Soviet rushes its divisions across Western Europe just before, just after, or simultaneously with, its seizure of the United States, or whether it waits to gobble up the infiltrated countries of South America after the United States is finished off, no reasonable man will question that there will be nothing to stop the juggernaut, once the United States is toppled out of the Soviet path. Subjugation of Eastern Europe, the masses of Asia, and the United States add up, in effect, to Soviet rule and enslavement of the world.

But the most frightening part of Soviet progress is the correlation of a time scale with the accomplishments. It took them twenty-nine years, from 1919 to 1948, to complete the attainment of the first of their three interlinked goals. And by the end of that time they were just beginning to make any visible real headway towards the second. But in just eight more years their momentum has carried them three-fourths of the way over the second field and at least one-fourth over the third. If we are realistic and sensible enough to realize that we are dealing with a rate of *acceleration,* and not a rate of *speed,* we can easily — and justly — start shuddering at the small amount of time we have left. Nor will we be saved from any premature attack by events in the Kremlin, as we may have been saved in 1952, by the state of Stalin's health and approaching death, from his willingness to jump the gun on the patient Soviet schedule. Because there will not be anything premature about attack by the present lords of the Kremlin. It will be fully prepared

for, and indicated, by all the prerequisite accomplishments in the long strategic plan.

Don't We Care? . . . . .

There are many friends who, when we try to convince them of the subtle duplicity of the Soviet — as in inveigling us into the Korean War, or England and France into the Egyptian venture, or in themselves planning the Poznan riots — always say: "Oh, but you give the Communists too much credit. They are not *that* clever." They seem to think, as Frank Kirkpatrick has said, that "half the world became Communist like Topsy; it just grew that way — overnight." They will admit that in 1945 the United States had such overpowering military strength, productive might, and moral influence that it could have enforced a *status quo* on the boundaries and the political allegiances of the whole world if it had had that kind of ambition; while Russia in 1945 had just been saved from annihilation by American aid, American armament — eleven billion dollars' worth through the Red Sea route alone — and American fighting on many fronts. They will admit that, in 1945, Russia had to depend on American currency, which it printed from our plates, to pay its own occupation troops in Germany, and on American loans with which to buy even the policemen's clubs used to beat the Poles into submission; and that the Soviet had to seduce Roosevelt and Truman into giving it the diplomatic victories which began its imperialistic march. They will admit that, since 1945, starting from those comparative positions, the Soviet has taken over countries with seven hundred million inhabitants, and increased its power and influence to the point that the very existence of the United States is now seriously threatened; and that the Soviet has done so entirely by cunning, not by military conquest. Yet they will say: "Oh, but the Communists are not that clever." This is pathetic and dangerous blindness. The Kremlin, and probably one man in the Kremlin, is determined to rule the world. He is obsessed, as was Stalin, with the vision of becoming the first human being ever to do so. He has the mentality, of which Marlowe wrote, that makes him feel 'tis "passing brave to be a king, and ride in triumph through Persepolis." And he knows that *infinite* cunning, subtlety within subtlety, has brought him where he is and is necessary to carry him the rest of the way.

The commentators and editors seem to be showing surprise and delight that "*Communism as a faith* is dead in Europe," as if this were news. But Communism *as a faith* never was alive in Europe, or anywhere else, in more than a very small percentage of any population, and that percentage is probably higher today than ever before. Whatever Lenin and Trotsky may have hoped or planned, under the compulsion of circumstances and the lust for power of men like Stalin Communism rapidly degenerated into a stark conspiracy, and it has remained a conspiracy ever since. No country has ever voted for Communism in a free election; nor have the Communists, after no matter how many years of thought control and indoctrination, ever been willing to allow a free election in any country they already ruled. Communism has always been imposed on a people, from the very first experience in Russia itself, and has been kept fastened on them, by the force of gangsterism and the brutality of a secret police. And the Communists have proved, time after time, that with five percent of a population enveloped within its efficient and ruthless organization it can keep any country and any people in perpetual subjugation.

The West is suffering under many delusions. One is that our enemy is an ideology. It is not. Communism is not a political party, nor a military organization, nor an ideological crusade, nor a rebirth of Russian imperialist ambition, though it comprises and uses all of these parts and pretenses. Communism, in its unmistakable present reality, is wholly a conspiracy, a gigantic conspiracy to enslave mankind; an increasingly successful conspiracy, controlled by determined, cunning, and utterly ruthless gangsters, willing to use *any* means to achieve its end. And there is simply no such thing as peaceful coexistence with this conspiracy, or coexistence of any kind. Those gangsters must be destroyed, or they will surely destroy us.

The strategic cunning of the Kremlin takes many forms. And one of the deadliest is being used on us today. For some years past it has been true, and from now on it will be increasingly true, that most of the steps which carry us gradually into the spider's web of Communism, and make us at last but a collection of Communist provinces ruled from Moscow, will be taken under the guise of "fighting" Communists and of "opposing" Communism. Most of our bureaucrats, politicians, and statesmen, will be "sucked in", and go along because they are persuaded — through misguided idealism, stupidity, or self-interest — that they should. Some few will be traitors who know exactly what they are doing. But our policies, and our total course, will be determined by the Kremlin, and disguised to look plausible by that supreme cunning in which nobody will believe — as they already have been, for lo, these many years. The fundamentally decent Western mind, and especially the rather naive and optimistic American mind, just will not grasp the kind of enemy with which it has to deal.

But what about even those who do see and understand? Will they fight hard enough, sacrifice enough, to spread that understanding? There is only one thing the Kremlin and its "inside" agents in every country fear today; that is the recognition, especially by the American public, of the truth — of the nature, the size, the methods, and the success of their conspiracy. Can we get that truth, and resulting awareness, into the consciousness of enough of our fellow citizens? That depends largely on *you,* and others like you.

There are today some seven hundred million non-Russian non-Communists living daily lives of virtual slavery behind the Iron Curtain, some forty million of them in the actual slave labor camps of Russia and Red China, who only a dozen years ago, or less, enjoyed practically the same freedoms as you and I. These people now say to each other, but above all to themselves: "If I had only known! If I had only believed! There is no amount of work and sacrifice and suffering I would not have given, if I had only realized the necessity, the danger, in time. Now it is too late, and any amount of struggle and of sacrifice, even of life itself, is all in vain."

Their number increases by tens of millions every year, and we are directly in the path of the conqueror. Are we really so hopelessly blind, so stupefied by "prosperity" on one side and insidious propaganda on the other, that we cannot even see the wolves devouring the carcasses of our brothers or drawing ever nearer to ourselves? Are we going to let our country and our whole civilization go under, and new "Dark Ages" of serfdom be ushered in, while we happily play at our little games? May God forbid; but may we speedily become more worthy that He should!

ONE MAN'S REMINISCENCE is another man's poison. So if you do not wish to read more lines prompted by the thought that this magazine is now one year old, you may prefer to skip this page.

Our goal for the first year was six issues. We brought out five. Our goal for 1957 is eight issues. We wish to remind all readers, however, that subscriptions are not for a calendar year. Your subscription, whenever entered, pays for the next twelve numbers thereafter, regardless of the intervals at which they appear.

In one way our largest single problem in connection with this magazine is the correspondence it draws. Much of this correspondence is very helpful; and whether it be laudatory or critical, we welcome and appreciate the opportunity to read it all. But, with few exceptions, it is simply impossible for us to reply. To do so would require the time of half a dozen editors, for that one duty. We are one editor, with half a dozen duties. So we hope you will understand.

The same problem has another face. It's true that, even in this one-man magazine, we have published guest articles -- which we asked for -- by Ex-Premier Mikolajczyk of Poland and General A. C. Wedemeyer. We have also published personal letters to the editor from both President Syngman Rhee of Korea and President Chiang Kai-shek of China. But we simply do not have the facilities for consideration of, and correspondence concerning, "outside" contributions, except those requested by us to meet our specific needs. We regret this being the case, for we do appreciate the friendly interest shown in the offering of such material.

To newcomers we wish to repeat that this number of our "informal review" is an exception in many ways. Ordinarily, we break the contents up into shorter articles and miscellaneous features. Also, our preoccupation with the methods and the menace of the Communist conspiracy does not usually keep us from dipping our oar into many other waters. And finally, as much as we consider the world to be out of joint, we do not let the painful view keep us from laughing fairly often at ourselves, or at anything else which is equally ludicrous. And the world is full today of what Molière would have called "the ridiculous strutters".

If by any chance you would like to know even more about this magazine, and are not a subscriber, we invite you to become one. We have (thoughtfully) provided a form for that purpose, somewhere within these pages.

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Dear Mr. Welch:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 1957, with enclosures, including the magazine entitled "One Man's Opinion." I am pleased to have this material available.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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March 4, 1957

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As implausible as it seems that anybody could give you any new glimpse of the Communist conspiracy, I am still bold enough to think that this issue of my little magazine might. So I hope you will be able to find time to read it.

With great gratitude and admiration for your part in the effort to save our country and our civilization, and with all good wishes, I am

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A PERSONAL PAGE

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Dear Reader:

We asked Professor Evans for three thousand words for this issue, on THE TRUTH ABOUT NATO. He started writing, the brakes on his fountain pen let go, and he came up with fifteen thousand words before he could stop. Even then, he informed us, as to the truth about NATO, "the half had never been told."

Obviously, we didn't have the room to tell it. So we persuaded Medford to extract the necessary words out of that fifteen thousand, simply to shed a little light on THE NATURE OF NATO. The article is still long. But it will give you, we believe, a better understanding of NATO than you ever had before. Which will not make you happy —but that is not our responsibility.

Our own article, appraising the damage already done by the forest fire of Communism, and the speed with which that forest fire is bearing down on us, directly in its path—this article also called for more space than anticipated when we gave ourselves the assignment to write it. But when we ask you to LOOK AT THE SCORE, our purpose is to present an intelligible scoreboard for your inspection, so far as we are able. Counting pages or measuring printer's ink is secondary to that consideration.

Already being tight for space, however, we decided to postpone the appearance of Professor Brunercrow's HOW TO TALK TO THE SAUCERS to a later issue. Then the Russian moonlet started running circles around us, and interest in space travel of any kind soared like a three-stage rocket. So Joliet's article stays in, at the expense of the usual editorial, book review, and some minor features.

May the Lord—and our readers—be merciful to all amateur editors who serve three huge helpings of meat without either gravy or potatoes. Especially me.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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LOOK AT THE SCORE

THE COLD WAR is certainly no game we are playing. It is a deadly struggle for freedom against slavery, for existence against destruction. But we can use the analogy of a game nevertheless. And the first parallel the analogy brings to mind is the occasion when a friend of ours made a grand slam at contract bridge. As soon as the hand was over his partner, as well as both opponents, began to tell him all he had done wrong. To listen to them you would think there had not been a single thing right about either his bidding or his play; that the result had been just a lucky break; and that he was visibly ignorant of even the rudiments of the game. To all of this comment our friend had just one simple answer. "Gentlemen" he said, "look at the score."

Now we have been hearing ever since 1922, and especially since 1945, about one mistake after another which the Communists were making. When Mr. Richard Nixon announced almost a year ago, that the Hungarian uprising marked the beginning of the end for the Communist tyranny, he was repeating the same kind of prediction to which we have listened for decades. And the only answer to all of these comments is simply: "Look at the score." If we stop always arguing about the separate plays the Russians have made or are making — which is what they try so hard, and successfully, to keep us doing—and if we just stand off instead and study the overall picture, we see at once that the Kremlin is winning the Cold War hands down. We see that it has been winning the Cold War steadily for twenty-five years; that it has gone a tremendous distance toward its goal of taking over the whole world; and that it is now advancing toward that final goal at greater speed than ever.

The pattern of combined deception, bluff, infiltration, diplomatic pressures, and aggressive ruthlessness, which the Communists have used over and over again successfully on one country after another, has already been sketched many times, in many other places besides the pages of this magazine. We'll not repeat the description here. In this article we shall give little attention to the *methods* by which the Communist conspiracy has made such terrific gains. Our object is simply to *measure* those gains; to put down a realistic appraisal of how far the Communists have already gone and of where we actually stand today. To repeat: *Let's look at the score.*

I

THE FIRST Russian Revolution, led by Trotsky in 1905, failed. In 1917 a non-Communist revolution, in which neither Trotsky nor Lenin had any part, was successful. There was even a reasonable chance that the provisional revolutionary government, under Kerensky's leadership, would gradually have established a constitutional republican regime. But in October, 1917 Lenin was able to take the revolution out of the hands of its earlier leaders, and convert it into a Communist strike for power.

This time Lenin and Trotsky were successful. There were many unusual historical factors in the situation which made this possible. But it is not our job to try to show how lucky these con-

spirators were during the first five years — especially since their heirs have *created* so much of the same kind of luck for themselves in the decades that followed. And by 1922 their grip of terror, directed and even restrained by ruthless purpose, had been firmly fastened over enough territory for the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics to be formed. The core of that Union, of course, was Russia proper; all of it which the revolutionists had not been compelled to give up, in the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk they had made with Germany in 1918 in order to stay in power. But by 1922 they had extended their infiltration, police activities, and resulting control enough to be able to bring into this Soviet Union, besides their reduced Russia, the areas of Russian Armenia, Azerbaidzhan, Georgia, Ukraine, and Byelorussia. This was the base from which Lenin and his successors set out, deliberately and determinedly, to conquer the world.

Lenin died in 1924. But before he died he had determined, and laid down for his followers, the strategy for this conquest. It was, we should readily admit, brilliant, far-seeing, realistic, and majestically simple. "First", he said, "we will take Eastern Europe. Next the masses of Asia. Then we shall encircle that last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack it; it will fall like overripe fruit into our hands." Lenin was firmly insistent that the Communists should take all of Asia ahead of Western Europe, and then use Asia as a base from which to conquer Western Europe and the rest of the world. To make this plan doubly clear it was summarized by the Communists into the aphorism: "For us the road to Paris leads through Peking and Calcutta."

Now there are many remarkable things about this three-step strategy which Lenin devised. But the most remarkable is that the Communists have never wavered from it one iota in the thirty-five years since it was promulgated. Through famines which they deliberately caused in order to collectivize agriculture, through whatever industrialization they have achieved, through wars which they have insidiously brought on for the help such wars would be to their plans, through periods of peace and prosperity elsewhere in the world, through power struggles within the Kremlin itself, through apparent changes and reversals in the party line that make non-Communist heads swim in confusion, through every upheaval and opportunity, the Communists have always kept their eyes unwaveringly on this strategy and on plans to carry it out. They have let nothing stand in their way, and nothing divert them. They have used the philosophy of communism — or, in other words, the appeal of socialism—as an ideological weapon in this struggle, whenever they could and for whatever it was worth. But it was only one of their many weapons. They have also used bribery, lies, bluff, brutality, treason, murder, and every possible means to advance them on this road, without the slightest concern for any moral difference in those various means. And above all, they have used patience.

World War II gave the Communists their first great break. Which is one illustration of what we meant in giving them credit for manufacturing their own favorable circumstances. For with sufficient time to discuss adequately the ramifications of the Sorge spy ring in the 1930's, the extent of Communist influence in Western capitals, and the way Stalin made use of Hitler when Hitler thought he was using Stalin, we might be able to convince even a skeptical reader as to how largely the whole

war was caused and brought on, skillfully and purposely, by Stalin and his agents. He fully foresaw the advantages of making himself an ally of the Western "democracies", with a common enemy, and the chaos and resulting opportunities which the war would bring. Whether or not his purpose should have been clear at the time is a question which we do not need to argue here. But in retrospect it is easy to see that every move of himself and his agents, from the earliest days of the war, was designed with his postwar plans for Soviet imperialism kept carefully—and very practically—in mind. All of that is outside of our present scope, however, as we are to look only at Communist accomplishments. So please remember simply that their first goal was to take Eastern Europe entire.

II

At this point we have to retrace our own steps, briefly, in order to show why this first Communist step took so long. From 1924, when Lenin died, to 1929, Stalin had been primarily occupied with the internal struggle for supreme power. From 1929, when he was able to exile Trotsky and Trotsky's closest followers, to 1936, he was chiefly engaged in keeping this regime, of which he had become dictator, from utter collapse; and in getting it recognized as — if not a civilized government — at least a stable or permanent one. Due to all of the turmoil caused while Stalin was winning out over the original Bolshevik leaders, as well as the inefficiency of any police-controlled socialist economy, the situation had become quite precarious. In fact by 1932 the Soviet government was actually staying alive financially, from week to week, by procedures which, in the case of individuals, would be called the kiting of checks. Then early in 1933 our formal recognition of the regime saved them from financial disaster, and gave them a tremendous boost in prestige and credit, both at home and with other nations. And by such merciless cruelties as the deliberate and cold-blooded starvation of over three million peasant farmers of the Ukraine, Stalin's agents whipped the economy of the Soviet Union into enough compliance with socialist planning for it to become a going concern.

Next, from 1936 to 1938, Stalin engineered and directed the great purge, with its mock trials and incredible confessions, whereby he cut down all of the tall corn surrounding him, and established his own eminence and authority as absolute. Then, after all of these preparations had been made, and then only, was he ready and able to make any tangible headway in carrying out Lenin's strategy. Which does not mean that this strategy had been forgotten or ignored for a minute. Infiltration by Communists into other nations, and especially by Communist agents into positions of influence in other governments, had been pushed energetically, brilliantly, and ruthlessly, for years. Thus when the time was finally ripe, Stalin was able through these agents to keep the eyes and the anger of the civilized world focused on the crimes of Hitler, while he himself was perpetrating conquest and crime, continuously and successfully, that far outdid even Hitler's. But he always held his aim exactly on the goals set forth by Lenin. So now, after this much necessary prelude, let's record the steps by which Stalin completed the first stage of Lenin's strategy, and took over Eastern Europe.

In August, 1939, as a result of his compact with Hitler, Stalin seized all of eastern Poland. During that same year and in 1940, through brutal con-

quest by force of arms — which his agents in Western countries were able to get the Western nations completely to ignore—he took over the Karelian Isthmus of Finland, and swallowed up all of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Most of these conquests were temporarily taken out of his hands by the Germans during the World War that immediately followed, but they reverted to him as the Germans were driven back in 1944. And although the war had supposedly been fought — in the beginning, anyway — over the territorial integrity of Poland and other small nations, the Communist influence among the Western Allies was too great for any such purpose to hold against Stalin's determination. As early as the Teheran Conference in 1943 it was made clear that, when the war was over, Stalin was going to be allowed to keep everything he had stolen. He was. Not only that but, despite a new series of even more savage subjugations of neighboring countries, he was held up to the American people as peace-loving, and described by a United States President as "good old Joe."

The new series of conquests started the minute the war was over. The formal flaunting to the world of these conquests occurred as follows. In January, 1946, Stalin's henchmen proclaimed their "People's Republic" in Albania. During the course of 1946 they established themselves as the government of Hungary, with brutal executions of Hungarian patriots who had resisted the Germans and now resisted the Russians. In July, 1946 Stalin's hatchet man, Tito, completed his crushing grasp of Yugoslavia by the public shooting of Mihailovich. In November, 1946 Stalin's agents took over Roumania and Bulgaria. In January, 1947 the mock elections in Poland completed the two years of barbarously cruel enslavement of that nation to Stalin's "Lublin Gang." And this Poland, which Stalin thus ruled, now included the former German territories east of the Oder and Neisse Rivers, which the Western Allies had allowed Stalin to add to Poland on the west — supposedly to compensate it for the loss of Eastern Poland which he had already incorporated into Russia.

In February, 1948 Stalin's lieutenants in Czechoslovakia — including many prominent men whom nobody had dreamed of as being Communists—pulled their coup d'etat and formally placed that country behind the Iron Curtain. In October, 1950 Stalin's lackeys formalized their puppet state of East Germany. By this time, of course, there were other "take-overs" going on in other parts of the world, as we shall see. But we are dealing here only with Europe. East Germany finished the job there as it had been planned by Lenin. The Communists now had Eastern Europe, entire. And not despite, but because of, the East German uprising in 1953, and the Polish and Hungarian uprisings last year, the Communists today have a much firmer grip on all of Eastern Europe than they had even in 1950.

III

So let's move on to the next step in the Communists' program. It was: To take the masses of Asia. At this point, in any objective survey of their progress, we see most clearly one characteristic — among many — for which we have to give the Communists a lot of credit. While they are working on a particular task or assignment, and no matter how difficult that task may be, they never stop looking ahead or preparing for the tasks that are to follow.

Although the Communists must have realized in the 1920's that it would take them decades to conquer Asia, and although they were fully adjusted to the importance of taking Eastern Europe first, nevertheless they began their infiltration and work in Asia, especially in China, almost before the blood of the 1917 revolution had grown cold. By 1925 they had their agents, including the Russian Borodin, the "German" who called himself Galen, and the American Earl Browder, all in China participating in the revolution which Sun Yat-sen had started in that country fourteen years before. These agents were trying had to convert it into a Communist revolution — as Lenin had done to the one in Russia. Borodin had achieved such success by the time Sun Yat-sen died in 1925, that he all but controlled the revolutionary party, known as the Kuomintang, and the revolutionary armies.

Defeated in this purpose by the nationalism, common sense, and courage of Chiang Kai-shek, Borodin and his associates were driven out of China in 1927. The influence of the Communists sank to an extreme low, and they had to start again on their long, cruel, treacherous road to power under the leadership of Mao Tse-tung. But even at the very bottom of Mao's fortunes Moscow furnished him one thousand revolutionaries, trained in Moscow universities, as the core of his guerilla band. Despite all the lies told the American people by a horde of pro-Communist writers about Mao and his so-called "agrarian reformers", he and Chu Teh and his other top associates were direct agents of the Kremlin every step of the way. So was Ho Chi Minh, later to become the Communist dictator of North Vietnam. He spent two years studying revolutionary strategy and guerilla tactics at a Moscow school, in the early 1920's. And so also, no matter how they have tried to hide it, Sukarno and Nehru and Khrishna Menon and a host of other viceroys of the Kremlin in Asia today have actually been agents of the Kremlin from the beginning of their public careers.

Of course we cannot take the space here to go into the ruses, plans, deceptions, betrayals, and epic savagery by which the Communisits eventually were able to make their power increasingly felt in Asia. It took them a long time. Not until they had the full help of our government, completely misled by Communist influence, both during World War II and immediately after that war, were they successful on any sizeable scale or in any formal manifestations. But these successes then came thick and fast. Here is their sequence.

V-J Day was August 15, 1945. Before even that month of August was over, Stalin's troops occupied all of Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands—thus pointing two guns permanently at Japan—by our specific permission. In October, 1945 Stalin's henchmen set up their "People's Republic" in Mongolia. In 1948 they set up their government in North Korea. In October, 1948 Stalin's troops took over Manchuria. All of this time, with Moscow's help exerted primarily through its influence over our government, Mao and the Chinese Communists were crushing their opposition in more and more of China. While Mao's hordes had been given by Moscow all the tremendous stockpiles of Japanese arms left in Manchuria, our government prevented Chiang Kai-shek's troops from getting even ammunition for the guns they did have, through an embargo declared by George Marshall. He even boasted that he had disarmed thirty-nine of Chiang's divisions with a stroke of his pen. And so, by 1950, Stalin's agents had completed their conquest of the whole mainland of China.

In May, 1951, Moscow's invaders seized Tibet. In the summer of 1953 Stalin's agents (specifically including Nehru) imposed on us, in Korea, a truce so shameful, in both the procedures of the negotiations and the substance of the truce, as to be incredible in the light of past American history. One result was to strengthen the Kremlin's grasp on, and use of, North Korea. In the summer of 1954 Ho Chi Minh and Chou En-lai and other tools of the Kremlin took over the better half of Indochina. That completes the coverage of all those parts of Asia which are formal satellites today. How much further the blackout would have extended by now, but for a change in the Kremlin's method of establishing its control, there is no way of telling. But that introduces a new twist to the story.

For by this time Stalin was dead, Malenkov and his associates or subordinates had made clear that the Kremlin was in just as firm control of worldwide Communism as ever, and the whole conspiratorial apparatus was rapidly marching forward toward ultimate victory. So rapidly, in fact, and so visibly, that a different kind of problem loomed ever larger. This was the necessity of keeping the remaining free world — and especially the American people—from becoming aware of how fast and how surely the Communists were taking over the whole planet.

Primarily for this reason, we believe —although some other considerations highly advantageous to the Communists were involved—the new regime in the Kremlin called a halt to the establishment of formal satellites, and began to extend its power through the mechanics and under the camouflage of so-called "neutralism." The "neutralist" nations pose as independent; but the governments—if not yet the peoples—are completely controlled by Moscow. The difference between these dependencies, and true satellites such as Czechoslovakia and East Germany (or Yugoslavia), is only partly one of degree. It is every bit as much just a convenient difference in form. For in either case the people may be bitterly opposed to Communism. But the Christian Polynesians of the Moluccas and the Moslem Arabs of Syria are being held in line in support of Communist plans, and gradually brought under a Communist police-state rule, despite their futile and sometimes suicidal opposition, just as surely as were the people of Poland or of Hungary before them. The process of enslavement is hardly more gradual—and as is certainly being shown in Indonesia right now, it may be no whit less brutal—but it *is* somewhat better disguised.

Those dependencies in Asia, where the rulership, the government, already belongs completely to Moscow, are Indonesia, Burma, India, Ceylon, Afghanistan, and Syria. When these are added to the actual satellites, and if you will mark up a map of Asia accordingly, we believe you will agree, just from the looks of that map, that the Communists have already gone at least three-fourths of their way toward the completion of the second step in their three-part program.

IV

NEXT LET'S ASSEMBLE a progress report on the third step. And once again we find that the Communists, while working hard at the immediate task of getting control of the masses of Asia, and of making Fortress Asia the stepping stone for conquering the rest of the world, have been looking ahead to their further tasks. They have been doing everything possible—that was also strategically wise—to make their final

undertaking both easier and more certain of success.

That they intend to use northern Africa as a part of their encircling movement for taking over Western Europe, when the time comes, is obvious. The extent to which they have already accomplished this encirclement is ominous as an indicator in the Communist time table. For to the east of Western Europe you have Russia itself and the European satellites. Then as you move clockwise around the Mediterranean, you have Syria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco, all rapidly becoming Soviet dominions or dependencies. Following the circle to the north, you come to Iceland, now dominated by the Communists; and then Norway, which is certainly no longer dependable as a bulwark against them. The ring is complete and its suggested significance is not easily dismissed.

Coming to the Western Hemisphere, we find no satellites nor actual dependencies as yet. But we find Communist influence already strong enough to constitute a stranglehold in British Guiana, Panama, Cuba, Guatemala,—and the Hawaiian Islands. These are all excellent enveloping outposts for closing in on the United States. The first, British Guiana, recently gave an overwhelming political victory to an avowed Communist, who was deposed and jailed by the British Crown government for trying to establish a completely Communist government there only three years ago. The situation in Panama is too well known to need discussion. The same is true of Cuba. When Guatemala went formally Communist a few years ago, it was temporarily saved by the efforts of one American diplomat, John Peurifoy. For his pains, Peurifoy was shipped off to Thailand, where he soon met his death in as strange and dubious an accident as that which befell James Forrestal much earlier. Now, with the assassination of President Castillo Armas, coming on top of a very definite failure of our government to support anti-Communist people and policies in Guatemala, the Communists are tightening their grip on this small nation again. As to Hawii, if the reader has any doubt as to the existence of a Communist stranglehold on the Islands, ready to be exercised whenever it suits Communist purposes, he needs only to check with any member of the Senatorial investigating subcommittee which spent considerable time in Hawaii only a few months ago.

When we finally look to the extent of Communist infiltration and influence right inside our own borders, the subject is entirely too large for us to do more here than list a few pointers. But the unions which control our shipping and many vital parts of our economy are Communist-ruled or Communist-dominated. The best informed authorities say that there are at least thirty huge Communist espionage rings operating in this country today, against the only two or three that have been partly exposed. A twenty-five year career man in our State Department resigned only a few months ago in order to tell the American people of the treasonous falsification of information concerning our foreign affairs which is going on there all of the time. J. Edgar Hoover himself has said that beyond any doubt secret Communist agents have worked themselves into thousands of strategic positions in our whole national life, ready to step out and act for Mother Russia when the time comes. Not only has all really effective exposure of these espionage rings and agents now been stopped, but over three hundred known Communist-sympathizers have recently been restored by Supreme Court rul-

ings, to their former jobs within our federal government.

There are now between three million and five million aliens *illegally* inside our country. A vast number of these are under the patronage of the American Committee For The Protection Of The Foreign Born, which has been officially labeled as a Communist front for years. In the present atmosphere of "peaceful coexistence", doing anything about these dangerous invaders is so hopeless a job that in a twelve-months period the city of New York will close its files on from fifty to seventy-five thousand such cases. And known Communists are pouring in on us in steady streams through various ports of entrance, under broad "emergency" provisions which tie the hands of even honest anti-Communist members of our Immigration Service.

Communist sympathies and even actual pro-Communist subversive activities are daily made more respectable by the actions of our government, our great universities, much of our press, and the complacency of our people. We could go on with specific factual illustrations and instances of this spreading, deepening Communist influence for many pages—as we have done in other articles in this magazine—if this were the place for such repetition. It is not. So let us merely say that in our opinion, concurred in by all of the leading authorities on the subject whom we know, the Communists are already at least one-fourth of the way, through long and careful and insidious preparation, toward the accomplishment of their third and final step, which is taking over this country—and with it, the rest of the world.

The simple arithmetic of the situation, therefore, is as follows. Call each of the three steps one, and their total three. The Communists have accomplished all of the first step, plus three-fourths of the second, plus one-fourth of the third. One plus three-fourths plus one-fourth adds up to two, out of that total of three. And not to believe that the Communists are already two-thirds of the way toward carrying out their total program, or that they are not now moving at an accelerated pace and with increased momentum to finish the job, is to close our eyes to the plain facts as surely as did the good people of Czechoslovakia in 1948—and with the same ultimately fatal results.

We have quoted the following tabulation before, but it will bear repetition. Since August, 1945 the Communists have averaged taking over forty-four square miles of territory and seven thousand newly enslaved subjects every hour. Let us repeat that last part again. Seven thousand more human beings, just like you and me, have been brought under the incredibly brutal rule of a Communist police state, on the average, *every hour,* twenty-four hours of every day, 365 days of every year, for the past twelve years. And not only is that process not being interrupted in any way. The figures, in fact, need revision upward, because of the effect on the average of the greater speed of the past few years. Today the rate of conquest and enslavement is actually increasing —as the sixty million people of Indonesia would gladly testify. For the darkness of police rule is finally closing over them at this very hour.

We are rapidly losing a Cold War —which may become the most horrible of all hot wars at any time—in which our freedom, our country, and our very existence are at stake. And while *we* don't seem to know we are losing it, you can be sure the Communists do. There is just one thing—only one thing in the whole world—which the Communists fear today. It is that despite

their tremendous influence in our government and over all of our means of mass communication, the American people will wake up too soon to what has really been happening, and what is now happening, right under their noses. The only thing which can possibly stop the Communists is for the American people to learn the truth in time.

V

And so we say at the end, as at the beginning of this article: Simply look at the score. To make it easier to follow that injunction, we'll summarize this review by putting that score in tabular form. Admittedly, the classification of some countries, under the headings given below, is to some extent a matter of judgement or appraisal, and we certainly would not expect universal agreement with our disposition of every name in this list. But we have tried to err, when we do, on the side of underestimation of Communist influence or control in a particular nation. We believe that the best informed students of world-wide Communist activities would move more names *up* in this order of arrangement, rather than *down*. And we believe, therefore, that this scoreboard presents a trustworthy general picture of the results of the Cold War to date.

THE SCORE OF COMMUNIST CONQUEST AND ADVANCE

1. Russia taken, 1917. Boundaries determined by the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, 1918.

2. Union of Socialist Soviet Republics organized, 1922. Besides the reduced Russia listed above, there were taken into this Union:

Russian Armenia, Azerbaidzhan, Georgia, Ukraine, Byelorussia.

3. Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Eastern Poland, Karelian Isthmus of Finland. Seized 1939-40. Temporarily lost to Germany during World War II. Reverted to U.S.S.R. in 1944.

4. Mongolia, 1945.

5. Albania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria, 1946.

6. Poland, 1947.

7. Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Manchuria, 1948.

8. Mainland of China, East Germany, 1950.

9. Tibet, 1951.

10. Northern Vietnam, 1954.

11. Since 1954 the Kremlin, partly to keep from making its rapid progress toward world rule too obvious, has been establishing or solidifying "neutralist" dependencies, instead of satellites. It now owns and controls the governments of:

Indonesia, Burma, India, Ceylon, Afghanistan, Syria, Egypt, and Ghana.

12. Also, either through infiltrated agents, or by Communists in the top ranks of government, or through Communist-controlled labor unions, the Communists now have a stranglehold on:

The Malayan Federation, Libya, Tunis, Algeria, Morocco, Norway, Finland, Iceland, British Guiana, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, and the Hawaiian Islands.

13. Communist influence is now very strong in:

Japan, Laos, Cambodia, Nepal, Israel, Sudan, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Costa Rica, San Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico, France, and Italy.

14. Communist influence is strong and steadily increasing in:

The Philippines, Hong Kong, Sarawak, Thailand, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, the Aden Protectorate, Lebanon, Jordan, French West Africa, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, French Equatorial Africa, Ethiopia, Somaliland, Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika,

Angola, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Mozambique, Madagascar, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Surinam, French Guiana, Haiti, United Kingdom, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, The Netherlands, Sweden, Greece, Jamaica, Canada, and the United States.

15. Among the comparatively few and mostly weak countries where continuous, honest, and firm resistance to the Communists can still be taken for granted are:

South Korea, Formosa, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands New Guinea, Union of South Africa, Belgian Congo, Pakistan, Iraq, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, West Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, and the Dominican Republic.

You May Have Missed

Mr. J. Nehru has said that American foreign policy was "not as rigid as I thought"; that he found it to be "a flexible policy adapting itself to circumstances." Actually—with apologies to Mark Twain—we don't see how anybody in the world can complain about American foreign policy. If you don't like it, just wait a few minutes.

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We once had a neighbor whose age was a matter of certain knowledge to our family. She was fifty-three. She emphasized repeatedly, to acquaintances not so familiar with her vital statistics, that she simply couldn't understand why women should be so reluctant to reveal their ages; that she didn't mind telling anybody she was twenty-nine.

We thought of that lady when Mao "confessed" to some eight hundred thousand executions of enemies of the regime in Communist China. When it came to exaggeration by understatement, our flirtatious neighbor needed some lessons from the Reds. Mao's true figure, without counting those enemies sent to slave labor camps, would run at least twenty million. And the total of his "liquidations" by all means, including government-arranged starvation, would run more than forty million. His Security Minister officially reported, to the great Communist confab held in Peiping a year ago, that he had suppressed during the past few years over *five million* insurrections.

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The Japanese sports writers are predicting that within fifteen to thirty years there will be real *World Series* baseball games every fall, between the Japanese champions and the champions of America's big leagues. By that time, however, we expect that the Russians will not only *invent* the game of baseball, but will *admit* that they are the world champions without any series being necessary.

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We quote the following, without comment, from THE SAWDUST TRAIL.

One day as a mother was scraping and peeling the vegetables for a salad, her daughter came in to ask permission to go to a movie. On the defensive, the daughter explained it was a questionable show but "all the girls were going, they didn't think it would hurt them."

As the girl talked, suddenly she saw her mother pick up a handful of scraps and throw them in the salad. In a startled voice she called, "Mother! You're putting the garbage in the salad!"

"Yes," her mother replied, "I know. But I thought that if you didn't mind garbage in your mind and heart, you certainly wouldn't mind a little in your stomach."

Thoughtfully the girl picked the peelings from the salad and, with a brief thank you to her mother, went to tell her friends she wouldn't be going with them to the show.

THE NATURE OF NATO

by

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SINCE TO WEAKEN the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a major objective of Communist propaganda, the intent of this article may be misunderstood. My criticism of NATO is based on the assumption that Communism must be destroyed, and on my fear that NATO is not set up to do that job. I am completely sympathetic with the announced NATO objectives of (1) opposing Communist aggression, and (2) preserving the cultural heritage of the West.

I believe, however, that the typical West Europeans of our time, and the typical American enthusiasts for NATO, have been wrong in their attitude toward Communism, and have therefore not yet devised the right answer to Communism. They have thought that Communism was to be "contained," and "negotiated with from positions of strength." Since in my view this is an impossible prescription, it follows naturally that I think NATO is (1) not enough, and (2) a dangerous extravagance.

NATO's weakness is mainly due to misunderstanding between Europe and America, and this is largely due to two different points of view. Americans think of NATO as a means of defense. Europeans think of it as a source of income.

Such an observation should not be taken cynically. The late Senator Taft said: "I do not think arms aid should be given in such a way as to lead Russia to believe that an attack is contemplated against Russia itself and so incite it to a war which it might not otherwise undertake."

Europeans are just a little more fearful than was Taft of the dangers of provoking the Kremlin by arming against it too well. They also sense the danger of provoking us by not arming at all. Europeans feel, says Italian author Guido Piovene, "that the United States is dragging them into war in the defense of interests on which a compromise is possible." This surely has more in common with the caution of Taft than with the belligerence of give-'em-hell Harry Truman or the expansiveness of crusader Dwight Eisenhower.

Yet "the names Robert Taft or Herbert Hoover," reported David Schoenbrun from Lisbon in 1952, "seem to strike more terror in the delegates to this North Alantic Conference than the names Stalin or Mao Tse-tung."

While "Europeans fear," to quote Piovene again, "that Americans will not stop where Europeans would stop," they nevertheless appreciate the fact that if the danger of war with Russia were entirely eliminated, the Yankees might not only go home but would take their money with them.

It is a difficult and confusing situation. Perhaps it would help to be quite candid about such questions as: What is NATO? What does it cost? Is it worth that cost?

I

WHAT IS NATO?

A. *Organization*

NATO today is an elaborate, though by Washington standards not large, bureaucratic agency, which has grown out of the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949. Under a North Atlantic Council there are (1) a system of military command, and (2) a civil service, of which the most substantial function is the

"Annual Review" of the defense budgets of the member countries.

Britain's Lord Ismay, for five years Secretary General of NATO, says that the Annual Review is "remarkable because the character and extent of information exchanged by the . . . governments on the details of their national military, production and fiscal programmes is more complete than allies have ever before exchanged either in war or in peace." This is a cardinal fact to which we shall return.

NATO acquired "juridical personality" — capacity to conclude contracts, own property, and take legal action—by an agreement of September 1951, ratified in July 1954. More famous is the "Status of Forces" agreement, precedent for the Girard case, ratified by the United States in July 1953. General Walter Bedell Smith told a Senate committee: "If your predecessors of one generation ago had been told that they were going to be asked to ratify treaties covering the legal status in time of peace of large American forces abroad for a more or less indeterminate period, I am sure they would have been completely shocked."

The conspicuous feature of NATO is its integrated international military command. Under the North Atlantic Council is a Military Committee of all the member countries, with an executive subcommittee called the "Standing Group" which is composed of officers from Britain, France, and the United States. You will not be too surprised to hear that the Standing Group *sits*—permanently—in Washington, D.C. It has direct authority over NATO's Supreme Commanders.

Here we meet fascinating new words. SACEUR means Supreme Allied Commander Europe. Easily mispronounced "secure", it looks French and dashing. SACEUR, please keep in mind, is a man, a General — first Eisenhower, then Ridgway, then Gruenther, now Norstad—so far always an American. The headquarters of SACEUR is SHAPE — Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe—near Paris at Fontainebleau, favorite residence of Napoleon. From SHAPE, SACEUR commands subordinates at Oslo, at Naples, and on the island of Malta, as well as at Fontainebleau itself.

There are presently assigned to SACEUR an unspecified but by general consent inadequate number of forces, including contributions from every NATO country except Iceland, which has no army. The main elements are the U. S. Seventh Army; the British Army of the Rhine, in process of reduction; and a large part of the French army, much of which, however, is physically absent, being temporarily deployed in Algeria under French national command.

Co-ordinate with SACEUR is SACLANT, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, whose domain is the great ocean for which the alliance is named. He is American Admiral Jerauld Wright, with headquarters at Norfolk, Virginia. Major war games under his command are now being analysed. The appointment of the first SACLANT, American Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, is said to have produced a momentary crisis in NATO. Sir Winston Churchill took it hard that Britannia should waive the rule of this ocean.

Two other outfits report directly to the Standing Group. They are the Channel Committee, responsible for the English Channel and the Southern North Sea Area, and the Canada-U.S. Regional Planning Group.

NATO distinguishes three kinds of forces: (1) assigned, (2) ear-marked, and (3) national. Only SACEUR now

has assigned forces. Big naval forces are earmarked for SACLANT. The keenest interest is in forces neither assigned nor earmarked — the British bomber command, and SAC, the U. S. Strategic Air Command. These are national. Yet on them hinges NATO's grand strategy.

And NATO is important to them. By no means all the overseas bases available to SAC belong to NATO, but a lot of them do. This leads us to the bedrock of NATO, called the "infrastructure."

The term, adopted from France, first meant the part of a railroad under the ties — roadbed, trestles, quite a lot of stuff. In NATO "infrastructure" now means specifically: (1) airfields, (2) signals, including an early warning system, (3) fuel pipelines and storage tanks, (4) training bases, (5) naval shore facilities. These are financed by assessments agreed upon as the program moves through stages that are called, in the NATO lingo, "Slices." About $2.8 billion of this infrastructure is ready now or will be in 1961. No matter how you slice it, that is a lot of real estate. It is probably worth the price if we can hang on to the goods.

There are also non-military aspects of NATO. A "Committee of Three"—the Foreign Ministers of Norway, Italy, and Canada—made a report on *Non-Military Co-operation in NATO* last year. I have seen it. NATO is primarily military.

B. *History*

January 6, 1950 the North Atlantic Council approved a secret "master defense plan." Three weeks later President Truman gave it his approval, as Congress required him to do before releasing (as a starter) one billion dollars to our NATO partners. This total operation was in essence a swindle, as the plan was virtually nothing.

"On the 1st April, 1950," says Lord Ismay, "... the Defence Committee . . . approved the first draft of a detailed four years' defence plan . . . When the Council met in London on the 15th of May, 1950, they were brought up against the fact that there was a lack of coordination between NATO's military and civilian agencies . . . Long memoranda were being exchanged . . . without much result."

Secretary of State Dean Acheson returned from this London meeting, over which he had presided, to say that a "quiet, practical unity" had been—unfortunate word of a reporter—forged. President Truman praised Acheson for a "wonderful job," and told a commencement audience that the "situation" was "strong."

At the same time Field Marshall Montgomery was writing in an official report: "As things stand today and in the foreseeable future, there would be scenes of appalling and indescribable confusion in Western Europe if we were ever attacked by the Russians."

Europe was much occupied with economic recovery. It was earnestly desired that so far as possible NATO should promote, not impede, that process. Through the Marshall Plan Western Europe had learned that the proper kind of anti-Communism could be profitable — to governments — and not too dangerous. In NATO it was proposed to stiffen the dose and that was understood, but in May 1950 there was as yet no admitted thought of doing anything intemperate.

Then came Korea. It is a commonplace that Korea frightened Europe into taking NATO more seriously. Just *how* it did this though, is uncertain. Britain and France do not seem to have been too much afraid of Russia. They had signed the North Atlantic Treaty in the

teeth of Radio Moscow's blast that "Millions of people realize that this NATO pact means war on the Soviet Union." At the lowest ebb of "UN" fortunes in Korea, December 16, 1950, Russia sent notes to Britain and France warning them that to sponsor German rearmament would be "a threat to the peace." Yet two days later Britain and France, with the other NATO countries, announced their decision to give Germany a part in the common defense of Europe. Pretty brave. And in the spring of 1951 General Eisenhower found military preparations in Europe still — General Gruenther's word — "meager." Pretty insouciant.

There was more anxiety about America's intentions. There was none about Red China's. True, when the Chinese Communists invaded Korea in November 1950, the British suffered a great fright. They were scared to death the Americans might retaliate with the atom bomb. Clement Attlee conferred hastily with French Premier Pleven and flew to Washington to make sure Hair-Breadth Harry did not give MacArthur the go ahead. Despite the assurances Attlee received on this trip, anxiety persisted till April 11, 1951. Then, "The British Commons cheered . . . when Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison reported MacArthur's dismissal."

Was the true fear, not that MacArthur might enlarge the war in the Far East, but that he might end it? Soviet Russia has a strong traditional aversion to fighting a two-front war. Maybe the political sophisticates of Europe felt safe *because* the Communists were fighting in Korea.

There is probably a more fundamental reason why Europe showed signs of panic, not at the prospect of Red China's destroying America, which was impossible, but at the prospect of America's destroying Red China, which was suddenly right there.

An alliance between the United States and the countries of Western Europe could not endure unless there was a common enemy. If the United States should defeat the Communists thoroughly in Asia, Europe might indeed "avoid war and yet preserve freedom," as MacArthur contended it would, but NATO would collapse from lack of motivation. Then where would the money come from?

If MacArthur persisted, if the Americans used the atom bomb, there might be a demonstration that the United States *could* "go it alone." Taft, or even MacArthur himself, might become President of the United States in 1952. These were sobering thoughts.

But suppose that the high command of the American Army were itself moved to Europe. Suppose that American forces were integrated into a European structure, subject to European controls. Would not this assure (1) a steady flow of money, and (2) elimination of reckless military adventures? Would not this be the perfect answer to both Taft and MacArthur?

From Brussels, December 9, 1950, the North Atlantic Council announced that it had "completed the arrangements . . . for the establishment" of an international army, and that with the consent of President Truman it had appointed General Eisenhower Supreme Commander. These "Arrangements" had grown out of a suggestion by Secretary Acheson at the September 1950 NATO Council meeting in New York. It is ironic that Eisenhower, who later rode into the White House on a powerful anti-Truman, anti-Acheson wave, was placed in the ideal position to move into the 1952 campaign by Truman's making him available to head an army instigated by Acheson.

The Brussels announcement produced in the United States Congress a "Great Debate," launched January 5, 1951 by Senator Taft. The issue was hardly joined, however, outside Taft's mind, for his opponents successfully evaded him, and his supporters did not know what was going on. Taft himself obviously imagined that he could debate with the promoters of NATO, but they merely let him talk. They were sure that a man who understood so little of demagoguery as Taft could have little direct influence with the public at large; while a man as sober, honest, and industrious as Taft could have no influence at all with the intellectuals.

Taft could hardly have understood how completely the American promoters of NATO had freed themselves of nationalist "prejudice." He saw NATO rather simply as an extravagance which the U. S. could not afford, and as a strategy of doubtful value. That NATO, realistically considered, was a reversal, not of Washington's Farewell Address, but of the Declaration of Independence, is an idea which Taft was probably too innately patriotic ever to grasp.

Those who felt more progressive proceeded to denationalize important segments of American armed forces, converting them into a sort of Foreign Legion — homeless soldiers of all nations and none.

Congress was presented with a virtual *fait accompli*. "In the beginning of 1951," wrote Taft, "we were suddenly committed to a new project, without any consultation with Congress and without any justification from the terms of the Atlantic Pact. That is the program to build up a great international army on the continent of Europe with a substantial commitment of American land troops."

Senator Taft just did not know the right people. Walter Lippmann could have told him all about it. Lippmann later informed a British lecture audience:

> "It was not easy to persuade the American military leaders to accept the idea that it is necessary or possible to organize the defenses of Europe on the ground. The pressure to do this came from our allies and from American civilians . . .
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> "About August of 1950, the Pentagon and the State Department agreed on the raising and equipping of an army in Western Europe."

When Roosevelt said that the Rhine was our east boundary, he was not taken to mean that Paris is our capital. The overwhelming majority of those who cheered when Roosevelt called America the arsenal of democracy took it for granted that the arsenal would remain an independent establishment, and that its directors would have no political "conflict of interest."

Now conflicting interests are much more deeply involved in NATO than they are in the United Nations. True, we do not have, and are not soon likely to have, a fundamentally hostile relationship with any of our NATO allies, as we do now with our partner in the UN Security Council, Soviet Russia.

But the UN Security Council does not yet afford the same opportunity for foreign control and direction of U. S. forces and resources that NATO does. No UN official gives direct orders to any American official. In NATO, German General Speidel commands — among other Land Forces Central Europe—the U. S. Seventh Army, called "the most splendidly trained operational army the United States has ever had in time of peace" by Secretary of the Army Brucker. And Brucker adds: "With its ever increasing atomic power, the

Seventh Army is the keystone of NATO's ground defenses."

There is nothing against General Speidel as a person. There is a lot against this as a policy. Speidel is under French General Valluy, and he, to be sure, is under an American—Norstad. Norstad, however, reports to the Standing Group, one-third American; and the Standing Group is responsible through the Military Committee to the NATO Council. This whole arrangement is not a debating society, but a chain of command. There is nothing like it in the UN. There was never anything like it before.

Then, too, no UN office reviews any part of the U. S. Budget the way NATO reviews our defense budget, which now accounts for most of our taxes. The UN is a forum, but NATO is a privy council.

Walter Lippmann, the insider, says:

> "The Korean War has brought an impressive demonstration of how the Atlantic Community has now become paramount in American military policy. In the controversy last Spring [i.e., 1951] between General MacArthur and the chiefs of state [sic], the deciding reason for limiting the war to the Korean peninsula, for not expanding it into China, was that American strategic air power is not only committed to the defense of the Atlantic Community *but that it cannot as a matter of technical procedure be employed except with the full and willing collaboration of Great Britain and France.*"
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> [Italics added.]

You good citizens, who believe this is still an independent nation, think that one over. It may be argued that the decision to fight under restrictions in Korea was right or wrong. What is beyond argument is that the decision was made, not by the United States, which was supplying most of the forces and supplies, nor by the UN, which was legally responsible, but the Standing Group countries of NATO.

The "Great Debate" ended with the approval of the new NATO army by a 69-21 Senate vote on April 4, 1951—two days after General Eisenhower in Paris had already established SHAPE, one week before General MacArthur was recalled from Tokyo, and 174 years and eight months after the incident of July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia. The rest of the NATO story is anticlimax; with, however, two further major developments, both necessary if the new advantage were to be properly exploited. These developments were the Lisbon decisions and the New Strategy.

Although NATO now had plenty of authority, it still did not have enough money. Accordingly there was set up a "Temporary Council Committee" (TCC) to plan fiscal improvements. And just as an American general had been found to make NATO strong, so now an American tycoon was found to make it rich. W. Averell Harriman was appointed Chairman of the TCC. He, Jean Monnet of France, and Sir Edwin Plowden of Britain formed an Executive Board of the TCC, and were immediately nicknamed "The Three Wise Men," perhaps because they were confidently expected to bring rich gifts.

They did. They brought them to Lisbon, where the North Atlantic Council accepted them in February 1952.

"The Wise Men pulled no punches," says Lord Ismay. They insisted that the European countries increase their defense efforts, which was *promised,* and that the United States spend more money in Europe, which was *done.*

Besides continuing "aid", the U. S. began "offshore procurement," which

means supply contracts with European firms; chipping in on "infrastructure" costs; and—perhaps most important of all—increasing U. S. military and civilian payrolls in Europe.

It was the Wise Men who recommended the establishment of the "Annual Review," which made NATO an international Bureau of the Budget, as SHAPE had made it an international Pentagon.

The feature of the Wise Men's program which was given publicity at the time of the Lisbon Conference was the number of military divisions and aircraft the various countries would furnish—a total of fifty by the end of 1952 and fifty more in another two years. Vast sums were to be spent—just how much is controversial (see below).

Since then the spending has been more nearly on schedule than the recruiting. The rationalization of this fact is the New Strategy.

The New Strategy, like the U. S. New Look, recognizes that if nuclear weapons really neutralize a large army on the other side, they render unnecessary a large army on your own side. Considering that the United States has produced so many nuclear weapons, it seemed unnecessary for the European countries to produce so many divisions.

It makes sense. It is just hard to be told that you must make a deal with people because they have the manpower to complement your dollars, technology, and industry; and then be told that because of your dollars, technology, and industry there is no need for them to furnish the manpower.

> Europe says: "I have some ham, you have some eggs, let's have ham and eggs."
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> We say: "O.K., here are the eggs."
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> Europe says: "Fine! With all these eggs, we don't need ham. Shouldn't eat meat anyhow."

Fortune for January 1953 carried an article about the New Strategy: "As Commander of SHAPE, General Eisenhower was the guiding mind behind the strategic plan for the defense of Europe. *Now the momentum of his great project is waning.*" (Italics added.)

What momentum? Just about eight months before the *Fortune* article went to press Averell Harriman was telling an audience in Philadelphia, apologetically, why no substantial results were yet visible: "Another thing to remember" he said, "is the *speed* [Italics added] with which NATO has been developing. After all, it was only two and a half years ago that the North Atlantic Treaty was ratified . . . It was only a year ago that Eisenhower took command of the embryonic forces."

Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett told a Congressional Committee that it was "the decisions taken at Lisbon *in February* 1952 which made NATO operational." (Italics added.)

Fortune, referring to an announcement by Churchill *in July* 1952 of a "shortfall" in Britain's armament program and a new reliance on air atomic power, said that the "shift in the British position has brought to a head the *long-gathering* crisis in the NATO defense plan." (Italics added.)

To develop with such speed that you become operational in two and a half years ending in a February, and in July of the same year to have a long-gathering crisis come to a head and reverse your direction, is to make a mighty quick change from "Not yet" to "Too late."

"It is simply that they have concluded," said *Fortune* of the European NATO countries, "that the existing strategy is beyond their economic means—and so put their trust hopefully in the U. S. Deterrent."

Thus the U. S. Deterrent—our Strategic Air Command — itself is the strongest economic as well as military support of the NATO countries. Which leads us to the next question about NATO.

II
WHAT DOES NATO COST?

THIS APPARENTLY PROSAIC accountant's question turns out to be a cloak-and-dagger mystery.

Time for March 3, 1952 said the NATO Ministers at Lisbon "agreed to spend three hundred billion dollars for mutual defense in the next three years."

February 24, 1952 CBS' David Schoenbrun reported it to be "Today's news that the countries have adopted a three-year schedule based on a 100-division army target and something on the order of a $300,000,000,000 total expense."

Yet March 18, 1952, before a Senate Committee:

> Senator HICKENLOOPER. "Mr. Secretary, at the Lisbon Conference was an estimate developed as to the total over-all dollar program for the rearmament of Europe? It runs in my mind that I saw some place a $300 billion figure over a period of time as an estimate of some sort."
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> Secretary ACHESON. "No sir. I saw the story which you refer to. There is absolutely no basis for that whatever, and there was no such figure or any figure discussed for that."

Consider another type of conflict. A State Department pamphlet says: "Since the North Atlantic Treaty was signed in 1949, the United States has contributed over twenty-two billion dollars worth of equipment and other items to support the defense efforts of its European NATO allies." Whoever reads on the run could conclude that down to the beginning of 1957, when the pamphlet was published, the cost of NATO to the U. S. was twenty-two billion dollars.

Compare the assertion by Harold Lord Varney in the *American Mercury* for August 1956: "Into this NATO rathole the United States has poured, since 1949, the unimaginable sum of $252 billion, according to the Atlantic Council." Whoever reads that on the run might well be stopped in his tracks.

As a matter of fact, these widely divergent statements — unlike the statements of Mr. Acheson, Mr. Schoenbrun, and *Time* — can be reconciled. Mr. Varney and the anonymous State Department author may well be both correct, in some literal sense. They are simply talking about different categories of expenditure.

Suppose that you and I dine together Monday and Tuesday. Monday you pay the check. Tuesday I start to pay the check, but I'm a little short, and you chip in—say one fourth. Now, referring to Tuesday only, we might say that I paid three-fourths, you paid one-fourth. Or, we might talk about Monday and Tuesday combined, in which case we would say that I paid three-eights and you paid five eighths.

Since most public discussion of NATO costs has centered around the question of U. S. "foreign aid," attention has been focused on how much we help our allies meet *their* NATO obligations, ignoring the cost of our own, which nobody helps us meet.

Last August President Eisenhower in a special news conference told reporters that in ten years the U. S. had "put into the defense part of our mutual security about $17 billion. Our allies have put $107 billion."

Assistant Secretary of Defense Mansfield D. Sprague told a House Committee in June: "Important as the United States contribution to the free-world defense efforts of our allies has been, its cost has been small compared to their own defense expenditures."

Assistant Secretary of State C. Burke Elbrick told a Senate Committee: "During the seven years of the NATO buildup, our European allies have contributed eighty-five per cent of the total cost *of their defense programs.*" (Italics added.)

In other words, our contribution to their contribution has been small compared to their contribution. Indeed, they have contributed eighty-five per cent of their own contribution.

This approach can be confusing, as is illustrated by the confusion of the American Council on NATO, Inc., New York 21, N. Y. In a brochure sent free on request (requests are solicited by TV) the Council, omitting any such words as those italicized above, says flatly: "Since NATO was founded in 1949, European members of the alliance have paid for 85% of the total cost." This statement is approximately 85% misinformation.

The meticulous accuracy of Mr. Sprague and Mr. Elbrick leads others naturally, if not logically, to just such gross errors.

NATO itself gives a fairer picture. From a tabulation in the *NATO Letter* of January 1, 1957 we can learn that in eight calendar years—1949 to 1956, inclusive — NATO defenses cost $372 billion, of which Europe spent $77 billion, or 21%; the United States $284 billion, or 76%; and Canada $11 billion, or 3%. NATO's own statistics therefore make Mr. Varney's report look conservative. And I should think those figures actually set the lower limit.

Costs chargeable to NATO have to be identified in the light of the purposes of NATO. Obviously, such charges are not limited to the cost of maintaining SHAPE, to the infrastructure, or to assigned troops. They are the costs incurred in effecting or trying to effect the purposes of the North Atlantic Treaty, which are set forth in the Preamble as follows:

> ...to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples, founded on the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law.
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> ...to promote stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area.
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> ...to unite their efforts for collective defense and for the preservation of peace and security.

The Budget of the United States Government identifies eight major functions of the Government, besides payment of interest on the national debt. Two of these functions have purposes practically the same as those of NATO. From the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 1958:

> MAJOR NATIONAL SECURITY. Events in recent months have dramatized the need for strong collective security. The military strength of the United States is a bulwark for world peace and freedom . . . Also, effective support must be given to the defense forces of other nations.
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> INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND FINANCE. The United States can work toward its goal of lasting peace by continuing to help its friends overseas protect their freedom from foreign domination and better their economic conditions. This budget is designed to do that. It also provides funds to promote international understanding through a wider exchange of ideas and persons, and to extend a helping hand to refugees from tyranny and victims of famine.

The parallelism with North Atlantic Treaty purposes is for the most part obvious. Notice the common use of the words *peace, freedom, security,* and especially *collective,* as well as the explicit references in the U. S. document to *world peace and freedom, defense forces of other nations, friends overseas,* and *international understanding.*

As far as the big picture is concerned, it is fair enough to credit the United States and debit NATO with *all* U. S. Budget expenditures in the categories MAJOR NATIONAL SECURITY and INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND FINANCE. That is the kind of credit which President Eisenhower, Mr. Sprague, and Mr. Elbrick gave *every NATO country except* the United States. And we have seen earlier that NATO has the authority to determine which of our own forces we shall use even in the Far East, even in time of war.

EXPENDITURES OF U. S. GOVERNMENT IN FUNCTIONS SUPPORTING NATO
July 1, 1947 - June 30, 1957

In Millions of Dollars

Fiscal Year (ends June 30)	Major National Security	International Affairs and Finance	TOTAL
1948	$ 11,771	$ 4,566	$ 16,337
1949	12,907	6,053	18,960
1950	13,009	4,674	17,683
1951	22,444	3,736	26,180
1952	43,976	2,826	46,802
1953	50,363	2,216	52,579
1954	46,904	1,732	48,636
1955	40,626	2,181	42,807
1956	40,641	1,846	42,487
1957 (estimated)	40,965	2,382	43,347
TOTAL 48-57	$323,606	$32,212	$355,818

From this it appears that the approximate cost of NATO to the United States through June 30, 1957 was $356 billion.

True, this sum includes aid to countries outside NATO, but it is said officially and repeatedly that such aid is necessary to U. S. strength in the world, and U. S. strength in the world is NATO's chief asset.

The objection that the sum covers two years before the formation of NATO has been met. Essentially, NATO began with the Truman Doctrine. It may be added that NATO's own tabulation, cited above, credits Greece, Turkey, and West Germany with defense expenditures prior to their admission to the alliance.

One more word about the propriety of charging U. S. defense costs to NATO's account. Suppose that U. S. defenses had continued from the beginning of 1947 to be very weak. Suppose that they had remained essentially negligible, as in 1946 they were. Suppose in particular that we had, as a group of Columbia University professors suggested in a letter in the *New York Times* on February 16, 1946, stopped the production of atomic bombs.

We should, of course, have been in extreme peril. But what is the probability that the United States would have been attacked *before,* or even simultaneously with, Western Europe? Very slight.

What has in fact been the reason why so many authorities have now so long taken it for granted that World War III would begin with an atomic air attack on the United States? Simply the belief that the U. S. Strategic Air Command has grown so powerful that it is unthinkable for the Red Army to move against Western Europe until *after* the United States has been knocked out.

General Gruenther is said to have told the Danes: "If you ask me, can we build direct defense for Copenhagen, I must tell you frankly no. But in reality, the security of Copenhagen is tied directly to the security of Chicago.

The Soviets cannot win a war by attacking Copenhagen."

They could do just that of course if Chicago could not retaliate, or if Chicago did not care. As it is, Chicago has taken enough heat off Copenhagen for Danish Prime Minister Hansen to reply with admirable firmness to Bulganin, whose *words* can never hurt Copenhagen. It is thought, however, that the Soviets are assembling quite a collection of sticks and stones for Chicago.

The U. S. Strategic Air Command has had the effect of protecting Western Europe at the cost, not just of some billions, but also of making the U.S.A. a higher-priority target for Soviet attack than is Western Europe.

When you are the champion you expect to live like a champion. Your neck is out, and you pick up the check. But $356,000,000,000! Is it all right if we look it over for a minute? This is gross. To figure the net, we need to know what we would have done, what we would do, without NATO. That leads to the next question.

III
IS NATO WORTH THE COST?

It is argued that NATO is a great success (1) militarily, because the Communists have conquered no large countries since NATO was formed; and (2) economically, because it would increase costs to replace all European NATO troops with Americans. These arguments are simple, plausible, and fallacious.

That the Communists have acquired no new territory as big as China since 1949 means only that we are not dead yet. When steers go from the Texas range to Iowa farms for fattening they achieve a kind of success. NATO is not necessarily like that, but it could be. Granted that, even though the levee holds, you can't expect the river to go away, and that in many cases "So far, so good" is the only practical motto, nevertheless NATO is too expensive for term insurance. If we were getting a paid-up policy it might be different.

The other claim for NATO—that it is cheaper to keep European troops than to replace them with U. S. troops —assumes that without NATO such replacement would be necessary. But, of course, without NATO our whole strategy might be different.

It could range from making a deal with Russia, taking coexistence at face value for ourselves and letting Europe make her own deal, all the way to preventive war in which we by-passed Europe in a nuclear strike at Red airfields and missile bases, incapacitating the Communists for global action and letting the Old World take it from there.

I certainly do not recommend either of those courses, but either one would be for the time being a lot cheaper than NATO, as is. Of course, we could keep NATO and not keep it as is. We could do what Taft recommended. (Taft made a lot of mistakes, but he was the last American in public life that you could tell was doing any original thinking). We could treat the North Atlantic Pact as a kind of Monroe Doctrine for Europe, but not integrate with European countries our armed services or our budget.

Oddly enough, the New Strategy is tending in just that direction. The feeling grows that a war *for* Western Europe will not be fought *in* Western Europe—not the first round anyhow. The presumed major antagonists — Russia and America—will try first to destroy each other, figuring that the survivor can do what he likes with Western Europe. Presumably the hapless maiden would like to help the

knight errant slay the dragon, but she would probably only get in the way. Let her stand by and stay beautiful.

Accepting, or even discounting somewhat, the prevailing assumptions about Soviet strength, Western Europe is too weak and too vulnerable to be a belligerent in an atomic war. The weakness might be remedied, but hardly the vulnerability. General Gruenther told the Danes that Copenhagen cannot be defended, but is safe because it is allied with Chicago. So what would you do if you were a Dane? Sit in the stands and give fifteen 'rah's for Chicago; but not get out on the field, or you'll get hurt, and draw a penalty for your own side to boot.

Three assumptions are solidly embedded in the public-official mentality of the West:

1. That the U.S.A. has terrific air/atomic capability.
2. That the U.S.S.R. has serious air/atomic capability and is rapidly gaining on the U.S.A.
3. That NATO countries, specifically the U.S.A., are morally incapable of striking the first blow in a nuclear war, but that the U.S.S.R. will take any action, including striking the first blow in a nuclear war, which it believes to be to its own advantage.

Based on these assumptions, there has evolved the *Strategy of the Sitting Duck—Armed*.

No one is quite satisfied with this, however, and it is increasingly recognized that: (1) at least the duck can sit further back than in Western Europe, and (2) if we don't watch out the armor will get so heavy it will crush the duck.

The West cannot go on indefinitely spending more and more money on defense. We are familiar with the argument that our European allies cannot spend too much on defense for fear that it will wreck their economies. That is why we give them aid. But the same argument applies to the United States. It may take more to wreck the American economy than the European, but it could be done. To spend $61 billion on a DEW-line which, unless the Alsops and the Kremlin are lying 100% about the intercontinental missile, will be obsolete before it is completed—that is sheer madness.

The time is coming—rather soon, as history goes—when we will simply have to stop producing more elaborate armaments, defensive and offensive, unless we show some ability to do something rational with the armaments we already have. The husky father who cannot control his twelve-year-old son is not going to solve the problem by joining a gym class and lifting—or being—a big dumbbell. He doesn't need more muscles; he needs more sense.

Our danger derives not from the superior strength of the Red Army, and our main problem is not whether to take arms against a sea of Russians. Our danger derives from the superior cunning of the Communist Party. If we leave the initiative always in their hands we cannot survive. Of course if we take the initiative ourselves we run certain risks. It is quite generally recognized that running certain risks is the condition of survival.

My own conclusion is: We should not denounce the North Atlantic Treaty and suddenly back out of NATO; but that—unilaterally, as one says nowadays—we should follow a hard anti-Communist line to its logical conclusion, as MacArthur wanted to do in Korea; and—the better to protect both ourselves and our allies—that we should begin gradually to free ourselves, as Taft in a bring-Washington-up-to-date attitude intended, of the crippling entanglements of alliances.

A FOOTNOTE BY THE EDITOR

We like Mr. Evans' article very much. He has written with restraint and propriety. But as a result he has, in our opinion, been far too kind to NATO in many ways. We do not intend to be a bull in the china shop of all this decorum. But for the sake of plain editorial honesty, we wish to indicate by just two examples how much stronger would be our own criticism and skepticism of NATO than is shown in the attitude of our scholarly contributor.

1. In the first sentence Mr. Evans says that "to weaken the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a major objective of Communist propaganda." We believe this should read "... is ostensibly a major objective of Communist propaganda." We believe that the Russians only pretend to wish to weaken NATO. We believe that the main drive behind the scenes to expand NATO's activities and strengthen NATO's authority is inspired and planned by Communist influences. For NATO siphons off, into a morass of futility, what might otherwise be a strong clear stream of American defense measures. And as Lord Ismay, chief executive officer of NATO for five years, told the NATO Parliamentary Conference in November, 1956, the goal of NATO is that all of the partners "must be prepared, as I see it, to pool their sovereignty to a greater extent than has been done hitherto." There is nothing the Kremlin wants more than to have the United States pool its money, its military strength, *and* its sovereignty, in international organizations, whether they be the United Nations, NATO, the ILO, or what have you. For then other nations (in the case of NATO fourteen other nations) can help us to spend our money and to dissipate our strength, while they make our decisions for us.

2. The present "three wise men" of NATO, appointed by the Council about a year ago to revise and expand NATO functions, are Lester Pearson of Canada, Dr. Gaetano Martino of Italy, and Dr. Halvard Lange of Norway. Pearson's well-known "softness" towards Communism became even better known through the Norman affair. Martino negotiated with Molotov a "package" deal that brought Italy into the United Nations, and he favors the admission of Red China. Lange arranged a friendship agreement in Moscow between Norway and the Soviet Union. All three men are decidedly *personae gratae* with the Kremlin, and it is easy to see why the *Daily Worker* enthusiastically cheered their appointments. It is even easier to see why Russia would not really want the shackles of NATO over its members loosened, or the collective "guidance" of the West by NATO weakened, when you consider this: In January, 1957, these "three wise men" of NATO defined the aims of the West as "finding a secure and honorable basis for competitive and ultimately for cooperative coexistence with the Communist World." (We don't know whether Khrushchev wrote this platform of purposes for NATO or not, but he might as well have.) So there is what your $284 billion handed NATO—more than our total admitted national debt—is being spent to achieve.

HOW TO TALK TO THE SAUCERS

by

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The author of this article and your editor are both aware that not more than one-fourth of the readers of this magazine will like it. One-half will be merely bored, and the other one-fourth actually annoyed, by such pedantic fantasy — if it is fantasy. But we ask the indulgence of the seventy-five percent (who can simply skip it) for the sake of the pleasure the twenty-five percent may find in following the author's reasoning and speculation.

We, of Earth, are rapidly reaching the point where space travel, by ourselves, will be possible. This is certainly additional evidence that beings on other planets may — as Donald Keyhoe so convincingly asserts — have already attained that ability. It is not necessary to settle the question, however. Let us merely suppose—just suppose, without getting into any argument about it—that the "flying saucers" do come from outer space. With that hypothesis once accepted, certain conclusions seem justified.

First, since none of the saucers, or physical wrecks thereof, have been discovered anywhere on the earth's surface, these objects also *return* to outer space. They report to some home planet or advance base, either in our solar system or in some other solar system of our Milky Way. And either these same saucers, or others like them, come back again and again for further inspection of Earth.

Second, these saucers contain, and are controlled by, intelligent beings. The possibility that they are unpiloted missiles manipulated by remote control, sent to Earth's surface for information which can be gathered by instruments, cannot be ignored. But the available evidence, and the scientific probabilities, both seem decidedly in favor of intelligent control on the spot.

Third, the beings that manufactured such flying apparatuses are considerably ahead of us in technological development. The chances are, therefore, that they at least equal us, and may far surpass us, in general intelligence; and that in some particular fields their knowledge, or their reasoning powers, or both, are definitely superior to our own.

And fourth, sooner or later one of these saucers will land on earth, or hover visibly and openly at a comparatively low altitude, to investigate the possibilities of communication with the strange animals — ourselves — that the crew of the saucer can observe moving about and unmistakably alive.

This short paper addresses itself simply to the one problem of initiating such reciprocal communication.

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WE COULD NOT KNOW whether these visitors had a form like anything of which we had ever conceived, or had evolved in an environment producing either experiences, interests, or mental

attitudes at all similar to our own. Even less could we count on their having a written or spoken method of communication which, however unintelligible to us, would fall into a classification that we could call language. Even if they did, by some cosmic compulsions to parallels in evolution, have a "language", we could not expect to establish communication through it, nor through ours, in the beginning. But since all animal senses are but development in degree of the sense of touch, which is universal in the animal kingdom, it would be a reasonable assumption—one that we have already made, in fact —that these visitors did possess a sense of sight. The first communication could be undertaken on that basis, therefore (although the sense of hearing would serve equally well for the process we propose.)

To avoid exploring too many alternatives then, let's take for granted that the visitors do have a satisfactorily developed sense of sight, and that they have the mechanical power to make a light, readily visible from the earth's surface, which they can turn off and on at will. We ourselves bring into play a powerful searchlight which we also can turn off and on as we wish. So far as mechanics are concerned, both we and they are now in position to express all of the thoughts any beings of either planet have ever been able to put into language.

For we now have two antithetical symbols available; a short and a long, or a left and a right. Let's designate these symbols as *a* and *b*. This puts at our disposal a principle which is undoubtedly almost as old as language itself. It has been used extensively in modern times, as in wigwag, and in the Morse code for telegraphing. It was used by Francis Bacon three hundred years ago, in his biliteral cipher. Polybius described the Greek armies using it, with torches swung back and forth, centuries before the Christian era. These two opposing symbols, as the basis of the binary system of numbers, supply the principle on which the great electronic "brains" operate today. And, dressed up as 1 and 0 in this binary system, Leibnitz said that they contained, in their potential combinations, the totality of God and man. Thus, with the physical means at hand for the conveyance of any thought that man can express, we are down to the final problem of a "language" that both the visitors and we have in common and can understand.

There is one such language, and only one. That is mathematics. For its principles hold, unchanged by evolution, distance, environment, or the nature of intelligences, throughout the universe. It is the one area of knowledge which, to some extent, visitors of any shape and any experience, from any planet in any galaxy, would be bound to have in common with ourselves. This universal language of mathematics would supply our one possibility of discovering immediately a common denominator of intelligence with the crew of a flying saucer. Let's call the man in charge of the experiment on our side Mr. X; and the "captain" of the flying saucer, the Visitor. The earliest communications might get under way somewhat as we describe them below.

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MR. X., USING SHORT equal flashes of light, with short equal intervals between them, but with much longer periods between the groups of such flashes, would begin by simply counting in cardinal numbers: a aa aaa aaaa aaaaa aaaaaa aaaaaaa aaaaaaaa aaaaaaaaa aaaaaaaaaa. He would then repeat this count, from one to ten.

There is no intelligence, capable of building machines, that would not recognize this sequence, no matter by what "names" or thought processess its separate items were identified. So we can assume that the Visitor would come back with the same series, possibly carrying it on to the larger groups, eleven and twelve, to show that he understood. And thus the first "meeting of the minds" would be established, presumably with pleasurable excitement on both sides.

The Visitor might, in fact, go on consecutively to a group of twenty flashes. This would suggest that the doubling of the number was exploratory at his end. Mr. X should then show his recognition of this intent by flashing 1 2, 3 6, 7 14, or any series involving the repeated multiplication by two. Let's assume that the Visitor would return 1 2 4 8 16, thus offering a new series and incorporating an extension of the principle of multiplication by two into what we call the "powers" of cardinal numbers. Mr. X should answer with 1 3 9 27. Then, having shown recognition of expansion series, he might try to introduce his second symbol, the long flash—or *b*—into the game.

Using short flashes only, Mr. X would count up to ten; then a pause; then a short flash followed by a long one; then a repetition of the count to ten in short flashes, a pause, and a repetition of the *a b* symbols together; then the same sequence repeated once more. The Visitor would surely grasp that he was being shown two ways of saying the same thing; that aaaaaaaaa and a *b* were equal.

Since our use of the decimal system derives, ultimately, from the fact that we have ten fingers, it is quite likely that the Visitor would not be using the same base, ten, for his multiple in expressing large numbers. He might be using seven as a base, or twelve. He might even have such highly developed and strictly logical mathematical processes that he would normally be using the binary system, based on two. But he would readily understand what was meant, nevertheless. To prove this he might come back with a b (for 10), aa b for 20), aaa b (for 30) ....etc. .... aaaaaaaaa b (for 90), a bb (for 100). In other words, he would count by tens up to one hundred, with his expression for that number clearly showing a knowledge of the "decimal" principle. Equally important, he would have shown ready recognition and acceptance of the distinction between long and short flashes, or the symbols *a* and *b*. By this time it would probably be morning.

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THE NEXT EVENING both parties could rejoice at how much had already been accomplished, as a base from which to start. And there would be a natural tendency to explore in new directions. Almost certainly there would be some false starts, some jumps by one side to intended meanings or thought conveyances which the other side could not grasp. After such failures it would always be necessary to return to a repetition of some of the fundamentals that were unmistakably clear to both the Visitor and Mr. X, in order to re-establish a base of confidence, before venturing on new explorations again. But despite such lost motions and discouragements, much of the night could profitably be spent in exchanging examples in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, until there was no doubt as to a complete meeting of the minds—or meeting of the intelligences, if mind is too specific a word—on all of those processes. Then both

sides would be ready for the next tremendous step.

When the repetition, of such series as 3 7 10, 4 6 10, 5 11 16, 3 17 20 had made their purport absolutely clear, a new mental tool could be introduced. A five-symbol combination, such as ababa, might be adopted as the sign of addition, or the symbol for "plus". The same sequences would then be run as 3 ababa 7 10; 4 ababa 6 10; 5 ababa 11 16; 3 ababa 17 20. Thus the whole thought which we express by the word "and" would have been made mutually understandable. In the same way babab could be established to mean "minus", "subtract", "less", "take away", "remove". And the pattern would be simultaneously established that five-symbol groupings represented non-numerical conceptions, or what we call "words"; while groupings of less than five symbols would ordinarily be expected to continue to represent numbers. The groundwork would thus be laid for an elementary vocabulary of thirty-two words, this being the possible number of variations in the grouping of two symbols in combinations of five.

It would be quite simple then to establish, let us say, aaaaa, as meaning "yes", or "true" (when its other meaning of "five" obviously did not apply); and to add bbbbb, meaning "no", or "not true", to the growing language. It would be necessary only to repeat many true and false series, intermingled, with the symbols for "yes" and "no" at the end of each. The key to progress would lie in making each step gained so fundamental and so certain, at the cost of as many repetitions and monotonous variations as might be needed. Then each short advance beyond that would be both obvious as a new venture, and easier to grasp because of the clarity of the base of understanding on which it was taken. By the time a few five-symbol units had been identified as word thoughts, and their significance unmistakably confirmed on both sides, it would undoubtedly be morning, and the occasion for a recess once more.

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THE WORDS (or thoughts) "up", "down", "times", or "multiplied by", and the present indicative of the verb "to be", could now be established so easily that explanation is not even necessary. And of course each new word added would help to bring earlier word-symbols into sharper understanding and greater usefulness. Again progress would be faltering, and sometimes disappointing misconnections would occur. But thirty-two elementary word-thoughts would, in due course, become the common property of both the Visitor and Mr. X.

From then on the joint advance, while it might frequently make use of more complicated reasoning, would through that very advantage also be more rapid. The movement to six-unit symbols, such as ababab, for more complex word thoughts, would be easy. Thus the matrix for sixty-four more "words" would become available. Now, suppose that abbba had been arrived at as meaning "middle", "in between" (through showing it as neither "up" nor "down"). Then giving abbbab the meaning of *"exactly* in the middle", or "in exact proportion between", would be simple. A certain amount of this compounding of extensions of thought onto prior five-symbol concepts would facilitate progress, and improve earlier concepts again—this time by *generalizing* their significance. This would be especially true as Mr. X and the Visitor moved on to seven-symbol and larger groupings for new, and frequently

more precise, tools of intercommunication.

The use of seven-symbol combinations would provide for 128 more such mental tools; of eight-symbol groups, 256; nine-symbol groups, 512; ten-symbol groups, 1024. This means the total of "words" which could be represented, by the time ten-symbol combinations were reached and used, would be 2016—enough for a quite satisfactory basic vocabulary. How such concrete nouns as "man" and "machine", abstract nouns as "life" and "thought" and "hunger", verbs like "move" and "build", pronouns like "we" and "you", and a hundred other necessary concepts, could be introduced with positive clarity of meaning into this elementary vocabulary — the whole continuing development makes a fascinating study. But, for lack of room, we shall have to leave it to the reader's own imagination.

At some point, probably long before the full 2016 words were acquired, there would almost certainly be a return to mathematics, as the one original field of some common *knowledge*. This would make possible some very helpful exchanges of information in the direction of "getting acquainted." For while the Visitor might know little about distances on Earth's surface, and even less about our units of measurement, he would undoubtedly know the *proportions* in celestial distances even better than would Mr. X. So it would not take long to establish symbols for the various planets of our solar system, in their order of distance from the sun. It would take only a little longer to determine whether the Visitor was from a planet of our system, and which one; or from the retinue of some other sun, in really "outer space"—and approximately how far away.

If there were patience, determination, and good will on both sides, we could visualize Mr. X signalling, at the end of a few weeks, some message like the following, in symbols perfectly intelligible to the visitor:

"We, of the planet Earth, welcome you and your companions, from the planet of the solar system M, to our humble environment and to the semi-civilized society which exists here. We can arrange to supply you the particular proportion of oxygen and other elements which you need in order to live at all outside of your space ships; the particular atmospheric pressures which your organic entities require in order neither to convulse nor to explode; and probably the kind of food or fuel for those organic entities which will sustain your metabolic processes. So tell us what you need; then come on down for goodness sakes, and let's be friends. This has been a lonesome little ball of mud ever since we became conscious of its size and insignificance in stellar space."

You May Have Missed

"When I was a boy, it was considered not only safe but honorable to create an estate, so that almost all men of standing wished to add to their possessions, and felt a certain dignified honor in prospering, but now one must apologize for any success in business as if it were the utter violation of moral law, so that today it is worse to seem to prosper than to be an open criminal."

The reason you may have missed the above paragraph is that it is part of a speech delivered by Isocrates in 345 B.C.

God's plan made a hopeful beginning,
But man spoiled his chances by sinning.
We trust that the story
Will end in God's glory,
But at present the other side's winning.

Will The Author Please Claim

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Never in history have so few deceived so many.

The Russian Revolutionary Forces (About NTS)

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If you don't think women are explosive, just drop one.

Quoted by Major Squirm

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The choice is not peaceful coexistence or war: Coexistence is war.

William Jenner

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Business man: "I took an aptitude test this afternoon. Thank goodness I own the company."

Davenport Daily Times

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There is an off season for nearly all flowers except the blooming idiot.

Me, Sir? No, Sir. Not I, Sir.

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Waiting for the Communists to strike is the surest way to suicide.

Pynn Yung Tai

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Dear Doctor: Please send me the name of a good book on personal hygiene. I think I've got it.

A Letter Quoted in WOODEN BARREL

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Galatians VI, 10.

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Jack Sterling

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United Mine Workers' Journal

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Quoted by Fred Gymer

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Adam Smith

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We hold no commission from God Almighty to be the world's policeman.

Benjamin Harrison

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Dear Reader:

A great American patriot has said that historians of the future, looking back on this period of America's gradual surrender to Communism, will marvel most at the lack of resistance of those who had the most to lose.

To do our small part to prevent that tragedy, we are trying to reach, with this magazine, the intelligent, hard working, prosperous business executives, professional men, and other direct beneficiaries of our Americanist system. It is our objective to bring to this audience not more *knowledge*, but a better *understanding*, of current events—when viewed against the background of the methods and menace of the Communist conspiracy.

Our concern with the Communist plot and plotters, however, will not keep us from looking with wide-eyed interest at other activities of a much too busy world. You will even find us laughing now and then. But the laughter will be mostly *with*, rather than *at*, our companions in this sometimes pleasant and always exciting caravanserai between birth and death.

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EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

WILLIAM S. SCHLAMM

Mr. Schlamm, too well known to readers of conservative publications to need any introduction here, is in Europe. For the next several months he will send us from Europe, for each issue of this magazine, a concise review of current developments on that continent. This first article in the series was mailed from Vienna the middle of December.

EUROPE'S PARAMOUNT FEELING about America has perceptibly changed. It's no longer resentment. It's now contempt. Europeans speak about America, today, the way Americans used to joke about the Ruritania of operetta's never-never land — an old-fashioned and ludicrous realm, crowded with improbable characters, blundering busybodies and, on the whole, rather attractive boobs. And should anybody think this statement exaggerated, he ought to join me for a short stay in Vienna.

Now Vienna is without a doubt the least anti-American capital of the Continent. Nowhere else has Communist penetration been so thoroughly reduced, and the proverbially friendly people of this city still remember the American Army, that decisive balance against the Soviet tide, with gratitude and even private nostalgia. And yet, the last few weeks it was tough to be an American in Vienna. Even when he is used to the normal chilling haughtiness of Europeans, an American is simply unprepared for the humiliating pity he is currently shown wherever he goes. For the first time in several generations, Americans are considered, in Europe, the stuff operettas are made of. What brought this about is, of course, *"Spätnik"* (Viennese for *Late*-nik).

For what happened was, as usual, the unexpected. In the eyes of the Continent, America has now proved itself incompetent in the one sphere where Europe had willingly conceded American superiority — in the area of technology. For decades the Continent had assumed axiomatically that America can out-produce, out-invent, out-engineer any European combination of technological prowess. And this, in the opinion of Europeans, was America's *only* claim to leadership. This claim has now been lost — completely.

The effect of the Soviet gain in launching the first earth satellite was bad enough. Never before had Europe — always jittery about the Communists' *political* acumen — been also afraid of *technological* Communist competence. On the contrary, the Soviet troops, still so shudderingly remembered here, were particularly ghastly because, in addition to moral barbarism, they displayed that notorious amazement about the simplest gadgetry of modern living. And, all of a sudden, the incredulous admirers of wristwatches were the first to leap into outer space! But incomparably worse,

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incomparably more catastrophic for the American position in the world, was the cumulative effect of these last four American weeks; the incredible weeks of loud advance boasting about a smaller satellite, followed by the launching fiasco of December 5 and 6 — the impact of which will be felt for years to come.

It is not the concern of this report (nor has a traveler so far away from home the required information) to contemplate the reasons for the blunder of the age. Its consequences for United States foreign policy (my subject) are obvious enough: The United States is considered, not only on the streets and in the cabarets but also in the chancelleries of Europe, disarmed, not quite worthy of firm alliances, and anyhow, for the moment, neutralized. There are even some serious statesmen in Europe who insist that, at least in the near future, an alliance with America will be a suicidal liability. Which, among many other things, means that the Eisenhower Administration, to continue its unimaginative Foreign Aid policy (and it has no other idea) will have to pay a tremendous special premium for the privilege of giving away United States money. As it is dangerous to be seen in American company, the escorts we keep soliciting will have to get special rewards. That slumming abroad gets more and more expensive.

Mr. Kennan To The Fray . . .

The Democrats seem to have set up an American Government-in-Exile in Europe, ostensibly headed by Mr. George Kennan who, indeed, is currently getting far more front-page space in the serious European press than both Dulles brothers, with Mr. McElroy thrown in. Nor is one by any means certain that Mr. Kennan (formally on a year's fellowship at Oxford, England) speaks for the opposition only. His latest bombshell — a lecture on the neutralization of Germany that, for weeks now, remains the No. 1 subject for all editorialists and politicians of the Old World — detonated with overtones of tacit State Department approval. And it wouldn't be the first time that the Eisenhower Administration waits for a Democratic advance endorsement of a policy it intends to execute — if only to shift the responsibility from the Republican Executive to the Democratic Senate.

Mr. Kennan, speaking in London, addressed Moscow. He advanced, once more, the notorious program of all American "liberals" and appeasers as the great illumination of the post-Sputnik hour: Let us withdraw all NATO forces from West Germany if the Soviets withdraw their forces from Eastern Europe; and, once West and East Germany are reunited, such a new Germany should withdraw from NATO, disarm (for all practical purposes) and solemnly declare its status as an eternally "neutral" power. The Soviets, promised Mr. Kennan, could not very well reject such a universally satisfying settlement of not only all German but all European problems.

In this one promise, at least, Mr. Kennan proved to be entirely correct. Less than a week after his speech, Mr. Khrushchev (in an interview that, to my knowledge, has been criminally underplayed in the United States press) announced that he is prepared to "support" the Kennan proposal. Which to those who understand the nature of Communism, and the problems of Europe, was like solemnly announcing that Mr. Khrushchev is in favor of caviar. The Kennan proposal (known in the United States, for the last ten years, also as the Lippmann Line) of course "offers" the Soviets exactly what they desire *most* — the "neutralization" of Germany, the only European power that could hopefully resist the next revolutionary onslaught of Communism. The Soviets keep troops in the satellite countries, not so much to bolster there the Communist regimes (which could be just as effectively done by Soviet "volunteers" in the satellite police forces), but to high-pressure West Germany into "neutralization." Messrs. Kennan, Lippmann, *et al.*, keep "offering" the Soviets their very strategic goal if, on *achieving* it, they would only renounce the (now utterly superfluous) tools of the preceding operation. It is like "offering" burglars the safe deposits of a bank, if they have only left the jimmies at home.

The Effect in Germany . . .

Yet the reverberations of Mr. Kennan's poor speech, I am sorry to report, were epochal. In the first place, the German Social Democracy, whose "neutralism" had been thoroughly trounced by Dr. Adenauer's electoral victory only a few months ago, immediately reemerged with its seemingly abandoned policy of German and European suicide, as if rejuvenated by Dr. Kennan's injection. And once more German "neutralism" is an articulate and aggressive force in German politics. Moreover, all over Europe the crypto-neutralists are getting dangerously noisy. By some universal misunderstanding, Mr. Kennan's manifesto is interpreted as an almost official United States encouragement to all appeasement factions in Western Europe. (And, as I said, I am not so sure myself that it *is* a misunderstanding.)

For instance, the London *Times* has, for the first time in years, openly supported a policy of neutralizing Germany; and it is a sinister habit of the London *Times* to anticipate in editorials what, a few months later, becomes the policy of His or Her Majesty's Government. True, the *Times* did not, in so many words, endorse the Kennan manifesto in its entirety. It confined its approval to the "practical" suggestion that, to condition the world for the forthcoming total "settlement," NATO should not build missile bases in Western Germany. But this, of course, *contains* the recognition of German "neutrality." For, if West Germany (to secure for her a special role in a Western deal with the Soviets) were to be released from armament responsibilities which other NATO members would still have to shoulder, regardless of any consequences to their security, then the *whole* Kennan sequence follows irresistibly. A West Germany without missile bases *is* neutralized. And if the forthcoming "summit" NATO Conference in Paris were to abide by Mr. Kennan's and the London *Times'* recommendations, the battle for Europe would be practically over.

The Effect In Spain . . .

Of all the European changes of voice none was more surprising (and perhaps indicative) than Generalissimo Franco's. In a peculiarly measured speech, to which he himself ascribed extraordinary importance, Franco not only congratulated the Soviets on their Sputnik hits but emphasized, with deliberate accents

on the "theoretical" part of his speech, that such successes can be only achieved where the majesty of planning and "order" prevails. Generalissimo Franco, in short, was the first conservative statesman in Europe to build some kind of bridge from anti-Communist belligerency to "prudent mutual respect."

Franco, of course, has not changed one iota of his convictions. And he is, in all truth, not even so terribly impressed by the Soviets' technological advance, technology being just about the last thing to impress a true Spaniard. What has impressed the Caudillo is the American posture of shameful helplessness. Fifteen years ago Hitler, to his growing distress, noticed that Franco pays greater attention to the prevailing winds than to the pious homilies in the logbook; and, in steering the course for Spain, insists on safety first and friendships later. And just as the Generalissimo, in 1943, adjusted Spain's position to the still forming superiority of Allied power over Hitler's, just so, in 1957, he seems to give the next round of the current power game to the Soviets — and to adjust Spanish articulation, if not Spanish policies, accordingly.

No matter what the Caudillo utters in public, Spain remains one of the few true candidates for a sensible United States policy of firm alliances — simply because Spain cannot switch sides in the struggle against World Communism without a deadly spasm of renewed Civil War. The Caudillo, of course, knows this better than any one else. But he also knows that the American umbrella is gone; and that a small country like Spain had better protect itself, *coûte que coûte,* from the onsetting downpour.

Europe Is Prosperous . . .

The tremors that are currently shaking Europe are apparently of a new type. The Continent is more prosperous than it has been in an entire generation, or more; and the prosperity, to tell the truth, seems to be even sounder than that of the United States.

In Europe, to begin with, prosperity is not based on installment buying. The anticipation of future purchasing power is here still a widely unknown economic habit and, significantly, only a West Germany (that is, the only European nation to realize the normal tendencies of a free market) begins to exploit the possibilities of credit buying to the hilt. But though this optimistic self-propulsion of demand remains essential for United States prosperity, it is also structurally dangerous; any considerable drop in confidence can, in an economy based on installment buying, snowball into a buyers' sit-down strike and a serious clogging-up of sales channels. In this sense, the Europe that does not yet know the full blessings of purchases on consumers' credit does not know its menacing dangers either. Its prosperity looks somehow sounder and more stable than America's. It is visibly based on tremendous increases of productivity, stimulated by the urgent and vital demands of a war-torn Continent.

But Uneasy . . .

And yet, as I said, the tremors that vibrate underneath this Old World are very real. They are political — but "political" in a very profound sense. The Continent, though hardly anybody here is articulate about this, senses acutely the depth of the real dilemma. It is *not* that the West has yet to find its strategy for a possible clash with the Soviet East. The real dilemma is that the Soviets, more and more clearly, are bound to profit from what is loosely called "peace", and wish nothing as sincerely as its continuation. By the same token, the essential interests of the West ought to point towards a determined and aggressive policy of attack *that takes a calculated risk of war.* But how is a Christian civilization — and one that, contradictorily, is based on a concept of bodily comfort above all — to face such a challenge? How can such a civilization seriously contemplate a voluntary decision in the direction of *deliberate* war risks?

This dilemma, more than anything else, is at the bottom of the tremendous (though subconscious) uneasiness that a perceptive observer can notice everywhere in this indescribably attractive and livable Old World. It is, clearly, at the bottom of the deep-rooted skepticism that precedes the NATO Summit Conference in Paris. What could the profoundly frustrated leaders of the West possibly produce except another proof of their frustration? Paradoxically, *if* the Soviet intention were indeed war, even a paralyzed Eisenhower would, it is quite likely, lead the West into resistance. But what if the real Soviet intentions are "peace"? What if a continuation of that "peace" were to assure the Soviets of incessant progress throughout the so-called free world? What if the only rational alternative for the West were to *enforce,* therefore, a showdown, even if it meant war? The answer, of course, is embarrassed silence. There *is,* it seems, no answer to this nettle of a problem in a Christian and comfortable world. There certainly will be no answer forthcoming from the Summit Conference.

The Communists Wage War With "Peace" As A Weapon . . .

The Soviets are making the most of their historically superior position — a position, that is, which quite authentically equips them, and them alone, with the decisive propagandistic tool of the age, a maudlin insistence on "peace." Bulganin's letters to the heads of the British, French, German, Indian and United States Governments, on the eve of the Paris Conference, have petrified its proceedings in advance. The Summit Conference is bound to prove, rather desperately, that the West, "too," desires "peace" more than anything else. No matter what the Western Governments may invent to bolster the sagging Western confidence in NATO, the essential result of the wildly over-sold Paris meeting must be a further incentive to the central Soviet menace — the Communist ballyhoo about "peace." This fraud has, on the whole, produced absolutely staggering results during the last few years, in Europe, as well as in Asia and the Near East.

And Keep On Winning . . .

At the recent Moscow Conference of sixty-eight Communist Parties, on the occasion of the Soviet Revolution's fortieth birthday, the new Soviet deputee in charge of what used to be called Comintern, Michael Suslov, had a staggering and, unfortunately, quite correct figure to report: At the last get-together of International Communism, before World War II, forty-three Communist Parties were represented, with a total membership figure of slightly more than four million members; but last November, at the triumphant meeting in Moscow, seventy-five Communist Parties could be of-

ficially counted, with a total membership of thirty-three million. This rate of growth — eight hundred percent in twenty years — is approximately also the rate of growth of Communist power throughout the world: Since 1938, Communism has conquered — beyond the confines of the Soviet Union proper — the eastern half of Europe, China, most of Southeast Asia, strategic areas in the Near East; and has established immensely portentous footholds throughout Western Europe, in India, Malaya, Korea, North Africa, and in South America.

Europeans, by no means dumb, keep asking themselves: Whence this apparently uncheckable advance of Communism? Is it just plain jinx that everything we touch goes wrong, and everything the Soviets touch turns into gold? One cannot speak for a few minutes to a serious person in Paris, or Brussels, or Munich, or Vienna, without hitting the central suspicion: That the key to the apparently unstoppable Soviet march is not the strength or persuasiveness of Communism but the catatonia of the West. ("Catatonia" is a European five-dollar word meaning a hysterical state of, usually fright-induced, motionlessness.) Even in the midst of the all-European derision about America's technological inadequacy in matching the Sputnik stunt, even in this general readiness to discount America altogether, no European in his right mind denies that the United States, if it *wanted* to, could make hash of World Communism. The point is that no European in his right mind considers even the possibility that the United States *would* want it. Nor does he, in his heart of hearts, *wish* America would. For he, if anything, is even more paralyzed than the American by the essential dilemma that has crippled the whole West: The hazy recognition that only a posture that accepts war could save the West, while "peace" works for International Communism. From the horrors of that dilemma, the American flees into a nice economic boom; while the European, equally enjoying this unparalleled prosperity, flees into a skeptical anti-Americanism, underlined with a coquettish melancholia that Europeans, since the end of the Nineteenth Century, have loved to display in their lapel.

But Marx Loses One Point . . .

To end this first report on a gayer note (though the news will also arouse the righteous envy of United States taxpayers), Austria has just announced its reform of income tax. This lovely little country of about seven million people, hardly emerged from the destructions of a cruel war, and straining all of its resources to rebuild not only its industry but just its elementary housing — Austria has just *reduced* the income tax.

In the highest income bracket (one million Schilling, or $40,000, and over) the income tax is now thirty-eight percent. *No Austrian can be taxed higher.*

It will also interest those Americans who, in 1952 and 1956, have voted for a Republican Party they thought to be the center and rally of conservatism, that the Austrian Government is a coalition of Christian Democrats and Socialists. In other words, an Austrian Socialist approves of income tax cuts of which alleged United States conservatives would not dare to dream. There is here a moral somewhere, but I shall contemplate it next month.

ABOUT SOUTH VIETNAM

by

HILAIRE DU BERRIER

In the November issue of ONE MAN'S OPINION we presented a rough index of the present degree of Communist strength — according to our estimate—in almost all of the nations of the world.

The final list on this scoreboard was of those few (and mostly weak) countries where firm, honest, and continued opposition to Communism could still be taken for granted. We began this roll call with South Korea and Formosa. But to the surprise of some of our readers, we did not include South Vietnam at all. This appraisal by omission was based on some serious doubts as to the true state of affairs in the Saigon government. The following article, which we had not seen at that time, and which is now reprinted by permission from the ECONOMIC COUNCIL LETTER, will help to explain and justify those doubts.

The author, Hilaire du Berrier, is a native of North Dakota. He has spent most of the years since 1937 in the Far East — three of them as a prisoner of the Japanese. He has been thoroughly familiar with affairs in Indochina under France, Japan, the Communists, and the regime that followed the fall of Dien Bien Phu. His article raises many important questions. Among them: Have some of the most ardent anti-Communists in America again been gulled by clever Communist propaganda, and by the machinations of Communist sympathizers within our government?

THE STORY OF DEMOCRACY'S FAILURE in South Vietnam is also the story of President Ngo dinh Diem. Theoretically the two came in together via the Geneva Accord of 1954. With them, as a result of military defeat at Dien Bien Phu, French influence ended and American began.

Diem was raised in the north, son of a nine-button Mandarin, or court official, under the Emperor Kai Dinh. He had little or no contact with the common people, was never a leader in any of the Nationalist parties that struggled for independence. Of his five brothers, one was killed by the Communists. Thuc became a bishop. Luyen is now Ambassador to Britain. Can, known as the gangster, represents his brother along the northern frontier. Nhu, whose wife is known as the Eva Peron of South Vietnam, is in Saigon, as advisor to the President.

Life Magazine, usually not daunted by research, said of Diem on May 13, 1957, "Just how Ngo dinh Diem came to power has never been divulged." Hans Morgenthau, of the University of Chicago, spoke of him as "a man who two years ago was little more than a

name pulled out of a hat by a few desperate Washington officials."

How Ngo Came To Power . . .

The story is simple. In 1952 all Vietnamese Nationalists looked to America to drive the French out of Vietnam, as they had out of Syria. Every ambitious Vietnamese with mobility, i.e., the price of a ticket, wanted a passport to go to America and seek backing for a free Vietnam under himself.. Diem was so insignificant that the French did not fear him. He had no party, was aloof, a devout aristocrat. When asked a question he usually answered to something else. They saw no reason to fear him, so he was permitted to go to America. In America he met a group of left-wing intellectuals who made him their protege in "the struggle against colonialism." A professor who wanted to be an Orientalist took him up. A former Austrian Socialist leader, naturalized American, made Diem and Vietnamese independence his business. A small pool of intellectuals was formed to write articles glorifying Ngo dinh Diem, quoting each other as authorities. Justice William O. Douglas met the new "find" at a luncheon, at which Senator Mike Mansfield was present (see *Harpers Magazine*, January, 1956). The Senator had met Diem in 1953 and has been a consistent champion of his. Cardinal Spellman was reported to be behind him also.

Support In Vietnam . . .

At this point Vietnamese Nationalist leaders back in Saigon were ready to embrace him also. A stream of letters and clippings had come back to convince them that Diem had American support. Very well, if he could get America to oust the French and, if accepting Diem, for a time at least, was the price they had to pay, they were willing. He had no party; they could always put in a strong Nationalist later.

A French journalist named Lucien Bodard started boosting him. Bodard wanted an American-supported premier to push the fight against Ho chi Minh, the Communist in the north. Though Diem's sole war effort during Japanese hostilities consisted of hiding Japanese from the French, Bodard never missed a chance to advance him.

Then came the crushing defeat of Dien Bien Phu in the spring of 1954. Prince Buu Loc was the last pro-French premier. Monsieur Georges Bidault suggested to the Emperor Bao Dai, then known as Chief of State, that he appoint Ngo dinh Diem, the man "the Americans wanted."

Appointed By The Emperor . . .

On July 7, 1954, Diem became premier of the southern half of his divided country. Roughly 11½ million citizens remained to him, against 13½ million under Ho chi Minh in the north. The Accord stipulated that the two Vietnams vote in July, 1956, to decide under which camp they would be reunited. Southern Nationalists were not discouraged by the disparity in numbers. They were free at last, and they figured by mid-1956 enough northerners would be disillusioned by Communism to swing the vote their way.

On bended knees Diem swore allegiance to the Emperor. He promised the Empress to save the dynasty for her son, and boarded a plane for Saigon. Pope Pham cong Tac, leader of the Cao Dai sect, hurriedly gathered followers for a "spontaneous" demonstration, to give the impression that the new President of the Council was popular.

So it was that a northerner, neither native to the south nor with a following there, came to govern South Vietnam on nothing stronger than the fact that a few American Marxist-socialists and some middle-of-the-road anti-colonialists and conservative Catholics were behind him. Vietnamese believed that America's being "in the game" was insurance enough against Diem's abuse of power or France's return.

Ngo Takes Over . . .

Their disillusionment was sudden. The leaders, for whom independence was their due, were pushed aside. No dissenting voice was tolerated, which left only sycophants and the President's brothers and in-laws eligible for office. The ascetic, intolerant Diem felt himself more and more isolated. He became suspicious of everyone. He drew closer to his brother Nhu, whose hands held all the political threads of the country. Madame Nhu became the President's hostess. Behind Madame Nhu in a web of palace intrigue was the figure of her mother, Madame Tran van Chuong, formerly a Councilor of the French Union. Madame Chuong and her husband, one of Bao Dai's ministers, had amassed a fortune. With one daughter married to Diem's most powerful brother, the other daughter's husband was soon made Minister of the Interior, and Madame Chuong sent her husband to Washington as Ambassador. Vietnamese with even less voice in their government under Diem than they had under the French referred to their President as "the parachuted—dropped on them from above, by a foreign power—without roots in their soil."

Native leaders were suppressed or driven abroad. American agents, advisers and political officers flocked into the country, but they were partisans of Diem the man, rather than of South Vietnam the country. The rule was that anyone anti-Diem was anti-American. If an anti-Communist Nationalist tried to alert the Americans, he was turned over to Diem's police. Wearing blinkers against the smouldering unrest, the insulated Americans replied to all criticism, "But there is no one but Diem."

And Consolidates His Rule . . .

Two political-religious sects, the Hoa Hao and the Cao Dai, had private armies and policed their own areas against Communist infiltration. Another private army, the Binh Xuyen, under General Le van Vien, controlled Cholon, the Chinese city where gambling flourished, just outside Saigon. Because of Le van Vien's reputation as vice-king, the Binh Xuyen were attacked first. Then Diem moved on to break the Hoa Hao and the Cao Dai. To gain personal power Diem weakened and alienated these groups that could have presented a united front with him against Communism. He plunged the country into civil war, killing or exiling native leaders. Lopping off the tops of these three groups drove them into an underground alliance where they are still operating and, if anything, gaining strength. Time can prove that these moves were unwise.

Hate spread. To divert it, Diem started a campaign against the French, playing on old grudges. Short-sighted American officers joined in, running a popularity contest against the French.

It was unwise. The gains were short-term, on a purely local field. The alliance against the common enemy to the north was forgotten. One hundred thousand French troops were pulled home. Some twenty-five thousand civilians followed. Restaurants closed, twenty-five thousand Vietnamese were thrown out of work. Over night Saigon awoke to the fact that withdrawal of the French army, navy, and airforce was not to be followed by the arrival of an equal number of protecting Americans. The hundred and twenty-five thousand French that arrived in France, literally ordered out of Vietnam by Secretary Dulles in April of 1955, were bitterly anti-American, and a potential source of poison in NATO. Alarmed Vietnamese saw themselves suddenly defenseless. To flee the country they needed a passport with an exit visa. Ten thousand dollars or its equivalent in jewels became Madame Nhu's price for escape, according to them.

The Same Old Formula . . .

With the French gone, Diem lost his whipping boy. He had told the Emperor to stay out of the country and to let him handle things. He launched a campaign against the absent Emperor, raised a few hitherto unknown hangers-on to temporary importance on a Revolutionary Committee, under Nguyen bao Toan, Ho han Son, and Nhi Lang.

A constitution was promised, and a vice-president. Always just ahead was the promise of liberalization and a voice in government. Bodard, the journalist who worked two years to push Diem's appointment, had long since been expelled from the country. Very few of Diem's old friends remained. In the voting to decide whether Bao Dai or Diem should run the country, Diem offered no alternative to himself, as though the presidency were his to dispose of. Police made house to house visits "to instruct the voters." Ballots were green (unlucky color) on one end for Bao Dai, red (lucky color) on the other for Diem. No campaigning for Bao Dai was permitted. The ballot was torn in two, one end placed in an envelope (transparent), and a policeman escorted the voter to the polls.

Back in America a high-pressure public relations firm, paid by the American taxpayer through aid money, literally flooded the country with glowing but completely false reports of Diem's popularity and South Vietnam's new strides towards democracy. The taxpayer was conditioned for longer and heavier appropriations.

And The Same Results . . .

Shortly after the Emperor was ousted the Revolutionary Committee disappeared. Nguyen bao Toan popped up in America, an exile. The skeleton of Ho han Son was found near Saigon in February of 1957. Nhi Lang is now in exile in Cambodia, harassed as an "anti-American."

March 4, 1956, was set as the date to elect a Constituent Assembly to draw up the Constitution. Only "approved candidates" were permitted to run. One Dai Viet, a member of the anti-Communist party that had carried the fight for independence for years, managed to slip through the screening and was elected, but disappeared immediately afterwards. A special refugee village constituency was created for Madame Nhu; even so, she polled less than 5,000 votes out of a possible 25,000. Her refugee village is maintained, idle, on

American aid dole. Its inhabitants are available and used for the "spontaneous" demonstrations mounted for Diem's comings and goings and the visits of American VIPs.

When the hand-picked assembly had written the Constitution as dictated, it was turned into a legislative assembly, and a long list of decrees that have aided only the Communists and alienated Southeast Asia followed. The leader of the Dai Viet Nationalists reached Washington through the aid of the American Ambassador to tell his story, but Senator Mansfield refused to see him. The black-out on all reports adverse to Diem was complete, but throughout Southeast Asia anti-American sentiment was on the rise.

One by one Diem's enemies and opposition leaders were lured for talks, under truce, and nabbed. In mid-1956 such a trap was set up for Bacut, the Hoa Hao leader, by Vietnam's then Ambassador to Tokyo, Nguyen ngoc Tho (arrested as a Communist in 1945 and father of a noted communist student agitator in Paris). Bacut was seized. Only one witness dared appear at his trial. He was summarily guillotined. The Hoa Hao swore to revenge their chief and are in open revolt today. As a reward for trapping Bacut, Nguyen ngoc Tho was made Vice President.

Communists In The Saddle . . .

As this is written, five other Southern Vietnamese are under sentence of death in Saigon. They came in voluntarily in response to pamphlets promising safe conduct. But on arrival they were told that there was a time limit to the offer and that it had already expired! It is a common observation that under the French a few Vietnamese were in prison, now the number runs into thousands. Communists are running "universities" in the prisons.

In late 1956 Diem desperately staved off all native hate a while longer by passing a decree forcing nationality on all foreigners born in the country. It was retroactive, barred all who refused nationalization from eleven trades, and was directed against the million Chinese who control South Vietnam's economy. But also affected were the Laotians and Cambodians. The word went out to sabotage Diem's economy. Reaction spread to the three million Chinese in Thailand, the Chinese communities of Singapore and Hong Kong and the Philippines. In Laos and Cambodia neutralism took a jump as enough arms passed from Red China to mount an entire new division in the south. Amidst rumors of vast transfers of capital abroad by Diem's family, banknote scandals and rice deals with the Reds, the shortage of banknotes hit Saigon. Imports piled up in the warehouses and unemployment increased. Firms went bankrupt. Against this background Asia holds America responsible for "her man."

While America Feeds The Horse . . .

By this time Diem dared not backtrack, could only go ahead. As the ship started to founder Vietnamese asked themselves if former important Reds who had flattered their way into key posts of government were not responsible for these decrees, by which only South Vietnam's enemies seemed to profit. It was pointed out that men trying to quit the Red camp to rally to the south were invariably arrested by their own former Communist leaders, for acts committed un-

der them in the north, as soon as they reached Saigon. Is it true then that rallying to a new standard is impossible —and only Red infiltration possible?

On February 20, 1957, an armored car regiment seven miles from Saigon prepared to move on the capital. They were betrayed and their leaders executed. "It is no use," said the Vietnamese, "Diem has so much American money to bribe informers. The country will fall to the Reds before we can ever move in."

On February 22 a schoolboy shot at the President and missed. Papers have not mentioned him since, though it is known that it was not a Communist plot, and the boy has refused ten million piastres, if he will tell who backed him.

Shortly after the "assassination try" Diem selected a non-dangerous opponent and labeled him "the legal opposition," as a sop to American opinion, but two priests were sent to prison for the mildest criticism of Diem and the last Catholic journal in the country was suppressed. With this, Diem took off for America in a desperate search for money. The Madison Avenue "coca-cola campaign," as Vietnamese call his press-agenting in America, was tremendous, but the increased aid he sought in shock-treatment amounts was not forthcoming.

Since then he has made junkets to Korea, Thailand, and Australia. His objective: the place of leader left vacant by Magsaysay's death as "leader of Southeast Asia." Hatred and contempt for Diem in neighboring countries, and hatred of America for having imposed and supported him, is strong enough to threaten any alliance we may try to set up under his attempted leadership.

A paid propaganda campaign could convince American public opinion that Diem is indispensable in far away Southeast Asia—and may keep him in power. But your Vietnamese, there on the ground, knows truth from fiction. He sums it up, *"Unless we can get Diem out and install a broad government with popular support, the Reds will come in. Ung ngoc Ky, who is Ho chi Minh's underground leader in Saigon, boasts that he can take over when he chooses. Unless America heeds us he will do it."*

You May Have Missed

The Magazine, *U.S.A.*, quotes the New York *Herald Tribune* of November 21, as quoting Cyrus Eaton, the Cleveland industrialist, as follows: "The only people in the United States who believe that communism is a menace to the United States are the boys on the pay roll of the F. B. I."

Since General Douglas MacArthur, Ex-President Herbert Hoover, hundreds of other outstanding Americans we could name, and millions of ordinary citizens such as this editor, have made it crystal clear that we do believe communism to be a most serious menace to the United States, this pompous pronouncement of "the Cleveland industrialist" seems to make monkeys out of all of us, and to reserve the rank of "people" for himself, Earl Browder, the staff of the *Daily Worker*, and other fountains of patriotic wisdom.

We should like to think that somewhere, in all of the chain of quotation listed above, a link had got twisted, resulting in a misquotation. But knowing the almost incredible capacity of Cyrus Eaton for sounding silly, we fear this is too much to hope.

A Review of the News

By

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In December, 1957 . . .

→ Detroit announced on December 3 that auto production in November reached the highest monthly level since January, with the output of 578,500 cars. Up to that date 5½ million vehicles had been produced in 1957—seven and three tenths percent more than the 1956 level.

→ During a White House conference early in the month, Pres. Eisenhower and aides urged Congressional leaders to meet Moscow's outer-space challenge with heavier spending for defense and *foreign aid*. The President also asked for authority to negotiate science-pooling agreements with "allies."

→ The controversial case of William Girard, American serviceman convicted by a Tokyo court for the shooting of a Japanese woman collecting metal scrap at a U.S. firing range, was closed with the announcement that Japanese prosecutors would not appeal the three-year suspended prison sentence, and with the discharge of Girard from the Army upon his return to the United States with his Japanese wife.

→ Frank E. Gannett, "self-made" founder of a 22-newspaper empire, mostly in New York State, plus several radio and TV stations, died at 81 at his home in Rochester, N.Y., following an illness which resulted from a spinal injury suffered by a fall in the Spring of 1955. Gannett was a GOP presidential candidate in 1940, but lost the nomination to Wendell Willkie.

→ On December 5 and 6, the United States tried unsuccessfully to launch a six-inch radio-transmitter-equipped space satellite with a Navy-developed VANGUARD rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida. On the first day, the launching was postponed due to "technical difficulties." On December 6, the rocket exploded on the ground two seconds after firing. While there were no injuries, further launching plans were postponed indefinitely. There was wide-spread criticism of the high-pressure advance publicity, and some observers suspected sabotage.

→ On December 5, the Soviets claimed the launching of the first atomic surface ship—the 16,000-ton icebreaker "Lenin," capable of cutting through six feet of ice. Specifications given: 455 ft. length, 30-ft. draft, 44,000 HP.

→ In the worsening dispute over Netherlands-owned Western New Guinea, the Indonesian Government, under Communist pressure, seized the biggest of the one-billion-dollar Dutch enterprises; ordered approximately fifty thousand Dutch nationals (including Eurasians who had always lived in the islands) to leave; but forbade "essential" Dutch personnel to leave or quit work, threatening imprisonment; and hinted that American property also might be "nationalized."

→ Povl Bang-Jensen, Danish member of the UN Secretariat and member of the UN Special Committee on Hungary, was fired by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold for refusing to release the names of Hungarian refugees who testified before the committee after being promised anonymity. Bang-Jensen was the sole custodian of the names.

→ Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia brusquely cancelled U.S. military aid to his country because of what he called "irritants." State Department officials voiced hope that he might be persuaded to reconsider and that he would at least consent to accept further economic aid.

→ A three-day NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) "summit" meeting was held in Paris on December 16 with Pres. Eisenhower attending. Agreement was reached "in principle" by the fifteen member states to station U.S. guided missiles in Europe "eventually;" to pool scientific knowledge; and to approach Russia for new disarmament talks. Nothing really concrete seemed to be accomplished. Twice-defeated presidential Democratic candidate Adlai Stevenson rejected an Administration bid to participate as "consultant," probably because he did not wish to identify himself with the anticipated fiasco and did not want to weaken his party's ability to snipe at the GOP in connection with the "Sputnik"-sparked crisis.

→ The Communist governments of Poland and Yugoslavia offered Indonesia shipping to offset shortages created by the decision of Dutch ships to avoid Indonesian waters for fear of seizure.

→ At the AFL-CIO convention in Atlantic City, Vice President of the organization and United Auto Workers chief Walter Reuther called for higher wages and a shorter work week in 1958 (in other words, more money for less productivity), based on the familiar argument that this will "boost purchasing power" and will thus "benefit the entire economy."

→ In a talk before the Kiwanis Club of Utica, N.Y., Rep. Keating (R-N.Y.) accused the U.S. Supreme Court of having gone too far in protecting the rights of individuals, pointing especially to the ruling giving the attorneys of accused Communists access to confidential F.B.I. files.

→ Administration officials disclosed on Dec. 27 that a serious rift on handling Soviet Russia had developed between Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Eisenhower's "special disarmament advisor", Harold E. Stassen. The latter was reported to urge large new concessions to Moscow, while Mr. Dulles remains skeptical of Soviet "good faith." Stassen declared the matter was so important he would not resign from the Cabinet to run for Governor in Pennsylvania, but Washington insiders commented that the Pennsylvania GOP had turned him down.

→ In the face of cries by professional big spenders in Washington that lack of money stymied U.S. missiles development, the Defense Department disclosed to Congressional investigators that actually over seventeen billion dollars have been spent on missiles development to date, all but half a billion since the end of World War II.

WHY PEOPLE BECOME COMMUNISTS

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN, on being shown the present reach and constant progress of the Communist conspiracy in this country, is exactly like the farmer being shown the giraffe. He simply insists that there isn't any such animal.

A main reason for this willful blindness is an inability of the typical American to understand how or why other Americans, very much like himself, could possibly have become Communists. This failure to comprehend or to believe is in turn due to a completely erroneous premise. He thinks that those few misguided souls, who do actually join the strange Communist sect, are moved by some unique and mysterious reason which is beyond the discernment of "normal" people.

There is, of course, no such clear-cut formula for converting any human raw material into the Communist product. The reasons why people become Communists are numerous, diverse, overlapping — and quite orthodox expressions of human psychology. Some of these reasons have been conscientiously reported, by such reconverts to Americanism as Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers, out of deep personal experience. Arthur Koestler, George Orwell, and many other writers have brought detailed knowledge and penetrating insight into discussions of what makes a Communist and what makes him tick. We have neither the wish nor the ability to add anything new to the convincing analyses that are already available from many sources. But we shall try to summarize, in a few pages and plain language, the major inducements whereby Communism recruits and maintains its followers.

The Star Gazers . . .

1. We should begin our list with the appeal of Communism to the idealism of its prospective converts. For historically—though not currently—this has been the movement's greatest drawing card.

The young man or woman dreams of making this a better world. He sees poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinctions around him. He is told that socialism will abolish these things. He does not know that the very poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinctions at which he is looking have been reduced, by the americanist form of society, to their lowest levels ever reached, at any place on this planet or at any time in history. He does not know that their reduction to a further minimum is directly dependent on, and proportional to, the freedom of individuals from government paternalism. Many socialists never learn this, despite the clear and irrefutable evidence of all historical experience. Those who do, and remain socialists, carefully keep this knowledge from their young nibblers at the communist bait.

Even less does the idealistic young man know that socialism itself, far from eliminating poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinctions, will inevitably increase them all. He is given no warning that socialist plans automatically require an increasing regimentation of individual lives, which does not and cannot stop short of actual slavery of the citizen to the state. These facts, too, the socialists are careful to hide from him. Indeed, all but the most hardened among them are equally careful to keep these facts well hidden beyond the range of their own conscious attention.

Who See Only The Stars . . .

So this idealistic young man becomes convinced that socialism offers not only a way, but the only way, to bring about the brave new world of which he has a vision. He accepts the term communism as meaning socialism in its ultimate and most beneficial form. He is led to believe that Communists are the most sincere and praiseworthy of all those who profess to be socialists. For only the Communists are willing to dedicate their lives to the active fight to establish a world-wide collectivist Utopia. He is daily taught that the noblest plans are thwarted and delayed only by the willful selfishness of those who exploit their fellow men in a capitalistic system; of those who gain personal advantages from the poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinctions caused by their exploitations. So he comes at last to accept the Communist doctrine, that any means are justified in order to impose a communist organization of society on the whole world for its own good.

By this time the idealistic young man, his soul suffused with a thrilling glow of self-abnegation and self-submersion into a great cause, has become merely a cog in the Communist machine. More and more do action, discipline, and the momentum of the machine displace deliberation in his consciousness. He learns under relentless pressures to be ever more resolute and "realistic", in accepting and carrying out duties assigned to him in furtherance of Communist aims. Finally even treason and murder become methods to condone, or virtuous actions to be performed, when they serve the needs of a crusading army which is marching on to total and glorious victory. To him Communism has now become a fervent and overpowering religion, requiring unquestioning faith on the part of its devotees, and ruling out all other loyalties.

The Lonely Hearts . . .

2. Another attraction of Communism depends on the basic lonesomeness of so many individuals. The Communist program not only gives meaning and purpose, however criminal, to lives which otherwise would be empty of both. It gives a sense of belonging, of sharing the comradeship and objectives and total strength of a vast army of fellow soldiers, to individuals who otherwise would feel lost and alone and unwanted.

There is a need in each human spirit to be a part of something greater

than one's self, to lessen the futility of an egocentric existence by doing something that is important to a group. The feeling is present in all of us, and very strong in many. Throughout America today this need accounts for billions of hours of work on the part of millions of individuals in tens of thousands of voluntary associations, clubs, societies, and organizations of every conceivable variety. But the Communists make far more capital for themselves out of this instinctive behavior than any other group. They do so by their unceasing reiteration of the glories of their cause, by the extensiveness of their disciplined direction of an individual's efforts, and by the consciousness which they instill into each convert of the vastness and power of the organization to which he now belongs. Membership in the Communist Party, or adherence to its organizational hive, is more demanding, more exclusive of other interests, and of far more significance in its impact on the individual's own life, than any other loyalty that individual may assume anywhere in the world today—with the single exception of devotion to fundamentalist Christianity. For this very reason a consuming loyalty to the Communist movement is the most satisfying burial of self in something larger that—again excepting fundamentalist Christianity—our contemporary world can offer. It is tragic but true that many a miserable free man is changed by Communism into a happy slave.

Big Snobs With Little Equipment . . .

3. A very important appeal of Communism, not nearly so deserving of sympathy as those discussed above, is to the intellectual snobbishness of the sophomoric mind. There is nobody as fond of the adulation of the "intellectuals" as the pseudo-intellectual who has acquired the jargon, without the knowledge, of ideological scholarship. Being treated by these "intellectuals" as one of them, and hence as superior to the bourgeois herd of Philistines, is the greatest thrill an addlepated "liberal" can enjoy. And the real Communist scholars, unlike those in any other field, are willing to go along with and encourage the pretensions of a superficial phoney, if their doing so serves any Communist purpose.

Frequently it does. For such an individual, through inherited wealth, or high political position within the family, or the possession of a famous name, or through some other fortuitous means, may be able to supply prestige or money or influence to Communist friends and to Communist enterprises. In that case even the most deeply learned of the Communists are entirely willing to put their tongues in their cheeks, cross their fingers, and lead their patron to believe that he is a reincarnated combination of Plato, Hypatia, and John Stuart Mill.

Many of these victims of flattery, especially in the upper social or political levels, do not join the Communist Party or actually become Communists in any technical sense. For Communism is a serious business. There is nothing the Communists can afford less, or dislike more, than to be made to look ridiculous. And half-baked exhibitionists as prominent

—or as conspicuous—as Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Wallace, and William O. Douglas, would not be wanted as Party members. But many a gain for the Communist side, in the Cold War game, has been made by such players, who either didn't know or didn't care that they were carrying the ball for the Kremlin's team. They were too constantly puffed up and exhilarated by all the applause and mental back-slapping from real members of that team.

And Just Little Snobs . . .

At the lower levels, however, men who bask in the fellowship and flattery of people whom they inwardly regard as their intellectual superiors—and also as their superiors in daring, initiative, and leadership—are to be found in almost every Communist cell. The likelihood that they will make laughing stocks out of themselves, in any way that would reflect ridicule on Communist activities, is minimized. It is taken care of by the same discipline and detailed supervision that turns these would-be eggheads into useful work horses for the Communist Party. A great many of the half-educated pedants of the academic cloisters, in particular, belong in this classification. They join, or affiliate themselves with, the Communists, because their acceptance into such "progressive" circles gives reassuring external support to their false show of scholarly standing—which otherwise is not convincing even to themselves.

The Green Sickness . . .

4. Since the academic world supplies so much more than its proportionate share of American Communists, the above discussion leads easily into the next compartment of motivation. The label over that compartment is "Envy." College faculties are not the only source of men who are made Communists by envy, of course. Also, many other motives besides envy, or on top of envy, play their part in making Communists out of Phi Beta Kappas. But "operation envy" is simpler to explain and easier to understand in connection with collegiate raw material than any other. We'll develop our argument through an illustration.

John Jones and Bob Brown were classmates in the liberal arts college of Ivy University. When they graduated, John stood third from the top of his class, Bob stood third from the bottom. Today, twenty years later, Dr. John Jones is making seven thousand dollars per year as an associate professor of history at Siwash College. Mr. Robert Brown is making forty thousand dollars per year as vice-president in charge of sales of the Siwash Soapsuds Company. To the professor this is conclusive evidence of the injustice of a capitalistic society.

For Dr. Jones not only has much the more brilliant mind of the two. He is well aware of that fact. Also, he has applied that mind diligently in his profession. Whatever there is to know about history, he knows it; and what he doesn't know isn't knowledge. He has an adequate familiarity

with the fundamentals of literacy in many other fields. He is conscious and proud of having acquired that honest scholarship through hard work, done by a good brain. Mr. Brown, on the other hand, hasn't read a book since *Forever Amber* was all the rage. His intellect is only fair, and the idea of using it for anything more recondite than how to deal in commodity futures would strike him as absurd. Yet Brown is president of the Siwash Country Club, while Jones cannot afford to be a member.

And The Wrong Cure . . .

Over the years, while this difference in financial status was evolving, Dr. Jones succumbed to increasing bitterness towards a sociological system that made such a difference possible. He resented the importance and the unfairness (as he saw it) of the money rewards as bestowed by a capitalistic society. He longed for a world in which money had either been abolished altogether, or had been relegated to a role inferior and auxiliary to that of ration coupons, allocations, permits and favors issued by governments. And Dr. Jones was a man who followed his resentments and theories to what seemed to him to be their clearly indicated destination. He became a Communist.

Of course Professor Jones overlooked many things in his comparative appraisal of the efforts, the contribution to society, and the rewards of Salesmanager Brown and himself. Chief among them was the fact that he had chosen an academic career because of his distaste for, or unwillingness to engage in, the competitive struggle for financial success. Jones loved books and learning more than business and a larger pay check. It was his privilege to follow that preference. But to quarrel with the price put on his labors and accomplishments, by a free-market economy, was to set up his own egocentric sense of values as superior to that which automatically represented the total consensus of his fellow Americans. To follow his sense of values *for himself* was praiseworthy; to insist that everybody else accept it too was sophomoric arrogance.

In the second place, Dr. Jones is pleased with himself that he has never subjected *his* personality to the "vulgar" demands of salesmanship. He is proud of his solid standing in the cap-and-gown fraternity; of the respect for his learning on the part of his peers; and of many rewards which have come his way, of a kind that he doesn't think Brown would even understand. He considers the publication of his one book so far as a much more satisfying and important form of recognition of his worth than Brown's larger pay check; and he admits his presidency of the regional Association of Historians is a far more substantial honor than Brown's presidency of the country club. Yet he covets all that Brown has too.

Finally, Dr. Jones had never evaluated, nor even become aware of, the most significant terms in his equation. In order to reach a job at

forty thousand dollars per year, in competition with other men after the same goal, Bob Brown had given of himself, in efforts more determined and in ways more demanding than John Jones ever dreamed. Jones feels virtuous because *he preferred* to avoid the strains and exactions of a competitive business existence. He doesn't realize that maybe Brown would have *preferred* to avoid them, too. But Brown considered the forty thousand per year, and such incidental returns as being president of the country club, as worth the cost out of his life and peace of mind. He may have been wrong, but the choice was his—just as Jones' choice was his own. And Brown, in the course of meeting the competition which he thus chose to face, helped the productive American economy to make available to Jones, at prices which even Jones could afford, the clothes on his back, the refrigerator in his kitchen, the car he drives, and even the books which he reads.

But Dr. Jones doesn't understand the processes through which he obtained these comforts in exchange for what he offered, nor Brown's part in those processes which made him worth forty thousand dollars per year to his firm and to the productive economy. Jones wants to have his cake and eat it too. This is something which the Communists promise to all fools who will listen, and especially to fools with a doctor's degree. And they obtain converts on the strength of these promises, despite the oft proved fact that in a socialist society both Jones and Brown get less cake, either to have or to eat, than in any other.

Tugwell Turns A Phrase . . .

We are not primarily concerned here, however, with the fallacy of the reasoning, or the unfairness of the individuous comparisons, which made Dr. Jones a Communist. We have wished merely to illustrate how envy serves as a Communist tool. Skillfully used by dedicated hands, it molds many a lukewarm prospect into an ardent member of the Party. And envy itself is only one model of the psychological tool called hatred, which is found in every Communist work box.

For hatred is a very powerful emotion among human beings. In the early days of the New Deal, Rexford Tugwell emphasized the importance of bitterness—toward capitalism and capitalists—in the campaign to bring about those social changes advocated by himself and his fellow "liberals". He urged the faithful to spur themselves on "by an energizing hatred".

The driving force in the whole life and philosophy of Karl Marx was hatred—of everybody who was not as foul as himself. (Which was quite a large order, as the reader may easily verify by studying the details of Marx's personal life.) Hatred was the one, and the decisive, contribution of Lenin to the mood of the Russian Revolution of 1917, whereby he converted it into the October Bolshevist Revolution and a Communist strike for power. We find countless exhibits of the same brand of sulphurous hatred coming to the surface in contemporary America, as in the

desecrative utterances of Milton Mayer or the obscene blasphemies of Langston Hughes.

Both Seed And Harvest . . .

Hatred, of the laborer for his boss, of colored people for their white neighbors and vice-versa, of Protestants for Catholics—wherever there is a climate in which it can be cultivated, hatred is both a product of Communist effort and a necessity of Communist progress. Sowing the seeds of such hatred and nourishing the crop is the constant work of many thousands of busy Communist minds and hands, both trained to make the greatest possible use out of every tragic opportunity. One result of all this fomentation of hatred is the continuous recruitment of additional workers, attracted to the trouble-making by a sympathetic feeling for its ostensible aims. These recruits range from Negro tenant farmers to the presidents of great universities. And identically the same envy or hatred of their fellow men, whom they consider better treated than themselves by the American system, may be the most powerful impulse to the acceptance of Communism on the part of both.

Involuntary Captives . . .

5. But not all Communists become such by persuasion and indoctrination. Many are driven into the fold by blackmail, terrorism, and other forms of coercion. The ordinary reader will say to himself: "Oh, sure. Unfortunately some men are undoubtedly driven by such methods to carry out Communist orders, or even to work on their own initiative to advance Communist causes. They never turn into real Communists, however; and they are always ready to break away from their Communist associations at the first opportunity." This conclusion would be correct in some cases, but in a great many it would not.

Mr. X, when quite young, drank too much one night, got into a brawl in the local tavern, killed a man in the fight which developed, and served three years in the penitentiary for manslaughter. On leaving prison he went to another city, where nobody knew anything about him or his past, started over, and has led an exemplary personal life ever since. He went to a law school in the new city, passed the bar, began the practice of law, got married, had two children, and, at the age of thirty-one or -two, was struggling along like most of us to "get ahead" in the world.

Primarily as a result of his undergraduate days in an Ivy League college, Mr. X was a "liberal" in local politics, but only to the extent that was currently fashionable. Suddenly, out of a blue sky, he was offered a job in our State Department in Washington. The offer seemed to be solely the result of his friendship for another and more prominent lawyer in the town. It was made to sound entirely plausible to Mr. X by the kind interest of this importantly-connected fellow liberal in Mr. X's career, and by complimentary comments concerning Mr. X's special fitness for the

position. These comments also conveyed a reasonable expectation of rapid advancement in government work. Mr. X accepted the appointment, with a few secret regrets about his hidden past, but without any suspicion that the Communists already had him and that past under their untiring observation.

Become Enthusiastic Converts . . .

In Washington Mr. X did "get ahead" in the State Department. He discovered early that the more he leaned to the left, the more favorably he was regarded by those associates and superiors who were paying the most attention to him, and the more his responsibilities increased. Also, he was encouraged to "liberalize" his views still further by the strength and unanimity of the "liberalism" around him. Caught up in the flood of "enlightened democracy" and one-worldism at work, Mr. X found it a thrilling and happy experience to float along on so benign a wave.

Then a crisis arose. Mr. X found that he was expected to do something, or to take a position, which was so "liberal" that, even to his now slanted sensibilities, it bordered on treason. He rebelled, reluctantly but firmly. And that brought a gentle but equally firm awakening. Mr. X was led, politely and affectionately, to see that a "reactionary" could not be allowed to block the wheels of humanitarian progress, even if his past had to be revealed to get him out of the way of those wheels. He could take his choice. He could be smeared as a jailbird, and tossed out of his job as a "fascist traitor" to the cause of true democracy. Or he could continue to work and advance as a member of the noble brotherhood of courageous forward-looking, dedicated souls, who were striving to bring justice and peace and equality and democracy to the whole world. Disturbed, but wishing to be convinced, Mr. X went along with the noble brotherhood.

From that point on the screws gradually tightened on the sides of the trough in which Mr. X moved forward. But so long as he didn't try to jump out of that trough his progress became even faster and more assured. He soon realized the real terms of the two courses open to him. One was to fight an organization which, as he already saw, was too well entrenched and too insidiously powerful for him to make any impression against it. The other was to do the bidding of that organization; to let himself become ever more closely allied in aims and in spirit with its members and dupes; and thus to reap all the rewards of increasing power, prestige, and remuneration which that organization could throw his way. In due course Mr. X wound up as a full-fledged and consecrated Communist, doing his important part to advance the purposes of the international Communist conspiracy — and giving as much of his energy as directed to bringing other prospects along exactly the same path that he himself had followed.

And The Victims Are Varied . . .

It is not only in every branch of the American government that black-

mail pressures of this kind have been used, and are being used effectively today, by the hard-core Communists. Skillfully adjusted versions of the same basic mechanism are at work in our educational world, scientific world, and every area of public influence and authority. Nor is it only the man with a jail term behind him who is the victim of such smooth coercion. The stick for resistance and the carrot for submission are employed very cleverly, complementing each other, on many a poor soul who has been trapped into wearing the Communist harness.

We took Mr. X for our illustration simply because this article is dealing with the question of why "normal" people become Communists. In actual fact the blackmail approach is most widely and profitably used by the Kremlin's agents on brilliant men who have the extreme misfortune to be homosexuals. Such men seem to gravitate almost automatically into government service. They have a built-in and fundamental predisposition to resent the accepted standards and beliefs of our society. They also have, always over their heads, a threat of personal disgrace far more disturbing than the record of a jail sentence. So these unfortunate individuals become easy putty for molding by Communist techniques into disciplined and devoted members of the Party. Also, because of the introvert brilliance of their minds, and their obsessive desire for success and public recognition to counterbalance a guilt-consciousness that is ever with them, they develop into some of the most high-placed and potent Communists in any government. For these reasons it is not too surprising or unusual to find one of these agents of the conspiracy smoothly and subtly promoting its aims, as a high functionary of our State Department or as the administrative head of some great international organization.

"Most Flagrant Of The Passions" . . .

6. This brings us logically to the next classification, which consists of those who are converted into Communists by the appeal of the carrot, without any brandishing of a stick being necessary. And the most effective carrot — especially for the ruthlessly ambitious spirits whom the Communists wish most to have on their side — is the promise of personal power.

In Russia, since Stalin consolidated his dictatorship and liquidated all of the old Bolsheviks along with whatever idealistic revolutionary fervor still remained; in China almost from the very beginning of the Communist drive; in most other countries since Stalin's control over international Communism became virtually complete; everywhere, for the past two decades, the sheer lust for power has been the primary motivation of those who achieved high standing in the Communist "aristocracy". What has been presented to the world as a revolutionary movement based on ideological considerations, and what is still so presented to the outside masses and to millions of its own proletariat today, long ago degenerated in fact into a plain conspiracy of gangsters.

So the cunning man without conscience, in any country, who sees in

the whole vast Communist apparatus the opportunity and means of achieving power over others, may join the Party for that ultimate purpose. The more clearly he sees from the very beginning that the Party's ideological pretenses are merely a sham and a weapon, so far as those in the top ranks are concerned, the more rapidly he advances within the hierarchy. In time he benefits at the level of baron, earl, or prince, from all the labor of the serfs at the bottom of the Communist organizational pyramid. And whatever his position at any given moment, in this unconfessed but rigid order of ascending privilege and power, he never ceases scheming and striving to climb higher still.

Even As Gould And Capone . . .

In the United States of the nineteenth century such men would have set out to acquire this desired power through amassing great wealth by almost any means. Some of them still do. A generation ago men like Al Capone went into the rackets. Some of them still do. Twenty years ago men of the same type went into the lush fields of mushrooming labor unionism. Many still do. But increasingly over the past two decades men with this lust for power have gone into the vastly more expansive racket of imposing a secret Communist gangsterism on all the rest of America.

There are differences, of course. The earlier racketeers were willing to use *almost* any means to accomplish their ends. The Communists use *any* means, without qualification. The power of these earlier overlords was less tangible but more visible than that of their Communist counterparts. In America today, for obvious reasons, the most powerful and successful Communists are the secret ones, whom the public — and most of their Communist underlings — do not even suspect of having Communist sympathies. The fact that their power is exercised behind the scenes, and that their authority and standing are known only to an inner circle, apparently adds to the thrill for men with minds of a certain type.

But the differences fade away before the likenesses, in the paths and aims that have been pursued — with one exception. Because of the importance attached to the ideological argument, in the arsenal of Communist weapons, education and suavity are of far more value to the ambitious Communist than they ever were to the buccaneering financier, to the Tommy-gun gangster, or to the boss of a hoodlum battalion in some so-called labor union. So the Communist racket has attracted far better educated, more deceptive, and hence more dangerous men, to its ranks. Then, out of these lower ranks, the *most* cunning, *most* ruthless, and *most* dangerous have risen to be its leaders.

"The Way To Promotion And Pay" . . .

7. Finally we come to the pure opportunist. Here is the man who does not consciously chart the course of his own future. But he does want always to float with, instead of to struggle against, the current. And he is keen enough to sense the direction of the current, even in waters that seem placid

to the less shrewd observer. It is a frightening fact that he and his kind now probably constitute the largest single source of converts to Communism — or at least to an actively sympathetic attitude towards Communists — as more and more "wise guys", even in America, become convinced that Communism really is "the wave of the future."

Whether these contemporary vicars of Bray are correct as to the ultimate total victory of the side they have chosen remains to be seen. But the evidence of their wisdom, as to the immediate practical and material results of their betrayal of both country and civilization, is visible on every hand. To pay off, this betrayal does not even have to be active or premeditated; it can be passive, or unintentional, or both. So strong and all-pervasive has now become the Communist influence and the secret Communist strength in this country, that you do not even have to be pro-Communist to reap the rewards of Communist favor. All you have to do, for the ubiquitous wheels of this conspiracy to start turning on your behalf, is to be visibly and vigorously anti-antiCommunist. You fight to put down the enemies of the Communists, and they will fight, in dozens of ways which you cannot see and may not suspect, to lift you up.

The adherents to the anti-antiCommunist line range all the way from active participants in the Communist conspiracy to good patriots who are honestly duped into belittling the menace of that conspiracy. But all benefit from following it.

For Example . . .

Isn't it arguable, for instance, that Nathan Pusey's bitter opposition to McCarthy was an important factor in having him chosen as president of Harvard University? Or that General Zwicker's promotion in rank was largely due to the same influences at work behind the scenes? These influences wanted not only to reward Zwicker for his testimony, protecting the protectors of Communists; they wanted the whole American public to see that such acts of anti-antiCommunism *would be* rewarded.

Does anybody believe that Dore Schary's leanings to the left did not materially aid his meteoric career in Hollywood? Or that Drew Pearson's column would be syndicated in as many newspapers today, if he had not done such a grand job in the past of making trouble for those who made trouble for the Communists? Or that Walter Reuther would already have such tremendous and growing power in the American labor movement, if he had not once written a letter glorifying Soviet Russia and urging an equally glorious form of society for the United States?

And In Reverse . . .

The other side of the coin has the stamp of the same regime. Does anybody think that George Meany's standing and future in the AFL-CIO have not been seriously damaged by, or will not gradually be undermined because of, his outspoken opposition to international Communism? Or that John O'Donnell's syndicated column has not been turned down by news-

papers — even good newspapers which would really like to carry it — because of his known intolerance for traitors in our midst? Or that Corinne Griffith's movie career was not hurt by her crusading speeches in opposition to Communist doctrines? Or that General Kirk Lawton's retirement was not forced as a result of his patriotic effort to help in the exposure of Communists under his command at Fort Monmouth? Or that so brilliant a teacher and sound a scholar as Felix Wittmer would not long ago have become the president of some university but for his anti-Communist lectures and books?

Enough specific illustrations of Communist favor and disfavor at work, in every field of American opportunity, could be given to fill many magazines the size of this one. But the benefits of fellow-traveling for profit — unintentional or otherwise — are only presented as background for the real point of this section. We are concerned here with those members of our society, with great cleverness and little conscience, who observe the unfailing effectiveness of Communist hands pulling countless strings. They carry their analysis of the significance of this observation to its logical conclusion. Guided by that conclusion, they go all of the way into membership in, or affiliation with, the Communist Party.

No List Can Be Complete . . .

This catalogue of reasons why people become Communists is by no means comprehensive. We have, for instance, barely touched the edge of the thinking expressed by "if you can't lick 'em, join 'em." The target most vulnerable to this shaft is the very man who sets out most energetically to fight the Communists. He gradually finds, on digging in, that they are so much more insidiously penetrating every cranny of our collective existence, and are already so much further advanced, than he had ever dreamed. He succumbs to a feeling of hopelessness over the blind complacency of his fellow citizens, and over their unwillingness even to take an honest look at the flood creeping up around them.

It is all right to say, and it is true, that a man who goes over to the enemy for such a reason didn't have the right stuff in him in the first place. But it is certainly no secret after these thousands of years that the "stuff" in individual human beings varies a great deal. It is also no secret that most of the readers of this page can name a man, once holding a high position in American political life and highly respected for his firm opposition to the schemes of the Left, who is now ardently wielding a whitewash brush for his pro-Communist and Communist pals. He was badly beaten by the Communists — working through the usual "liberal" front — so he went over to their side. And he is merely one example of these defectors because of despair.

Then there is the phony reason, given by the Communists themselves, and even more noisily shouted by their gullible "liberal" stooges, that men become Communists as a result of their own poverty and illiteracy. The

truth is that the over-educated man in highly industrialized and prosperous America is a far easier prey to Communist arguments than the most miserably poor and illiterate peasant of non-industrialized Asia. The more poverty-stricken and more ignorant the population of any country or any area may be, the more completely do the Communists have to depend on force and terrorism — with less help from an ideological fifth column — to impose their police-state rule. Our humanitarian instincts make us wish very much to see the standards of living and of literacy raised in all the poorer nations of the world — but not as a means of saving those nations from Communism. It takes at least a little learning and a little leisure to make the Communist sophistry a dangerous thing.

And The Motives Combine . . .

There are other reasons, both real and imaginary, for the steady influx into the Communist camp. But we believe our list includes the most important. We have presented these appeals and motivations which make men Communists, however, as if each one acted alone; as if each appeal was successful only if the right type of "persuasion" was applied to exactly the matching susceptibility in a prospect for the Party. And of course this is not the case.

With the single exception of the man who is propelled by pure idealism alone, into a foul conspiracy which he mistakes for a self-sacrificing brotherhood, every convert to Communism has been pulled into the fold by a combination of reasons and arguments of varying proportions. Nor do the indoctrination, persuasion, and coercion ever stop, even after he has become a veteran Party member. Only the very clearminded, the very brave, and the very determined, ever break completely out of the web that binds them, once they have put themselves within its toils.

And so, year by year and month by month, the Communist flood rises. Especially do the secret members of the Communist conspiracy — which outweigh the open members in America, in both numbers and importance, by at least ten to one — increase their permeation of our whole social body. They go about their daily business or professional jobs, and their social and civic undertakings, exactly as do you and I, with nothing outward to distinguish them from loyal citizens. But the power and reach of their cumulative effort are visible on every hand, in the results they steadily achieve. You merely have to look each New Year's Day at how much closer the United States is to becoming a Communist nation than it was a year before, at how much closer the whole world is to becoming a Communist empire, to realize how unmistakably and steadily the Communists are winning their Cold War everywhere. They are winning it in, among other places, the press, the pulpit, the radio and television media, the labor unions, the schools, the courts, and the legislative halls of America. They expect to go on winning it while most of us refuse to believe that, in our country, anybody but a few crackpots ever become Communists. We had better start believing — fast — the overwhelming evidence of our sense and our senses.

TAX REFORM TO STRENGTHEN AMERICA

by

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On December 5, 1957 William J. Grede, Chairman of the NAM Taxation Committee, made a powerful speech on the need of tax reform, before the Congress Of American Industry. With his permission we have condensed that speech, in order to give our readers the core of its message.

IN THE ADULT lives of many here, there has been little but a series of emergencies, first domestic and then foreign and at times the two combined. The psychology of crisis has dominated our existence.

After the cessation of the Korean War we had four years in which to get our bearings on some difficult national issues which diminish the vitality of our free economic society. Then came Sputniks 1 and 2. This restored the psychology of crisis and converted pressing domestic problems to second-grade news. But at this time we need perspective — perspective not so much on the strength of the Russian thrust for supremacy in space as on ourselves and our way of life. How strong are the ramparts of our free society?

The space-missile problem is out in the open. The determination to catch up, if we are behind, and never lose this race, is not a partisan matter. We have no recourse but to allocate all needed manpower, facilities, and funds to this important task. But whenever the psychology of crisis invades our nation, every group which sups at the public trough tries to ride its coattails. More public spending becomes the universal cure-all for real or fancied problems. So these groups shout for virtually unlimited extravagance without regard to its effect on our dynamic freedom. Tax reduction next year is out of the question, they say — as if high taxes were all that was needed to save the free world!

It Doesn't Follow . . .

But let us not be befuddled, this time. We may have let the Soviets get a start on us, but this does not add up to a crisis in public spending. The funds budgeted for missiles in the current fiscal year are less than three percent of the total budget; and no authority has projected a figure for next year much higher than four percent of the budget. Economies in civilian activities, and in obsolete and wasteful military activities, could more than make up for any and all increases in the rate of spending on missiles.

Because we have so much greater total technological and productive capacity, we are shocked to find a Soviet breakthrough in any one field.

But are we to ricochet from one breakthrough to another, trying to tag their individual successes, while neglecting or misunderstanding the eroding forces which impair and undermine our strength?

I submit to you that the psychology of crisis which has swept over us since Sputniks 1 and 2 has missed the point. The threat to us is not that we will be annihilated from space, but that we will be annihilated by forfeiture of the ramparts of freedom. This is the problem we need to get out in the open. Here is where we need perspective.

It's Their Poison, But We Drink It . . .

We like to attribute to the Soviet Union the weaknesses of Karl Marx's model for social organization, but how blind can we be? Where in Russia is the dictatorship of the proletariat? Where in Russia is the principle of "to each according to his needs, from each according to his ability?" Where in Russia is the leveling-down process of confiscatory income taxation?

Is not the Marx model more evident in America than in Russia? We have no dictatorship of the proletariat, either. But we have a government that does things, in the name of the people, which are designed more to get votes than to serve the people. We have elevated the "rights of man" to a high order, and relegated his responsibilities to the limbo of forgotten causes. By government fiat and government-supported monopoly force, we have attempted to lift man up by his bootstraps, until he looks to government and his union instead of to his own efforts to provide his economic well-being. While we have still paid lip service to the dignity of human effort and achievement, we have erected and retained a tax system which — adopted from Marx's model — makes a mockery of individual man's effort to better himself. The harder a man works and the more he earns, the less his efforts mean to him.

Excessive rates of income tax, and especially the steeply rising progressive rates of the individual income tax, are the most socializing agent in our midst. We have more to fear from this foreign agent than we do from Sputniks. A totalitarian society can benefit from doses of incentives identified with the free way — as Russia has shown. But the free way has nothing to gain and everything to lose by doses of socialism in any form.

Some Specific Effects . . .

Take education — there the root of the problem of educational finance is the Federal income tax system. The excessive rates inhibit the willingness and cripple the ability of state and local governments to provide fully for educational needs. Also, during a period when it could have been expected that more and more citizens would donate more freely to private education, it is these same high rates that have prevented the accumulations out of which such giving would come.

Some educators have supported the tenets of steep progression. But more and more of them are recognizing that tax exploitation of the capable

and the productive results in less for everyone, including Education. We hope educators will join in the counter-attack against this greatest socializing agent of all. In time, then, America will reap a rich reward in a better educational system, and in unbeatable strength throughout the whole range of science and technology.

As to economic growth, we like to think of the post World War II era as one long continuous boom. But whom are we kidding? The Russians? Actually, after fifteen years of depression and war in which net new capital formation was negligible, we have succeeded in growing at an annual rate only roughly that of the sixty years preceding the depression. We haven't even made up for lost time, much less moved on to the heights of which an advanced economy of free men is capable. Now the fact that the forces of growth are slowing down does not even rate mention in the news as a factor in the race with Russia for world leadership and survival.

Here is what the Monthly Letter of the First National City Bank has to say in its November issue: "Could anyone seriously expect the economy to keep growing in this kind of a strait jacket? Uncorrected, the present steep progression of rates will gradually suffocate the economy as a whole, just as it is already suffocating opportunities and incentives for the gifted individual."

What To Do About It . . .

But this is not a time for futility and despair in regard to the socialization of our land through Marxist taxation. Now of all times is when we should, we must, face up to the fact of this cancerous growth and make a mighty effort to get it out of our system.

All tax legislation is initiated in the House Ways and Means Committee, which is now composed of fifteen Democrats and ten Republicans. Two members of this Committee, Antoni N. Sadlak, Republican of Connecticut, and A. H. Herlong, Jr., Democrat of Florida, have introduced an identical bill — the first thorough-going legislative program for reform of the income tax rate structure since the rates started their upward movement twenty-five years ago. Such reform is possible only on a bipartisan basis; and it was on this basis that Rep. Herlong introduced his bill, following the earlier one introduced by Rep. Sadlak.

These great statesmen not only took a step which none before them had taken. They documented the case for their bills in two remarkable explanatory statements, so strong and convincing that their case has not been and cannot be rebutted. The pending legislation has been commented on, favorably and hopefully, in the press throughout this land. Hundreds of organizations have already endorsed the bill, and explanatory literature has been widely distributed. Every citizen should now be familiar with this legislative program — and if you are not I urge that you become so.

As we look at economic indices, pointing to an adjustment — mild or severe, as you choose — I can think of no action that would take the brakes

off the productive forces in America more surely than tax reform along those lines. It would also, in fact, lead to more government revenue rather than less, in the years ahead. And the stage is set, if we do not let the spenders deter us.

The Honorable Jere Cooper, Democrat of Tennessee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has announced thirty-day public hearings on this bill, to begin on January 7. These are not run-of-the-mill hearings. This is the first opportunity offered to taxpayers and their organized groups, in ten years, to come in and talk about the impact of excessive discriminatory income tax rates on the vitality and health of our free economic system. It is an opportunity to support the program for rate reform introduced by Representatives Sadlak and Herlong. And we must take full advantage of this opportunity which Chairman Cooper has offered to us.

In The Long Run . . .

I am not a pessimist about the supremacy and survival of the free way. Russia has its Achilles heel, and America has its secret weapon, and they are one and the same thing — the priceless factor of free competition, which we possess and they do not.

In Russia, no lash of the whip, and no aping of the free way in regard to incentives, can over the long range overcome the stultifying hand of centralization — which means the absence and unavailability of the catalyst of competition. No centralized direction of industry can successfully contest the strength of private competitive enterprise, if such enterprise is really free — and not burdened with socialist rot. But the use of the taxing power as a social instrument is most destructive of man's willingness and capacity for competition. It is the very root of socialism.

The danger confronting the nation is not Soviet missiles nor Sputniks — it is that we will allow spectacular Russian shows to postpone urgently needed tax reform. Moderation of the excessive and discriminatory income tax rates is essential to the maintenance, to the improvement and expansion, of American industry. It is thus vital to our ability to defend ourselves. Russia does not so much fear our ability to produce Sputniks and missiles, but rather the dynamic power of a free industrial society. If the launching of Sputnik causes us to destroy our free economy, the Russians will have accomplished their mission.

The contest with the Russians will be a long one. Over that long run, whether we are a few months ahead or behind them in space and missile technology will be of little significance. Whether we restore the incentives and free play of economic forces, and break the destructive chains of socialist taxation, will have much greater bearing on the ultimate outcome. Free men will survive if they accept all the responsibilities and obligations of freedom, as well as its rewards.

BULLETS

The unsigned articles appearing in this magazine sometimes represent the views of the editor — and frequently of no one else.

Paraphrased From
Frank E. Masland, Jr.

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America is the only place in the world where a man can drive up with his own car to collect his unemployment insurance.

General Electric News

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Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction.

Matthew, VII, 13

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Signs on a church billboard in Omaha, Nebraska:

What is Hell?
Come in and hear our organist.

Western Tobacco Journal

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Leisure originally meant an opportunity to do something. It has come to mean an opportunity to do nothing.

Dr. Martin H. Fischer

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For the sin ye do by two and two ye must pay for one by one.

Kipling

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Peace will come to this earth when her peoples have as much as possible to do with each other; their governments the least possible.

Richard Cobden

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Organized labor still has special privileges and legal immunities that even kings and governments lost years ago.

Roscoe Pound

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Modern Republicanism—an elephant trying to make a jackass out of itself.

Probably A Bull Moose

When two men have charge of a horse, it is lean; when two men have charge of a boat, it leaks.

Chinese Proverb

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The older a man gets, the better he could swim as a boy.

Charles Curran

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You may be on the right track, but you'll get run over if you just stand there.

Quoted by Russell and Ann Ackley

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All year long I scrimp and save and pinch pennies, and then you blow the whole thing in on your income tax.

Housewife, Reported In THIS WEEK

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It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

We Haven't Learned Yet

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You can't fool all of the people all of the time, but it isn't necessary. A majority will do.

Nor This One

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It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.

Bulwer

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I live for those who love me, for those
who know me true;
For the heaven that smiles above me,
and awaits my spirit too;
For the cause that lacks assistance, for
the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance, and the
good that I can do.

G. Linnaeus Banks

COLD FACTS ABOUT DISCRIMINATION

by

HUBERT KREGELOH

Gilding lilies is a silly occupation. But we cannot resist the temptation, in presenting so excellent an essay, to add one or two preliminary facts and comments of our own which COULD make its argument even stronger.

In 1821 the American Colonization Society selected a point on the African Coast, south of Sierra Leone, as an appropriate site for its first settlement of freed American Negro slaves. Between 1822 and 1828, along the coast near this point, a colony of these freed men was founded. It was named LIBERIA, from the Latin word LIBER, meaning FREE. Its capital was named Monrovia, for the then President of the United States, James Monroe. In 1847 these emigrants from America established their colony as an independent republic. Somewhat precariously since that time, and with much help from England, Germany, France, and the United States during the first decades of the present century, that independent republic has been preserved.

Because of the backward condition of Liberia's indigenous tribes — many of which until recently still practiced cannibalism—the original settlers who, even as slaves, had had prolonged contact with Western civilization, had many advantages over the natives. They and their descendants have been able to be of great service during the past 150 years, in bringing to their new country an increasing amount of industry, education, and other benefits of a more civilized political economy. And so, quite naturally, it is the descendants of those original American slaves who constitute, almost entirely, the business, professional, and cultural ruling classes of Liberia today.

Under these conditions, therefore, and in light of the historical background, Liberia is about the last place on earth where an idealist concerning human nature would expect to find the practice of RACIAL discrimination. But the idealist would be greatly surprised. Meditations stirred by the actual situation prompted one of our associate editors to write the following article.

DISCRIMINATION is one of those many words used daily and abused badly which became caught in the semantic embroglio of the past few decades. The perversion and contortion of our vocabulary is partly the result of ignorance and laziness. Our schools obviously no longer make Americans proficient in the use and comprehension of their own language, yet people try to include in their every-day conversation erudite-sounding words and phrases whose correct meaning they do not understand. Newspapers and magazines with re-

porters of questionable competence have also been major offenders, because people with little education tended to assume that the printed word was linguistically authoritative.

However, much of the perversion and contortion of the vocabulary has been deliberate. It has been practiced by political demagogues and by leftist intellectuals to break down traditions, patriotism and truth; to serve the objectives of creeping, alien social revolution; to deceive the people into believing that what these peddlers of poison brought was actually good and desirable. The appalling fact that even ministers of the Gospel lent their efforts to promoting Socialism and outright Communism under the fraudulent cloak of religion rendered these diabolical manipulations more effective. Thus, when people today talk about "democracy," "liberalism," "conservatism," even "labor" and "business," it is really necessary to ask for definitions to ascertain what they mean.

A Word Prostituted . . .

Many examples could be cited involving the terms just listed to explain the vast differences in definition and interpretation. Let us merely think of what the average American has in mind when he mentions "democracy," and what the Soviets and the Red Chinese mean when they apply the same word! However, this article intends to confine itself to the subject of discrimination. As a result of the factors listed before, "discrimination" has become a dirty word in our vocabulary, but there was a time when people understood that it could have another meaning. Among the meanings listed in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, we find: " . . . a mark of distinction; the quality of being discriminating; faculty of nicely distinguishing . . . " And the synonyms listed are: "discernment, penetration, distinction, acumen."

Thus, not long ago, people were flattered to be called "discriminating." They felt they were being recognized as individuals of culture and refinement who did not run with the herd, but were careful and particular in their choice of clothes, books, art, food, wines and *associates*. The advertisers of expensive merchandise catered to "discriminating" people. But recently the proprietor of a high-class restaurant changed his advertising of many years standing from "serving a *discriminating* clientele" to a "*discerning* clientele." He confided to friends that what with the noise over Little Rock, the Supreme Court, the NAACP and everything else, he didn't want to be misunderstood. This incident dramatizes the absurdity of the situation and the degree to which aggressive minorities already tyrannize the majority; a restaurateur is induced to change his advertising to placate the feelings of people who have been so busy looking for trouble and grinding axes that they haven't had time to familiarize themselves with the dictionary definitions of "discrimination."

A People Maligned . . .

At any rate, now that we've established that most Americans, under the influence of the liberal propaganda barrage, today accept the term "discrimination" as denoting solely something evil, let us see just how evil we are as a nation. The liberal bleeding hearts in this country, led by Generalissima Eleanor Roosevelt, a professional meddler, are always telling us how ashamed

we should be of all our sins — such as engaging in racial and other forms of discrimination — as the rest of the world is said to watch our shame with amazement and horror. Eleanor & Company inform us how disturbed our "friends" are in Asia and Africa when they hear about things like Little Rock — conveniently ignoring, of course, that not the citizens of Little Rock but the liberals in Washington promoted to an incident of international importance what would otherwise have been a purely local and temporary problem. Eleanor and the Americans For Democratic Action warn us darkly that we cannot qualify for leadership of the free world unless we mend our bad ways and cleanse ourselves of our sins. And you and I are supposed to hang our heads in shame.

To hear these liberal pontificators talk you gain two distinct and viciously wrong impressions — that conditions of discrimination in the United States are much worse than is actually true; and that no such thing as discrimination exists outside this country. The facts, of course, are altogether different. Discrimination is an entirely human phenomenon, encountered the world over among all races, nationalities, religions, classes and other groupings into which men are divided. And while discrimination can be reduced, the realistic observer knows there is an irreducible point beyond which not much can be accomplished. Any informed person knows that there is fantastically more class distinction today in the Soviet military and civilian structure than we have in the United States. Jawaharlal Nehru may comment in shocked tones about discrimination in our country, but Nehru is, among many unpleasant things, a hypocrite. For in his own India there is more, and more varied, medieval discrimination than can be found anywhere in the Western world. Significantly, the individuals and groups engaging in hostile discrimination in India have lived together since long before the appearance on the scene of the former colonial overlords from Britain, whereas in this country African Negroes, who had nothing whatever in common with the white population, were brought in relatively recently under the most unusual and unnatural circumstances imaginable.

For A Universal Fault . . .

Discrimination in the great majority of cases never erupts into violence, but that does not mean there is no discrimination. It is simply a fact that all over the world racial, national, religious and other majorities proceed to arrange things as they like them best, and resent aggressive minorities that would change whatever established order is involved. Thus to single out the United States for condemnation — which has become a sport among domestic and foreign liberals — is unfair and unintelligent in the extreme. Whatever selfish objectives may have motivated him, it is an historical fact that the white man from Europe introduced in the areas concerned a civilization and established an economy without which today sovereign states like India, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia and many others would not be possible. (See the recent complaint of one African nation that it was more backward than its neighbors because it had never had the benefits of colonialism!) And the white intellectual in the United States was heavily responsible for helping those peoples to obtain sov-

ereignty and termination of colonial rule once the time for such a step seemed ripe. Yet a white man going about legitimate business almost anywhere in Asia today is keenly aware of dislike and of discriminatory treatment.

In spite of the fact that Indonesia, for instance, has been the recipient of American foreign aid, owes its very existence as an independent state largely to United States policy, and badly needs all the economic support and know-how she can obtain, every American businessman familiar with that country will tell you how the Indonesian bureaucracy goes out of its way to make life miserable for an American trying to operate there. The result of the almost sadistic chicanery of the bureaucracy and the officially stirred-up population has been a mass exodus of American and European businessmen and companies even before the latest outrageous Communist-led excesses against Dutch firms and personnel.

Of Infinite Variations . . .

A Christian living in Israel would surely have reasons to complain about "discrimination" in several forms and would certainly find it imperative to comply with the customs and regulations of the Jewish majority. A white man living in the Negro Republic of Ghana also would have to adjust himself to many conditions he might not particularly appreciate, or get out. Active Protestants are likely to encounter all sorts of difficulties almost everywhere in Roman Catholic Spain and in certain sections of Portugal and Italy, plus areas in Latin America. By the same token, active Catholics might run into embarrassing social and professional situations in Protestant Scandinavia, and might find it virtually impossible to serve in any official capacity.

The dockworker isn't welcome at the Polo Club of the high society anywhere, and in an esoteric circle of professional army officers the humble civilian is made to feel uncomfortable . . . And so it goes. The examples of discrimination in one form or another the world over are almost endless. As noted earlier, most of it never erupts into violence and national headlines, but that does not alter the emotions and motives of the people involved. Violence is likely to break out when an aggressive minority, led by impatient and perhaps sinister men, seeks to impose itself and its ways upon an alarmed majority seeking to protect its traditional patterns and interests. Thus there may be trouble if a number of Negroes decide to move into an all-white neighborhood, regardless of the feelings of the residents, or if a white family is confronted with the possibility of their daughter's marrying a Negro. But there would also be trouble if an American Baptist on business in Spain met and wanted to marry the daughter of a Spanish ducal family steeped in the ancient and strict traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. And there would be trouble, undoubtedly culminating in violence, if a group of determined dockworkers, no matter how decent they might otherwise be, forced their way into the Polo Club and declared they wouldn't leave until they had been made members.

Worst Where Least Expected . . .

One was stimulated to think along these lines by a pertinent report on a situation which has developed in the Negro Republic of Liberia. The report appeared in the November 25th issue of

NEWSWEEK, under the heading "Racialism in Reverse." Actually racialism "in reverse" seems a little misleading. Rather, it is an example of that racial and of all other forms of discrimination which, as we have noted, simply exist everywhere. Nevertheless, the NEWSWEEK story should be widely quoted because it helps to underline how absurd it is for Eleanor Roosevelt and other leftist-liberals to talk incessantly as if, in the whole wide world, only the bad white Americans were guilty of discrimination.

The story, as reported in NEWSWEEK, concerns a man called Uwe Schoenig, who married a girl by name of Marion Nassau. For marrying the girl, Schoenig was fired from his job. The trouble was, said NEWSWEEK, that Miss Nassau, a pretty instructor at the University of Liberia, was a Negro, while Schoenig was a white man who had come from Germany to work for a German firm operating in the Negro Republic's capital of Monrovia. Schoenig was offered transportation back to Germany, but refused. All-powerful President William Tubman, in his annual address to the Liberian legislature, demanded a new law making it a criminal offense for a company to dismiss an employee after an inter-racial marriage — even if the company gives other reasons for the dismissal.

However, Mr. Schoenig's dilemma is actually overshadowed by the far more serious and widespread incidence of discrimination in Liberia reported in the same NEWSWEEK article — this having to do with discrimination practiced *by Negroes against Negroes.* President Tubman's real integration problems, wrote the magazine, lie not between whites and blacks but between the one thousand "American-Liberians," proud descendants of freed slaves who began landing on the West African coast in 1822, and an estimated two to four million others, largely illiterate and disease-ridden back-country tribesmen. The "civilized," as the American descendants are called, long suppressed the "uncivilized" and even sold them into slavery on such a scale that in 1930 the League of Nations went so far as to propose the abolishment of Liberia as a state unfit to govern itself responsibly. Tubman himself warned that anyone who discriminates against the "uncivilized" will be considered "an enemy of the state" and a "confirmed lunatic." Nevertheless, noted NEWSWEEK, "despite the new law the old hostilities are deep-seated."

With Elimination Always Difficult . . .

With only about one thousand white people in Liberia, there has been little racial trouble between whites and blacks, although the NEWSWEEK article pointed to the fact that even the government headed by President Tubman enforces a degree of racial discrimination. For instance, the German Schoenig, whose wedding was one of about twenty interracial marriages per year, is now in business in Monrovia for himself. However, as a white man he is under the law *barred from becoming a citizen* of Liberia.

These are conditions which the integration fanatics in this country might frightfully ponder. Mr. Schoenig married the Negro girl in spite of the difficulties and hostilities which he immediately encountered. He now has his own business in the Negro Republic. If the couple have children, these will be colored, and the parents will probably

decide that the children are better off in Liberia than they might be in white Germany. Thus Mr. Schoenig, for reasons which he considers good and valid, had made and will make certain far-reaching decisions which will steer his own future and that of his descendants into a pattern radically different from what it would have been had he never left Germany. Under these circumstances, he would very likely decide the proper thing to do is to become a Liberian citizen and share in all the responsibilities as well as privileges of citizenship, thus ending that status of insecurity which in most countries is the lot of those who remain aliens permanently. But there is *racial discrimination in the Negro Republic* of Liberia, and thus — unless at some time or other in the future the law is changed — Mr. Schoenig cannot become a citizen.

But The "Liberals" Never Learn . . .

This article was written for the benefit of ordinary Americans who would like to inform themselves and may at times be in danger of becoming confused by the unctuous propaganda of the intellectual Left. It was not written in any hope of impressing the professional "liberals". Their minds are made up; far from being truly liberal, they are vindictively intolerant of every opinion but their own; they do not wish to be confused by the facts; they are incorrigible. But the public should be made to realize how these "liberals" incessantly trumpet that *we* — always we — have a duty to do this and that and something else again, but when foreign nations fail to practice what these liberals tell us we must do . . . why, then, of course, we just don't talk about it! "Only a reactionary would be tactless enough to bring up such embarrassing truths!"

For

Alfred Noyes

As after Rome, now once again the drapes
Of ignorance and bigotry and lust
May close upon the scene. Insentient dust
Will bury the forgotten stage. And apes
Who know not man, his glory and his dreams,
His wish to be more worthy of his God,
Will stalk the earth and wield the brutal rod,
And stamp upon each tiny light that gleams.
Amid the dull collective monotone
Of universal serfdom will be lost
The memory of song and singer. Prone
And helpless, soon, upon the rubbish tossed,
Will die the Muse. Let us rejoice to own
This one great poet more before the holocaust.

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

by

EDWIN McDOWELL

To REVERSE the famous slogan of the *New Yorker,* this feature is not written for the Madison Avenue sophisticates. We shall have in mind the reader who is more interested in the content, slant, and public reception of the most important new books than in the cleverness of the reviewer. Consequently most of our comments will be as elementary as the Ten Commandments, as out-of-date as self-reliance, and as straightforward as simple truth. Doubtless we shall be laughed at by the "liberal" intellectuals, because many of our pronouncements will also be naive — as naive as the idea that two plus two still equals four.

The whole concept of this REVIEW is naive. Ambitious as Newton when he "took all knowledge to be his province" (but unlike him in any other respect), we shall try to make a bird's-eye survey of the complete book-publishing scene every month. The bird's eye will pay little attention to most of the popular fiction, for books like *Peyton Place* and *By Love Possessed* will hardly suffer from too little publicity in these pages. But we shall pause to discuss in each issue, for a varying number of lines or paragraphs, some ten to fifteen books which we think you might like to have brought to your notice. We shall even go behind the screen erected by the *New York Times Book Review,* the *Saturday Review Of Literature,* and their partners in public obfuscation, to point out worth-while books which have been "reviewed by omission."

Of course you will know what we personally think of each book, whether we merely tap it or wholly dissect it. But we shall try hard to be as objective and fair in each operation as our quotas of human nature and blank space make possible.

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Now we'll prove our rule, of dealing with new books only, by making an exception of the very first item. CONQUEST OF THE AMERICAN MIND (Meador Pub. Co., Boston), by Dr. Felix Wittmer, was published a year ago. But if you missed it, don't.

Dr. Wittmer examines with great clarity the "rotten spiritual and intellectual core" (of socialist creeps) which has infested our schools and infected our every-day life. He piles up fact after fact, to deliver a smashing indictment against those who—under the umbrella of "freedom", academic or otherwise—use our honored institutions and organizations for subversive purposes.

Dr. Wittmer knows firsthand what it is like to swim against the collectivist tide lapping around our ivory towers. After eleven years as a history professor at New Jersey State Teachers College, Montclair, he was forced to resign. E. Merrill Root wrote in *Collectivism On The Campus*: "Dr. Wittmer's ordeal by 'liberalism' occurred because he saw very early, and

pointed out, the threat of Soviet Communism—at a time when collaboration with it was the intellectual habit of the day."

That habit, this book makes clear, has steadily become more fixed and more malignant. From a small group of educators and agents, the collectivists (who gravitated mainly toward Columbia Teachers College), and the Communists (whose first choice was Harvard), have "in the course of twenty years turned thousands of teachers into the missionaries of their creed." With smooth tongues and slippery pens these mind-poisoners in pedagogue's clothing have done great harm to our country. Their Fabian dreams and Communist schemes are now firmly embedded in the minds of millions of Americans, for whom a republican form of limited government has become an out-moded concept.

Dr. Wittmer has compiled a great deal of evidence showing the liberal press at work, in a silent conspiracy to suppress books and articles by libertarian authors, while glorifying the brain-children of the Left. With encyclopedic detail he names persons and cites publications. He has shown a similar quicksilver-like conspiracy at its similar task, with regard to many other activities which determine America's thinking. His research has been masterfully organized, his conclusions are irrefutable, and the results of his efforts—are up to you.

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Russell Kirk, young dean of conservative thinkers in the United States, has written not one but two brilliant new books for Americanists.

THE AMERICAN CAUSE (Henry Regnery Company, Chicago) defends the social and moral principles on which our country was founded, and marshals these Christian moral beliefs in support of our free economic system. Mr. Kirk makes devastating use of the sword of logic to pierce the specious arguments of the collectivists. He also notes that "when men have lost their customed beliefs they seek a fanaticism that promises peace of body and mind, and often leads to Communism."

THE INTELLIGENT WOMAN'S GUIDE TO CONSERVATISM (Devin-Adair Co., N.Y.) explains the essence of conservative thought, and contrasts this viewpoint with that of "liberalism". Mr. Kirk describes a conservative as "a friend to religious belief, to national loyalty, to established rights in society, and to the wisdom of our ancestors." Though addressed to women (as a spoof of George Bernard Shaw's title, *The Intelligent Woman's Guide To Socialism*), this concise book is a godsend for anyone who wishes to understand the theory and evolution of present-day conservatism.

Both books should be required reading in every university in America. But Mr. Kirk is too direct, too logical, and too pro-American for his thought to be allowed to contaminate our campuses. An author who makes as much sense as Russell Kirk is usually proscribed by the Liberal Establishment as "controversial." It wouldn't do to let him upset the dear little socialist minds of the brain-washed sophomores.

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The *Chicago History Of American Civilization* is a projected series of books "which aims to enliven the historical literature, to invigorate it with judgments, and to enrich it with the best and most recent scholarship." Actually the series is a brazen yet queazy vindication of the socialistic state which has been imposed so subtly on our framework of government. Dean Acheson, George Catlett Marshall, and Alger Hiss become the heroic defenders of our American heritage, while McCarthy, MacArthur, and Whittaker Chambers are the villainous usurpers of freedom. Maybe George Orwell was too optimistic when he thought it would take until 1984 for black to become entirely white, and vice versa.

Two books in the series (of which twenty-odd titles are to follow) are THE NEW AGE OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, 1932-45, by Dexter Perkins, and THE PRICE OF POWER, by Herbert Agar. The first opus is the typical glorification of Franklin Roosevelt which, under various titles by various authors, has graced (or disgraced) the pages of the *New York Times Book Review* for so many years that their compositors now probably set most of the reviews of it from memory. The second masterpiece contains the fiercest, most scurrilous attacks on patriotic Americans since John Roy Carlson's *Undercover*. This accounts in part, at least, for the extreme popularity and praise being given it by the "intellectuals" of Europe. We leave it, for the moment, to their attention.

In Perkins' book, the Great Egotist becomes the Great Economist; the Colossal Blunderer becomes the Shrewd Diplomat. As far as Perkins is concerned, Roosevelt could do little wrong. The unbalancing of the budget is "defensible in theory." The Yalta Pact was all right, "because Roosevelt gave away nothing that the Russians would not have been able to take anyway." Such links of specious reasoning form the chain of the book's argument.

The book is neither scholarly nor objective. And if you really want to learn anything about His Breezy Majesty Franklin D. Roosevelt, or the Communist courtiers who cunningly determined most of the policies during our "unlucky thirteen" years of his reign, we suggest that you stow Mr. Perkins on the shelf alongside Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., in the "unintentional fiction" department, and go back to the books of John T. Flynn.

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But the most secure spot on that shelf should undoubtedly be allocated to the second volume of this *Chicago History* series. If history books of the future are to resemble Agar's *The Price Of Power,* it would be better just to eliminate history. For truth and scholarship will have completely disappeared, under the flood of "liberal" legend.

For example, Mr. Agar solemnly states that in Korea our "victory was endangered far more by Syngman Rhee than by the Russians or the Chinese." (General James A. Van Fleet, who fought in this war with Rhee as an ally and knew both him and the real history of the Korean tragedy from active participation, has said that Syngman Rhee was "worth his weight in diamonds" and "one of the greatest statesmen who ever lived.") Mr. Agar taunts Robert Taft as having been an anachronism; and informs us that Alger Hiss was hated because "he was intelligent and possessed manners." And of course the omniscient adult, Herbert Agar, puts that immature child, General

Douglas MacArthur, in his proper place, with only the dunce cap left to one's imagination.

It's too bad George Orwell died before we got this far along in the fulfillment of his prophecy. Under his "Big Brother" scheme of government, one of the means to absolute control over a people is the constant rewriting of history to suit the purpose of the state. First you suppress the true history, and then you proceed to falsify it until the new version is satisfactory for your needs. As Bryton Barron and Donald Dozer gave up their careers to tell the American people, that suppression of true history, and of the official documents which reveal it, is being carried out regularly and unblushingly, on a huge scale, in our State Department today. It is only left for men like Mr. Agar to write the distorted new history, which can be given out as truth.

The pity is that it *will be* received as truth. *The Saturday Review* enthusiastically gushed: "In his role as a gadfly bestirring thought, a somber Herbert Agar serves the nation well with his new book." So far as the determined "liberals" are concerned, Agar has presented an acceptable story of America's decline. It will be recommended reading for most college history students, few of whom will have any knowledge of honest history against which to appraise its misleading absurdities.

The same process has, of course, been going on for a generation. That is why so many students of yesterday, who are the professors, lawyers, and business men of today, have been so ready to swallow piece by incredible piece the propaganda bait that hooked them onto any current Communist propaganda line. The only current change is in the tempo and brazenness of this distortion of history. Both are rapidly increasing.

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While Imre Nagy criticizes Russia, he does not criticize Communism. On the contrary, he advocates a return of Communist regimes to the principles of Marx and Lenin. IMRE NAGY ON COMMUNISM (Frederick A. Praeger, N. Y.) is the political philosophy of the veteran Communist who, as Premier during the Hungarian Revolt, demanded that the Soviets withdraw from Hungary, to allow his country to work out its own destiny.

How much sincerity there was in this demand, or whether the whole maneuver was dictated from the Kremlin, we do not pretend to know. But today Nagy is "somewhere in the Soviet world", ostensibly a captive of the conspiracy he worked so tirelessly to advance. And though he probably would still deny it, Communism remains murderous tyranny, whether it be the Communism of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev—or Imre Nagy. We must note too, in connection with any book of Communist authorship, that a Communist remains a dedicated liar, whether he is in prison or out.

Nagy's book is written for Communists. It is, therefore, weighted down with doubletalk, euphemisms, and contradictions. Nevertheless, it has value for anybody who would like to study the rationalizations the human mind must make in order to embrace this system. Read objectively, by anti-Communists, this book could help the cause of freedom. Which is certainly the last thing its author intended.

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In the first two decades of this century John Dewey developed the ideas and plans which have been most generally identified by the term "Progressive Education". Such phrases as "Modern Education" or "The New Education" are largely attempts to disguise Deweyism in practice, under new terminology and with the adjustments of his disciples added.

Lenin saw in Dewey's methods "an opportunity to eliminate from Russian life religious faith, private property, family and parental authority." So in 1918 the new Communist masters in Russia imported the Progressive Education system, lock, stock, and barrel; and laid out the new education in Russia on the Dewey model. By 1932 the Communists had discovered that the Dewey plan also eliminated—besides the items listed above—all necessary discipline and all worth-while education. So they threw it overboard for themselves, and returned to an intensive orthodox educational program. But at the same time they went to work all the harder to help Dewey and his disciples to impose their schemes more thoroughly on America. For there was nothing the Communists wanted more than to eliminate from American life "religious faith, private property, family and parental authority", plus all necessary discipline, and all worth-while education.

If you wish a fully documented record, showing through whom, by what methods, and to what extent, they and their busy helpers have prostituted our whole educational system to the service of those purposes, read BENDING THE TWIG (The Heritage Foundation, Chicago), by Augustin Rudd. You will better understand why "we have already lost the battle for engineering manpower" was a true statement as early as 1955. And that particular result, while much emphasized right now because of the Sputnik furor, is only a very tiny part of the tremendous general loss we have sustained. Col. Rudd's book will make you aware of the total loss.

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Let's end this cacophony on a happier note. Taylor Caldwell is one of America's most popular novelists. The Review Establishment, which once praised her work to the skies, now does all it can to ridicule her books, ignore them and have them ignored. For Taylor Caldwell is now recognized as one of our country's most devoted and determined anti-Communist patriots. It is for exactly the same reason that we step outside our "no-fiction" borders, to inform you that THE SOUND OF THUNDER (Doubleday, N. Y.) is the newest of her excellent tales.

The rise of Edward Enger from a delicatessen helper to a rich man may be an Horatio Alger-type plot. But Miss Caldwell's understanding of people and her dynamic narrative skill lift this story far above the ordinary rags-to-riches novel of a less tense and less sophisticated age. *The Sound Of Thunder* is a warm book, as well as an entertaining one. It will stir the reader's emotions as well as provide him with many vicarious thrills. Judged by the early sales, it is also going to be a very successful book—continuing that momentum of Miss Caldwell's popularity which even the dirty digs of *Time Magazine* have not yet been able to kill. We hope that this momentum and her great ability will make her each new book more popular than the last one.

LOOKING BOTH WAYS

HUBERT W. KREGELOH

We are delighted and honored to introduce Hubert Kregeloh to our readers as one of our associate editors. Each month he will condense the vapors of world news, crystallize the condensation into nuggets bristling with dates, places, names, and other specific facts, and then present the most important of those nuggets in his summary: *A Review Of The News* (*See Page 13*). Frequently he will write for us an additional article on any topic that tempts his pen, as he did for this number (*See Page 33*). And we shall have the benefit of his knowledge, experience, and insight available at all times.

Mr. Kregeloh is one of our country's most penetrating and dependable analysts of the events and personalities which make up the news. Born in Austria, of British and Belgian parents, he has had years of residence and travel in many areas of Europe and the Middle East. He is now an American citizen. During the past twelve years, as a commentator over Station WSPR, Mr. Kregeloh has built up a large and enthusiastic following. Recently he has become firmly established on Station WNBH as well. And he has won many awards for the quality and informational value of his programs.

Besides broadcasting, lecturing widely, and serving as a member of the faculty of Bay Path Junior College, Mr. Kregeloh has been putting out a monthly newsletter, HUBERT KREGELOH COMMENTS. This publication, which grew out of the demands of his radio listeners for some printed record of his spoken thoughts and observations on world affairs, has now been merged into AMERICAN OPINION. We hope that his former readers will continue to follow his brilliant treatises, in the pages of this magazine, and that all of our other subscribers will profit from them as well.

AMERICAN OPINION will retain much of the character of that informal review, ONE MAN'S OPINION, which died in giving it birth. But "the old order changeth, yielding place to new," even in a magazine with an incorrigibly intrusive editor. We shall now be looking outside for the best thinking and most skillful writing we can find to offer you.

There will be certain prerequisites: (1) Both the thinking and the writing must be honest; (2) the subject matter and its treatment must be worth your time for other reasons than sheer entertainment; and (3) the authors must belong to the Americanist rather than the Communist camp, in the warfare which divides our anxious world. We shall consider fairness and objectivity, in the discussion of every person and every event, to be of vital importance; but impartiality we shall scorn as a combination of pretense and cowardice.

William Schlam will regularly lead off our list with his *European Survey*. Also superbly meeting our uncompromising requirements, there will be forthcoming in an early issue an article by J. B. Matthews on the *World Health Organization;* one by Hans Sennholz on some aspects of the Federal Reserve System; one by Colm Brogan on the campaign in England to stifle the expression of any opposition to the socialist-Communist point of view; and many other combinations of solid information and incisive opinion. It's true that the editor, in order to pacify all three of those nostalgic readers who praised ONE MAN'S OPINION, will have a long article in each issue of AMERICAN OPINION. But we still hope you will like our magazine.

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Dear Readers:

This is just a word of thanks, to people we never see, for letters we can never answer.

For there must be few things in this feverish world more interesting than the mail of a small publisher. Subscriptions, renewals, cancellations, orders for extra copies, manuscripts, bills, changes of address; these routine components are only the beginning.

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EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

WILLIAM S. SCHLAMM

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IT WON'T BE BELIEVED in the nicer sections of Boston, but Great Britain is at this moment the weakest link in the Western Alliance. This realm, this England, is currently going through the strangest eruption of political primitiveness——strange even if one takes into account that the British have always been given to a political eccentricity which superficial observers habitually misunderstand as plain stupidity. Whatever it is, this time England has got it bad.

The mysterious movement that is shaking all of England is a combination of the weirdest sort of political leadership and human conduct. Millions of Britons are banding together to cajole and blackmail their government into a policy of frantic capitulation. That is, into an immediate unilateral cessation of atomic armament; into a behavior that amounts to a forcible deportation of atom-armed United States air forces; into an immediate Summit Conference with the Soviets, whether or not the United States and some other British allies are ready to attend one. The manners and methods of the "movement" remind one of nothing so much as of the Holy Rollers. And the intellectual leadership of the crazy crusade is in the hands of Great Britain's aged buffoon, Lord Bertrand Russell, whose top aides seem to have been pulled from all parties and all social strata. (Among them are, naturally enough, Mr. Arnold Toynbee, the oversold "Christian" historian, and Mr. J. B. Priestley, the playwright who has never missed a chance to make fools of his audiences.)

The Lord Speaks For Labor . . .

Now the Labor Party, of course, didn't hesitate to adjust itself to the savage orgy of utopian thrills that has seemed to take hold of the British body politic. Labor has just passed a formal resolution that not only endorses Bertrand Russell's list of peculiar particulars, and adds to it the demand for Britain's acceptance of the Rapacki Plan; but that promises the organization of a country-wide shock campaign which is meant to make the government yield. Some observers claim that the Labor leadership acted under duress, does not really support Lord Bertrand's follies, and is actually trying to abort the "movement" by controlling its motions. And indeed, there have been lately a few Labor functionaries who produced very articulate arguments against the utopians. Mr. Shinwell, for instance, the Defense Minister in the last Labor cabinet, gave one of the most cogent speeches of recent

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times against the irresponsible kind of pacificism that is at the bottom of the current spasm. But Mr. Gaitskell, Labor's official leader, is himself hopelessly inveigled into the irresponsible political "planning" that started it all—the philosophizing à la Kennan that not only grants the possibility but demands the *realization* of a conclusive deal with Communism. The Russell "movement" is merely the plebeian response to the Deep Thinking of Ivy League Liberals and Socialists.

Nor is this response, by any means, confined to "men on the street". It penetrates some of England's most respectable clubs and newspapers, the organizations of the apparently reviving Liberal Party, and even the backbenches of the Conservative Government. The Conservatives, it seems, are badly frightened by the recent by-elections, which brought clear indications of a fatal Conservative shrinkage in the British electorate; and they are flirting with plain demogoguery. Some of them make noises that are indistinguishable from the sounds of traditionally banal radicalism. The London *Times,* which still enjoys the greatest intimacy with the British Foreign Office, often out-Kennans Kennan.

But, nonetheless, the main support of the Russell crusade comes from Labor — which is no consolation. British Labor is evidently riding a new tide that seems to be carrying it straight back to power. If Labor could enforce elections before the end of 1958 (which, in spite of Prime Minister Macmillan's ostentatious cheerfulness, is entirely possible) it would apparently win them. The reason for this is not so much a stiffening of socialist doctrine in the British people (although there is an interesting renascence of utopian dogmatism within the Labor Party). The reason is, first, a perfectly savage outbreak of the kind of British pacifism that, under Baldwin, demoralized England in the thirties and brought about World War II. It is, second, a demonstrable British apprehension that the days of prosperity are just about over. And the reason is, third, that British Conservatism hasn't shown one bit of gumption since it came to power. The electorate is simply becoming bored and tired with an unprincipled Conservatism that imitates Socialism without showing the emotional fervor that, fundamentally, accounts for the attractiveness of Socialism. In politics, he who sows boredom will reap defeats.

And Labors For Lunacy . . .

Meanwhile, the eighty-five years old Bertrand Russell has the time of his life. Until a short time ago, his constituency was mainly the New York *Times*—which, for years now, has been presenting him to the United States, practically every week in its Sunday *Magazine,* as The Voice of Western Wisdom. (And the TV networks, always animated by the political intelligence of Mr. Edward R. Murrow, have of course amplified the American importance of the clown who once was a great mathematician.) But in England, Lord Russell was practically forgotten, and certainly discounted. Now he is a political force of the first magnitude; and for those who know him, and England, this is the most eerie aspect of a fantastic situation. For this restless old fellow has always been a frivolous caricature of political man: Since the First World War, he has repeately advised his nation to commit suicide.

In 1914, he advocated a refusal to bear arms. In 1918, he advocated the goals and claims of the Bolshevik Revolution. In 1938, he advocated a unilateral disarmament of Great Britain ("If necessary," he said then, "England should welcome Hitler's invading armies as tourists"). In 1948 he said: "Either we must make war on the Soviets while they lack the atomic bomb, or we must yield to them and let them rule over us. An atomic war now would be a war to end wars." And in 1958, he indeed advocated that England yield to the Soviets and let them rule over Europe.

Bertrand Russell is a tiresome screwball; and, personally, he should interest us only inasmuch as he remains one of the chief attractions of the intellectual fiesta with which the New York *Times,* and the Liberal Establishment as a whole, bamboozle the American intelligentsia into total confusion. But, unfortunately, Bertrand Russell is today perhaps a more powerful figure in the imagination of the British people than the Prime Minister. With his eternally mocking tone of cynical superiority, Lord Russell harangues the British people to do as the lemmings and jump in the sea. And they are listening to him. This, to me, is the most important story of the month.

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But Russell Has Rivals . . .

Unavoidably, the German "neutralists" are itching to keep step with their British brethren. Herr Ollenhauer, the rotund head of the German Social Democracy, has just delivered himself of a pronouncement that may have dire consequences for Germany and Europe. If, he said, Poland and Czechoslovakia expressed their readiness to withdraw, within the Rapacki Plan, from the Warsaw Pact, Germany would have to withdraw from NATO. Thus, for the first time in many a month, a responsible German politician has ventilated the possibility of a German break with NATO — and there is no one in Europe who doubts that, without Germany, NATO ceases to exist.

Herr Ollenhauer's tit-for-tat concession was a rather unbelievable performance, even for a Social Democratic leader. The Warsaw Pact, by itself, is a perfectly meaningless contraption. In the Soviet world, it never matters what formal treaties and pacts stipulate; it doesn't even matter whether they exist. What matters alone is the resolution, the firmness of the Communist Governments at the helm: Do they, or don't they, adhere to the basic Communist principle of "proletarian solidarity" vis-à-vis the non-Communist world? That is, do they, written pacts notwithstanding, basically believe in common interests of the Communist block in regard to the "capitalist" camp? And would they, in the event of a conflagration, fight on the Soviet side? Not even Herr Ollenhauer would dare deny that the Communist Governments of Czechoslovakia and Poland, in the case of a conflagration, would act as Communist Governments—i. e., fight "the final battle" in alliance with the Soviet Union.

In The Race To Surrender . . .

In the face of this unequivocal fact of life, a promise by Germany that she will leave NATO, if only Czechoslovakia and Poland will formally withdraw from the Warsaw Pact, would amount to actually *leaving* NATO; and for no consideration at all. The Warsaw Pact was never anything but a propagandistic reply to European notions of some

kind of unity. Its signatories have never so much as contended that, by signing the Pact, they had created *new* facts. They merely expressed the undying readiness of Communist Governments to consider themselves forever linked in the interests of advancing World Communism. Czechoslovakia and Poland could "withdraw" today from the Warsaw Pact without the slightest reproach from, or damage to, the Soviet Union. In fact, the Soviet Government would *make* them "withdraw" immediately if, in exchange for such a meaningless gesture, the Soviets could realize their strategic immediate main goal in Europe—Germany's withdrawal from NATO.

For, contrary to the fictitious meaning of the Warsaw Pact, Germany's belonging to NATO is the paramount and perhaps the only reality in the entire NATO concept. Militarily, the German contribution in arms and men will constitute, in 1960, not just the skeleton but the entire effectiveness of NATO's continental establishment. The moment Germany leaves NATO, the defense of Europe has collapsed. Herr Ollenhauer has now committed his party (which may form the next German Government) to buying the phoniest goldbrick in the history of the con game: In exchange for Czechoslovakia's and Poland's tearing up a meaningless piece of paper, an Ollenhauer-led Germany will tear up the fabric of Western Europe.

This, verily, is an act unparalleled even by our inimitable British clown, Bertrand Russell. Europe's "neutralists" are in a mad race to outdo one another. At this time, the prize goes to Herr Ollenhauer. But the British "neutralists" follow neck-by-neck. The *Manchester Guardian,* for instance, has just run an editorial that Khrushchev must have added to his most cherished trophies. Any Soviet attempt, meditated the venerable British paper, to occupy West Berlin must not, *and will not,* be fought by NATO with tactical atomic weapons. The *Manchester Guardian,* in other words, is not going to die for Danzig, even if Danzig, this time, is called Berlin. When this kind of slogan was used last time (by the French in 1939), Hitler went and took Danzig — and the rest. Maybe Khrushchev is more patient than Hitler, and postpones taking Berlin even after he has been assured by an outstanding British paper that he may, whenever convenient. In fact, it is quite likely that Khrushchev doesn't give a damn about West Berlin anyhow, as he has very good chances to get all of Europe simply by being nice and peaceful. Nevertheless, the growing British outspokeness is quite a temptation even for so patient a man as Khrushchev. A few weeks after Mr. Acheson made his historic remark about the unimportance of Korea, the rockets went off. If Khrushchev is not awfully phlegmatic, it may happen again.

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While in France . . .

No one could be more surprised than French Prime Minister Gaillard that he is still in power. However, he isn't quite "in power". For the only reason he hasn't been formally thrown out is that the fixers of the French parliament have not yet agreed on his successor. And as there are some politically significant regional elections scheduled for April, the consensus seems to be that there's no profit in the usual free-for-all before May. So it seems that the Gaillard Government will stay in power for a few more weeks — though there's not a single French political party that would fully underwrite its policies. On the contrary, the normal French *malaise* is particularly high-pitched right now: The conflict with Tunisia threatens to become even more dismal than that with Algeria; French casualty lists in North Africa are getting longer every day; and the United States "mediator", Mr. Murphy, gives the French an ugly feeling of national inferiority. No one in France would dare *not* to accept America's "good services" in negotiating with the Tunisians; but neither is there a Frenchman who can swallow his disgust with a world that constantly "meddles" in French "interior affairs". The United States, in any case, is bound to get it coming and going: If Mr. Murphy's intervention in Tunisia does *not* succeed, the French will of course blame any future trouble in North Africa on American "clumsiness"; but if Mr. Murphy *should* have luck, the French will forever resent United States officiousness.

The Situation Is Normal . . .

At the moment, three French politicians maneuver for the key position in the forthcoming cabinet reshuffle: two former Prime Ministers, Pleven and Faure, and the former Minister of the Interior, Mitterand. Pleven is trying to sell himself as the man who can "liberalize" French policies in Algeria without offending the right-wing parties. Mitterand would not mind offending them, if he can rally the left majority. But Edgar Faure, one of the ablest and most unprincipled French politicians, keeps talking of a "strong" Government of the left, *with more or less open support by the Communist Party.* In short, Faure thinks of a revival of the Popular Front.

These diligent maneuvers do not mean that one of the three anxious men will be France's next Prime Minister. There's always the former Prime Minister, the terribly ambitious and driven Georges Bidault, who dreams of a come-back as the leader of a right-wing coalition. There is the former aide of General De Gaulle's, Soustelle, who used to be French High Commissioner in Algeria and is trying to sell himself as a true Algerian expert to a similar right-wing coalition. And there is, finally, General De Gaulle himself. For almost two years now the ground-floor wizards of French politics have been expecting his return to power at every critical turn of events; and they are today more hopeful than ever since the General withdrew into mystical privacy. Indeed, if a secret poll were taken among the French deputies, a clear majority would line up behind De Gaulle. But very few professional politicians want to go *openly* on a pro-De Gaulle record: The General has made abundantly clear that he won't accept an invitation without getting, at the same time, a constitutional reform from Parliament which reduces the powers of professional politicians and increases those of the Executive. To make De Gaulle take over the government, Parliament would therefore have to castrate itself. The problem is tough. And yet, talk of De Gaulle's comeback increases every day.

All Fouled Up, and Getting Worse . . .

Which is by no means unnatural. By now, everybody in France agrees that a final and radical solution in Algeria must be found, and quick, if France is to survive. Also, everybody agrees that

no "normal" French Government would dare such a solution: If it is reached by strong-hand methods, the Government could not resist the onslaught of the French Left and of traditional United States "anti-colonialism"; but if it were reached by a radical withdrawal from Algeria, such a solution would result in a Rightist French upheaval. Thus, "normal" French governments are paralyzed, of necessity. And, therefore, all intelligent observers in France agree that only a government that would enjoy De Gaulle's "charismatic" authority in France and abroad could undertake a radical solution of the *one* kind or the *other*. And the consensus is that France is bleeding white, and will fast keep on, unless such a government is formed without much further delay. That's why De Gaulle's stock is at this moment high among "those in the know".

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But Dulles Is (Somewhere) In His Heaven . . .

Europe's question of the month: How many more slaps in his face can Dr. Adenauer survive? Any government weaker than his would have tumbled under the impact of the latest folly of the Eisenhower Administration: The statement Dulles gave on March 12, in Manila, according to which the United States will no longer insist that a Summit Conference must put German reunification on its prepared agenda. This Dulles statement was followed by a joint declaration by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, France, and England, gathered at Manila, who expressed their governments' willingness to attend a Summit Conference, even if only one subject were to be hopefully discussed there—namely, "disarmament".

This was not merely an about-face of the Eisenhower Administration which, for the last several months, had insisted that no United States talks with the Soviet Union were admissible without an agreement on some kind of progress towards German reunification. And it wasn't merely a blunder either. This incredible Manila statement may have been a death blow to Adenauer's policies in Germany, to Germany's prolonged membership in NATO and, therefore, to the total defense establishment in Europe.

And All's Left With The World . . .

Two days after the fatal Manila declaration, Dr. Adenauer announced most pointedly that he must yield to the Anglo-Franco-American reconsideration of a previously self-understood attitude with regard to the German problem; and that he will make no difficulties. But Dr. Adenauer did not even try to hide that he, quite correctly, felt himself and the German government downright betrayed. And there are already symptoms that his firm NATO policy is falling apart and that Germany, rather than be left in the lurch, may start some fast negotiations with the Kremlin on its own.

Perhaps it all can be fixed again, at least for a while. But what will remain, no matter how subtly and successfully Mr. Dulles may mend the damage, is the chilling horror in European Chancelleries: That the United States can be so easily driven into abandoning firm policies just to satisfy its Allies' clamor for a Summit Conference. I am afraid the Manila statement, scarcely noticed in the United States press, will be long remembered abroad as one of Mr. Dulles' major blunders.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

by

J. B. MATTHEWS

In June, 1948, WHO's governing body, the World Health Assembly, met for the first time. WHO will, therefore, celebrate its tenth anniversary this year at a special session of the World Health Assembly, to be held in Minneapolis, beginning May 26.

It would seem unkind of us not to join in the celebration. In the following "anniversary article", therefore, Dr. Matthews takes a look at some of the personalities, purposes, and propaganda of this particular ring in the one-world circus. The show is well worth seeing, and we invite you to a ringside seat.

IF, A FEW YEARS AGO, you happened to notice some rather British-looking and well-dressed men—decidedly not in workmen's clothes—poking around in your city's sidewalk garbage pails, you could not have been blamed for being more than ordinarily curious. If curiosity had led you to make inquiries, suspecting perhaps that the men were escapers from a psychiatric ward, you might have been astonished to learn that they were representatives of the newly formed World Health Organization, a United Nations specialized agency which has now come to be popularly known by its initials WHO.

It really happened. A team of WHO investigators from Great Britain came to the United States in the fall of 1949 to make an investigation of American garbage pails and dump heaps. The investigators visited some twenty cities and counties on their tour of our garbage cans. They were frankly amazed at what they found and, in a seventeen-page report, told a world which waits breathlessly for United States leadership that our garbage cans generally were "dilapidated and nearly all were uncovered, yet they were kept near to dwellings and placed on public streets to facilitate the work of the refuse collectors!"

As could have been easily predicted, the seventeen-page WHO report recommended government ownership and maintenance of garbage cans.

It is not of record that a single liberal voice was raised against this infringement of our democratic rights by WHO. The WHO report on our system of garbage disposal made no mention of those unique American institutions: municipal graft and gangster unionism. Respecting our democratic right to deal with our grafters, microbes, and mobsters in our own way, the WHO report denied us the equally democratic right to be dirty. WHO would have been operating within its charter rights if it had turned our case over to UNEPTAUC (United Nations Expanded Program for Technical Assistance to Underdeveloped Countries).

Whence WHO? . . .

The World Health Organization had

its origin at the San Francisco Conference which set up the United Nations in April, 1945. The conference approved a joint proposal from Brazil and China that an international health organization should be established.

In June, 1946, the United Nations summoned a conference at which the Constitution of the World Health Organization was adopted and signed by representatives from sixty-one countries. The Interim Commission of WHO was established at this time.

When UNRRA (United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) was terminated in 1946, it had an unexpended balance of three million dollars which was turned over to the Interim Commission of WHO.

On April 7, 1948, the last of the required twenty-six member states ratified its signature to WHO's Constitution and the document came into force.

A Magna Carta For Global Meddling . . .

WHO's Constitution opens with a statement that nine "principles are basic to the happiness, harmonious relations and security of all peoples." They are listed as follows:

> Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.
>
> The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.
>
> The health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent upon the fullest co-operation of individuals and States.
>
> The achievement of any State in the promotion and protection of health is of value to all.
>
> Unequal development in different countries in the promotion of health and control of disease, especially communicable disease, is a common danger.
>
> Healthy development of the child is of basic importance; the ability to live harmoniously in a changing total environment is essential to such development.
>
> The extension to all peoples of the benefits of medical, psychological and related knowledge is essential to the fullest attainment of health.
>
> Informed opinion and active co-operation on the part of the public are of the utmost importance in the improvement of the health of the people.
>
> Governments have a responsibility for the health of their peoples which can be fulfilled only by the provision of adequate health and social measures.

Before commenting on the extraordinary nature of this set of basic principles, it will be pertinent to call attention to a booklet of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace which praised the World Health Organization. Published on the eve of the formal launching of WHO, this booklet's preface, written by none other than Mr. Alger Hiss, contained the following statement: "The new specialized agency carries on one of the most successful parts of the work of the League of Nations. The Constitution of the World Health Organization, however, has a far wider basis than that established for the League organization, and embodies in its provisions the broadest principles in public health service today. Defining health as 'a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity', it includes not only the more conventional fields of activity but also mental health, housing, nutrition, economic or working conditions, and administrative and social techniques affecting public health."

It would be difficult to imagine any area of human thought or activity—private or public, individual or collective—not covered by the definition of health set forth in WHO's Constitution. It could only have been dreamed up by a deranged mind bent on establishing a new and terrible tyranny over the lives of men. It is, indeed, a magna carta for unrestricted and global meddling; a limitless grant of power to investigate and legislate on everything from garbage cans to the effects of religion on the mental health of Moslems, Buddhists, Bahaists, Shintoists, Theosophists, and Christians, respectively.

Defining health as "complete physical, mental and social well-being", WHO could take upon itself the business of passing judgment upon the art of effective letter writing in social intercourse, the dangers of bob-sledding, how to pack picnic lunches, flower arrangements, pitching horse shoes, the relative merits of philately and numismatics as a hobby for presidents, and a hundred thousand other activities of the human animal.

Dramatis Personae . . .

Writing enthusiastically of the definition of health in WHO's Constitution, Professor Charles-Edward A. Winslow of Yale said, "It would be difficult to imagine a broader Charter." Professor Winslow might have said "impossible" instead of "difficult". Among his many Communist connections, Professor Winslow was an honorary vice-chairman of the American Soviet Science Society, a national sponsor of the American League for Peace and Democracy, a speaker for the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and a sponsor of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Brock Chisholm, about whom much will be said later, wrote as follows: "History is studded with critical dates —wars, invasions, revolutions, discoveries, peace treaties—that are firmly implanted in our minds . . . This document [WHO's Constitution] may well go down in history as one of the most far-reaching of all international agreements . . . The World Health Organization is a positive creative force with broad objectives, reaching forward to embrace nearly all levels of human activity."

Dr. Milton I. Roemer, chief of WHO's Social and Occupational Health Section, says that "to achieve their proper objective of contributing to positive health, sports must be engaged in by the average citizen." Contrary to this "must" of a high official of WHO, the dictates of civil liberty must leave the average citizen absolutely free to decide for himself whether to engage in sports or not to engage in sports. Dr. Roemer is currently a member of the advisory board of The Ernst P. Boas Memorial Fund, on which the late Communist, Bernhard J. Stern, was a fellow member, as are the veteran Communist fronters, Dr. Allan M. Butler, Dr. George D. Cannon, and Albert Deutsch.

In his annual report last year, the Director-General of WHO came up with the remarkably interesting ob

servation that "there is no clear demarcation between health and sickness." As will appear later, there is a solid basis in WHO's philosophy and practice for every human being to conclude that he is not only sick but also crazy.

Meddling Is A Must . . .

In at least one publicized case, WHO officially declared that eighty-five percent of the population of a certain country was suffering from yaws, a contagious disease of the skin known medically as frambesia. When the government of Haiti replied that yaws had been completely stamped out through an eight-year campaign, WHO acknowledged its error. Which leads one to wonder how many of WHO's facts are compiled from outdated reports or sheer imagination by desk bureaucrats in WHO's Geneva headquarters.

A study group composed of eleven "psychiatrists and scientific authorities", which convened in Geneva last November under the auspices of WHO, deplored the free and public discussion among scientists of questions which are controversial. "The publicizing of disagreements and contradictions among scientists, for example, about polio vaccine, or the cancer-producing effects of tobacco," said the WHO committee, has contributed to public mistrust of scientists and has caused science to lose "the infallibility with which it was credited in the nineteenth century." The WHO study group ignores the fact that the free discussion of differences has been a major factor in the progress of science through the centuries. But WHO apparently proposes to be a world authoritarian and totalitarian agency to hand down the scientific truth. A shining example of "liberal" aspirations for suppression of the freedom of the press!

Early in its existence, WHO found that its secretariat had picked up a hot potato in the form of advising Member States on the subject of birth control. At the 1952 World Health Assembly, delegates from strongly Roman Catholic countries expressed opposition to action by WHO in the field of birth control. Discussion ended without a vote, in the "interests of harmony"; but secretariat officials said they did not consider themselves bound by the views of the Catholic delegates.

And Power Insidiously Planned . . .

The pro-Communist Physicians Forum, founded by the veteran Communist fronter Ernst Boas, liked WHO's definition of health so much that it printed that section of WHO's Constitution on the cover of its monthly magazine for several years. Underneath the copy of WHO's definition of health, the Physicians Forum magazine says: "The Forum endorses these standards of the World Health Organization . . ."

The powers of the World Health Assembly, as set forth in Chapter IV of WHO's Constitution, were shrewdly defined. In Article 19, we read: "The Health Assembly shall have authority to adopt conventions or agreements with respect to any matter within the competence of the Organization." As we have seen, there is no matter which is *not* within the competence of WHO.

In Article 20, we read: "Each Member [State] undertakes that it will, within eighteen months after the adoption by the Health Assembly of a convention or agreement, take action relative to the acceptance of such convention or agreement. Each Member shall notify the Director-General of the action taken, and if it does not accept such convention or agreement within the time limit, it will furnish a statement of the reasons for non-acceptance." The power of enforcement of the Health Assembly's decisions lies in the stigma of non-compliance on the part of a Member State.

Dr. Brock Chisholm, who had more than anyone else to do with the writing of WHO's Constitution, has explained that the aforementioned provisions of Chapter IV incorporated a "new principle of international law" by circumventing the usual procedures for the ratification of international conventions or agreements. The Member States, in ratifying WHO's Constitution at the beginning of their membership in the organization, signed a blank check to be bound by such regulations as should be adopted by the World Health Assembly in the future *unless* they formally notified the Director-General of non-compliance. "The long, slow, and usually never completed process of ratification by each government of an international convention is thus avoided," says Dr. Chisholm.

At the 1955 meeting of the World Health Assembly, the United States lost its bid for a reduced financial assessment in WHO, despite an energetic plea by the chief United States delegate. The vote was forty-three to two against the United States, which was thereupon required to contribute thirty-seven percent of the total WHO budget, although there are now eighty-eight Member States. American taxpayers should be interested to know that a world legislative body has the authority to levy taxes upon them as it sees fit.

II

Chisholm of WHO . . .

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION was placed in orbit in June, 1948. As will be shown later, it is powered by the solid fuel of United States dollars.

At the formal launching of WHO, Brock Chisholm was elected Director-General of the organization. The new and revolutionary definition of health with which the WHO Constitution opens is the work of Dr. Chisholm, according to one of his assistants. "From its inception this agency has borne the impress of this man's personality and skills," writes Professor Charles S. Ascher, chairman of the department of political science at Brooklyn College and formerly a member of the staffs of UNESCO and WHO. Professor Ascher published an adulatory biographical sketch of Brock Chisholm in *The Survey* of February, 1952.

Parenthetically, and to indicate the type of ideologist which heaps praise upon Dr. Chisholm, a reference to the views of Professor Charles S. Ascher may be instructive. When the American Civil Liberties Union took action to remove known members of the Communist Party from its staff and governing committees, Professor Ascher joined with a group of Communists and pro-Communists in denouncing the ACLU as "a fellow traveler of the Dies Committee". Associated with Professor Ascher in this attack upon the ACLU were Communists John T. Bernard, Howard Costigan, and Theodore Dreiser.

Another well-known leftwinger, Mr. Abe Fortas, formerly Under Secretary of the Interior, also thinks highly of Brock Chisholm. Professor Ascher reported that Mr. Fortas, on hearing the future Director-General of WHO deliver a sweeping attack on morality, exclaimed: "He [Chisholm] not only pleads for mature men and women, but the nature of his plea discloses that he

himself is that extraordinary creature—a man of maturity."

To know what Mr. Fortas meant by "a man of maturity", a passage from Dr. Chisholm's lecture to which Mr. Fortas had just listened is enlightening. (The indicated deletions in these remarks of Chisholm on morality were made by Professor Ascher.) "The basic psychological distortion . . . in every civilization of which we know anything . . . capable of producing these perversions," said Dr. Chisholm, "is morality . . . the concept . . . of good and evil with which to keep children under control, with which to prevent free thinking, with which to impose . . . loyalties."

Who Is This Hero Of WHO? . . .

Brock Chisholm is a sixty-two-year old Canadian M. D. He served with the Canadian Army in World War I. He advanced to the rank of major general in World War II and was deputy adjutant general of the Canadian forces. From 1946 to 1948, he was chairman of the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization.

To understand the nature and objectives of WHO completely, it is necessary to take an extended look at the views of the man who is alleged to have left the impress of his "personality and skills" upon this UN specialized agency from its inception — the man who charges that *morality* is a device and a psychological distortion with which "to keep children under control", "to prevent free thinking", and "to impose loyalties."

It should be borne in mind that his extraordinary views on morality were publicly expressed by Brock Chisholm in his William Alanson White Memorial Lecture in October, 1945, three years *before* he was elected Director-General of WHO.

Since his retirement as Director-General of WHO in 1953, Brock Chisholm has been elected president of the World Federation for Mental Health, a position which he still holds. Inasmuch as the World Federation for Mental Health is one of the "non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO", Dr. Chisholm still has an influential status in the UN agency.

Addressing the tenth annual meeting of the World Federation for Mental Health at Copenhagen in August, 1957, Dr. Chisholm gave expression to some remarkably iconoclastic views. In different words, he reiterated his thoughts on morality as expressed in his William Alanson White Memorial Lecture. He declared that "loyalty to the ideas or attitudes or beliefs into which we happen to be born" is antiquated.

The Oneworlder Par Excellence . . .

As the full context makes clear, Dr. Chisholm gave voice to the authentic oneworldism, as follows: "We need to grow up in order to be able to make the changes that are needed, or at least to start our children on the course of making them; and there is still a very long way to go. Legislation is not going to do it. Conformity to the rules of the past is not going to do it. Loyalty to the ideas or attitudes or beliefs into which we happen to be born, is not going to do it. None of the great problems of the world is going to be solved from inside any one culture, because from inside any one culture it is not possible to see world problems truly."

The oneworlders are at war with cultural pluralism. With Dr. Chisholm,

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A Review of the News

by

HUBERT KREGELOH

In March, 1958 . . .

→ Pope Pius XII appointed Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Roman-Catholic Archbishop of Chicago, pro-prefect of the Church's Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Cardinal Stritch, whose duties will be at the Vatican, is the first American to become a member of the Curia of the Church of Rome.

→ The Kremlin continued to press for another "summit" meeting. Anti-Communists feared that the Administration, while "playing coy," had already decided to agree substantially on Soviet terms and that the forthcoming parley might prove to be the most disastrous yet for the free world. Furthermore, as the gradual surrender to Soviet demands continued, the Washington Administration hinted it might move closer to Moscow's position in the matter of disarmament "if certain conditions were met." Capitol observers saw the influence of the retired "disarmament adviser", Harold Stassen.

→ At Cape Canaveral, Florida, the U.S. Army launched a second three-pound earth satellite—identical to "Explorer I," fired on January 31 (See March issue of American Opinion). "Explorer II," however, failed to orbit and was lost. But on March 26, in another attempt and again using the JUPITER-C rocket, the Army succeeded in placing "Exporer III" into orbit, although it was announced that it had not got off perfectly and would not stay in outer space long. In the meantime the Navy, after failures since December, 1957, finally succeeded (on March 17) in firing its VANGUARD rocket successfully and put a tiny (3 and 1/4 pound) baby satellite into orbit. Thus, at the end of March, there were four (known) satellites in outer space — three American, and the dog-carrying Soviet "Sputnik II," the first "Sputnik" having burned itself out on January 4.

→ After "hijacking" an American-piloted South Korean airliner in February, the North Korean Communists shot down an American jet fighter plane near their border. Some analysts speculated that the Reds might be testing United States determination to resist provocations.

→ Washington announced that in mid-February unemployment in the United States had reached a sixteen-year record with 5,703,000. Both the GOP "defendants" and the Democratic "prosecutors" engaged in much contradictory oratory about the business downturn. Many of the proposed recession "cures" would in effect cancel each other out, and sober minds questioned anyway that a depression can be "legislated" out of existence. Meanwhile, in the midst of the recession, it was announced that the cost of living rose another two-tenths of one per cent in February to an all-time high.

→ As the United States offered to share military science secrets with NATO allies, critical observers pointed out that some of these "allies" have so many Communists in key posts that we might just as well offer to share these secrets with Khrushchev & Company directly.

→ At the conference of SEATO (South East Asia Treaty Organization) in Manila, Pakistan spearheaded a blunt demand for more United States economic aid as the implied price for resisting Soviet blandishments.

→ The House Committee on Un-American Activities conducted a week-long probe in Boston and, with the help of two F.B.I. undercover agents and many recalcitrant witnesses, established that Communists remain dangerously active in New England.

→ Although the situation was not quite clear at the end of March, it looked as if King Saud of Saudi Arabia, recipient of considerable United States economic and military aid, had been ousted from power by his anti-Western and pro-Egyptian brother, Crown Prince Feisal. American petroleum and other strategic investments in Saudi Arabia are formidable.

→ The five-weeks Senate investigation of the violent strike by the United Auto Workers against the Kohler Company of Kohler, Wisconsin, was terminated. It was characterized by new attacks on loyal Kohler workers in Wisconsin, and by angry exchanges in Washington between the U.A.W. chief, Walter Reuther, and Republican Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona; also by a brilliant display of histrionics on the part of Reuther. He denied all responsibility for violence at Kohler, which he blamed on the company, and denounced the entire investigation as a "Republican plot" to "destroy" him and his union.

→ In a major Kremlin shake-up Premier Bulganin was ousted by Party boss Nikita Khrushchev, who was "elected" to the premier post by the Supreme Soviet. General impression was that Khrushchev now seeks Stalin-style dictatorial powers.

→ In connection with developments in the Kremlin, the following interesting sequence of events was noted: As the Kremlin stepped up its propaganda for the halting of H-bomb tests (after itself just having concluded a series of major tests) some of our most "controversial" scientists — including Dr. Linus Pauling of the California Institute of Technology and Dr. Edward Condon, former chief of the U.S. Bureau of Standards — unleashed a scare campaign in support of the Moscow objective. Condon predicted that many thousands will die of bone cancer and leukemia as a result of the nuclear tests. On the last day of the month, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko announced that Moscow will halt all further nuclear tests "unilaterally." While the propaganda value of this gesture was obviously great, informed Western experts could immediately point to the hidden "jokers" and traps. By a strange coincidence, CBS-TV carried a nuclear test scare program the day before Gromyko's announcement, and from New Haven, Conn. and Philadelphia, Penn., groups of "peace fighters" started to walk to New York City to petition the United Nations to halt nuclear tests through international agreement. By another coincidence, all this preceded the United States nuclear tests in the Pacific scheduled for April.

→ On the last day of the month, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's Conservatives won the most decisive federal election victory in Canada's history. Incomplete returns showed that the Conservatives would have over 200 seats, in the 265-member House of Commons, and were assured of four years in office.

HOW TO READ THE FEDERALIST

by

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This is the second in a series of twelve essays by Mr. Alexander on the Federalist Papers. They will all appear serially in this magazine.

II

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS is one of the "unalienable rights" listed in the Declaration of Independence—but what does it mean?

It is a poetic phrase, a little vague but rather beautiful and certainly unforgettable. It seems to have rolled off the Signers' pen without ado. They were supremely confident about their beliefs. They spoke of "self-evident" truths. They wrapped up "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in a single package. The first two of these three are readily understandable. Life is substantial, and liberty is easily defined and illustrated. But today, although we hear quite a bit of humbug about "human rights", we have to hesitate, meditate, even speculate, over the meaning of three little words that have been familiar to us all since childhood. "Pursuit of happiness — ?"

The Signers would have been better understood today if they had frankly called it—pursuit of money. The phrase is a gross over-simplification, and the evil-minded would misunderstand it, but that can hardly be helped. The same people who regard "pursuit of happiness" as meaning the unlicensed chase of sensual gratification would take "pursuit of money" to mean get-rich-quick and never mind how. We come closer to the true meaning of the phrase if we examine this fragment from *The Federalist No.* 44, in which Madison wrote:

". . . laws impairing the obligation of contracts are contrary to the first principles of the social compact, and to every

principle of sound legislation . . . Very properly there have the (Constitutional) convention (members) added this constitutional bulwark in favor of personal security and private rights . . . "

Property, then, and the obligation of contracts, are things safe-guarded in the American Constitution on the same basis that life and liberty are safeguarded. Money, or property, is not a spiritual value; but the right to earn and keep it was so regarded by the Founding Fathers. The men who drew the Constitution were clearly thinking of private enterprise when they asserted the right to pursue happiness. It is the right to choose a profession, a career, or a business, and to make the most of it within the limits of decency.

It seems strange that in our day we find it difficult to understand what our forefathers were talking about. Why did they say "happiness" if they meant freedom-of-enterprise? Well, to Early Americans happiness and property were not at opposite ends of the spectrum. It is true that happiness, now and then, connotes spirituality. It is tranquility, harmony, a satisfaction that comes from honest accomplishment — and the physical aspect of accomplishment is the ownership of something to show for it. The bridge that connects the sense of hope with the realization of achievement is easily perceivable.

Still, it all requires some rather belated explanation. It would be much better if we had instant, instinctive understanding of these traditional phrases which Americans now have lived by for many generations. Somehow we Twentieth Century Americans have acquired a sense of guilt which makes us unwilling to admit that happiness and successful enterprise may be closely related. For fully a quarter-century, our businessman has been depicted as a Babbitt of dense stupidity and total lack of culture. Our American visitor to Europe, unless he happens to be bringing military or financial aid to foreigners, is still held up as a social barbarian. The interpretative writers who dominate our daily newspapers still commence

with the assumption that Americans, being relatively rich, are therefore lacking in sympathy and understanding concerning the rest of the world.

None of this should be regarded as entirely accidental. A confusion has been planted in our minds until our children grow up and come out of college with a conviction that to be American is slightly shameful. A conspiracy has been subtly operating. It is a plot of tear-down, level-out, share-the-wealth. It runs through our educational systems, our public information, and our political expressions. It seems to say that private wealth is spawned in wickedness and — since it cannot bring happiness to the person who earned and owns it — should be distributed by the Federal Government for public welfare, at home and abroad. And if the earner-owner happens to be a corporate person, representing thousands of stockholders, then the Congress is called upon to divest the corporation of its holdings and even of its occupation. By mid-Twentieth Century practically every phase of private enterprise in the nation has been forced to fight for its life against the bust-business socializers.

Such plots, conspiracies and misrepresentations could not survive if Americans still understood, and stood up for, the first principles of Constitutional Americanism. And the lack of understanding has befogged our outlook upon life with guilt and self-reproach. Gradually, we have permitted the good and true meaning of American folktalk to be obscured and dirtied. Consider, for example, the lexicon of the Welfare State. Home has become housing. Health is now a legislative term denoting rump injections and free false teeth. Education is measured in classroom units. Labor no longer means either childbirth or honest toil, but a mass of faceless workers giving the fist salute to a leader on a balcony.

Let nobody think that America is not the poorer for all this. Our spiritual values have been carnalized. The yearnings of men to succeed have been re-characterized into political demands for the greed and gluttony of utopian materi-

alism. The dream of what the Founders called "happiness" is now supposed to mean a tossing nightmare of the greasy spoon and huddled collectiveness, called security.

In the face of all this, it might have been better if the Founders had been more flat-footed in relating happiness and private property. The men responsible for the Declaration and Constitution were nothing if not practical about their worldly affairs. It is characteristic of them that in their desperate rebellion, they pledged "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." The Founders knew that there is no reasonable way to separate such things. They knew that there is a moral unity in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Perhaps it is not too late for America to recover this understanding of life. We need leaders to say often and publicly that money and happiness, like body and soul, have a natural affinity. When these ideas are violently separated, or maliciously alienated, the American people suffer. Even if the body would benefit in a Welfare State, which is debatable, the soul would certainly perish. Take away a man's right to earn and keep his property, and he soon loses much of his manhood.

The right-of-enterprise belongs high on any list of freedoms. It asserts a man's right to seek his chosen mate, to build a dwelling for his family, protect and improve his community by restrictive covenants if they serve the purpose, to gather an estate and pass it along to children and grandchildren — these being all that a man ever sees of Life Everlasting.

The quest, in this sense, for happiness is more precious to most men than life and even liberty, although in practice they are inseparable. Indeed, to say that a man works for "money" is really to say that he works to achieve a host of admirable and desirable things. Among them are home, family, permanence, tranquility, satisfaction, cleanliness, privacy, initiative and individualism. The propertied man can expect a measure of all these things, and the man without property cannot.

Property is one of those "unalienable rights" which no

Government can rightly take from the American people. It seems incredible, then, that Americans after two World Wars for human rights have come to consent to such things as:

1. Confiscation of private property by Federal competition in the field of business; Federal taxation above seventy-five percent upon income and inheritance; Federal control by repeated "emergency legislation" over wages, prices, rents and interest rates; Federal encroachments in the fields of Labor contracts and public education.

2. Dissipation of American wealth and military strength by transfer of many billions of dollars' worth of goods abroad; annual taxing of American citizens and corporations to support foreign nations; continuance and proliferation of entangling alliances; meddlesome policies which in effect transfer the right to declare war from the American Congress to ministers and politicians of foreign lands.

3. Destruction of the American character by political inducement of self-pity and unreliance; by perverted courtship of minority groups and hard-luck persons; by masochistic and slow-poison tear-down of the United States of America through unfavorable comparison with dependent countries; by fraudulent hysterics over alleged "persecutions" of spies and traitors which are in plain fact no more than national acts of self-preservation.

Against all these abuses, there is remedy. The wrongs can be righted by aroused, indignant and activated citizens' groups at the grass roots. These groups are not called upon to revolt by force of arms — merely to unite in political action. If it should happen that people in all States recaptured their political parties from the Share America cliques, that would be a beginning. The recovery of our lost freedoms would follow like the rise of the morning sun.

One businessman to another: "I wanted my son to share in the business, but the Government beat him to it."

BULLETS

The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on; nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it.

Omar

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Remember the good old days when charity was a virtue instead of an industry?

Josh Jenkins

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There must be an easier way to make a living than by being Secretary of Agriculture.

Ezra Taft Benson

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The years teach much which the days never know.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The shortest distance between two points is to run like hell.

Some Eager Beaver

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Before marriage a man yearns for a woman. After marriage the "y" is silent.

And So Is He

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We go by the major vote, and if the majority are insane, the sane must go to the hospital.

Horace Mann

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The true danger is, when liberty is nibbled away, for expedients, and by parts.

Edmund Burke

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She means well, but she doesn't mean much.

By Whom — We Don't Know
About Whom — We Could Guess

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A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something.

Wilson Mizner

What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind.

T. H. Key

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I have no doubt that most of Russia's recent triumphs have been produced on American typewriters.

Medford Evans,
In National Review

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It never troubles the wolf how many the sheep may be.

Virgil

* * *

The chief justice was rich, quiet, and infamous.

Thomas Babington Macaulay
(On Warren Hastings)

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Saying Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

Jeremiah VI, 14

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Americans have come to believe that it's easier to vote for something they want than to work for it.

H. C. Diefenbach

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A fool must now and then be right by chance.

William Cowper

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You don't have to be a cannibal to get fed up with people.

Especially With Scientists
Who Sign Petitions

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Even such is Time, that takes in trust
Our youth, our joys, our all we have,
And pays us but with earth and dust;
Who in the dark and silent grave,
When we have wander'd all our ways,
Shuts up the story of our days;
But from this earth, this grave,
this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.

Sir Walter Raleigh, In Prison,
The Night Before He Was Executed.

NEGRO AMERICANS BACK TO AFRICA?

by

CLENNON KING

We have stated repeatedly in this magazine our belief that the trouble in the South over integration is Communist contrived; that Communist agents, working largely behind the scenes, are using every trick and skill in the Communist repetory to foment bitterness between black and white members of communities where no bitterness existed before; and that the Communists thoroughly intend to fan and coalesce small flames of "civil disorder" into the conflagration of civil war if possible.

Under the disturbing and difficult conditions which the Communists have brought about, one of the most heartening developments has been the good sense, good will, and sound patriotism of many of the responsible Negro leaders in the South. Outstanding among these leaders has been Clennon King, Professor of History at Alcorn (all-Negro) College, Alcorn, Mississippi, whose wise and courageous articles in various southern papers have been widely quoted.

But Professor King makes no bones about his feeling that the racial problem is very real. And he is an ardent advocate of the immigration of Negro Americans to Africa, for the good it can do on both sides of the Atlantic. We are glad to present his thoughts, in the following brief article which he prepared for us on his favorite subject.

A FACT: Christianity is losing in world influence.

Another fact: The race problem in America remains to be solved, and is now as sore as ever.

A further fact: Negro Americans are Americans first, but—no matter how reluctantly—Africans, too.

I have a theory that these three separate facts are not so separate.

The Harmful Publicity . . .

Suppose the United States would or could say to the world: "There is no *American* race problem!" It would be a

huge help to the beginning of a better era in international relations. But the United States cannot say this, *because Negroes would not go along.*

Why won't we go along? It is a good question, without any easy answer.

American Jewry certainly does *not* promote either public or foreign notions that America is a land of anti-Semitism. There actually is some anti-Semitism in America, of course. But Jewish Americans know that such lurid publicity would only make matters worse for America, and for themselves.

Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, and South-European Americans are discriminated against. But they do not promote loud-mouthed wailing on their behalf, either. These people know that their American advantages far exceed anything to the contrary.

But travel abroad, for me, has more than once been interrupted by the embarassing "sympathies for the Negro" of some naive foreigner. Other Negro Americans traveling abroad have expressed similar feelings of discomfort. Only a dishonest or childish person likes to be pitied for false or exaggerated reasons. From an American standpoint, I commonly found the people visited much more to be pitied than my own.

A Negro ex-Communist who had been living in Russia for many years returned home a few months ago, and had this to say, in the March issue of *Ebony*: "In the search for (civil) rights I foolishly moved to Russia . . . I believed then that the black man's future lay in this Soviet 'promised land', that he would never achieve freedom and equal status in these United States no matter how long or how stubbornly he fought to do so. But I was wrong." Now, twenty-five years after leaving America, he has discovered that the moral and political values he sought were at home all along, and in superior degree. He apologizes, and promises that he has returned "a better and more convinced citizen."

We Negro Americans are one of the most fortunate races on earth. Our opportunities are definitely superior to those

of any other colored race in the world. Yet we too often express ourselves with strange cynicism. The prominent Negro American personality who, not long ago, petulantly exclaimed "the (United States) Government can go to hell," cannot help but be sorry. The damage is done, however, and other damage from other sources continues to be done.

NAACP, with all of its brain, has sought to go before the United Nations, to air globally the grievances of Negro Americans. The "dean of Negro thought," Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, renewed this request as recently as last fall. American racial incidents are purposely created, in order to give this country derogatory world-wide publicity—and to shame her into bowing to the aims and wills of private organizations.

It is no wonder that Christianity loses influence! The United States of America, the leading Christian nation, is indicted before the world by its own citizens as guilty of humanity's most unChristian offense: the lack of brotherhood.

Against the Objective Facts . . .

America has racial adjustments to make, of course, as *all* nations do—even the nations where all of the people are of the same color. Judged by pragmatic world standards, however, America actually looms as an outstanding example of superior inter-group relations.

No sincere spokesman expects America to be perfect. But we Negro Americans know that she is capable of advance in that direction. The problems that arise do not normally stagnate and putrify; they enter the process of favorable solution. The American way is the way of hope, and we know it.

What we too often do not know is that the minority peoples in other lands do not share as great a hope as our own. And far too little known is the truth that we, as a part of the world's colored races, have found something of great value here in Christian America; something which the world as a whole, and our African brothers in particular, can share through us. Dedicated Negro Americans must be encouraged

to see themselves in perspective, from afar; and also to see the great need for what they can offer in the world outside.

II

FOR ONE THING, Negro Americans who seriously say that they want to go to Africa to live should be helped to go. This should become a part of America's foreign policy. The prolonged meeting of the skeptical African and the adventurous Christian Negro American, in Africa, would heal a lot of wounds on two continents.

Because I believe this, and because United States Government help—despite the Langer African Migration Bill (S.759) currently before Congress—does not seem to be forthcoming, I am in the process of organizing an expedition to explore inexpensive means of launching a limited African migration project.

The fundamental difficulty in establishing cells of dedicated Negro American communities in Africa is not one of finding the Negro Americans desiring to participate. It is in finding sufficiently inexpensive means of travel. Seven hundred dollars or better per passenger is the average cost of a one-way trip from America to Africa. For a family this could easily run into several thousand dollars. This means hard cash money. It does not count the money one would need with which to "get started." If the trans-Atlantic passenger fares could be coped with more readily, the "get started" money would be far less a problem.

A Lesson From the Past . . .

Columbus himself could not have made it to America, even with Queen Isabella's help, if oceanic travel costs had then run into such big money. And the difference today is not due just to far greater labor costs. A critical part of the difference is caused by the basic change in the very *mode* of transportation; specifically, in the abandonment of sail for faster means. Before the last century the principal method of

inter-continental travel was by sailing ship. Expensive fuels, high vehicle maintenance costs, and travel luxuries were unknown for long voyages. An adventurous spirit was an absolute necessity for travelers of an earlier day. And there is no fundamental reason why, for a sufficiently earnest purpose, an adventurous spirit cannot substitute for a lot of travel luxuries today. A synthesis of the old and the new can bring about considerable savings on the trans-Atlantic passage—and offer reasonable comfort, safety, and speed at the same time.

There is no reason why Negro Americans, who *really* want to consecrate their lives to helping to develop a Negro Christian civilization in Africa, must have the luxuries and speed of modern ocean travel in order to get across. With a sailing yacht of moderate size, say fifty to one hundred feet (Columbus' favorite ship, the *Nina,* was only seventy feet long!), I hope to see the beginnings of low-cost African American migration take place. This service would be in the reach of all Negro Americans who sincerely want to make their own effective contribution to the great inter-group problems of our times.

III

IT IS NOW 339 years since August, 1619, when the *Jesus,* a Dutch "man of warre", landed twenty Negroes at Jamestown, Virginia. After the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, the number of Negro freemen in America multiplied by leaps and bounds. Some of these Africans, as they were then called, after having acquired some measure of wealth and a new faith in human dignity, sought to use this power for the benefit of their fellow men. Among the most interesting of the period were Paul Cuffe, a rich New England trader, and Lott Cary, the well-to-do pastor of the African Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Pioneers Eastward . . .

Captain Paul Cuffe was owner of the 109-ton brig, *Traveller.* At his own expense he sailed from Philadelphia to

Africa in 1811 and again in 1815. On the second trip he carried thirty-eight freemen as settlers, and returned for a third voyage. But with so little government cooperation forthcoming, he turned his attention to helping to found the American Colonization Society (1816). He died in 1817, happy in the realization that his life had inspired a new era of freedom in Africa. In 1819 Congress passed an enabling act for the establishment of Liberia.

Reverend Lott Cary gave up his home and the leading Negro pastorate in America to see that the great Christian experiment in Liberia did not fail. In 1821 he sailed for Africa from Norfolk on the schooner *Nautilus*, with his wife, his two children, and twenty-eight other migrants. They reached Liberia, by way of Sierra Leone, in 1822. "The redemption of Africa" was begun.

Today a Welcome Is Waiting . . .

One hundred and thirty-four years later, President W. V. S. Tubman of Liberia, in his inaugural address, has this to say about his desire for Negro Americans to come to his country today:

"It is the policy of the Government to encourage such (desirable) immigrants. The National Legislature has enacted the following arrangements . . . Three months' free lodging at the Government's expense will be arranged for immigrants . . . A single immigrant will be allocated ten acres of land free of cost and each family will receive twenty-five acres . . . "

President Tubman is one of the surest friends that America has in Africa. He is of American descent, and a Christian. May his tribe increase. Independent Negro Americans like Captain Cuffe and the Reverend Cary stimulated private citizens of this nation into a realization of their obligations and opportunities in Africa, over a century ago. I believe it is time once more to be following their example.

We Pause To Remark . . .

We agree with Mr. Fletcher Knebel, in the relief expressed in his column, Potomac Fever, that there is no danger of Sherman Adams running for President in 1960. As Mr. Knebel points out, the Constitution forbids a third term.

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Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana, in a plea for "coexistence", is quoted as having said that he "did not see why the leaders of Soviet Russia could not be trusted." That one is easy. The reason why we do not trust the Soviet leaders' good faith is exactly the same reason why we do not trust Senator Ellender's good judgment: past experience.

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Would you like to walk on water? You can now buy "water shoes", made of blocks of styrofoam, to be attached to the feet like skis. What we want to see is a hundred-yard dash — preferably on the Potomac River—between participants wearing those things. Perle Mesta and Elsa Maxwell, for instance.

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"A South American business center now under construction," so a recent news item tells us, "will be in the form of an ascending spiral. It will cover twenty-five acres and be 365 feet high. Access will be by ramp." So we have at last achieved the *ziggurats* of the Babylonians. Also, there is hardly any doubt that, behind the Iron Curtain, at least, we have now caught up to the Assyrians in cruelty. Maybe in another few decades or centuries we can have a sound hard currency, such as the Lydians had.

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Life is so complicated. One thing leads to another. This is a most inconsiderate arrangement, on the part of Providence, that we think the "planners" should do something about. We are indebted to Mr. Louis Ruthenburg for the story of the state legislator who introduced a bill to change the relationship between the diameter and the circumference of a circle, from the "usually accepted" ratio of 3.1416 to the more convenient ratio of exactly 3. Perhaps the socialists can persuade that same legislator to bring in a bill providing that henceforth one thing shall not lead to another, but vice versa. If it is passed, and the Supreme Court doesn't rule that this legislative field has been preempted by our federal government, we promise to move to his state.

In the meantime, however, we must suffer all the baleful results of the outmoded order of things. For instance, we subscribe to *The Worker, The National Guardian, the New World Review* and a few other out-and-out Communist publications — and read them, too. Otherwise we would not know — as Anna Louise Strong informed us in a recent issue of the *New World Review* — that it was Russia which came to freedom's aid "when the armies of France collapsed before Hitler, and all Europe feared a Dark Ages of a thousand years". Somehow we had got the preposterous idea that Stalin had been an *ally* of Hitler when Hitler overran France. But these publications rapidly clear up any such misconceptions in the minds of their readers. We wouldn't miss them, even for a weekend with Milovan Djilas.

But — this love for great literature means that your editor's name is on all

kinds of subscription lists, some of which are available to all kinds of liberals for all kinds of purposes. So some one thing we have done (we have no idea what) led to this other thing, of our getting a letter from Eleanor Roosevelt, which in turn led to our flirting on the edge of great danger. As will become clear from our reply.

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March 8, 1958

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

On my return from Washington tonight I found on my desk your letter dated March 7. In this letter you plead with me, on behalf of yourself and your friend Lester Pearson, to join with your other friends in sending at least one hundred dollars each, to help pay for a conference the American Association for the United Nations is holding in Washington later this month.

My secretary, knowing how favorably I would regard such a request, especially from such a source, had already made out my personal check for one thousand dollars, to the A. A. for the U. N. (of which I note you are Chairman of the Board of Governors), and had placed it on top of your letter, ready for my signature.

I was just about to sign this check, and send it on its way, when I picked up a book which was gradually being pushed off my desk by the accumulated brochures of the American Civil Liberties Union. It happened to be the English edition of Corliss Lamont's FREEDOM IS AS FREEDOM DOES, and my thumb caught in the middle of Bertrand Russell's introduction (which Mr. Lamont had apparently been too *modest* to publish in the American edition). There I learned, before I could get my thumb out and close the book, of the nightmare of persecution now rampant in America against anybody who does what I was about to do. In fact, Mr. Russell solemnly assured me that anybody in this country "who goes so far as to . . . . . say a good word for the United Nations is liable" to be visited and threatened by the F.B.I. And of course not only you, I am sure, but another authority with almost as much prestige and knowledge as yourself, namely the *New York Times,* will vouch for the fact that Bertrand Russell utters only words of truth and profound wisdom.

So I was saved by so timely a warning. But I cringe to think what would have happened to me if I had mailed that check. Even now I can hear the F.B.I. bloodhounds yapping at my heels. So you will simply have to hold that conference without any of my dollars to help to buy the vodka.

Regretfully,
Robert Welch

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Despite all the persiflage above, we make no commitment not to be serious in these particular pages. And since, at every turn, Bertrand Russell seems to be moving in and out of the copy for this number of our magazine, let's pull him all the way in and take a sober look at this notorious egghead. He is a specimen well worth careful study.

In 1932, Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, whose reputation as a military hero carried all the way back in German memories to the Seven Weeks War in 1866, was re-elected as President of the Weimar Republic. And some wit remarked that the Germans had elected a *legend* to head their government. With the shadow of Adolph Hitler already forecasting future events, this had been a foolish and disastrous thing to do. But even more foolish, and likely to be equally disastrous, is the course being taken today by quite a large segment of the British public. For they have chosen, as their spiritual leader and political mentor, a doddering old refugee from the fourth dimension.

Bertrand Russell was born, with a silver spoon in his mouth, as the second son of an English peer. As Will Durant said in a brilliant double pun, some thirty-five years ago, he thus missed inheriting an earldom by an "heir's breath". As Will Durant did not say, he also missed inheriting any common sense, by an immeasurable gap. Eventually nature corrected the first omission, and our subject became Lord Russell. But the second margin was too large to overcome, so it has gradually grown wider.

If his prowess as a mathematician were important to this discussion, we'd venture a few pinpricks to test even that huge bubble of prestige. We'd begin by pointing out that a small but highly dramatic part of his early reputation rested on his proposal, around 1900, of a brilliant definition of a cardinal number (as the class of all classes similar to a given class); and that while Bertrand Russell has always been given credit by his admirers for having arrived *independently* at this concept, the fact remains that it had already been proposed some twenty years before by the German mathematician, Gottlob Frege, with whose work Russell was familiar. We'd mention next that Russell's one and only important book, *Principia Mathematica,* was written in *collaboration* with Alfred North Whitehead. Several volumes of "learned moonshine" (as they have been described by a friendly critic) he wrote all by himself.

But further innuendoes of this kind would sound entirely too much like something out of the Book Review Section of the *New York Times,* when dealing with an anti-Communist book, to be at all honest. So let's take the curse off even the remarks above, by readily conceding that we are not qualified to appraise Bertrand Russell as a mathematician; and that his glorification in that field by the Liberal Establishment may be entirely justified by the facts. Nor do we think that his "moral turpitude" (or whatever the term was which, in a more righteous age, our immigration officials held up to shield us family-loving Americans from contamination by the Bertrand Russells of Europe) deserves more than a passing sentence. What we are coming to, that *is* important, are his merits as a philosopher-statesman. And we wish they were merely negligible, for that would be a huge improvement.

Lord Russell has himself written many chapters to prove that the distinctive feature of the unintelligent man is the hastiness and absoluteness of his opinions. And few men have ever described themselves so accurately—albeit unconsciously—in their own pronouncements. The core of this unintelligence does not consist of the flip-flops and reversals and glaring inconsistencies to which Russell is addicted, but of his refusal to admit any inconsistency between the position he is pontifically supporting today and the categorically opposite position which he was supporting yesterday or may be supporting tomorrow. Always, in all ways, the world is wrong and Bertrand Russell is right. And since the Soviet Union is the only part of the political world which, to

Bertrand Russell, is even worthy of a second thought, his arrogant omniscience invariably winds up guaranteeing the eternal wisdom of the current Communist line—as fast as he can catch up with its turns.

It would take volumes to write a short introduction to the idiocy of Bertrand Russell's fulminations with regard to the practical details of the world's economics and politics. So we'll confine ourselves to an illustration on a higher level; in that realm of generalization and logic where he professes to be such a master. Some years ago he wrote, practically as his credo, and with all the solemnity of which he was capable: "Better the world should perish than that I, or any other human being, should believe a lie." We are sure he would claim that to be the essence of his philosophy today. Yet within the past three weeks he has written, in a personal letter to a friend of mine, that if no alternatives remain except Communist domination or extinction of the human race, he prefers Communist domination. And this, of course, is the line of "blackmail" he is currently using on the British public to condition their thinking in favor of surrender to the Kremlin.

Now so great a logician would certainly welcome our putting his reasoning in the form of a syllogism. When we do, we have this sequence: (1) it is better for the world to perish than for anybody to believe a lie; (2) it is better for the Communists to rule the world than for the world to perish; (3) therefore, it is better for the Communists to rule the world than for anybody to believe a lie.

Since, as Bertrand Russell well knows, Communist power has been acquired by lies, and its continuance and growth depend vitally on lies, the conclusion he supports is childish in its absurdity. But this is mature and rigorous argument compared to most of what he is spouting in his writings and speeches today. The truth, of course, is that this conceited old crackpot — who has always regarded the labyrinthine processes of his own mind as the most important phenomenon in nature — has now degenerated into merely a puppet of the Communists, happy in the conspicuousness he achieves through being dangled by them at the front end of their propaganda line. Russell himself has proclaimed that he loves "perfection more than life". He has good grounds, therefore, for a feeling of happiness and accomplishment. For we believe he can easily claim the honor of being the most consummate egghead of our times.

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In the *New York Times* on January 26, 1958, Dore Schary is quoted — we presume in connection with his recent opus, *Sunrise at Campobello* — as saying: "I had read everything that had been written about Franklin D. Roosevelt since his death." Alfred Knopf describes that as the neatest trick of the year. But we disagree. We think the neatest trick of the year was performed by Bill Buckley of *National Review* when, on proposing a non-governmental committee to study what is wrong with Radio Free Europe, he suggested Henry A. Kissinger as a member of that committee. We expect any day now to hear that General Douglas MacArthur has suggested to President Eisenhower that Adlai Stevenson be made chairman of a committee to study what is wrong with Foreign Aid. It's a topsy-turvy world, my masters. Here's hoping you are not the same.

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they see that "every culture provides distorting or colouring glasses" through which the world appears as something which is different from what it really is; and, therefore, from their lofty perches as oneworlders, they decree that it is the mission of WHO and kindred agencies to globalize standards of nutrition, environmental sanitation, mental health, and anything else that comes to mind.

Our respective national constitutions, like our moral standards, are obsolete, in view of Dr. Chisholm and his kind. In his presidential address last August, he consigned the Constitution of the United States, along with all others of the world, to limbo. He said: "It is obvious that none of our constitutions was ever designed for the world the way it is now. It was never designed to support and use the United Nations. I think all our constitutions were designed for competition to the death, always with the certainty that warfare was the final recourse; and the concept of warfare lies behind the legislation of all past generations. That is gone. Because that is true, our constitutions, I think without exception anywhere in the world, are obsolete and need to be changed extensively in order to fit this changing world. All our national institutions were designed for competition, ruthless competition. All our methods of doing business were designed for the same purpose. None of them was designed for mutual co-operation on a world basis for the welfare of mankind."

It Is A Crime For The United States To Be Rich . . .

Dr. Chisholm went on to say that it is "manifestly absurd" for a "very small proportion of the human race", meaning the people of the United States, to enjoy a "tremendous proportion of the world's natural resources". He predicted, with the obvious envy which oneworlders feel toward the United States, that this situation cannot last, because Nature's gifts to the American people are "not a sensible arrangement". Apparently, Dr. Chisholm feels that we are heading toward a socialist redistribution of wealth on a global scale—and heartily approves.

Or Even To Exist . . .

Finally, in this presidential address before the World Federation for Mental Health, Dr. Chisholm went all-out for world government and the obliteration of all national boundaries. He asked rhetorically, "National boundaries. Why? What for?" After explaining that wise and intelligent visitors from some other planet would be at a total loss to understand the national loyalties found on the Earth, Dr. Chisholm declared that "if we really looked at it, we might come to the conclusion that all our international boundaries are ridiculous."

Dr. Chisholm then envisioned the day of complete integration of the nations of the world in a global society ruled over by a global government. Movement in this direction has been undertaken by the World Federation for Mental Health, which is an official part of the total WHO apparatus. Said the founder of WHO: "One of the early steps toward integration is being taken in this organization, the World Federation for Mental Health, and it has gone a little way."

In 1957, Dr. Chisholm delivered the "Bampton Lectures in America" at Columbia University. In his third lecture, he returned to what is ap-

parently a favorite subject; namely, that the very idea of morality has no validity in man's nature and his universe, that the very concept of sin is the equivalent of superstition, that there are no eternal values and verities the violation of which entails unhappy consequences.

And To Believe In Sin Is A Sin . . .

"I think," said Dr. Chisholm in his Bampton lecture, "there is no doubt that this idea of sin creates much havoc in our relationships with other cultures . . . We must remember that it is only in some cultures that sin exists. For instance, the Eskimos didn't have this concept until quite recently. Now they have; they caught it from us." Dr. Chisholm then quoted an anonymous and "very eminent cleric" who was alleged to have said: "You know, for years we couldn't do anything with those Eskimos at all; they didn't have any sin. We had to teach them sin for years before we could do anything with them." On his own, Dr. Chisholm added contemptuously: "The Eskimos were in a state of innocence, but they had to be made to feel sinful so they could be controlled."

Dr. Chisholm's "very eminent cleric" was a palpable fiction calculated to titillate his Columbia University audience. The mental-health program, which WHO was chartered to foster as one of its basic aims, holds that the concept of sin is the excrescence of diseased minds, as well as a tool of other diseased minds scheming to control masses of innocent and immature human beings.

Also in his third Bampton lecture, Dr. Chisholm reported that many members of the secretariats of the United Nations and its specialized agencies came to him during his tenure as Director-General of WHO to say that they were "unhappy and embarrassed by . . . instructions from their governments, from their state departments, from their foreign offices . . ." This is easy to believe with respect to some of the Americans who were in the employ of the UN and its agencies, and who were eventually exposed as Communists. One thing, however, is certain: none of these delegates and secretariat personnel who complained about the necessity of obeying the instructions of their respective governments were from the Soviet Union.

While Loyalty Louses Up The Deal . . .

Expanding on this subject, Dr. Chisholm told his Columbia University audience: "I have also seen many members of secretariats come back to work from home leaves very unhappy indeed. I remember one man telling me that he didn't know how he was ever going to be able to go home to live, because he found it very painful living among his own relatives . . . *He had become a functioning world citizen.*" (Italics supplied).

Inadvertantly, perhaps, Dr. Chisholm thus revealed that the prevailing attitude among the personnel of the United Nations and its agencies, excepting always the Communists, is that working in the UN, WHO, FAO, UNESCO, and UNICEF is working for a burgeoning world government. Exposed to the seductive sentimentality of doing good for the human race, these members of the secretariats betray their trust, privately repudiate their national loyalties, and ride off as globaliers to the final crusade.

Brock Chisholm is on record as declaring that the term "'Iron Curtain' . . . creates imaginary boundaries" and that "the concept of the 'Iron Curtain' is damaging to world peace." It may be imaginary to Dr. Chisholm; to the world it is real.

To sum up, Dr. Chisholm sees in the wave of the future, when men have reached maturity, "the lugubrious emblems of mortality" (to borrow a phrase from Hawthorne) for sin, morality, national loyalties, the United States Constitution, the natural wealth of the United States, and other concepts and institutions which belong to a dead and dying past.

III

WHO And Fluoridation . . .

In September, 1957, WHO made a declaration in favor of the flouridation of the water supply. This dictum left the questions of the precise benefits or hazards of putting fluorides in the public's drinking water exactly where they were before. WHO's pronouncement on the subject, like that of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, in December, 1957, amounted to a propaganda statement in favor of socialized medicine. The New York *Times* was quick to exploit the propaganda value of the so-called findings of both WHO and AMA in that newspapers's campaign to bring about the fluoridation of the drinking water of eight million residents of New York City.

The proponents of fluoridation do not even allege that it is beneficial in the prevention of dental decay for the seventy-eight percent of the population which is above nine years of age. They propose, nevertheless, to subject some six million New York residents to a compulsory medication which is at best useless. The cost of fluoridation of the water supply is borne by the taxpayers. It is socialized medicine in an area of health where the allegedly preventive fluorides are readily available in tablet form to individuals who desire to purchase them for their children.

Regardless of all questions of toxicity, mottling, and caries, the compulsory and socialized medication involved in the fluoridation of the tax-supported water supply is the main issue. Shall we turn to Big Brother to cut down dental bills? WHO and AMA say yes. If so, why not a daily glass of compulsory carrot juice to cope with the problem of defective eyesight? Why not get to the root of the matter and pass a law, making it illegal to sell candy to children and decreeing punishment for parents who permit excessive carbohydrates in their offspring's diet? Or, since health is bound up with correct nutrition, shall we put WHO on the job to watch us at every meal?

IV

National Citizens Committee For The World Health Organization . . .

The left-wing character of WHO is evident in the political orientation of its most ardent supporters as well as that of its officials.

On May 15, 1953, the National Citizens Committee for WHO was incorporated in the State of New York "for non-profit, charitable and educational purposes". "For propaganda purposes", would have been a more accurate way to put it. Naturally, the Citizens Committee enjoys federal income tax exemption.

At the present time, the Citizens Committee for WHO has a policy committee and board of directors numbering sixty-three members. Nine out of ten politically informed Americans could guess that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is one of them. Probably, a large num-

ber could guess that one of the Reuther boys is another. In this case, it is Victor, the author of the slogan, "Carry forward to a Soviet America." (Walter is vice-president of the United World Federalists.)

Seventeen of the members of the National Citizens Committee for WHO have records of affiliation with Communist enterprises.

According to the latest annual WHO report, Dr. E. M. Bluestone, Montefiore Hospital, New York City, is a member of WHO's Expert Committee on Organization of Medical Care. Dr. Bluestone sponsored the notorious Waldorf-Astoria conference of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions which the State Department described as an "instrument of Soviet propaganda". He was also affiliated with the following Communist organizations: American Friends of Spanish Democracy, the Reichstag Fire Trial Anniversary Committee, and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Dr. Leo Eloesser, professor emeritus of Stanford University, was a member of the WHO staff from 1947 to 1949. Prior to that, from 1945 to 1947, he was employed with the China Mission of UNRRA, and subsequently, from 1949 to 1953, he was with UNICEF. During the Spanish Civil War, Dr. Eloesser served as a surgeon with the Communist forces in Spain. After the outbreak of the Korean War, he was honorary chairman of the China Welfare Appeal, a Communist organization which raised funds in the United States for Red China. Dr. Eloesser's other Communist connections have been too numerous to mention. It has been reported that he unnecessarily held up a WHO project for the treatment of trachoma for the children of Taiwan.

WHO, Mental Health, And World Government . . .

Attention has already been called to the official connection between WHO and the World Federation for Mental Health, and that Dr. Brock Chisholm was the first Director-General of the former and the incumbent president of the latter. Dr. Chisholm's world-government ideas pervade the thinking of these interlocked organizations. In an article written for *Survey Graphic* magazine more than ten years ago, Dr. Chisholm said: "In order to obtain peace for the world it is certain that we will have to sacrifice much of our own national sovereignty; we must ourselves grow to the stature of world citizenship and develop larger loyalties. . . . Surely it is becoming increasingly clear that nothing short of world government can ensure survival of the human race."

At the final session of the International Congress on Mental Health, held in London in August, 1948, the discussions of the gathering were summed up by Professor J. C. Flugel, as follows: "Under present-day conditions full mental health is only possible with reference to 'one world'. Hence, the emphasis on 'world citizenship', which has however been interpreted not so much politically but rather as a spiritual acceptance of world community. . . . We need new concepts and new symbols around which world loyalties can crystallize."

At the same International Congress on Mental Health, the following official declaration was made: "Principles of mental health cannot be successfully furthered in any society unless there is progressive acceptance of the concept of world citizenship. World citizenship can be widely extended among all peoples through the applications of the principles of mental health."

The New Abracadabra . . .

The incantations of mental health are as far removed from the political and economic realities of the world as the animism of an African tribe is distant from the theology of Aquinas. And yet, the doctors of mental health prescribe it as the cure-all for what ails the world. Dr. Frank Boudreau is a good example of the mental healthists in this respect. Addressing the Seventy-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in San Francisco, Dr. Boudreau declared: "Our present aggressiveness and competitive spirit must give way to compassion, sympathy, and cooperation. Advances in our knowledge of human psychology, sociology, and psychiatry, built into programs of mental health, give the most promise of success. WHO's present limited programs for mental health need to be developed and expanded until they cover the earth." Then and only then will we have "vigorous cooperative action toward building a world society in which opportunities for health, long life, rising standards of living, and freedom will be open to men, women, and children of every race, creed, or country." Dr. Boudreau is a member of the board of directors of the National Citizens Committee for the World Health Organization.

Apparently WHO considers the United Kingdom the most sacred shrine of the mental health sect. Thither WHO sends native sons of other countries to study the principles and methods of the cult, in order that they may return to their homelands as more zealous evangelists of world citizenship. In its latest annual report, WHO listed fellowships for the study of mental health in the United Kingdom to trainees from Nigeria, Germany, Ireland, Egypt, Israel, and Japan — to take a few examples. We shall see what success these returning evangelists have in curing the natives of these countries of the competitive spirit and national loyalties.

But The Same Uncle Sap . . .

The 1957 assessments for the operating costs of WHO totalled $12,911,710, of which the United States share is $3,867,610 or thirty-three per cent. The United Kingdom's share is a little less than ten percent and that of the U.S.S.R. is also just below ten percent. Of the internationally recruited WHO employees, twenty-one percent are from the United Kingdom and twelve percent are from the United States.

It has come to be axiomatic in these global endeavors that they depend for their existence upon financial support from the United States. The United States contribution of $3,800,000 will not bankrupt the taxpayers of the United States or dislocate our national economy. But the main question is "Why?" Why should American taxpayers be called upon to finance a global soteriology which runs counter to both reason and our foreign policy?

Obviously, the world is full of crazy people who need to be restored to some kind of mental health. The craziest of all are those who would have us throw away our weapons and stockpile maudlin sentimentality in their place. And a lot of them will be meeting in Minneapolis in May.

There will be another article by Dr. Matthews in the June issue of this magazine.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH IN WASHINGTON

by

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March — The Kohler Company In The Star Chamber

After a particularly smooth morning session, midway through March, Robert Kennedy, counsel for the Senate Rackets Committee, strolled over to the United Auto Workers' legal table and, with an infectious grin spreading over his cherubic face, inquired of Joseph Rauh, chief union counsel: "How are we doing?"

Such camaraderie between investigator and investigated suggests that the UAW had more than a passing advantage in the recently completed Senate investigation of union violence and vandalism during a strike against the Kohler Company of Wisconsin. Frankly, "we" did not do very well, but it was through no fault of assorted senators, staff members and witnesses who made it abundantly clear that they knew the Kohler Company was guilty on all counts submitted by the UAW. This included several charges unrelated to the issues, that occurred twenty years before the four-year-old strike began. A roll call of presumably unbiased participants makes this painfully apparent:

Robert Kennedy, chief (and Democratic) counsel. Reporters argued that he tried to be dispassionate, but his personal feelings were as evident as indicated by his remark quoted above.

Democratic chairman John McClellan of Arkansas. He was described by members of both parties as impartial yet, when the efficacy of his committee was challenged on the Senate floor, he did *not defend it*. Instead, he stated that the committee's 1957 report would "fully justify to any impartial mind . . . that the work of his committe *in its first year* was effective and was worthwhile." (Italics added.) McClellan made no defense of the Kohler inquiry other than to promise that "whenever I reach the conclusion that the usefulness of the committee has come to an end . . . I shall walk out on the floor of the Senate and so report." This was not a statement calculated to rally opinion to the committee's cause.

Democratic Senator Patrick McNamara of Michigan. A former union leader, on whose election in 1954 the UAW (which he was supposed to be investigating) had spent $725,000.00, McNamara did his best to place the Kohler people in the worst possible light. One day, he entered the room at 2:55, listened to the testimony of Lyman Conger, company counsel, for a half hour, described the use of private detectives by the company as "gestapo methods", and left at 3:35—five minutes after the television cameras stopped.

Democratic Senators John Kennedy of Massachusetts and Sam Ervin, Jr., of North Carolina. Both men made infrequent appearances; Kennedy undoubtedly through a desire not to embarrass the UAW's president, Walter Reuther, a useful man to have as a friend in the 1960 presidential primaries; Ervin for less obvious reasons.

Republican Senator Irving Ives of New York. Senator Ives is a Republican sometimes, but a liberal always. He also elected to travel the easiest road by never (well hardly ever) dropping in on the party.

Fortunately for the Kohler Company and the record, Republican Senators Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Karl Mundt of South Dakota and Carl Curtis of Nebraska were in constant attendance, determined to show that violence, coercion, and boycott constituted the *modus operandi* of the UAW.

Certain facts did emerge from the maelstrom of emotion and hyperbole. (1) The UAW has spent over ten million dollars in the strike (which celebrated its fourth birthday on April 5), on strikers' benefits and in support of a nation-wide boycott against the Kohler Company. (2) Over eight hundred complaints, of violence and vandalism against—mainly—workers who refused to strike, have been filed with the Sheboygan police. (3) William Bersch, Jr., testified that a beating by strike sympathizers had, according to physicians, contributed to his father's death. (4) John Gunaca, named and identified before the committee as one of Bersch, Jr.'s assailants, has avoided Wisconsin prosecution by residing in Michigan, where he will probably remain forever —while Governor G. Mennen Williams has refused, for three and one-half years, to grant extradition. (5) Robert Burkart, who took an active part in strike preparations in 1954 as a UAW representative, belonged, from 1944-1947, to a Trotskyite group known as the Socialist Workers Party. Burkart denied under oath that he was still a member, to which Lyman Conger later retorted: "He may have left the party, but the party hasn't left him."

There is no denying the complexity of issues of the Kohler strike, which cannot be explained solely in terms of the Senate investigation. The NLRB conducted hearings for a period of over two years, filling 19,700 pages of transcript. Once, in October of 1956, the trial examiner held that the case should be dismissed because union trustees (who had originated the demand for investigation) had not filed non-Communist affidavits, in accordance with the Taft-Hartley Act. On February 8, 1957, the five-member NLRB board reversed the ruling, holding that the trustees were not "officers" of the union; and that therefore they were not required to file affidavits.

Much of what the Rackets Committee heard was a rerun of testimony given before the NLRB. This repetition disturbed several pundits, who argued that nothing new was uncovered and that the investigation was a waste of time. Such critics mistake, or ignore, the purpose of the committee; which is not to serve as a board of arbitration, but to recommend legislation on the basis of its probing of labor and management activities.

Both Senators Goldwater and McClellan declared that there is need of new labor laws to curb the indiscriminate use of power by labor unions. McClellan said that Congress should do something about a situation in which a union can employ "so many pickets" (approximately two to three thousand in April, 1954 and presently 250 outside the Kohler gates) and "keep people away from their work by sheer force."

Equally important was that the record of the strike and the brutalities committed by the UAW were presented to the public. The Dumont Television Network carried the hearings locally

for five hours a day from March 10-21. The UAW frequently attempted to capitalize upon this telecasting. On March 20, before the morning session began, Joseph Rauh, the union counsel and a founder and present vice-chairman of the ADA, was interviewed. Smiling Joe ended an argumentative diatribe for boycotts by saying: "Certainly we believe in them, and if anybody's listening, we want to urge them not to use Kohler products made by scabs."

[*Mr. Rauh, it should be recalled, is a man of parts. Among his other honors he has the distinction of having been one of three men—Alfred Friendly and Clayton Fritchey being the other two —who paid a fake named Paul Hughes* $10,800.00 *to try to get something on Senator McCarthy. Their agent Hughes aptly described himself, in a memorandum to Fritchey early in this association, by writing "...relaxing somewhat on ethics . . . perhaps is probably what I'm best suited for . . ." Editor*]

No clearer contrast of the principles and principals involved could have been offered than that of Herbert Kohler and Walter Reuther, who testified late in March. The company president, a tall, squarely-built man with a deep resonant voice, outlined his position calmly and firmly. He said that the union had lost the strike, and that his company would not reward violence and illegal conduct by suing for peace. The UAW president, who fluctuates between the emotional levels of a labor missionary and a self-educated professor, was finally persuaded to admit that some mistakes had been made by union members at Kohler, Wisconsin! But he disclaimed any personal responsibility. Senatorial questions were used, by the tiresome but untiring labor leader, as launching pads for philosophical, economic and political flights of oratory. Reuther resembled nothing else so much as a very agile squid that disappears into inky darkness whenever it is attacked.

The original demands of the strike are not now of prime importance. The major obstruction to settlement is the union demand that strikers be reinstated, which would require the company to dismiss those men who have loyally served the Kohler Company for four years, and which would thus condone the union tactics of vandalism and terror. To this reporter, to accede to such a demand would be as logical as to admit Communist China, conceived in massacre and sustained by purge, to the United Nations. It is significant that the Open Persuaders for the cause of the one are as vociferous in their support of the other.

PSALM OF THE WELFARE STATE

The government is my shepherd, I need not work. It alloweth me to lie down on good jobs: it leadeth me beside the still factories. It destroyeth my initiative: it leadeth me in the paths of the parasite for politics' sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of laziness and deficit spending, I shall fear no evil; for its doles and its vote-getters, they comfort me. It prepareth an economic utopia for me by appropriating the earnings of my grandchildren. It filleth my head with bologna: my inefficiency runneth over. Surely the government shall care for me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in a fool's paradise forever.

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

by

EDWIN McDOWELL

To avoid undue shock to our readers, it is only fair to warn you that, this month, the middle part of this REVIEW will talk about books that do not talk about Communism.

This does not mean, however, that we have joined the liberal herd which, by ostentatiously stampeding away from even a sidewise glance at Communism, is trying to prove that the terror no longer exists. As the first and last parts of this parley will indicate, we still see Communists under almost every bed—more than ever before—and with good reason. For anybody else who will take an honest look can see them too. The Communists are right there. They are very real. And those under the beds are now so numerous that their feet stick out on all sides.

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Contrary to carefully promoted and commonly accepted beliefs, the rise of Communism did not come about as a cosmic accident, or by historical determinism, or through divine inspiration. Nor was Communism conceived as a science. It began as a militant call to force and violence—for the purpose of abolishing capitalism and establishing the dictatorship of an amorphous rabble called the proletariat. How a comparatively few men following this call —in the infinitesimally minute period of four decades which began seventy years after the call was issued—have become able to threaten the entire world, is a story without parallel. And it is a story which, true to its original plan, has been written in blood and terror.

The call to arms, by Karl Marx and his partner-in-crime, Friedrich Engels, might never have got beyond the shouting and scheming stage had it not been for Vladimir I. Ulyanov, alias Nikolai Lenin. In 1917 this merciless fanatic, with a handful of bedraggled followers, was able to overthrow the moderate Kerenski regime which had started the Russian Revolution, and to put the beginning of modern Communism into practice. J. Edgar Hoover, in MASTERS OF DECEIT (Holt, N.Y.; 374 pages, $5.00), traces the progress of Communism, from its genesis in the fiery writings of Marx and Engels, to its present claims in the "drunken" boasting of Nikita Sergeevich Khrushchev. The author then goes on to a careful analysis of Communism in America.

The story of the growth of the Communist Party in the United States opens with bickering, fighting, and bitter rivalry among the many factions striving for control. But by 1921 sufficient solidity had been achieved for the Party to split itself consciously and deliberately into two parts: the above-ground Communist Party and the *nameless* underground Party. (There was a time when the Communists themselves boasted that their organization in America was like an iceberg, with the nine-tenths under the surface, which could not be seen, constituting their real strength. Today, when the percentage of that strength which is underground is im-

mensely larger, they would like to have the iceberg analogy forgotten.)

After the security of disciplined unity had been achieved, the Communists began their infiltration into the everyday activities of American life. The contamination of schools, labor unions, patriotic organizations, and all other groups and segments, got under way. Soon, wherever there was an opportunity to foment trouble the Communists were sure to be on hand—working incessantly to confuse and to divide, until the day should come when they could impose their dictatorship on a helplessly disunited United States.

Mr. Hoover convincingly dispels the popular myth that the *numerical* strength of Communist Party membership indicates the *real* strength of Communist influence. This myth is, of course, deceptive nonsense. For neither Alger Hiss nor Harry Dexter White was ever a card-carrying member of the Communist Party. Yet, in their hidden roles, they did irreparable damage to our country. And the real measure of Communist strength is the total influence of the strategically placed dupes, sympathizers, and fellow travelers, whom the secret Communists are able to keep mobilized in service to the conspiracy.

Mr. Hoover also offers excellent examples of the misleading double-talk which abounds in Communist writings and speeches. He does not name names, until his not doing so becomes annoying. But his restraint in this respect is understandable. He has to consider the continuing effectiveness of his Federal Bureau of Investigation, one of the few remaining strong bulwarks against the Communist advance in this country. So there was nothing to be gained by drawing any unnecessary fire from the irrational liberals. Of course such "liberal" voices as the *New York Times Book Review* and the *Saturday Review Of Literature* made it clear to their readers once again that Communists were now almost as extinct in this country as dinosaurs; and that it was a pity the long out-dated Mr. Hoover should tilt his lance at the few remaining dinosaurs, before they could "silently steal away" into oblivion. But even some of the liberal press found a few good words to say about *Masters Of Deceit*. And with them, or despite them, the book is likely to remain near the top of the best seller lists for quite a while.

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If this were played upon a stage now, I could condemn it as an improbable fiction.

Twelfth Night, Act III, Scene 4

THE PENTAGON CASE (Freedom Press, 520 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N.Y.; 247 pages, $3.95), by Col. Victor J. Fox, is supposedly a work of fiction. In reality it is one of the truest and best records yet written of contemporary Communist activities. The academic woods are full today of dishonest hacks and careless pundits who label their blatant distortions as history. (See bottom of Page 139 in *The Crisis Of The Old Order*, where Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., makes three important misstatements of fact in one sentence.) Col. Fox — the name is a pseudonym — has reversed the procedure. He has written some amazing history, of what has happened to America through these blatant distortions in press, television, magazines, movies, and radio—and has labeled it fiction. And the result is a "thriller and chiller" to equal the best.

As exciting as is the tale of Brett Cable, Special Assistant for Public Relations in the Department of Defense, however, even the story-interest assumes a secondary importance as the "fictitious" events unfold before the reader's eyes. Gradually these events begin to fall into place, like a well constructed puzzle—or as in a truly great mystery novel. Soon the reader finds himself identifying real persons and factual developments. The initial reaction that "it can't happen here" gives way to the shocking realization that it *is* happening here, on a scale so large, and so well concealed by sheer brazenness, that most of us refuse either to see or to believe the true situation right before our eyes.

But there is an even more striking angle to this work of "fiction". As soon as Bret Cable uncovers subversion in the government, he is accused of being mentally unsound, and becomes the victim of a calculated campaign on that front, so insidious and so vindictive that it *should be* unbelievable. High government officials try, by every form of trickery and coercion, to have Cable committed to a *government* hospital where, bereft of medical examination, he will be pronounced insane and forever silenced. What makes this part of the tale so strange and so deadly serious, however, is the fantastic parallel with the Fletcher Bartholomew case. For Fulton Lewis, Jr., had not revealed, and Col. Fox did not know, anything of the true story of Fletcher Bartholomew until *after* Col. Fox had written his book. And the big difference in the two cases is that Brett Cable, being a "fictitious" character, managed to elude the "mental health" trap; while in real life Fletcher Bartholomew was railroaded to a mental hospital when he complained about the number of homosexuals in the Free Europe program.

You can be sure that the "liberal" reviewers have ignored, and will continue completely to ignore, this book. But partly because of its superlative quality as fiction, partly because of the urgent importance of its message, it is already achieving a phenomenal sale and distribution. This is largely through the chain reaction of one astounded reader buying copies to give his friends, each of whom does the same for friends of his own. (These copies are being purchased, in most instances, either from *The Bookmailer*, or directly from the publisher. For, due to the loud silence of the liberal reviewers about it, many bookstores have not yet even heard of *The Pentagon Case*.) Here is a book, in fact, which may easily become an outstanding best seller in reality, without ever getting anywhere near the "official" best seller lists at all.

Former counterspy Herbert A. Philbrick has said of *The Pentagon Case*, "In terms of sheer terror it has no equal". The *Daily News* called it "an exciting and informative novel". And the excellent magazine, *U.S.A.*, promised to give a year's free subscription "to any reader who can start reading *The Pentagon Case* and not finish it".

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Now for that recess we promised, from preoccupation with the battle of the twentieth century, Kremlin *versus* Humanity.

Since the days of Marco Polo, the Orient has held a special fascination and charm for the western world. The mysteries and mysticism of this strange "never-never land" have had an appeal like that of fairy tales. So completely different did this realm seem that Kipling added to his fame by proclaiming the irreconcilability of East and West. And his dictum might have gone un-

challenged longer, had it not been for a vagabond traveler named Lafcadio Hearn. This wandering nomad, half Greek and part Irish, had journeyed the world over, searching for Shangri-la. Finally he came to Japan. Here, with his Japanese wife, Lafcadio Hearn spent the rest of his life interpreting the Orient and the Occident to each other.

RE-ECHO (Caxton Printers, Caldwell, Idaho; 161 pages, $10.00), by Kazuo Hearn Koizumi, edited by Nancy Jane Fellers, is the inspiring story of "life with father", told by Hearn's first-born son. Through kindly patience, understanding, and—when necessary—firmness, Lafcadio Hearn awakened the boy to the wonders of exciting worlds beyond the seas. Geography and history, literature and arithmetic, were taught with the embellishments of a master story teller. Each lesson brought the breathless thrill of a new discovery, and learning became something to regard as an unending joy.

This is a beautiful book, containing original Hearn sketches and paintings which are the last Lafcadio Hearn source materials previously unpublished. Each page is a wonderland of stories, lessons, and information. Reading it is like reliving some of childhood's wonderful years. The book's underlying theme, the companionship of a father and son, is timeless; and its appeal, to young and old alike, will be exceptionally strong.

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H. L. Mencken hated government, lampooned hypocrisy, and laughed at *homo americanus*. But this "pied piper of Baltimore" (as John Abbot Clark called him), who was the idol of the intelligentsia during the twenties, became the "reactionary misanthrope" of the fifties. It was not that Mencken had changed; for he never lost his enjoyment of life, and his wit and its barbs remained as sharp as ever. It was just that truth, once so dear to the hearts of the intellectuals, had now fallen into disgrace with fortune and men's eyes.

H. L. MENCKEN, PREJUDICES (Vintage N.Y.; 258 pages, $1.25), selected by James T. Farrell, is an excellent sampling from his wide range of interests. Whether writing about reason, religion, or Roosevelt, Mencken deflates both the boobs and the buncombe artists with sure strokes of his acid-coated pen. Of course, to admire Mencken, for his individuality and his swellegant language, is not to embrace every Mencken "prejudice" as one's own. Willi Schlamm once said of him: "Within his limits, Mencken is magnificent and incomparable. Inflated beyond them, he bursts." In these selections he is magnificent and incomparable.

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Recess is over. Short, wasn't it?

In the November, 1953 *American Mercury*, Dr. J. B. Matthews published an article, so powerful in its revelations that it proved to be explosive, on Communism in our churches. Myers Lowman and his *Circuit Riders*, in Cincinnati, have been steadily and effectively turning their searchlight on the same subject for years. Nevertheless, the increasing appearance of pro-Communist spokesmen and of collectivist doctrines in our pulpits has been explored less than similar infiltration into any comparable field. Or it had been, that is, until the recent publication of Edgar C. Bundy's consummate study, COLLECTIVISM IN THE CHURCHES (Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois; 354 pages, $5.00). This book names names all right; it is a comprehensive encyclopaedia of persons and organizations tarred with the Communist brush. Also, it is fully documented and meticulously indexed.

Mr. Bundy, a Protestant lay theologian, is chairman of the Church League of America. With detailed illustrations, he explains how the Communists have been able to distort the teachings of Christ until they become indistinguishable from the rantings of Karl Marx. If you have ever wondered why some church groups (usually the same ones, time after time), were so vociferous in opposition to the McCarran-Walter Bill or the Bricker Amendment or H-bomb tests, while equally noisy in support of federal aid to education or increased power for the United Nations, you will find the answers in this book.

If the "liberal" theologians continue on their present track, they will soon outdistance the "liberal" professors and the "liberal" scientists, for the distinction of being the group most responsible for delivering America into the hands of the enemy. *Collectivism In The Churches* will show you how far they have already gone.

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Some excellent books we do not have room to review must at least be mentioned. THE LASTING SOUTH (Regnery, Chicago; 208 pages, $5.50), edited by Louis D. Rudin, Jr., and James J. Kilpatrick, is a collection of fourteen beautifully written essays dealing with southern life. THEORY AND HISTORY (Yale Press, New Haven; 384 pages, $6.00), by Ludwig von Mises, is a scholarly interpretation of the social and economic problems of history. ON LOVE (Meridian, N.Y.; 204 pages, $3.50), a posthumous volume by Jose Ortega y Gasset, is — surprisingly enough, when you note either the title or the author — primarily a stout defense of common man. YEAR OF CRISIS (Macmillan, N.Y.; 414 pages, $5.50), edited by Evron M. Kirkpatrick, is a thorough analysis of the various propaganda techniques used by the Communists during 1956. ADENAUER AND THE NEW GERMANY (Farrar, N.Y.; 300 pages, $5.25), by Edgar Alexander, presents a definitive biography of Germany's chancellor and Europe's greatest statesman. 7 YEARS' SOLITARY (Harcourt, Brace, N.Y.; 256 pages, $4.50), by ex-Communist Edith Bone, is the story of one who, returned from the dead, can tell you what Communism really is.

But it wouldn't do for a conservative to be making positive sounds too long. We must start knocking something or somebody again, if just for the sake of balance — and to keep some liberal from fainting. We'll wind up, therefore, with equally brief mention of the two most "godawful" books we can think of at the minute, out of the current crop. They are: A TESTAMENT OF FAITH (Little, Brown, Boston; 176 pages, $3.00), by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam; and PIOUS AND SECULAR AMERICA (Scribner's, N.Y.; 150 pages, $3.00), by Reinhold Niebuhr. Oxnam issues a not so subtle call for a new social order, while Niebuhr concerns himself with simply swimming in the contemporary sociological seas. Each has a favorite *bête noire*. For Oxnam it is the "former conspirator", Whittaker Chambers; for Niebuhr, it is the symbol of "the period of hysteria", Senator McCarthy. If you'd like to know something more about the authors themselves, we refer you to *Collectivism In The Churches*, reviewed above.

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Our print order always includes, besides enough copies for our subscription list and our current prospect list, a sizable overrun to take care of orders for individual copies. For the first time since we began publication of AMERICAN OPINION's predecessor, ONE MAN'S OPINION, in January, 1956, our most recent issue is sold out before we are well into the month of its publication date. At present, the April issue of AMERICAN OPINION is out of print, and we have a number of unfilled orders on hand.

We shall probably run more. For the interest in all of the contents of this number has been most encouraging. Dr. Hans Sennholz's article on *The Federal Reserve System,* in particular, has attracted what is—for us—wide attention. But the heaviest part of the unusual demand, nevertheless, has been for the longer essay, *A Letter To Khrushchev.* We have received more mail, and more favorable mail, on that article, than on all others put together since we started the magazine. So the one certain effect already achieved by this small flood of orders has been to push us, finally but firmly, into the reprint business.

Reprints of a earlier article, *A Letter To The South, On Segregation,* have been available since the December following its first publication in September, 1956. (It is, in fact, in a third printing, and still going well.) And reprints of *A Letter To Khrushchev,* in the same large type and book style, occupying forty pages, as when it appeared in the April AMERICAN OPINION, are now ready. Prices for both are listed below, and reprints of additional articles will be offered soon. We hope and believe that this is one more step in the direction of greater effectiveness.

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Dear Reader:

We are gambling on your desire for the truth instead of comfort. This, slightly reworded, is the way Hilaire du Berrier begins his article on Page 7. He has thus expressed for us the editorial precept of our magazine.

We do not know whether this contributor was himself consciously paraphrasing Emerson or not. But that most profound of all Americans said: "God offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please — you can never have both." To which we can only add another paraphrase: Emerson, thou shoulds't be living at this hour.

If it is an uncomfortable business to hear the truth today, however, we can assure you it is a far more painful ordeal to speak it. As William Schlamm implies (on the next page), all of us would like very much indeed to be calling to your attention that the forces of evil had been routed; and that a world once out of joint was now as right as a pippin. We'd sell more magazines by doing so. But we have doubts about being allowed to take the money with us to a concentration camp.

Eleven times a year, therefore, we publish some forty-eight pages of truth, much of which is intended to make any patriotic American better informed and more uncomfortable. But, as we announced when AMERICAN OPINION was born, no separate issue will be published for the month of August. Our next serving of plain truth will be dated September. And we share your hope that it will not have become still more discomforting in the meantime.

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A VISIT AT NATO headquarters (housed in the glorious castle of Fontainebleau near Paris) is one of those moving experiences that make your sympathy with the erring increase together with your certainty that he errs. There is an almost heroic spirit of friendliness, brotherly co-operation and profound confidence in the entire multilingual structure; an air of civilized manners within a military body that still, after several years of existence, affects you as if it were an amiable improvisation. I cannot truthfully say that I found much genuine cheer inside NATO. But from top to bottom there is in this overblown general staff of an undersized army the characteristic faith of honorable men in the job to be done; the kind of courteous good will that, *alas,* was the earmark of Western defeats for the last few decades.

Once you have conquered the traditional difficulties of Parisian communication systems (the "busy" signals keep coming in so thick that you can't help being apprehensive whether the Red Army wouldn't be crossing the Rhine long before the S.O.S. concerning their attack could get through the Fontainebleau operator), once you *do* discuss matters with learned NATO officers, your heart goes out to them—and your mind is more worried than ever. These men, one realizes after a while, outdo the labors of Sisyphus. The stones they keep carrying up the hill not only keep rolling down again; these stones fall smack on their own heads.

Only a few NATO officers can indulge in the luxury of thinking. Just like soldiers anywhere else, they are expected to do, not to ask. But, this being a general staff, there are some men at NATO who coordinate action with thought, routine with anticipation, today with tomorrow. With some of these officers I have discussed the prospects of NATO. When in reporting the essence of these conversations I won't sound especially serene, it is a fault of neither the NATO officers (who toil in their jobs with impeccable loyalty) nor of this reporter (who would like nothing better than to suggest that everybody is going to live happily forever after). It is the fault of the unfriendliness of a world in which icy winds keep blowing from the East with ever-increasing velocity.

NATO's Reason For Existence . . . .

NATO policy (to begin my story at the middle) is being set not in Fontainebleau but in Washington (or, as the matter may be, at the golf course of Augusta). The NATO officers may add a few trimmings to the whats and whys of NATO planning. The decisive factor remains what Mr. Eisenhower intends to do about the Soviets. And right now, no truly thoughtful NATO

officer doubts that Mr. Eisenhower *seriously* proposes atomic disarmament, provided the Soviets and the United States can agree on methods of a mutually satisfying inspection system. This one fact prejudges every single step of NATO. It makes its existence altogether problematic.

The central prerequisite, the intellectual foundation of the whole NATO concept, was from the beginning, as it is now, the axiomatic assumption that we shall stay atomically armed. Because we *do* possess atomic weapons, we decided to construct a mere skeleton of any army to secure, not Europe as such, but merely the atomic bases of Europe against a Soviet onslaught. No sane military mind can ascribe to NATO a more ambitious job. Under United States leadership, the contributing NATO powers have programmed for 1961 a total force of thirty NATO divisions — to confront the eighty-two Soviet divisions that are currently poised against the West, plus the four hundred Soviet divisions that can be set going within a month after the outbreak of hostilities. At the moment (and most likely throughout 1959) about eighteen NATO divisions are actually employed against such overwhelming Soviet superiority in troops—superiority at a ratio of about five to one in ready manpower, of twenty-seven to one a month after a conflagration started.

This, under normal conditions, would be rightly considered the survival chances of a maniac suicide. And yet, sound NATO strategists were perfectly willing to take these chances for one, and only one, forceful reason: as NATO would remain equipped with atomic weapons, and would merely serve as a protective shield for the atomic bases, the manpower proportions on both sides do not really matter. The military establishment of the West could be considered adequate once it was big enough to hold those bases against any surprise attack. The rest would be up to the Strategic Air Command.

May Cease To Exist . . . .

Now think what would happen if the Soviets suddenly accepted Mr. Eisenhower's honest offer to disarm atomically, under mutual disarmament controls! Well, responsible NATO officials *have* begun to think about this nightmare; and here is what they come up with.

In the first place, they think it *entirely feasible* that the Soviets will grasp the ultimate advantage which an atomic disarmament, under *serious* mutual inspection, would offer them. In the past, the Soviets showed a primitive, ritualistic horror in regard to foreign controls on their territory; and Western diplomats got used to reckoning with that Soviet repugnance as an unchangeable fact of international life. But it isn't. The post-Stalin Communist leaders have given abundant evidence that they are perfectly capable of taking another look at practically anything. One day they will most certainly ponder, with characteristic freshness, the promises of atomic disarmament, in counterbalance to traditional Soviet revulsions against foreign observers on Soviet soil. And if they do, they are bound to discover that the presence of a few United States control commissions in the Soviet Union (even if they were not impeded in motion and observation) is as nothing compared to the gigantic change in the international balance of power a serious atomic disarmament must unfailingly produce. To overlook this, the Soviet leadership would have to be blind. And we have not the slightest reason to presume that it is.

And So May NATO . . .

NATO strategists, in short, reckon with a sudden Soviet acceptance of Mr. Eisenhower's atomic disarmament proposal as a distinct possibility and even a realistic probability. If it happens—what then happens to NATO, to Europe, to the West? On this, there is a difference of opinion within NATO. Some strategists think it would mean NATO's immediate demise, Europe's immediate surrender to the Soviets, the immediate end of the West. The other school of thought assumes the demise, the surrender, the end would not be immediate but piecemeal. And there is no third school of thought.

The argument anticipating a dramatically fast decline of NATO, Europe, and the West goes something like this. As long as both sides possess atomic weapons, the likelihood of atomic consequences precludes a frontal Soviet attack. For, even if the immensely superior Soviet army could crush the eighteen to thirty NATO divisions in a few weeks, the continuous atomic counterattack would have in the meantime rendered the occupied territory uninhabitable; would have destroyed the supply lines between the Red Army and the Soviet Union; and would have, above all, turned decisive Soviet regions into radioactive ashes. Therefore, because it cannot pay, a Soviet attack has not yet materialized. But if there are *no* dangers of an atomic reprisal, once *both* sides have effectively dismantled their atomic establishments under working mutual controls, then Europe sinks unavoidably under the gigantic weight of a "conventional" Soviet army that outnumbers the West, first, five to one and, a month later, twenty-seven to one. Even more: A responsible European government, *any* responsible European government (i.e., not at all a "neutralist" or Quisling type of government), would *have* to come to fast terms with the Soviet Union *before* the inescapable avalanche came down on their country. For while an individual can heroically decide to die for a hopeless cause, a nation must not. A nation, once resistance has become intellectually inconceivable and theoretically hopeless, must surrender. A serious and mutually guaranteed atomic disarmament of both sides makes West-European resistance against a Soviet attack intellectually inconceivable and theoretically hopeless. Thus, immediate surrender.

Not so, says the other school of thought at NATO. Or, rather, not so fast. If the Western nations are indeed so anxious to be freed of atomic apprehensions, they surely must be willing to pay the price. Now the price can be exactly stated: it would have to be the willingness of the Western nations, in exchange for atomic disarmament, to expand their "conventional" armament several times over. To be precise (say the coolly calculating NATO officers), the Western nations would have to keep a minimum of eighty to one hundred divisions in fighting posture, plus a minimum of another two hundred divisions ready for action one month after the fight began. In other words, the Red Army can be checked in Europe even after an effective atomic disarmament—*if* the NATO nations are willing to increase their current "conventional" military establishments from five to fifteen times their present size. And not in some

distant future, but immediately.

And The Nations Which Comprise It . . .

At this point, the adherents of the other NATO school of thought cut in caustically: "Do you really think democracies can shoulder that kind of permanent mobilization in peacetime, perhaps for a whole generation or two, and yet remain democracies?" This objection, I must report, scores heavily. The only rational answer I've heard to this one is, I'm sorry to say, irrational; namely the academic proposal that, under such circumstances, democracies may prefer becoming something else rather than going under completely. And as NATO officers are much too polite to suggest the introduction of authoritarian regimes, the advocates of the more serene perspective soon lose their cause in debate. For both sides can agree on these four conclusions: (1) after atomic disarmament the Western nations can survive only if they increase their "conventional" military establishments fivefold to fifteenfold; (2) no democratic society can survive such a total submission to military needs in peacetime; (3) it is therefore unlikely that the NATO nations, immediately following an atomic disarmament, will supply the required minimum of eighty to one hundred poised and two hundred reserve divisions; (4) therefore, an atomic disarmament means the end of the West.

This, against the incredibly beautiful background of Fontainebleau's blooming gardens, was the essence of my talks with wise NATO officers. Perhaps I should have told you more about the magic light that was playing on the lilacs and kept caressing the yellow walls of the chateau. But, to me, these hours were forever soaked with the ash gray of decline.

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On The Italian Scene . . .

I know better than to predict the results of the Italian elections in a report that will be published a long time after the event (May 25). But the last several weeks have disclosed deep fissures in Italy's socio-political structure that will remain open, and will fester, no matter where the voters happen to go. Two trends seem momentous above all: (1) the Nenni-Togliatti Left has shown an unrelenting hold on about one-third of the Italian people; (2) the Christian Democratic Party has shown its own deep division that is bound to grow into an explosive incompatibility between the two wings.

The Christian-Democrats have never recovered from De Gasperi's death (a fact that should send shivers down the spine of German Christian-Democrats who, some day, are going to bury Dr. Adenauer). But even while he was still alive, the party's left wing was battling the right wing far more lustily than it ever fought the Anti-Catholic Left. And with Signor Gronchi's surprising promotion to the Presidency (with the votes of Italy's Communists) the left wing of the Christian-Democrats attained a commanding position in Italian politics. Hardly a day went by that anti-Communist Italian statesmen didn't run into some effective presidential interference. But slowly Italy awoke to the fact that the real center of anti-anti-Communism wasn't President Gronchi (much as he tried to qualify for that role). The true manager and operator of the leftist Maffia within Italy's Christian-Democracy turns out to be Signor Enrico Mattei, the shrewd, able and ruthless boss of Italy's

immense (state-owned) oil and gas concern, ENI, and the related nationalized industries.

Advances Mr. M. . . .

Signor Mattei, today very probably the most powerful man in Italy, is the author of all the dangerous schemes that have disturbed Italy's policies for the last two years. He is the man who has pushed Italy's foreign policy onto the perilous course of fraternizing with Nasser. He is the man, too, who has maneuvered President Gronchi into his (to put it mildly) ambiguous pronouncements on "neutralism." He has promoted all the confusions and uncertainties that have plagued Italy's Christian-Democratic governments in regard to the Rapacki Plan and Mr. Kennan's seductions.

Mr. M.'s power comes, simply enough, from his boldness in corrupting the governmental party with the sweet fruits of economic control. His trust is without a doubt the wealthiest economic combine in Italy—very likely richer than all of Italy's private enterprises put together. The gentleman determines the distribution of tens of thousands of lucrative jobs—and this in a country whose citizens, with a disarmingly naive cynicism, frankly admit that no political or even religious dedication could possibly compete with a person's "need for a good job." Mr. M. has many more well-paying jobs to fill than the entire Italian government. And so his power exceeds theirs.

Steadily To The Left . . .

But, as it happens, Mr. M.'s allegiance tends towards the East. Not that he is, himself, a verifiable fellow-traveler. No, he goes to Church, watches his steps, keeps his trap prudently shut in public. But he is an intimate friend of Mr. Mikoyan, the No. 2 man in the Soviet establishment; and he has, above all, some very strong convictions on such subjects as State Capitalism, a "genuine" New Deal for Italy, Keynesian manipulation of fiscal powers, and all the rest that constitutes incorrigible Leftism. Unlike some Anglo-Saxon brethren-in-spirit, whose convictions are moderated by pale academicism, Mr. M. is a powerhouse of Machiavellian wiles. In him, an Italian Harold Ickes seems to have been stimulated by the deviousness of an Italian Harry Hopkins. He is the Italian version of F.D.R.'s Brain Trust, all wrapped in one, with all the city machines thrown in.

This dynamo of a leftist operator has now hurled his total weight into the battle over the re-orientation of Italy's governmental policies. As I said, I won't dare predict the election results a mere ten days before the votes are counted. But I do not hesitate to predict what has already happened—namely, a profound weakening of Italy's Christian-Democracy, which is damned if it forms a coalition with the Monarchists and Neo-Fascists on the right, and damned if it accepts "an opening on the left." The point is that the Christian Democratic Party simply must do one of these two things. There is no third alternative. Desperately trying to remain the country's *relatively* strongest party, it has not the slightest chance to recover the status it enjoyed under De Gasperi, as Italy's *sovereign* political power.

When the votes are in, a Cabinet will *have* to be formed. If it includes, to secure a majority, the Monarchists and Neo-Fascists, the Christian Democratic Party's left wing will not recoil from

splitting Christian-Democracy; and *any* right-wing government (unless it were willing and able to suspend the constitution) would topple. Will Mr. M. succeed in driving his party into a deal with Nenni? If so, the Communists would have practically re-entered the Italian Government. And the Soviets could mark their greatest European triumph since the Czechoslovak putsch of 1947.

And In France . . .

I left a discussion of the shattering French events to the end, not because they aren't crucial (they could be the most important European story of 1958), but because I have analyzed their roots and consequences two months ago (in AMERICAN OPINION of May 1958). What was said there a long time before the events still holds at the time of their passing. And I beg my readers to believe me that this assertion is not meant to blow my own horn. I say it, on the contrary, with a feeling of desperate frustration. Our world, it seems to me more than ever, is going to pieces because our overlords of government and press are the "serene," the "optimistic," the "confident" type—men, in short, who stare at the silver lining while the clouds are bursting and the flood engulfs the world. Anybody, anybody at all could have seen for years now that France was moving toward a major spasm. Nobody, nobody at all reported it in the United States press; and the managers of our governmental establishment kept acting, always smiling blandly, as if the bliss of Normalcy and Prosperity would never disappear from Western Europe again.

The Flimflam Sets Off . . .

While I am writing this, it is still not known what kind of regime will emerge from the French army upheaval in Algeria. De Gaulle has at last pronounced his readiness to assume power. This might suffice. And then again, the "center-left" parties are so deadly frightened (and, indeed, the Parisian street is in an ugly mood of lynching) that they might stiffen, at least for a while, into some kind of firmness. But if the Pflimlin crowd hangs on and rejects de Gaulle's invitation to hand the power over to him, they must end in the choking embrace of the Communist Party. The Pflimlin Government survived the very first vote in the *Chambre* only because the Communists abstained from voting; and so, actually, the Communists allowed the Government to exist. They will not remain modestly tactful very long. France has reached one of those stupidly simple crossroads of history: it will have to be either de Gaulle, based on an openly rebellious Army, or some kind of Pflimlin, based on the Communist Party of France.

A Crisis For The West . . .

This much is certain: the "quiet," the "calm," the playful years of Western prosperity are over in Europe. The metropolitan press of America may try for a few more months to suppress the fact, but it is a fact nonetheless, and it will determine the next phase of history. The Western world is in an upheaval again. France hangs on the horns of its fundamental dilemma. Italy is being "opened on the left." The only real winner of the elections in Greece were the Communists. The Labor Party is pushing into power in England. Germany is being neutralized. May everybody enjoy his vacation. It could be one of the last.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM PARIS

by

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Elsewhere in this number (and earlier numbers) we have commented on the subtle campaign to make the United States hated everywhere in the world. It is a long-standing campaign which we believe to be spearheaded by Communists and Communist sympathizers right in Washington. And nowhere have the shadows of this conspiracy shown more clearly than behind the policies we have nourished with regard to the French troubles in North Africa.

The following article is reprinted, by permission, from the H. du B. Reports. *Its author, a patriotic American from North Dakota, has lived in Paris and been a close observer of the French political scene for many years. In this report, dated May 20, 1958, he provides our readers with some true facts from the Algerian front, and an insight into both their cause and their significance, which certainly could not be obtained from our metropolitan press.*

Specters and Nightmares: Your correspondent is gambling on his reader's desire for the truth instead of comfort. Most American editors do not question an out-and-out anti-French report but will neutralize or hurriedly discount any solid information about France and her Algerian problem as being pro-French or even propaganda.

On past American insistence France granted independence to Lebanon, Syria, Morocco and Tunisia. Belatedly it is recognized that those initiating the hasty procedures did not understand the perplexities of that region. Now the Algerian rebels are demanding independence, and again American officials are encouraging them.

Some Americans seem bemused by the problems that underdeveloped peoples do present to today's socially conscious world. When official, their hasty meddling and risky intrigue interfere with the development of a practical understanding, by these inexperienced peoples, of what independence entails—that thirst for independence is just the beginning of getting it and hanging on to it!

Officially America has panicked before the word "colonialism." And our resulting policy has pushed us into forcing a production of infant states in strategic spots around the world which Communism swallows by subversion or outright aggression. With little economic and political experience to support their independence, these peoples come to hate us as they sink into anarchy or dictatorship—as *specters* they should haunt us.

But the *nightmare* of thinking Americans is an America, stripped of allies, and forced to go it alone. NATO is already sicker than the doctors have told the family. Britain's next government

will be Laborite and Neutralist. Our repudiation of our allies at the time of Suez doomed Britain's government that was with us. And in France, events since Suez have increased the prestige of the army that had the situation in hand. Each succeeding month takes its toll in French respect for their government that acceded to America's ultimatum over Suez.

II

Jacques Soustelle: Monsieur Jacques Soustelle, archeologist, lives in a ground floor apartment at 85 Avenue Henri-Martin. Since the rebel Algerians placed a price on his head, two armed guards and a plain-clothes man are outside the door. Books and objects from Aztec and Inca excavations line the walls of the drawing room where the visitor waits. Monsieur Soustelle emerges from a small study off the hall. His desk there is littered with arriving letters, each one of which he reads personally. From these letters, which have inundated him since the Paris NATO Conference last December, comes a picture that is frighteningly serious. Frenchmen think they have answered President Eisenhower's plea for free world solidarity affirmatively, but that their loyalty has not been returned.

The extent to which solidarity has decreased, since that plea was made, can be judged by the circumstances of the fall of the Gaillard government on Tuesday, April 15th. Upon receipt of a note from President Eisenhower, Premier Gaillard weakened his former stiff position before the Anglo-American mediation mission in North Africa. Deputy Jacques Soustelle, long regarded as France's coming man, charged in the French Assembly that French policy was being made in Washington. The Gaillard government fell before this attack by a vote of 321 to 255. President Eisenhower's reaction was to term the Soustelle speech "a political gimmick."

In the new mood of France, the most important piece of real estate to the West's defense in the free world, President Eisenhower's next plea for solidarity may find instead the realization of all the things strategists fear. If the collapse of western defenses starts, it will be here, in France.

Only by knowing how our allies feel and then allowing a certain amount of give as well as take are we going to keep NATO's props from caving completely. And the commodity in this give and take must be mutual consideration, not dollars. Finding out to what extent Deputy Soustelle was speaking for his country would seem to be a more responsible approach than President Eisenhower's attempt to play down that speech.

France's army and her "man in the street" feel sold out—their country has leaned over backwards to please America and it has brought neither American respect nor good will. Whether Americans agree or not with this French conclusion is incidental. Of prime importance is the fact that the *basis* for their reaction has gone unaired before American public opinion — too often French feelings have been oversimplified as just "anti-American."

Time-Life (April 28th) pictured Jacques Soustelle as anti-American, an assassin of governments. However, the *Wall Street Journal* (April 25th) quite frankly discussed the difference between America's *declared policy* toward our NATO partner, France, and our *backstage maneuvering* with her enemy, the revolutionary Algerian F. L. N. (Front de la Libération Nationale). This paper's reporting also bears out Jacques Soustelle's remarks, making his words anything but "a gimmick." The paper reports an American official as saying, "It would not do to administer too much of a shock but we want to put the French on notice that any new government they come up with will have to take a more liberal line on Algeria if it wants to get along with us." How do self-respecting Americans feel about being represented by officials whose irresponsibility leads them to such "dollar" insolence toward an ally? France is our partner—not a satellite!

III

The Algerian Problem: French reactions this week, in both France and Algeria, seem to be anticipating a coming change in United States official policy. The change would replace our official and unofficial *backstage direction* of the rebels in securing their demands from our ally, France, with *open American support* of the Algerian rebels' demands for independence!

We have not fooled the French people nor their Army. America has been surreptitiously aiding and abetting the F. L. N. to continue their struggle—thus we have strengthened their will to resist and to make their demands so unconscionable as to be unnegotiable.

The grievances of the French Army in North Africa deserve an American airing and fair consideration before we again adopt a policy as divisive as our actions concerning Nasser's seizure of Suez have proven.

On June 22, 1956, French Captain Moureau, a career officer and Arabic language specialist, was kidnapped with three other officers by the Moroccan National Liberation Army. They were at French posts recognized by treaty. Reports drifted in that Moureau, with his eyes put out, was being shown from village to village in a cage. March, Amena and Cacciaquera are believed dead but all French demands for information from King Mohammed V have met a blank wall.

The "Moureau affair" was not mentioned in the American press. The French government, fearful of cries of "colonialism" and "menacing Morocco with American arms" did not lift a finger. *French soldiers and their parents feel that these enemy atrocities have been accepted by their weak officials rather than risk measures that might offend the U.S.A.—that Frenchmen are expendable as Americans are not.* The French recall our American reaction to the imprisonment of American aviators by Red China. Our public opinion insisted on knowing whether our men were alive and where they were. [*It did so only half-heartedly, and one-tenth successfully.* Editor.]

"If NATO is important," says your Frenchman, "is not the loss of good French officers a concern of America, too?" When Mohammed V visited Washington last winter, had our government asked the King, on the human level, to do what he could to relieve the anxiety of those officers' families, it would have thawed the French army's feelings and provided an "out" for the King. He could then have pointed out to the irresponsible National Liberation Army that Moroccan prestige, as well as his own, was at stake with America. But the Moureau affair was not mentioned! Against this morale-destroying background the French army was assigned its difficult task in Algeria.

IV

Enter Sakiet: The frontier village of Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef has long been a haven from which the Algerian F. L. N. has made raids with impunity. (American reporting has implied that it was "a belief" or "assumption" of the French that it was an Algerian sanctuary — a reportorial device used for clouding the truth and bitterly resented by those French suffering the raids.) On January 11, 1958, a dawn raid from Sakiet developed into a battle, about three miles from the Tunisian border, that lasted from 6:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Five soldiers of the 12th French Infantry, on duty at the frontier, were captured. One died, the other four were taken to Sakiet and then brought back into Algeria. To the army it could become another "Moureau Affair," this time in Tunisia. French permission to retaliate was given.

Some 30,000 French troops patrol this Tunisian-Algerian border, nerves harrassed and tempers frayed by 5,000 rebel Algerians who fall on outposts at night — then withdraw to Tunisian asylum, protected by a "one-way street" of international law! Friday afternoon, February 7, French patrol planes were fired on from gun emplacements in Sakiet. This was the 30th such attack in a period of five months. Captain Bernon, Commander of an Alsatian Company, walked down to the Tunisian border post on the banks of a stream, and informed the Tunisian officer there, "This is not to happen again. If it does we will take action." The Tunisian officer saluted and turned away without replying.

The following morning, February 8, 1958 at 9:05 A.M. a French Ouragon plane patrolled the Algerian side of the frontier. The guns in Sakiet opened up —smoke began to pour from one of the plane's motors. It managed a landing at Tebessa. One hour and forty-five minutes later eleven B26's (purchased from America, not given), six Corsairs, and eight Mistrals took off from Bone, Telergma and Tebessa. Rendezvous: Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef. Objectives: (1) an abandoned iron mine a mile and a half from the village, whose galleries had become a barracks and arms depot for Algerians being trained and outfitted there; and (2) the seven anti-aircraft machine gun emplacements in the village center. French military intelligence insists that the school was a headquarters of the F. L. N.

The anti-French wave stirred up was vicious—the American press, reaching back into a far-away past for Tunisian grievances, made no mention of the grievances of France, our NATO ally, nor that her officer gave that final warning on February 7th.

In Paris Premier Gaillard and Edgar Faure learned of the raid over luncheon coffee, Minister of National Defense Chaban Delmas heard early in the afternoon, and Foreign Affairs Minister Pineau did not know until the following morning.

Minister of Algerian Affairs, Monsieur Lacoste, telephoned General Raoul Salan, the French Commander-in-Chief in Algeria. To Minister Lacoste's questions General Salan replied that a ground operation would have produced street-fighting and use of artillery, with heavier losses, and French parachutists would have been picked off like pigeons by the enemy if ordered to their chutes. Minister Lacoste ended it: "We shall continue to retaliate but the manner will be decided in Paris and not by local commanders."

To the army this was notice that nothing effective would be done unless they took a determined stand with their own government. Both the colonials and the French at home, whose sons are the twenty-year-old conscripts being sacrificed by half measures, support the army's position. Americans, who remember back to Korea and the Yalu, will hear an echo in their own hearts of the distress of these French fathers and mothers.

Months ago *H. du B. Reports* (see letters of August 5, December 2, and February 3) warned of the state of mind in both France and Algeria. The complexities and strains producing the events of this week compel America's most serious attention. Reporting, either careless or deliberate, that characterizes these outraged colonials and French citizens as mobs inviting anarchy, or that presents the French army as irresponsibly flouting civilian direction, reflects a child's comprehension of the situation. Good will between France and America will do much more for Algeria in the long run than American involvement in support of Algerian rebel demands for independence. What will the rebels do with Algeria if they get control? They would not know how to develop the country. Or is American foreign aid to support their independence in a style to which they *wish* to become accustomed?

The Spoiled Child and His Inheritance

In Scribner's 1952 edition, page 624, of Thomas Wolfe's widely-circulated novel, *Look Homeward, Angel*, appears this paragraph:

"Yet, Eugene was no rebel. He had no greater need for rebellion than have most Americans, which is none at all. He was quite content with any system which might give him comfort, security, enough money to do as he liked, and freedom to think, eat, drink, love, read, and write what he chose. And he did not care under what form of government he lived — Republican, Democrat, Tory, Socialist, or Bolshevist — if it could assure him these things. He did not want to reform the world, or to make it a better place to live in; his whole conviction was that the world was full of pleasant places, if he could only go and find them."

The fictional character, Eugene Gant, bears the stamp of many an intellectual in America today.

Is it necessary that an artist should be blithely supercilious about the government which affords him the rich privileges and pleasures just enumerated? Is any American exempt from the stern dictum (which Eugene would probably call a *cliché*) that eternal vigilance is the price of freedom?

Why should any one, artist or artisan, take life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for granted? These things are denied most of the world's inhabitants.

There are times when one who would survive, and remain a free citizen, must resist threats of serfdom; must be a rebel against tyranny. The Kremlin would like to have us all float along as did Eugene, aloof from the mechanics of government, accepting our rich heritage but not protecting it. And that is exactly what entirely too many Americans are doing. *Elizabeth Staples*

A Review Of The News

by

HUBERT KREGELOH

In May, 1958 . . . .

→ Vice-President Richard Nixon, accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, travelled through eight South American countries. The trip was marked by extraordinary demonstrations of hostility against Mr. Nixon and the United States in Peru, Colombia, and — especially — Venezuela. Demonstrators spat at Mr. Nixon, threw rocks, sticks, and bottles, tore and trampled on our flag, as police often seemed passive. While Communists apparently were the organizers, the demonstrations nevertheless reflected deep-rooted and widespread feelings. Coupled with anti-American demonstrations in many other parts of the world, the incidents pointed to the bankruptcy of an Administration foreign policy advertised as winning for us "friends and allies" and "combatting Communism."

→ France went through her worst crisis since World War II. The newly formed government of Pierre Pflimlin was immediately challenged by the French residents and the military in Algeria, and by portions of the Navy. Millions of Frenchmen, desperately seeking a solution for the Algerian debacle, called for leadership from World War II hero and symbol of French resistance, General Charles de Gaulle. With the backing of President Coty, who offered the alternatives of de Gaulle or a Communist-dominated "Popular Front," the General emerged on the last day of the month as the leader of a new, apparently more authoritarian government.

→ On a TV program, multi-millionaire Cyrus E. Eaton declared that Communists in the United States existed only "in the minds of those on the payroll of the FBI." He compared the FBI with Hitler's Gestapo and denounced all investigations of Communism. Eaton, long an admirer of the Soviet Union and a "modern" Republican, who recently entertained Soviet Ambassador and Mrs. Menshikov on his estate, spoke under the auspices of the leftist FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC, whose parent organization is the FORD FOUNDATION. On the day of this TV program, FBI director Hoover was quoted as having told a House Appropriations Subcommittee of his deep concern about the manner in which the law courts have been aiding the Red Conspiracy in recent years.

→ Several hours of knifings, beatings, and robberies in Boston by teenagers who had attended a monster "Rock 'n Roll" show caused authorities all over the country to wonder whether these moronic jungle concerts do not stimulate juvenile delinquency. A number of communities banned the show responsible for the Boston disturbance.

→ President Nasser of the United Arab Republic returned to a cheering Cairo from an eighteen-day state visit to the Soviet Union.

→ At Groton, Connecticut, the atomic-powered submarine USS "Skipjack" was launched. While Navy spokesmen described it as the world's fastest, most powerful and maneuverable undersea craft, some less sanguine observers cautioned that the Soviets might be readying a few surprises of their own in this field.

→ Among prominent people who died were: Joseph E. Davies, former Ambassador (under F.D.R.) to Moscow and author of the pro-Soviet book "Mission to Moscow," in Washington, D. C. at the age of eighty-one; veteran British-born movie actor Ronald Coleman, in Santa Barbara, California, from a lung infection, at the age of sixty-seven; and Elmer Davis, leftist-liberal radio commentator and writer, chief of the Office of War Information during World War II, and co-founder of ADA (Americans for Democratic Action), in Washington, D. C. at the age of sixty-eight.

→ The Soviets publicized the launching on May 15 of Sputnik III, stated by them to be by far their biggest earth satellite. The 11.9-foot cone-shaped space traveller weighs 2,919.53 pounds, according to Soviet announcements. United States experts admitted that this country will be unable to match this accomplishment (if the statistics are as claimed) for well over another year.

→ In an accident similar to one a month ago over Las Vegas, Nevada, all twelve passengers and crew members of a Capital airliner perished on May 20, when it was rammed over Maryland by a Maryland National Guard jet trainer. Sharp reaction in Congress caused President Eisenhower to sign an emergency order designed to keep military aircraft out of the traffic lanes regularly used by commercial planes.

→ "Modern" Republican Harold E. Stassen failed in his bid to become Governor of Pennsylvania. He was decisively beaten in the GOP primary by pretzel manufacturer Arthur T. McGonigle. Many Americans hoped that this defeat would eliminate Stassen entirely from the political scene.

→ On May 27, Samuel Cardinal Stritch died in Rome at the age of seventy. The Archbishop of Chicago had suffered a cerebral stroke a week earlier, following amputation of his right arm due to a circulatory disturbance. In March, he had been the first American ever to be appointed to the Roman Curia.

→ A contingent of Cornell students protesting a tightening of regulations governing boy-girl private parties marched on the home of University President Deane W. Malott, smashed windows and pelted Dr. Malott with eggs and rocks. Many observers wondered whether the chickens of "progressive" education were not coming home to roost in educational institutions all over the country.

→ In elections in Italy, the pro-Western Christian Democratic Party remained in power but did not gain a majority. While the leftwing Communists and Socialists made some gains, extreme rightwing splinter parties appeared to be the main losers.

→ Congress raised postal rates—effective August 1, 1958. First class and air mail go up one cent each. The new law also provides for annual pay raises of $265 million, retroactive to January 1, for the nation's 520,000 postal employees.

BULLETS

To trust the soul's invincible surmise
Was all his science and his only art.
George Santayana

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We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; others judge us by what we have done. *Longfellow*

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Washington, D.C. is the only insane asylum in the world that is run by the inmates. *A Former Congressman*

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The only way to have a friend is to be one. *Emerson (And he didn't say ". . . . is to buy one.")*

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A fool and his money don't make out much worse than the average guy these days. *A "Parting" Thought*

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Dean of Women, at coeducational school: "The president of this university and I have decided to stop petting on this campus." *Rapid Service Press*

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Prisoner in penitentiary: "I was making big money — about a quarter of an inch too long." *Imp*

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Behind every successful man there's a woman — constantly telling him he's not so hot.
Washington Post-Times Herald

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A young man received the following letter from his girl: "I must explain that I was only joking when I wrote that I didn't mean what I said about reconsidering my decision not to change my mind. I really mean this."
Good Business

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In politics, he who sows boredom will reap defeats. *William S. Schlamm*

From a biography of President Chester A. Arthur: The most pressing questions had to do with the large and embarrassing surplus revenues in the national treasury. This surplus, for the four fiscal years 1879-82, averaged over eighty million a year.
Sixty-six Ninety-nine

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The more the Government does for you, the more it does to you.
Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.

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My eyes make pictures, when they are shut. *S. T. Coleridge*

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You have heard that vaudeville died? Well, television is the box they put it in. *But They Forgot To Bury It*

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Workingman, to bystander: "What do I do here, Mac? They just hired me, but all we talked about was wages, hours, overtime, vacations, bonuses, and pensions." *Lichty*

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The mere defensive is doomed to defeat. *Napoleon*

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The press reports that Pravda now contends that a Russian invented the streetcar. What's a streetcar?
Cincinnati Enquirer

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You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.
By Whom?

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I held it truth with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones
That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.
Tennyson

We Pause To Remark . . .

A SMALL AIRPLANE is now being sold in kit form for assembly by the owner. Owners who make mistakes in their home work will themselves be assembled by the undertaker.

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During the Klondike gold-rush days, Wilson Mizner was once approaching a saloon when a man came running out, followed immediately by another man with a gun in his hands. The pursuer shot his victim dead, on the frozen ground practically at Mizner's feet. "Why?" asked Mizner, who knew both parties. "Because," replied the man with the gun, "he insulted my girl, Sal." Mizner, who also knew Sal, and whose wit was exceeded only by his profanity, drove his next question right to the crux of the case. "For God's sake, how?" he asked.

We thought of that story on reading that John A. Baker, second secretary of the United States Embassy in Moscow, had been expelled by the Soviets for violating Soviet standards of diplomatic behavior.

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And we were reminded of another story on reading the long-running debate-by-mail between Attorney Robert Montgomery and Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., over the errors of fact concerning the Sacco-Vanzetti case in Schlesinger's so-called history, *Crisis of the Old Order*. This wasn't really a story, however, but the most incisive epigram of the year, for the recording of which we are indebted to our favorite weekly, *National Review*:

Ezra Pound was lamenting the fate of a historian who had been banished to obscurity by the liberal educationists. "Poor fellow," said Pound, "he committed accuracy."

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This item belongs in the Now-We-Have-Heard-Everything Department. Glamor-Boy Menshikov, the Kremlin's ambassador to Washington (without a drop of the blood of his

Polish victims now staining his immaculate shirt front) has just shown the kindness of his heart. He has offered to have Soviet Russia help the United States out of its economic recession! As soon as that little chore of the Good Samaritan has been performed, we assume the agents of the enlightened Soviet will be glad to come over and teach the benighted Americans how to hold a free election. It's wonderful to have such friends!

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We note the glee with which the "liberals" are drooling at the mouth over the supposedly poor showing of Bill Knowland in the California primaries. To suggest that these liberals modulate their ecstasy with caution, however, we remind them that in 1952 Knowland won his present senate seat by the largest vote ever cast for any candidate for any office in any election in any state in the history of our country. And despite some clever but extensive "knifing" of him behind the scenes, which we believe has been and will be indulged in by some of his "modern" Republican "friends," we predict that he will win the California governorship by a heavy majority.

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On April 23, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Harold Stassen was asked whether, if elected governor of Pennsylvania in 1958, he would serve out a four-year term. He replied that he could not make any such guarantee, because of the possibility that a new Republican president in 1960 might want him, Stassen, to become secretary of state. Childe Harold can now breathe a sigh of relief since one-half of such a conflict for his services has been eliminated. And if he will just tell us what candidate for the presidency would consider him for secretary of state, that possibility will also be eliminated (automatically), and we can *all* breathe a sigh of relief.

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In November, 1956 Mr. Richard Nixon announced that the Hungarian uprising marked the beginning of the end of the Soviet tyranny. We do not wish to be too hard on our Vice-

President, even for having spouted such nonsense, for he has just been through a horrible ordeal in South America, during most of which he handled himself extremely well. But we do hope that ordeal itself convinced him of the folly of looking at the Communist conspiracy with the eyes of a political Pollyanna. The ultimate effect of the Hungarian rebellion was to make the Kremlin gang stronger, just as they had planned when they precipitated the revolt. (See the—largely suppressed—report of the UN Investigating Committee.)

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In September, 1954, at a "national people's congress" in Communist China, one Shao Li-tse made a speech "Concerning the Problem of the Dissemination of Knowledge about Contraception." In this speech he gave the swallowing of live tadpoles as a most effective method of birth control. This spring, after extensive tests—and after thousands of Chinese peasant women had died of swallowing live tadpoles from contaminated ponds—the Chekiang Medical Research Institute has solemnly announced that swallowing live tadpoles not only will not stop women from bearing children, but is downright harmful.

We wonder if the Chekiang Medical Research Institute, having thus disposed of Shao Li-tse and his tadpoles, would now care to take a good look at some of the nostrums being rammed down the throats, or injected into the skins, of the American people. Since these nostrums have been promoted by government-sponsored or government-encouraged propaganda campaigns, which so much resemble the Peiping drive let loose behind contraceptives in 1954, the experience of the Chekiang crowd ought to be helpful.

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We wish General Charles André Joseph Marie de Gaulle the best of success in giving France a new lease on life. For all of his fame, he is something of an enigma, and apparently nobody knows exactly where he stands on many important issues. But

he is bitterly hated by both Jacques Duclos (leader of the French Communist Party) and former Prime Minister Pierre Mendès-France. Those two achievements—corresponding roughly to an American statesman having earned the enmity of both Earl Browder and Earl Warren—are strong points in favor of de Gaulle.

It is possible, of course, that the General may be able to give France enough renewed stability, in both the form of government and the substance of patriotism, that he will be succeeded eventually by Jacques Soustelle. And that would be a real cause for rejoicing on the part of the whole anti-Communist world.

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The National Federation of Republican Women has come out with the suggestion that its members raise money for the Grand Old Party by putting on strip-tease acts in their respective communities. As the finale of a style show, following cocktails and dinner, members acting as models are to parade on runways and sell to the highest bidders—for delivery then and there—each item of accessory and clothing the model is wearing, from hat and costume jewelry right down to, and including, panties and bra. ("She wears flesh-colored tights or bathing suit" underneath, the brochure explains.)

Some readers of AMERICAN OPINION sometimes say that we are too frequently bitter over the cheapness to which the influence of this administration is reducing everything in America, from its morals to its money. We plead the above provocation as all the defense necessary. We further submit that not one in ten, of the patriotic individual women who are members of the four thousand Women's Republican Clubs, or of those women for whom the National Federation presumes to speak, would approve of this monstrous suggestion. But we are equally sure that these individual members will not have enough interest and determination to kick out of office the slick operators and "modern" Republicans who did suggest it.

In this issue we carry an advertisement, by the publisher, of René Wormser's book, *Foundations: Their Power and Influence*. Last month we carried a highly favorable review of this book. And we wish now to recommend it again, to all patriotic Americans, as one of the most important publications of the decade. While Wormser does not say so, we have the information from an equally unquestionable source, and it seems clear just from the actions of the largest foundations themselves, that at least some of them are working on a definite program "so to change the economic and political structure of this country that it can be comfortably merged with Soviet Russia." What is more important, they are succeeding beyond the most extravagant guesses of even well-informed Americans. Read Wormser's book and judge for yourself.

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We see that some good patriots have protested the serving as clam chowder, in the American tragedy at the Brussels Fair, of "a tomato concoction which has no resemblance to true clam chowder." They say that Europeans are thus being given a "misconception" of what American clam chowder really is. And that even Leverett Saltonstall has protested the display there of an ethnic map of Massachusetts, which gives Europeans the misconception that there are no people of Anglo-Saxon stock left in this part of the country.

Considering the immensely more important "misconceptions" about America being promoted at the same exhibit, these complaints are on a par with that of the proper Bostonian mother, whose small son shouted his excitement over the circus elephant with "Gee, Mom, ain't he a big son of a bitch?" "Johnny," his mother spoke sharply, "you simply must stop saying *ain't*."

We do not know where the ultimate responsibility lies, for making the United States offering at Brussels "a dull and clammy zombie" (as Dillard Stokes has so aptly described it). But we do know that America's putting its worst foot forward, in

so many different directions within so small a compass, could not have been due to either chance or stupidity. It took exactly the same kind of skill which, in connection with our shipment of tanks to Saudi Arabia, contrived to make both the Arabians and their enemies, the Israelis, bitter towards us over the same incident.

It is obvious that there have been forces assiduously and successfully at work for years, right in our government, to make the United States look bad and Russia look good, at every opportunity all over the world. With our own money, and through our own policies and their implementation, these forces have managed to make the United States increasingly hated, and looked on with contempt, in eastern Asia, in the Middle East, in Western Europe, in South America, everywhere. And this campaign is, of course, only a part of a still larger plan.

When the conspirators set out to degrade, cheapen, and weaken the United States, ours was the greatest nation in the history of mankind: in the form of its government, in the level and solidity of its material prosperity, in the character of its self-reliant yet compassionate people; in its lack of class hatred or even class lines, in the freedom and opportunity for its individuals, in its composite outlook for ever more freedom and better times ahead, in its prestige with the people of other nations. Now all of its great traditions and characteristics and prestige are visibly being eroded, ground down and hollowed out to thin shells without substantial strength, by the abrasive and burrowing efforts of traitors and their dupes. For in the Cold War it is more important—because much easier—to pull America down to the level of Russia than to raise Russia to the level of America.

To the forces so insidiously engaged in this tremendous undertaking of willful destructiveness, it was mere child's play to arrange for the United States exhibit at the Brussels Unfair to be tawdry, flat, tasteless, and far surpassed in effectiveness by the Russian show.

THE SCOREBOARD

Our complacency in the face of a known deadly peril amounts almost to insanity. DR. FREDERICK SCHWARZ

AT THE LAST CONGRESS of International Communism, just before World War II, delegates from all the Communist Parties of the world represented a total of slightly more than four million members. But in November, 1957, at the triumphant meeting in Moscow to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, delegates came from seventy-five Communist Parties, with thirty-three million members. This is approximately an *eight hundred percent expansion* in the twenty years. And that is just about the rate of growth of Communist power throughout the world during that time, no matter from what angle you measure it, or with what unit of comparison.

Since the Communist masters do not have — nor want — but from one to five percent of any subject population as members of the actual party, we can assume three to four percent as a rough average. These thirty-three million party members, therefore constitute the hard core of tyranny over almost a billion subjugated people. This figure is confirmed by our information from many other sources. But twenty years ago the total Communist-ruled population was only around a hundred and twenty-five million. And practically all of the huge difference has been added since the end of the war.

From the summer of 1945 to the summer of 1958 the Communists have *averaged* adding to their empire seven thousand newly enslaved subjects every hour. We have quoted these statistics many times before—as in the first of these "Look At The Score" articles which appeared nearly a year ago. But permit us to repeat them again. And let us remind you that these people — of Czechoslovakia or of China or wherever they may be—have the same love for their families, think of concentration camps with the same despairing horror, and feel exactly the same pain under torture, as do you and I. Seven thousand more human beings, just like ourselves, have been brought under the incredibly brutal rule of a Communist police state, on the average, *every hour,* twenty-four hours of every day, 365 days of every year, for the past thirteen years. And today this rate of conquest and enslavement is steadily increasing.

A far-flung and insidious tide may not even seem to be rising, at any specific spot briefly watched. But the rate of its rise can be determined, by measurements made at long enough intervals—as we have done above. And how much it has already climbed up the sides, and seeped into the eddies, of areas once firm and dry, can also be noted. We set out to estimate how far the Communist tide had gone, percentage-wise, towards swallowing up such areas entirely. Our observations for that purpose have been as conscientious and objective as we could make them. We present their results, on the next two pages, in *The American Opinion Scoreboard* for 1958.

The American Opinion Scoreboard

In the following tabulation we have undertaken to estimate the present degree of Communist influence or control over the economic and political affairs of almost all of the "nations" of the world. (The omissions have been due to lack of size, importance, or autonomy.) The chief source of such control or influence may be Communist-run labor unions (as in Uruguay), or Communist sympathizers in government (as in India), or powerful Communist political parties (as in Italy), or highly successful Communist agitation and propaganda (as in Mexico). The total extent of Communist control or influence over any country, however, is due to the impact of all Communist pressures, direct and indirect, visible and undercover, working together. In most cases, of course, that total cannot be measured with any exactness. But we believe the appraisals given below to be conservative, as of June 1, 1958.

It is only when this scoreboard is compared with any similar one, which might have been compiled as recently as 1952, that its significance becomes so shockingly apparent. The progress of the International Communist Conspiracy has now become so great and so rapid that the Kremlin's biggest concern is no longer guns or butter. It is how to keep the remainder of the free world, and especially the people of the United States, from realizing the speed and certainty with which the Communists are completing their conquest of the planet. We intend to publish a revised scoreboard once a year until the conspiracy is entirely successful or has been entirely destroyed.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
As A Percentage Of Total Control

1.	Aden	20 - 40	19.	Chile	40 - 60
2.	Afghanistan	80 - 100	20.	Communist China	100
3.	Albania	100	21.	Nationalist China	0 - 20
4.	Argentina	40 - 60	22.	Colombia	20 - 40
5.	Australia	0 - 20	23.	Costa Rica	20 - 40
6.	Austria	20 - 40	24.	Cuba	40 - 60
7.	Belgian Congo	0 - 20	25.	Czechoslovakia	100
8.	Belgium	20 - 40	26.	Denmark	20 - 40
9.	Bolivia	40 - 60	27.	Dominican Republic	0 - 20
10.	Brazil	40 - 60	28.	East Germany	100
11.	Britain	20 - 40	29.	Ecuador	0 - 20
12.	British Guiana	80 - 100	30.	Egypt	100
13.	Bulgaria	100	31.	El Salvador	20 - 40
14.	Burma	60 - 80	32.	Ethiopia	60 - 80
15.	Cambodia	80 - 100	33.	Finland	60 - 80
16.	Canada	20 - 40	34.	France	40 - 60
17.	Central African Federation	0 - 20	35.	French Equatorial Africa	20 - 40
			36.	French Togoland	40 - 60
18.	Ceylon	60 - 80	37.	French West Africa	40 - 60

38.	Ghana	80 - 100	72.	Outer Mongolia	100
39.	Greece	40 - 60	73.	Pakistan	20 - 40
40.	Guatemala	60 - 80	74.	Panama	60 - 80
41.	Haiti	20 - 40	75.	Paraguay	0 - 20
42.	Honduras	40 - 60	76.	Peru	20 - 40
43.	Hungary	100	77.	Philippines	20 - 40
44.	Iceland	80 - 100	78.	Poland	100
45.	India	60 - 80	79.	Portugal	0 - 20
46.	Indonesia	80 - 100	80.	Roumania	100
47.	Iran	20 - 40	81.	Saudi Arabia	60 - 80
48.	Iraq	20 - 40	82.	Sierra Leone	20 - 40
49.	Ireland	0 - 20	83.	Singapore	60 - 80
50.	Israel	40 - 60	84.	Somalia	40 - 60
51.	Italy	40 - 60	85.	South Korea	0 - 20
52.	Japan	20 - 40	86.	South Vietnam	40 - 60
53.	Jordan	20 - 40	87.	Soviet Union	100
54.	Kenya	20 - 40	88.	Spain	0 - 20
55.	Laos	80 - 100	89.	Sudan	20 - 40
56.	Lebanon	40 - 60	90.	Sweden	20 - 40
57.	Liberia	20 - 40	91.	Switzerland	20 - 40
58.	Libya	60 - 80	92.	Syria	100
59.	Luxembourg	20 - 40	93.	Tanganyika	20 - 40
60.	Madagascar	20 - 40	94.	Thailand	40 - 60
61.	Malaya	40 - 60	95.	Tibet	80 - 100
62.	Mexico	40 - 60	96.	Tunisia	80 - 100
63.	Morocco	60 - 80	97.	Turkey	0 - 20
64.	Nepal	60 - 80	98.	Uganda	20 - 40
65.	Netherlands	0 - 20	99.	Union of South Africa	0 - 20
66.	New Zealand	0 - 20	100.	United States	20 - 40
67.	Nicaraugua	20 - 40	101.	Uruguay	40 - 60
68.	Nigeria	20 - 40	102.	Venezuela	20 - 40
69.	North Korea	100	103.	West Germany	0 - 20
70.	North Vietnam	100	104.	Yemen	80 - 100
71.	Norway	40 - 60	105.	Yugoslavia	100

THE OVER-ALL RECKONING

Basic Communist strategy for conquest of the world, as laid out thirty-five years ago and relentlessly followed ever since, consisted of three steps: (1) Take eastern Europe; (2) next take the masses of Asia; (3) then take the rest of the world, including the United States. The Communists completed their first step in 1950; the second step is now about three-fourths accomplished; and they have gone at least one-fourth of the way towards carrying out their third step. Which means that the Communists have now covered about two-thirds of the total distance to their final goal of world-wide dominion. And the momentum and the speed of their progress are steadily increasing.

A Footnote To No. 100

Naturally we expect controversy over our score for the United States. But all we can do here is to point to a few gauges where the markers support our appraisal.

One such indicator shows the Communist domination of the unions which control many strategic parts of our economy and our defense. Just for an instance, seventy-five vital links in the most secret communications of our government, including those of the Pentagon to Air Force bases in New York, Maine, England, Canada, and Newfoundland, are all available to the members of one union, the American Communications Association. But this union was kicked out of the CIO in 1950, as being too Communist even for that outfit. In May, 1957, the president of this union and five other officials and members invoked the Fifth Amendment when questioned about Communist membership. Yet the members of this union are—and for years have been—in position to put their hands on any and all messages over these top-secret channels of our government's own communications system.

The significant point of the above paragraph is that this door of betrayal is known to be wide open, and nobody—in Congress, in the executive branch, in the Pentagon itself—nobody even dares to try to close it. That is one indication of how powerful the Communist influence has now become in almost all of our federal agencies. A twenty-five-year career man in our State Department resigned two years ago, to tell the American people in his book, *Inside The State Department*, of the treasonous falsification of information concerning our foreign affairs which is going on there all of the time. And the Communist influence over our mass media of communication — press, radio, television — is so great that you probably never even heard of his book.

The best informed authorities say that there are at least thirty huge Communist espionage rings operating in this country today, against the only two or three that have been partly exposed. Every delegation from Russia, in the "cultural exchange" program, is known to be loaded with active spies, and expansion of this program is constantly urged by our government. Known Communists of important rank have been walking right into our country by the dozens without any documents at all, through our Miami immigration office, thumbing their noses at our immigration officials as they do so—under a special ruling by our State Department. There are three to five million aliens *illegally* in our country right now, and our government is steadily breaking down our immigration barriers further.

J. Edgar Hoover himself has said that beyond any doubt secret Communist agents have worked themselves into thousands of strategic positions in our whole national life, ready to step out and act for Mother Russia when the time comes. All really effective exposure of these espionage rings and agents has now been stopped, by smearing into death, defeat, retirement or despair those legislators who were most determined to expose them. For the FBI to name such agents that it could specifically identify, even with conclusive evidence, would be an exercise in frustrating futility, damaging only the FBI itself. Supreme Court decisions have made prosecution of Communist conspirators, even those actively advocating violent overthrow of our government, almost impossible; and have restored scores of known Communist sympathizers to their former jobs within our federal bureaucracy.

But—as Hoover again has pointed out—our danger from actual Communist agents is far surpassed by the danger from vast numbers of American pseudo-liberals who carry the ball for the Communists on every play. Communist sympathies and even actual Communist subversion are daily made more respectable by the actions of our government, of our great universities, of most of our press, and by the complacency of our people. The surest way to honor and promotion, in much of our educational world, in several of our great church organizations, and even in political careers in many states, is to join Communist fronts or to show a pro-Communist slant — and the surest way to obscurity is openly to oppose Communism. The highest officials of our government break the heart of resistance to Communism, both here and abroad, by fraternizing with the Kremlin murderers in summit conferences, and by felicitous expressions of friendly regard on every feasible occasion. And this whole all-pervasive Communist influence is spreading and reaching deeper month by month.

We believe that the Communists have already gone more than twenty percent of the way towards taking us over. We do not believe that their influence has yet reached forty percent of total control. And we believe that the bracket which we have assigned to the United States on this scoreboard is correct.

RECOMMENDED READING

J. Edgar Hoover:	*Masters Of Deceit*	(Holt)
Robert Morris:	*No Wonder We Are Losing*	(Bookmailer)
René Wormser:	*Foundations*	(Devin-Adair)
Col. Victor J. Fox:	*The Pentagon Case*	(Freedom Press, Inc.)
Lewis A. Alesen:	*Mental Robots*	(Caxton)
Col. Kenneth K. Hansen:	*Heroes Behind Barbed Wire*	(Van Nostrand)
Edward J. Rozek:	*Allied Wartime Diplomacy*	(Wiley)
John C. Caldwell:	*South Of Tokyo*	(Regnery)
Rosalie Gordon:	*Nine Men Against America*	(Devin-Adair)

HOW TO READ THE FEDERALIST

by

HOLMES ALEXANDER

This is the fourth in a series of twelve essays by Mr. Alexander on the Federalist Papers. They will all appear serially in this magazine.

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WHEN THE PURITANS SAID "Trust God—but keep your powder dry," they were putting first things first. Trust in the Lord is traditionally more important to America than the defenses, military and materialistic, against real and imagined perils.

Early Americans believed—and we should revive this credo—that all our man-made protections won't save us if ever our reliance on the Almighty is lost. Indeed, that loss would make national self-defense useless and an enemy attack unnecessary, for we would be already goners as a nation and a people.

Are we nearing that death-like condition? Have we lost touch with God? The plain evidence is that we Americans have wandered a long way, and in manners which perhaps we do not know, from the faith of our fathers. These commentaries—like the famous Papers of Hamilton, Madison and Jay—constitute a secular document, a political tract, if you will; certainly nothing describable as a sermon. But it just isn't possible to understand America, to write about her or to love her, without acknowledgment that she was in the beginning and in her finest hours, as Lincoln phrased it, a nation "under God."

This doesn't mean, and never did, that we claim to be God's chosen people. It means that we have chosen God. It means and will mean, so long as we remain a nation, that we Americans have taken God as the foundation rock for our political philosophy and for our nationalism. Nobody ever claimed that the Declaration and Constitution were handed

down from Sinai like the Decalogue. But it's incontestable that our sacred documents were written in the light of Christian belief to almost the same extent that the State Papers of Communism were written in the brimstone glow of Marx's dialectic materialism.

American religio-political tradition can be documented with massive and ancient records. They go back to the first Thanksgiving Day in 1631 and extend through hundreds of proclamations — messages, addresses and resolutions — by the Continental Congress, General George Washington, the Congress of the Confederation, the national Congress, the Governors and Legislatures of the States, Federal and Confederate armies in the field and navies at sea. As a nation we are so used to seeing "In God We Trust" on our coins, to asking grace at our dinner tables, to saying prayers before court and legislative sessions, to taking solemn oaths before God, that it all becomes our second nature and is not regarded by us as in the least unusual. But when the United Nations was founded in 1945 and set up its international headquarters in New York City, the fact came home to us—hard. Not every nation by any means relates its political life and beliefs to God.

Academic documentation can be stupid stuff. But occasionally we Americans ought to grin and bear some. We need to look back over the centuries to see where our beginnings were in the glorious name of God. As a digested digest, this outline might do:

1. Plato was the philosopher-architect of the Greek-Roman belief that the City-State was the idealized embodiment of Goodness and Truth.

2. Christianity, which pictured man in the divine image, brought along the concept which we call "consent of the governed," a phrase first suggested by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo.

3. Jefferson in the Declaration and Hamilton in the Constitution extended these ideas and wrote them into our basic

national charters. Both men spoke directly and often of a higher law, a set of divine principles, which overtops our mundane statutes and temporal leaders. It was Jefferson who said that "resistance to tyranny is obedience to God." And Hamilton, in *The Federalist Number 31*, wrote this incisive passage about religion-over-reason:

> "In disquisitions of every kind, there are certain primary truths, or first principles, upon which all subsequent reasonings must depend. These contain an internal evidence which, antecedent to all reflection or combination, commands the assent of the mind."

In *The Federalist Number 1*, Hamilton spoke for the religio-political principle, as previously asserted by Jefferson in the Declaration, "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." The practical-minded Hamilton said the same thing in the following manner: "For in politics, as in religion, it is equally absurb to aim at making proselytes by fire and sword. Heresies in either can rarely be cured by persecution."

Throughout all of the American State Papers, both old and modern, runs the theme "truth equals freedom." Where did the equation originate if not in the Biblical text: "Ye shall know the Truth; and the Truth shall make you free"? Such were the Laws and the Prophets of the early America.

But enough of evangelizing. The modern American may want to know how the religious motivation, so vigorous in our forefathers, has petered out in later times and how—if at all—we can rediscover and resuscitate it.

First, religion for the past hundred years has been pushed from its pedestal by the popularization of science. It can't be said that Charles Darwin started it all, but it's a fact that ordinary people lost "face" when they heard that they were descended from apes instead of God. Darwin didn't quite say that, but that's how the theory of evolution got translated into the vulgate.

Then, in this country at least, the triumph of material wealth has pushed out the spiritual values. A siren of the superficial has dethroned the goddess of truth, so that we turn to statistics instead of to song, to literature and—best of all—to Nature, for our inspirational thinking. It's revolting to compare the speeches and pamphlets "proving" that we are an "underprivileged" nation with the simple prayers of the Early Americans at their Thanksgiving ceremony, the only national festival like it in world history.

God was thanked, not solicited, in those days. He was praised, not blamed. The Pilgrims, the pioneers and the horse-and-buggy Americans believed that the Lord had treated them well when He allowed them opportunity to work and worship, dry powder to defend their homes and families, full hearts to rejoice and be happy, among "our templed hills." It wasn't until much later that the materialism of the More Abundant Life taught and encouraged Americans to be discontented, greedy, jealous, avaricious and demanding something-for-nothing from their Government.

Also, there's a good deal of evidence that the tear-down of religion was part of a larger conspiracy. We had the era of debunkery in which our heroes were systematically smeared as slave-breeders, non-believers, money-chasers and frauds. The destruction of veneration for American traditions seems far too calculated to be accidental. But it's a melancholy fact that we have abetted the tear-down of our own country by giving approval, sometimes vocal and sometimes silent, to the denigration of American purposes in war and peace. This country is a human institution and not infallible; but when we believed in God, we acted in His name more often than not—and, if we can rediscover our faith, we will act that way again.

Actually a return to religion may have begun with our entry into the Atomic Age. Some historians believe so, as do many other modern thinkers. But if the return is based on fear for personal safety, it is not the same as the faith of our fathers.

This latter was an infinitely more assertive and positive thing. With no pretensions at originality, these papers suggest that the heart and center of the American politico-religious code is acceptance, not rejection, of the way things are "under God." There are at least three forms of affirmation which concern us today.

(1) Acceptance, to begin with, of our natural advantages as a nation, guarded by two oceans to the East and West, and Polar wastes to the North. Even in modern times, distance is distance. These are blessings we have no moral right to belittle or to throw away. John Jay wrote at length upon this subject in *The Federalist Number 2*:

> "It has often given me pleasure to observe that independent America was not composed of detached and distant territories, but that one connected, fertile, wide-spreading country was the portion of our western sons of liberty.
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> "Providence has in a particular manner blessed it with a variety of soils and productions, and watered it with innumerable streams for the delight and accommodation of its inhabitants. . . . . .
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> "With equal pleasure I have often taken notice that Providence has been pleased to give this one connected country to one united people—a people descended from the same ancestry, speaking the same language, professing the same religion, attached to the same principles of government. . . . . .
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> "This country and this people seem to have been made for each other, and it appears as if it was the design of Providence that . . . a band of brothers . . . should never be split into a number of unsocial, jealous and alien sovereignties."

(2) Acceptance, also, of the national motto "In God We Trust." It means if it means anything that God knows better how to order the Universe than we do. It is an arrogant thing

of us to assert after so many centuries that all injustices, inequities, poverty, pestilence and hard luck must be banished from human life. The theologians have never accounted for sin and suffering on earth except in the precise language of our national motto. Some things must be left to God.

(3) Acceptance, finally for our purposes here, of a deeper meaning in the familiar words "consent of the governed." There are mountains of evidence to indicate that the Founders meant "consent" in its obvious and literal connotation. Consent means agreement; it never meant initiation and demand. But even if the documentation were not there, the proof of the matter lies in the politico-religious tradition. The Declaration tells us that:

> "All men are created equal . . . endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights"

and that the purpose of government is to "secure these rights."

The Government cannot give what is already Creator-given; but Government preserves with the people's consent a set of divinely ordered blessings "for ourselves and our posterity," not by any means for others and theirs. The spirit of acceptance is the humility to confess our own limitations and the right of other people to their own form of governance.

Many other fine things flow from religious faith—loyalty, honor, kindness, veneration for what is traditional, salvation from enemies within and without. But verily, the Pilgrims were right about first things first: "Trust God—"

Cultural Note

On Page 12 of this magazine Hubert Kregeloh tells of the "several hours of knifings, beatings, and robberies in Boston by teenagers who had attended a 'Rock 'n Roll' show." The impresario of the "moronic jungle concert" which stimulated all of this juvenile barbarism was a disc jockey named Alan Freed. It should surprise nobody, therefore, to learn that the Voice of America is now "arranging to beam Alan Freed's disc jockey show to the Orient." It is so helpful to America's leadership and prestige to have the Asiatics become acquainted with the very best of our culture.

SOCIAL INSECURITY

by

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EDITOR'S FOREWORD

Somewhere between George Orwell's 1984 and Edward Bellamy's 2000 A.D., we expect to see a young American mechanic come home one night, to his particular chicken coop in a government-owned slum, with an unusually happy expression on his face after eleven hours in the local boiler plant.

(The official work-day in this utopian era will be six hours. But "because of the emergency" the government will have increased it, "temporarily," some years before, to eight hours, then ten, and finally eleven. During the same period, however, in order to provide "full employment," it will have broken up half the machinery in the country; and —just for an illustration of the wisdom at work—it will have decreed that all excavating be done with hand shovels instead of steam shovels, to make more jobs. The hottest political argument of that year will be over legislation introduced by elder statesmen Hubert Humphrey and G. Mennen Williams, to reduce the size of the hand shovels by twenty-five percent, so as to "spread the work" even further.)

"Honey," the happy young mechanic will shout to his wife, as soon as he gets inside the one room which is the total home of the family, "it's wonderful. Today my pay was reduced by ten percent. And that changes all of the progressive brackets so that now I'll have to be giving the company only forty-four dollars per week to work there instead of sixty."

The situation prompting this outburst of relief will be approximately as follows. Our mechanic's federal income tax, withheld from his pay, will be forty-five percent. (As in England today.) The payroll deductions for the government's social security program will be thirty-three percent. (Roughly what social security is costing a Frenchman right now.) The combined income taxes withheld for his state and city governments will be ten percent. (Please note our bow to Governor Furcolo of Massachusetts.) The enforced "savings" deducted by the government from the worker's pay envelope, to be invested for him—in special government bonds, of course—will be twelve percent. (The fact that the government, following the example of the glorious Soviet Union, will periodically wipe out the value of these bonds, will have no bearing on enforcement of the program.) The young mechanic's contribution to the local Community Fund, which by then will have become an official and compulsory bite from his weekly wages, will amount to five percent. (Some of the promoters and beneficiaries of these united charity drives are visibly annoyed that this has not already happened.) And of course by that time five percent of the mechanic's pay will be collected by the government for his

labor union, and turned over to the union without any charge for the service. (Expect no ruth from Reuther.)

These total deductions will amount to 110 percent of the mechanic's wages. So that only when his pay is reduced to the minimum wage allowed by law (which will have been fixed by the Kefauver-Morse Bill of 1977 at $440 per week) will his payment to his employer, for the privilege of working and of receiving all the wonderful fringe benefits, come down to the minimum of forty-four dollars per week. (The government, which by this time will own the factory where our mechanic works and all other factories, will be using the forced return of this "overpayment" as a means of confiscating all remaining private property in the hands of individuals. When the mechanic has nothing left, then the "overpayment" will become merely a bookkeeping entry.)

"But," you say, "this is silly." It certainly is. Which doesn't alter its possibility as a fact in the slightest. Your government already has in effect, at this very minute in 1958, at least a dozen programs just as absurd, and as contrary to all common sense. And while we cannot spare the room in this issue of this magazine to explore the trends now leading to all the deductions itemized above, we can at least take a good look at one area of these developments—as an example of them all. In the following brief article Dr. Elizabeth Wilson, one of the world's best actuaries and an outstanding authority on our social security system, shows you that the attack of acute social-security-itis, from which we are now suffering, may produce results to make our forecast optimistic.

I

THE NEWDEALERS of the Roman Empire offered the populace both bread and circuses. We are more efficient. We make a circus out of the bread-doling agency.

Most Americans have already forgotten, in fact, that when Social Security opened its doors in 1935, it was sold to the country as a charity for the needy rather than as a pension plan for the total population. The most important division of the whole scheme, Old Age and Survivors Insurance, was supposed to be "merely a floor of protection," a cushion against starvation and dire want. (Some twenty years before, the reader should remember, the progressive income tax had been imposed on us by ridiculing the suggestion that its rate, even for the wealthiest individuals, might ever rise as high as ten percent.

But within the past decade Congress has changed its philosophy about the very function of social security. It is now expected to provide an appreciable part of every retired man's income. The benefits paid, and the number of people covered, by OASI, have mushroomed in very much the same way as did income tax rates a decade earlier. (Congress long ago revised its attitude toward the income tax. The function of this measure changed from the provision of revenue for the government to the prevention of the continued acquisition of "too much" wealth by individuals). The income tax became a means of subtracting from the substance of those who had more; social security, a means of giving more to those who had less. Both had become a part of the great "leveling" process—with equal poverty for all as the ultimate goal of both.

As a result of amendments passed in 1950, the total of monthly benefits paid out by OASI in 1951 doubled within a year. During each of the next three Congresses the program was further "liberalized." By December, 1957, these monthly payments were more than ten times those made in 1947. If King Solomon were living now, he would have to amend his list of those who "never say 'It is enough.'" He would be obliged to add "politicians tinkering with social security." There is a bill before the present Congress to provide for a further increase in benefits, of about twelve percent. But even that would, according to the bill's sponsor, Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin, be grossly inadequate. The base on which such benefits have been computed was raised long since from the first three thousand dollars of a man's annual wages to the first forty-two hundred. Senator Proxmire would like to revise this base to seventy-five hundred dollars. This would allow an unmarried retired worker to receive from the government a permanent pension of $181.20 a month.

The expansion in the number of workers covered has kept pace with the increase in the amount of benefits paid to individuals. In 1938, the social security umbrella was spread over thirty-one million workers. In 1956, there were 103 million people on the social security rolls. As a result of these two factors working together, the total outlay zoomed from ten *million* dollars in 1938 to seven and one-half *billion* dollars in 1957.

This 1957 expenditure was more than six times what had been anticipated for that year, in the "actuarial illustrations" made in 1935. Indeed, the actuaries estimated in 1935 that, given "normal economic conditions" (as if any such conditions ever existed, except in retrospect), the total benefit payments in 1980 would amount to three billion, two hundred million dollars. This is far less than one-half of the annual outgo right now. These same actuaries, or their "heirs and assigns," now estimate that in twenty more years (or two years before 1980) the total annual payments will exceed seventeen billion dollars! And even this figure, if it does not presuppose "normal economic conditions," is predicated on only coherent change and normal abnormality.

Where does the money come from now, and where will the much larger amount come from in the future? The ordinary voter has the impression that the taxes he pays, added to those his employer pays on his behalf, exceed the benefits he will receive. Actually, as stated in 1953 by the present chief actuary of the Social Security Administration, all current workers will be dependent, for their social security checks, on future taxes paid into the system—after they have ceased paying and are drawing benefits. The false reports on the solvency of the system (which lull the ordinary worker into thinking he is paying too much) stem in part from the Ponzi-style nature of the operation in its early decades. In the beginning, to millions who were playing *put* by becoming subject to social security taxes, there were only thousands playing *take* by reaching the retirement age and starting to draw the (then) comparatively modest benefits. And before this unbalance is corrected by the continuity of the undertaking, so that there is approximate equality (after adjustments for life expectancies) between those coming on the rolls at one end and those going off the rolls

at the other, and before the aged can thus claim that they have given *quid pro quo* for their retirement checks, we shall be well into the twenty-first century.

II

IN THE MEANTIME, and until fairly recently, the special taxes received for this purpose naturally had exceeded the outgo required. (Just as Ponzi was for a while taking in thousands in new money against the hundreds he was returning to earlier "investors.") The government has been paying the benefits due, as well as expenses of the operation, out of the money thus received. It has been selling its bonds to the Social Security Administration for the remainder, and having those bonds put into a "trust fund" towards taking care of future Social Security obligations. Less than a year ago, this "trust fund" had reached the total of twenty-three billion dollars. Even to our ears, calloused by and to astronomical figures, this sounds like a lot of fund—until we look at the commitments it is supposed to satisfy. But, in fact, it is probably not more than one-half of the cost of the payments which will be collected by those *now on the pension list.*

And this fund has started to decrease. The lowered mortality rate among older people, a burgeoning total population, and Congressional extravagance have already combined to put the system "in the red" as to current operations. This decline in the nest egg will clearly continue through 1959. But in 1960 the total of the OASI tax, paid by employers and employees together, is scheduled by law to go up from four percent to five percent. This, the Pollyannas emphasize, will put the system in the black again. They *do not* emphasize how short-lived will be even this pseudo-solvency.

The real facts are revealing. The actuaries at the Social Security Administration have estimated, officially, that for the Agency to maintain a satisfactory financial balance, the worker and his employer must each pay four percent of the worker's wages from the day he starts until the day he retires. Under the present law, however, this amount of tax will not be exacted until 1975. And a very distinguished actuary has stated flatly that eight percent will not be enough. In reality, who can tell what an adequate rate will be twenty years from now, especially if the Congress continues to yield to a biennial attack of supergenerosity in social security benefits? Ten percent? Possibly. Most probably, twelve percent would be a far safer guess for the tax needed in the 1975 period.

In the meantime, the government's accrued liability—through the difference between total receipts from individuals as workers and total payments due those same individuals as pensioners (until that approximate balance is supposedly reached in the twenty-first century)—will continue to grow like Jack's famous beanstalk or Ponzi's real indebtedness. Politicians treat this mushrooming liability like a family skeleton, to be kept carefully hidden in the most remote closet and (above all) never to be talked about. Actually, it is already a colossal government debt, variously estimated at from 350 to 500 billion dollars—and certainly far more, alone, than the total *admitted* national debt of some 280 billion dollars.

This raises the question, of course, as to whether any such obligation will really ever be paid. Probably not, for there are only two ways in which it could be. One method would be to have social security taxes, at some far-off date, actually exceed the average premium payments adequate to pay the then-current benefits, thus catching up on this backlog of indebtedness. But to expect any such overtaxing of future generations, to compensate for present underpayments, is politically as unrealistic as waiting for shrimps to whistle.

The second way in which this tremendous debt might possibly be liquidated would be through the discontinuance of social security. Under some circumstances of enlightenment as to their own self-interest, the members of the then-current laboring force (who would be the real creditors) might give up their rights to future benefits—thus wiping the slate clean. "Impossible," you say? Not necessarily. For these same creditors would also be the debtors. After 1975, social security pensions will take the equivalent of two weeks' pay out of every year, from the workers' envelopes—even at the rate now scheduled. The same amount will be taken, for the account of each worker, from his employer (who otherwise could increase the employee's pay by that much). This is a total of a month's wages. And it could well be that many workers, feeling this levy was entirely too high, would prefer to take their chances on personal savings and company pension plans.

[*We think the workers should arrive at such a conclusion; but that to expect them to do so, in the face of what the politicians will be telling them about the government's generosity, is also politically unrealistic to a high degree. But we think Dr. Wilson has overlooked not only a third possibility for the payment of this huge accrued liability, but the one way in which it actually will be wiped out. That is, through constant inflation of our money supply, deliberately brought about by the government. The obligations to those on the rolls being created today, while the government is taking in twenty-five cent dollars, will be paid off some years from now in ten-cent and five-cent dollars. And the parallel obligations then being assumed in five-cent dollars will be paid off in one-cent dollars. Until, eventually, the whole outstanding indebtedness, running to exponential figures, will be "liquidated"—by completely worthless currency, that makes all debts payable in currency of equal worthlessness.* Editor.]

III

SUPPLEMENTING the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program is the one known as Old Age Assistance. It was originally designed to take care of those needy persons, over sixty-five, who could not qualify for benefits under OASI. (Now half a million beneficiaries get payments from both!) When the eligibility rules for OASI were relaxed, and its umbrella opened wider, the expectation was created that the need for Old Age Assistance would gradually fade away. It is true that there are fewer persons on the OAA rolls today than a couple of years ago. But two and one-half million persons still get checks from that source.

The reader, having heard that this program is just for the really needy, may well wonder how there can be so many destitute people in this era of prosperity. The answer lies in the definition of the word "needy"—a politically flexible definition indeed. For Old Age Assistance is a joint venture of the federal government and the states. So, while federal welfare

officials carefully eliminate any vestige of opprobrium or even of charity from the receipt of OAA payments, by putting "respect for human personality" foremost among considerations in administration of the program, state legislatures are steadily making it easier for new applicants to qualify. Many states allow recipients of this aid, legally classified as "destitute," to own an automobile, a television set, and a home (with no limit on the home's value). In some states a legally determined "minimum" income does not bar the person having that income from Old Age Assistance. The result has been that, although many former beneficiaries of OAA have now been transferred to OASI, other new and less needy applicants have been added to the OAA rolls. In Louisiana, for a glaring example, six out of ten old people are now getting these public-assistance checks, paid by the state out of money furnished in part by the federal government. Also, as the cost of living has risen, state legislatures have increased the size of OAA payments. Colorado, the most generous state, is now devoting twenty-seven percent of its budget to such pensions. And nationwide, despite the decrease in the number of recipients, the total amount of benefits paid has gone up until it now stands at one billion seven hundred million dollars per year.

In the same welfare category are payments to children, almost as many of whom get aid from federal-state bounty as do old people. In 1956 children received about two-thirds of a billion dollars. Similarly, the blind, the crippled, and the totally disabled were given about half a billion dollars. Altogether, the public-assistance bill, outside OASI, was about three billion dollars in 1957.

Then there is unemployment insurance, which is paid by the states, but subsidized by federal grants. Originally, the tax for this purpose was three per cent on the first three thousand dollars of each worker's pay. During the recent era of prosperity and full—or over-full—employment, this rate accumulated a total reserve fund that now stands at something over eight billion dollars. Such a reserve, unused for a few years, is about as popular with politicians as a red rag with a bull. So state legislatures have been reducing the taxes for unemployment insurance to an average annual rate of only 1.3 per cent. And, with mounting unemployment, the funds have been melting away. Without going into the probable ups and downs of both employment and the tax rates, we can assume that at least a two per cent rate will become standard. And "cash sickness benefits," supplementing unemployment insurance, will probably add a further 1½ or 2 per cent tax on the first three thousand dollars of wages, as the clamor for this added welfare measure grows. But only four states have it yet, so we'll skip that item in our appraisal here.

IV

So let's take stock of the situation that has resulted from the Social Security Act of 1935, and from subsequent voter-wooing extensions of that legislation. By 1975 OASI will be sucking into its gaping maw at least eight per cent, and probably twelve per cent, of the first forty-two hundred dollars (or possibly the first seventy-five hundred dollars) of all wages and salaries received.

To this we must add approximately one per cent of the total national income for various types of other "assistance," and about two per cent of all wages, up to three thousand dollars per employee, for unemployment insurance. Plus another one to two per cent in those states where "cash sickness benefits" may be in force. This means that the "little" man, who makes three thousand dollars per year or less, could be paying —or having paid for him—from one-eighth to one-sixth of his income, for social security benefits alone. (This has nothing to do with the income tax which the government extracts from the same worker for "general" purposes.) And it also means, as Representative Noah Mason has estimated, that—on the basis of present social security legislation—workers and their employers will, in 1975, be paying at least twenty billion dollars per year for welfare benefits.

But all of this, in reality, only indicates the trend. For such socialistic dryrot not only undermines our economic structure, by channeling into the coffers of government paternalism funds which might otherwise be used to strengthen our private-enterprise system. It also undermines the self-reliance of our individuals, and encourages those who have eaten one kind of pablum at the public trough to cry for more and different kinds of handouts.

Despite the extensive and excellent job which health insurance underwriters are doing in helping the people of this country to meet their medical bills, the clamor for federal government health insurance is now steadily increasing. Already introduced is a new version of the Murray-Wagner-Dingell "socialized medicine" bills of a decade and more ago; but this time more limited in scope *at the start,* and with a much better chance of passage in an early Congress. Already some thirty million of us, including veterans, military personnel with their dependents, and public assistance beneficiaries, are entitled to medical aid direct from Uncle Sam. Already, Representative Forand of Rhode Island is sponsoring a measure to add to such recipients of free hospital care, free drugs, and free surgery, the thirteen million people now eligible for OASI benefits. All such measures and pressures are really aimed at and are leading directly towards—eventually—a national health service for all of us.

The best "educated guess" I can make is that an all-inclusive national health service, such as the British now have, would cost upwards of thirty billion dollars a year—or about twice the present total expenditure for medical service today, when it is not "free." No one really knows. Before socialized medicine started in Britain in 1948, statisticians estimated that its cost would be 170 million pounds per year. This year, the government has budgeted the total cost of the medical service at 680 million pounds—four times the outlay anticipated only ten years ago. The only certain thing about such a program in America is that it would be breathtakingly expensive. And the estimate above, of nine to ten per cent of our national income, is not on the extravagant side.

With this expense added to the cost of other forms of social security, somewhat more than twenty-five per cent of the national income would be collected by the federal and state governments to pay for "welfare." Not only is this entirely possible. Not only has it already happened before—as in France, where the current figure is

32½%. But it is what the Marxists and their dupes and allies are thoroughly determined to bring about, *in our country, in the near future*. And, of course, these social security levies will all be on top of the approximately thirty percent of the national income which the various governments are now taking, altogether, in individual income taxes.

The ostrich is not a wise bird. At least, his reputed habit of putting his head in the sand to avoid seeing danger is not deserving of emulation. But the American people of today make the ostrich of this fable sound wise and provident by comparison. They seem to be utterly unwilling to listen to the voice of clear and incontrovertible experience.

During the week of July, 1948, when the British National Health Service began to function, the *Investor's Chronicle* declared: "The conclusion seems inescapable that, in endeavoring to provide the population of Britain with the maximum safeguards against insecurity, the Government may, in fact, be undermining the whole structure of our society." The accuracy of this prophecy is already evident on every hand in Britain. Equally grave warnings are being issued from responsible quarters in America today. A Boston bank, in its February "letter," said: "If we follow the easy path of spending (this includes 'taxing selected Peter to pay handouts to collective Paul') to the point of inflation, we shall weaken our economy. Thus we could lose the battle for survival through the folly of extravagance."

That, as the Boston bank does not remind us on this occasion, is a huge part of the Marxist plan for our destruction. But even without an infiltrating deadly enemy to take advantage of our weakened foundations with a final shove, no national economy can survive as a free economy, and no people can maintain their freedom as individuals for any length of time, under the circumstances we are rapidly creating. Not only will savings for capital investment be steadily reduced, far below the needs for new plant and equipment. Not only will the incentive to create jobs, or to produce more goods, also be reduced in the same way and to the same extent. Not only will the American standard of living necessarily and rapidly decline. But most important of all, no government can possibly handle so much of a people's income for them, more than a brief period, without the tremendous power thus lodged in the hands of the bureaucrats becoming concentrated into fewer and fewer hands at the top, with complete police-state controls as the inevitable result.

The constantly expanding social security program on which we are embarked today is visibly and rapidly bringing about the complete *insecurity* of our whole sociological system. What good are the promises of a debtor who pays off in worthless currency? How much security is there, in the nests built in the branches of a tree, if in order to build those nests the tree is constantly denuded of so many of its leaves that the whole tree dies and falls? How much freedom—or security from either slavery or starvation—is there for a laborer who puts so large a part of his earnings in the hands of a bureaucracy to handle for him that eventually he must do everything the bureaucrats order? Where could any of us possibly find more insecurity than in a society which undertook to guarantee one hundred percent security?

Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "If we can prevent a Government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, we shall be happy." Flouting this advice, as we are now doing so determinedly and completely, with a runaway social security program, is a sure way to become very unhappy—and very insecure—indeed.

The Game of Darts

The Eisenhower labor program has all the mouth-watering, rib-sticking satisfaction of boiled watermelon.

Tom Anderson

If all the automobiles in the world were placed end to end, some jerk driver would pull out and try to pass.

Driver's Digest

The trouble with the Democrats these days is that every time they discover a new issue, they learn that Ike has already staked claim to both sides of it.

Fletcher Knebel

A Hollywood actress so deeply mourned the death of her third husband that she insisted on black olives in her martinis.

Gilcrafter

There is not a single state in the Union that is not financially better off than the United States.

Lewis L. Drill

When we look at the opposing candidates for certain public offices, there is at least some satisfaction in the reflection that only one can be elected.

News and Views

One great trouble with the world today, especially on the international level, is that people don't trust one another, and have excellent reasons for not doing so.

Olin Miller

"I do know what a dollar's worth," the son said to his old man. "That's why I asked for two."

Uncle Mat

If President Sherman Adams finds it prudent to step down, we wonder if his assistant, Dwight Eisenhower, will move to the White House.

From Our Own Quiver

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

by

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America would not be in such a predicament today, a wag recently observed, if the Indians had had stricter immigration laws. But this wisecrack ignored an important point. Laws mean nothing unless they are enforced and kept alive. An excellent illustration of what happens otherwise can be seen in our reciprocal trade agreements.

Originally the Constitution entrusted tariff-making (and unmaking) solely to Congress. But at the insistence of FDR and Cordell Hull, this power was delegated to the Executive Branch. The Trade Agreements Act of 1934 empowered the President to negotiate such agreements, for three-year terms, without Congressional approval; and allowed him to raise or lower the existing Hawley-Smoot rates by as much as fifty percent. Slowly but surely the barriers protecting American industry then came tumbling down, before the blasts of the internationalist trumpeters. MAINLINE (The Long House, New Canaan, Connecticut; 126 pages, $3.00 clothbound, $2.00 paperback), by Senator George W. Malone of Nevada, is an illuminating analysis of the whole tariff problem. It is also a frank plea for protection for American business.

The villain of the story is the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, nicknamed GATT. This villain was born, illegitimately, in 1947, at that "international White House" called Geneva. Instrumental in its conception had been the Red "traveling salesmen," Harry Dexter White, Harold Glasser, and V. Frank Coe, each brazenly denying any dishonorable intentions toward the farmer's daughter, (in this case, the American Constitution). But now the visible evidence has made it embarrassingly clear that trickery was indeed contemplated, and achieved.

The creation of GATT, according to Senator Malone, was an economic Yalta. Only this time the United States herself was sold out, instead of her allies. This international authority, based on multilateral agreements, is making us gradually "dependent upon foreign sources for our defense and war-making potential." And whatever happens to the present Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, due to expire at the end of June, rejection of the scheme *in toto* by Congress is most unlikely. Putting the exercise of the tariff-making authority back in the hands of Congress would be a healthy restoration of some of "the *representative* nature of our union of sovereign states." And that is something which the interventionists and internationalists are to well entrenched to permit.

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The Communist Party, U.S.A., at the July, 1957 meeting of its National Committee, went on record as demanding a summit conference to work for the suspension of nuclear tests. Ever since then the Communists have been putting their massive influence behind a "ban-the-bomb" campaign. Naturally, they have had plenty of help from Eleanor Roosevelt, Norman Cousins, Bertrand Russell, Norman Thomas, Lester Pearson, Linus Pauling, Edward Condon, and other busy petition-pushers of the Left.

The noise stirred up by these perennial amplifiers of the Communist line has caused the whole free world to become acutely conscious of the danger from "nuclear fallout." We are told that future sterile generations and the mass production of deformed idiot children loom just around the corner, unless we follow the advice and the example of the peace-loving Kremlin, and go back to killing people with TNT instead of hydrogen bombs. (Of course, the fact that the Russians are comparatively short of hydrogen bombs has nothing to do with the case!)

OUR NUCLEAR FUTURE (Criterion, N. Y.; 184 pages, $3.50), by Edward Teller and Albert L. Latter, is a sharp and expert answer to these critics of nuclear testing. There is danger from large doses of radiation, the authors readily admit. But the radiation absorbed from fallout is less than that obtained from wearing a watch with a luminous dial, or from having medical X-rays. "In other words," they say, "we know enough to state positively that the danger from the world-wide fallout is less than many other radiation effects which have not worried people and do not worry them now."

To the further chagrin of the Communist propaganda peddlers, Teller and Latter do a devastating job on the myth of disarmament. They think that "disarmament is safe only when no one wants to impose his will by force of arms upon his neighbors"; and they do not think a world containing Russia exactly fits that description. "Is it wise," they ask, "to make agreements which honesty will respect but dishonesty can circumvent?"

Perhaps the surest proof of both the soundness and importance of the book is the unanimity and vigor with which it was attacked by the liberal press. The war cries were led by the New York *Herald Tribune* and the *Washington Post,* but their smoke signals were soon answered by the pious *Saturday Review* and the enervated *Nation.* None of them so far forgot themselves and the approved "liberal" technique, however, as to attempt to refute the facts. They stuck strictly to the "liberal" practice of trying to discredit the authors.

"It seems probable," Drs. Teller and Latter speculate, "that the root of the opposition to further tests is not connected with fallout. The root is deeper. The real reason . . . is connected with our desire for disarmament and peace." We agree with the authors that the root is deeper, and to the left. But we do not agree with their idealistic explanation, implying abiogenesis. We think it is quite clear just who planted the root, and for what purpose.

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John Dos Passos, "liberal" author of the popular trilogy, *U.S.A.,* excoriater of capitalism and applauder of socialism, was the darling of the New York *Times* and *Herald Tribune* book review sections. Anything he wrote they praised to the skies. Then Dos Passos' "liberal" outlook towards Communism caused him to go to Spain, during the Civil War. There he finally realized that Communism, instead of being a noble crusade, was a deliberate and foul

conspiracy. He wrote of his disillusionment. And that, of course, was the end of Dos Passos, in those charmed and esoteric circles which determine, for the poor dumb and benighted American people, what is and what is not literature.

It is not surprising, therefore, that THE GREAT DAYS (Sagamore Press, N. Y.; 312 pages, $4.50), a new book by John Dos Passos, has been viciously maligned by the liberal press. The *Saturday Review* said: "Somehow the collapse of Dos Passos' faith in the Russian Revolution brought about a loss of both historical perspective and creative vitality." (If Shakespeare were alive today, and failed to glorify the Russian Revolution, you can be sure that the *Saturday Review* would regard him as a hack.) The *Herald Tribune* spoke of "the ingredients of a novel that is still to be written." The New York *Times,* in an especially defamatory review, charged "it is not the novel we have a right to expect from John Dos Passos after his truly great achievements in the past." And *Time* called it his "saddest, sorriest novel."

The Great Days is none of these things. It is a poignant story of a war correspondent who cannot forget his own great days, when he was a famous writer. Out of favor because of his political conservatism, and still grieving the tragic death of his wife, Roland Lancaster tries to find solace in Cuba, with a young girl friend. Through the use of flash backs he brings out the pathetic history of James V. Forrestal (called Roger Thurloe), and the hapless decline of America during the past two decades. The tale is told effortlessly and sympathetically, in the brilliantly polished Dos Passos style. It is in every way a worthy addition to his greatest accomplishments of the past. As John Chamberlain appraised it in the *Wall Street Journal,* this is an excellent historical novel, of great insight. Let's hope that some day, despite the liberals' villification, it will be so recognized.

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After Vice-President Henry Wallace returned from his jaunt through Russia in 1944, he stated that no slave camps existed in the Soviet Union. The millions of slaves then incarcerated in such camps as Magadan and Vorkuta would undoubtedly have regarded this statement as Mark Twain did the report of his own death—as a slight exaggeration. And John Noble, an American citizen arrested during the "liberation" of East Germany, could be forgiven for regarding this as one of Bubblehead Wallace's more unforgivable stupidities. For Noble spent nine years in one of those "non-existent" camps.

I WAS A SLAVE IN RUSSIA (Devin-Adair N. Y.; 183 pages, $3.75) is the shocking account of Noble's enslavement, and of his life in a world of horror where hunger and cold were his perpetual companions: where he worked pushing two-ton coal cars, in a temperature of minus sixty degrees, while his weight dropped from 155 to 95 pounds; where death, from frostbite or freezing, often seemed preferable to the "justice" of the MVD secret police or of the *Blatnois* group of Russian criminals who ruled the slave camps by blackmail and murder. It was "a world of fear, terror, deceit, Godlessness, and slavery" to which a lot of bubbleheads, now advocating peaceful existence and "cultural exchanges" with the masters of this tyranny, should be exposed.

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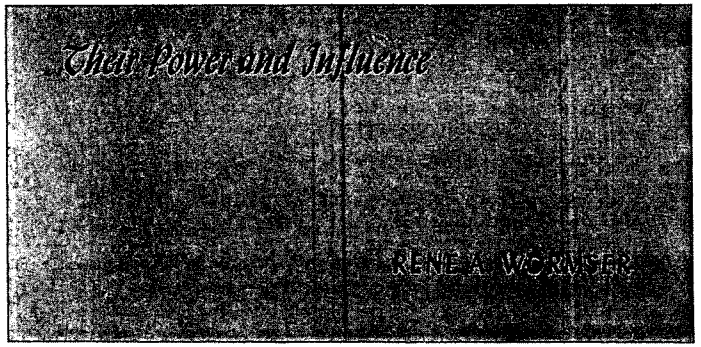

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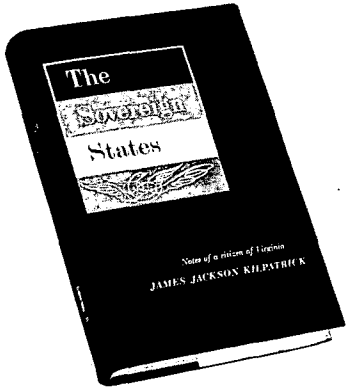

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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Bufiles reflect "American Opinion," formerly known as "One Man's Opinion," is a publication issued irregularly by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts. It is a magazine consisting of reviews of current topics by various authors and observations by Welch. Many of its articles are anticommunist. No investigation of the publication has been conducted by the Bureau.

The item entitled "The Scoreboard" enclosed with your letter is a reprint of an article which appeared in the July-August, 1958, issue of "American Opinion," copies of which have been previously received by the Bureau. It reflects an estimate of the degree of communist influence and control over the economic and political affairs of 105 countries of the world.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Legal Attache enclosed letter from Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters, U. S. Army, Germany, asking him for a check of our records regarding "American Opinion." Legal Attache requested we furnish information available in our files to him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10-4-58

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-0)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN OPINION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a copy of an undated letter to this office from G-2, Hqs., US Army, with its attachment, received 10-2-58.

Request available information appropriate for reply to G-2.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/20/59

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-0)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4/28/84 BY SP6 BJA/mre

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH
ANTI COMMUNIST DRIVE
MILWAUKEE DIVISION

On 1/19/59 Mr. JAMES R. SHINNERS, former SA, and presently member of public relations firm of WERNER, SHINNERS, BINA and HAEUSER, 741 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, Wis., furnished the following information. SHINNERS requested that his name be kept confidential at this time.

On Friday and Saturday, 1/16/59 and 1/17/59, at the Milwaukee Country Club a meeting was held attended exclusively by 15 or 16 leading industrialists in the Milwaukee area, the majority of whom are men of means and position. Apparently the individual most instrumental in getting the group together was Mr. WILLIAM GREDE, Grede Foundaries, Milwaukee, Wis., who is an unusually potent force among industrialists in the area. The group also included Mr. HARRY BRADLEY of Allen-Bradley Co., Milwaukee, who is also an exceedingly potent force in Milwaukee. Also attending was a Mr. ROBERT EWENS, who is associated with the National Association of Manufacturers andwho is also from Milwaukee.

At this meeting ROBERT H. W. WELCH was the sole lecturer. He conducted his lecture from prepared cards. The meetings were all business and had no recreation or levity whatsoever. WELCH lectured on Communism and his thesis was the extreme and very urgent need for anti-Communist action in the U. S. Reportedly WELCH is conducting a drive throughout the country to obtain funds to be utilized for anti-Communist activity. Generally stated, WELCH's purpose is to establish ostensible Communist front groups in localities throughout the country which in reality will be anti-Communist groups. He claims that for his purposes a great amount of money is needed and it is needed quickly. According to WELCH, his proposition falls on deaf ears on the East Coast of the U. S., and particularly in New York City, as there they claim to know it all. Reportedly WILLIAM GREDE heard WELCH conduct a similar meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., and at that time urged him to come to Milwaukee to conduct the meetings that were held on 1/16-17/59.

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According to WELCH's plan, those who contribute to his cause substantially at the outset will be "on the ground floor" and will be nominal directors in the principal office of WELCH's organization, which reportedly is located in Belmont, Mass.

In addition to obtaining large financial contributions at the outset, WELCH also plans to establish a society which will bear the name of a rather prominent Marine Corps member who was killed by Communist elements. (The name of this individual was not obtained by SKINNERS). Memberships in this society would be obtained at a cost of $2 per month per man, and $1 per month for his wife. WELCH also has a magazine or some type of publication called "American Opinion," published at Belmont, Mass. As an indication of the amount of money needed now WELCH indicated that a million dollars would be required.

According to SKINNERS, the meeting was conducted by WELCH in a very secretive manner. Those in attendance were instructed not to divulge what had transpired to their office personnel or even to their wives at this juncture.

Relative to the background of WELCH, he claims to have a brother with whom he had formerly been associated in a candy company in Belmont, Mass., or Boston, Mass., and that he and his brother disagreed and split up over WELCH's interest in the anti-Communist cause. As a result ROBERT H. W. WELCH is reportedly no longer associated with the candy company. It was also indicated that he came to the Boston area from somewhere in Alabama. WELCH indicated at the meeting that he was shortly proceeding to Boca Raton, Fla., where the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers are scheduled to meet soon, and that he will hold a similar meeting there. During the course of the meetings in Milwaukee WELCH did not mention names to any great extent and from available information nothing was mentioned at the meetings relative to the role of the FBI in connection with the investigation and handling of matters re Communism.

SKINNERS advised that information had come to his attention that some of those in attendance were skeptical of the bonafides of ROBERT H. W. WELCH but that others seemed somewhat receptive. He emphasized that the great majority of those in attendance on 1/16-17/59 were exceedingly prominent and influential individuals in the Milwaukee area, whose loyalties toward the U. S. are unquestioned. SKINNERS felt, however, that some of these individuals might be unwittingly taken in by some such activity.

Memo, Director
MI 100-0
1/20/59

A check of Milwaukee indices fails to disclose any information identifiable with ROBERT H. W. WELCH or with the publication "American Opinion."

The foregoing is called to the attention of the Bureau for information purposes. Inasmuch as it is not inconceivable that the initial efforts of WELCH in the Milwaukee area might be followed up, it would be appreciated if the Milwaukee Division could be furnished any available background on the matter.

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SAC, Boston

January 28, 1959

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ROBERT H. W. WELCH
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re Milwaukee letter dated January 20, 1959.

Bufiles reflect that Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, irregularly issues the publication "American Opinion," formerly known as "One Man's Opinion." This magazine consists of reviews of current topics by various authors and comments and observations by Welch. Many of its articles are anticommunist. Welch sends copies of the publication to the Bureau and Bureau letter dated March 11, 1957, to Welch acknowledged receipt of one issue of the magazine. Bureau files contain no additional identifiable information concerning Welch. The Bureau has not investigated Welch or his publication.

The Boston Office is instructed to conduct discreet inquiries to obtain background data concerning Welch. These inquiries must be conducted with caution and good judgment to prevent any embarrassment to the Bureau and possible accusations that Welch is under investigation by the FBI. In this connection, no open inquiries or investigation should be conducted. That office should also remain alert for any information concerning Welch's alleged anticommunist activities to insure that these activities do not encroach upon the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities.

Milwaukee and Boston Offices should remain particularly alert for any information concerning Welch's plan to organize ostensible communist front groups which in reality will be anticommunist groups. Any information concerning Welch's activities should be promptly brought to the Bureau's attention.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memorandum Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Belmont dated 1/27/59, same caption, RDS:hif.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 27, 1959

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

AMERICAN OPINION

The Milwaukee Office has advised of a meeting on January 16 and 17, 1959, attended by a group of leading industrialists in that area. Welch was the sole lecturer at the meeting and allegedly lectured on communism and the very urgent need for anti-communist action in the United States. Welch is reportedly conducting a drive throughout the country to obtain funds to be used for anticommunist activity. He desires to establish ostensible communist front groups which in reality would be anticommunist groups. Welch indicated to the group that his plans would necessitate large financial contributions and indicated that a million dollars would be needed. This meeting was conducted in a very secretive manner and it was reported that some of the industrialists in attendance were somewhat receptive to Welch's ideas. Milwaukee requested the Bureau advise of any background information available concerning Welch.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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(1) Pursuant to the request of the Milwaukee Office, it is recommended we furnish that office with the limited information we have on Welch.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: ROBERT H. W. WELCH

(2) It is also recommended that Boston be instructed to make discreet inquiries to obtain background data concerning Welch and to remain alert for any information concerning his alleged anticommunist activities to insure that these activities do not encroach upon the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction and responsibility. Attached is a suggested letter to the Boston Office with copies to the Milwaukee Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2/4/59

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

By letter dated December 23, 1958, G-2 Governor's Island, New York, forwarded to this office extracts from a volume entitled "The Politician". The volume, according to G-2, was written and privately printed for distribution by ROBERT WELCH, President of ROBERT A. WELCH, Candy Manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and contains allegations highly critical of the President of the United States and other members of the United States Government. (U)

(Any info in par 1-3 was declassified Per Army letter 9/27/85 Sprmcpma 11-15-85)

G-2 advised that a copy of this volume was mailed to a member of the United States Army on August 31, 1958. (U)

A photostatic copy of the extract furnished by G-2 is enclosed for the information of the Bureau. (U)

A review of the Boston indices reflects the following information:

On May 23, 1958 BS 725-S*, a highly sensitive source, provided information concerning a group of 3x5 cards contained in an envelope bearing the return address, P.O. Box #136, Cooper Station, New York 3, N.Y., believed to represent subscriptions to the "Daily Worker". Included among these was one bearing the notation: (U)

Robert Welch, Inc. (U)
Belmont, Mass.
9-14-58 MR-S

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On January 19, 1959, Mr. [redacted], General Post Office, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted] that P. O. Box 136, Cooper Station, New York 3, New York was leased by the "Daily Worker", 50 E. 13th Street, New York City from 1938 until discontinued on June 26, 1958.

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Reference is made to Milwaukee letter to the Director, dated January 20, 1959 entitled "ROBERT H. W. WELCH, ANTI-COMMUNIST DRIVE, MILWAUKEE DIVISION" referring to lectures by WELCH on January 16 and 17, 1959 at the Milwaukee Country Club calling for urgent need for Anti-Communist action in the United States.

Reference is also made to New York letter to Director, dated September 23, 1957 entitled "[redacted] IS-GREAT BRITAIN, RUSSIA", which refers to a speech given in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 3 or 4, 1957 by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, sponsored by the Circuit Riders, Inc.

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Cincinnati letter to Boston, dated May 6, 1958 described the Circuit Riders as a Methodist lay organization financed by a number of prominent Americans to expose Communist influence in religious organizations.

The Boston Telephone Directory for 1959 shows the Welch Candy Company at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Mass. and ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts. Robert Welch, Inc. is listed as 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts.

It is noted that ROBERT H. W. WELCH, believed identical with the subject, is editor of the pamphlet "American Opinion", published by Robert Welch, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, which appears to be Anti-Communist in nature.

It is suggested that as a speaker and writer WELCH may have subscribed to the "Daily Worker" in the name of Robert Welch, Inc. for use as source material.

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THE BOSTON DIVISION:

Will obtain background data concerning WELCH in accordance with Bureau letter to Boston, dated January 28, 1959.

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Dear Reader:

This is not a book. It has not been published. It has not been offered for publication, nor intended for private publication by the writer.

This is an unfinished manuscript. A first and far shorter draft was completed in December, 1954, and shown to about thirty of my best-informed friends. A much longer version was finished in August, 1956, and has been read by perhaps sixty friends. This is a third, but by no means final, form of the composition. Its typewritten pages have been reproduced by a photo-offset process, and put together in this loose-leaf binder, solely for the convenience of those who are asked to read it.

Such friends, of whom you are one, have been very carefully selected -- for reasons which will become obvious. Each copy of the manuscript is numbered, and this is No. 52. I am asking you to consider it as on loan to you, for your own eyes only, until it is returned. I hope you will consider the contents as strictly confidential, and will use precaution to keep the manuscript safeguarded while it is in your possession. But I shall not ask for it back in a hurry, because if anything happens to me I should like to have a goodly number of copies safely out in other hands.

Fully aware of the pressures on your time, I am nevertheless pleading with you to take enough of that time to read all of these pages carefully and without undue haste. Not only I, but other men of far more influence and achievement (whose names are known

to you but should not be mentioned here), believe that you will consider this to be the most important manuscript or book you have ever read. This is not at all because of any skill or special knowledge or authority on my part. It is because of the importance -- to you, to your family, and to your country -- of the facts themselves which have been assembled here for your consideration.

Except in Chapter I (the accuracy of which I am willing to guarantee), there is no information in these pages which has not already been widely published elsewhere. My undertaking has been merely to put together the various pieces, as they fit into one clear pattern, in order to make more obvious the frightening significance of the total picture.

Besides my main purpose, of calling to your attention the real import of this picture as I see it, there is one other reason for sending you the manuscript. The possibility cannot be ignored that ever-worsening circumstances may, at some future time, make advisable the publication of a book based on this material. Against that possibility I welcome, and shall greatly appreciate, any corrections of error, additions of significantly relevant fact, or criticisms or suggestions of any kind, you may be able and willing to give me.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

INTRODUCTION

It is difficult for many of us to remember just what the score was, in the Cold War, only five years ago. So a brief review of the situation at that time may be helpful.

Joseph Stalin died on March 5, 1953. During the spring and summer of 1953 his death was a recent and most important event. Lavrenti Beria was still alive, to contest with Georgi Malenkov for dictatorial power. Affairs in the Kremlin were more unsettled than they had been since the purges of 1937. And throughout the world a fermenting doubt was at work as to whether Malenkov or anybody else would be able to establish the firm and efficient control over International Communism that had been exercised by Stalin.

The preponderant weight of evidence, on the authority of those best informed about the subject, was that the Russians had not yet produced even one atom bomb for themselves. The few they had obtained for demonstration and prestige purposes had been assembled by them out of parts stolen from our plants. Even Harry Truman had subscribed to this view, in January, 1953, on the basis of all the knowledge that had been available to him as President. The Russians, while proceeding with their usual bluff and bluster, simply did not yet have any nuclear weapons.

General Van Fleet was in position to inflict a devastating defeat on the Chinese Communists in Korea. He himself has stated that, as late as April, 1953, he and the South Koreans could have won an overwhelming victory, and should have been allowed to do so. Chiang Kai-shek had half a million soldiers on Formosa, straining at the leash to go back to the

mainland -- either independently, or as our allies in Korea.

Japan had not yet been infiltrated by Communist influences as it has today. Ramon Magsaysay was in the very process of completely routing the Communists in the Philippines. Ho Chi Minh was still having plenty of troubles with his civil war in Vietnam. Sukarno had not yet dared show his completely Communist hand in Indonesia. In Ceylon, extremely important as a base for any small wars around the perimeter of Asia, the United National Party was still in control; its dominant figure, Sir John Kotelawala (to become Premier in October, 1953) was vigorously pro-Western and anti-Communist.

There were no strategically serious Communist advances yet in Africa. (Gamal Abdel Nasser was still a lieutenant-colonel; he became Vice-Premier of Egypt, under President Neguib, on June 18, 1953.) The Middle East, except for little Israel, was still firmly anti-Communist. Turkey had shown her willingness actually to fight the Communists, by the troops she had sent to Korea. Greece was at that time solidly in the anti-Communist camp. So was Italy, with the Christian Democrats still in control. England had thrown out the left-wing socialists and had a Tory government which, except for Anthony Eden, was at least a little bit awake to the Communist threat. West Germany had staged a remarkable recovery, and was taking the lead in trying to establish the anti-Communist European Defense Community. The enslaved people in Poland, in the Balkans, in all of the satellites, were as resentful and smoldering as they have ever been. The East Germans arose in the most determined and dangerous uprising the Kremlin ever had to face. The suicidal rebellion at the huge Vorkuta slave labor camps showed the inflammable conditions inside Russia itself. There

were a dozen fuses waiting to be lighted, and some already lighted which had to be stamped out in a hurry, all leading to charges of dynamite within the foundations of Soviet power.

The American government had saved the Soviet regime from financial collapse in 1933, and given its prestige and credit the vital hypodermic injection, by recognition. The American government had saved the Soviet regime from destruction by Hitler's armies, in 1942 and 1943, through intervention with both supplies and military force. The American government had made possible all of the postwar expansion of the Soviet empire, by acquiescence and frequently by collaboration in the Soviet subjugation of other nations. But in the spring of 1953 the American people were no longer in a mood to condone such a partnership. The American people had begun to wake up to the extent of Communist infiltration into our government and into every segment of our public life. They were, at long last, realizing the crime of "containment" and the folly of appeasement. And without the American government to hold over the Kremlin the umbrella of its protection, against storms rising on every side, the Kremlin faced a very precarious future. Not since the siege of Stalingrad had the whole Communist tyranny been in so much danger of being wiped off the face of the earth.

The sad truth is that this tyranny was actually saved, in this period of great vulnerability, by just one thing; by the inauguration, on January 20, 1953, of Dwight David Eisenhower as President of the United States. The circumstances of his election made it politically necessary for him to bring many good men into his government. The rationale of his election, and the temper of the American people, made it imperative for a while that he talk a good brand of anti-Communism. But the Communist influences

which completely controlled him kept the reins of that control tight and effective. Subtly, cleverly, always proclaiming otherwise and finding specious excuses for what were really pro-Communist actions, these Communist influences made him put the whole diplomatic power, economic power, and recognized leadership of this country to work, on the side of Russia and the Communists, in connection with every problem and trouble spot in their empire. You only have to look at where we stand today, five years later, at exactly these same spots on the scoreboard reviewed above, to realize the truth of this assertion and the extent of this Communist success. It simply was not possible to lose so much ground, so rapidly, to an enemy so inferior, by chance or by stupidity. The explanation calls for a very sinister and hated word, but one which is by no means new in the history of governments or of nations. The word is treason. It is the province of this treatise to show the part played in these treasonous developments, however unwittingly or unwillingly, by Dwight Eisenhower; and how, as the most completely opportunistic and unprincipled politician America has ever raised to high office, he was so supremely fitted for the part.

CHAPTER ONE

The Lieutenant Colonel . . . . .

The Olympic Hotel in Seattle is a massive stone building, with a huge oldfashioned main dining room that has been a treat to this weary traveler, and to thousands like him, on many occasions over many years. Nevertheless, in 1940 the Olympic Hotel badly needed business. Early that fall the manager hit upon a gesture of hospitality which he thought might serve as bait to bring in more customers. He was after, specifically, more patronage from the younger officers of the rapidly increasing U. S. Army forces at nearby Ft. Lewis. And he believed that if the colonels made The Olympic their social headquarters, the lieutenants would surely follow.

So the hotel manager telephoned a colonel with whom he had recently been on a fishing trip. He invited this gentleman to bring three or four other officers besides himself to dinner, in the manager's four-room apartment in the hotel. The colonel accepted. One of the officers he took along for the evening was a lieutenant colonel, by the name of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The only other guests were John Boettiger and his wife, the former Anna Roosevelt Dall, daughter of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Anna's place in her father's affections, and influence over him, were well known at that time. As soon as Lt. Colonel Eisenhower saw Mrs. Boettiger, and realized who she was, he asked to be seated next to her at dinner. Before dinner, during dinner, and after dinner, he monopolized her attention. They conversed together throughout the evening, to the visible

exclusion of the others present. But much of their conversation, naturally and necessarily, was overheard. And the burden of Ike's song for hour on hour was the greatness of Franklin D. Roosevelt. In telling the daughter how wonderful her father was, the lieutenant colonel managed to cover with fulsome praise practically all the words and works of the President.

Early the next morning Anna was on the telephone to her father in Washington. "I've found the man," she said. And she proceeded to tell the abnormally vain FDR what a hero-worshipper of his, and what a genius, she had discovered in an army uniform. Within a few days -- although the incident is completely and understandably ignored in Ike's own account of this period, in his ghost-written autobiography, Crusade In Europe -- Lt. Colonel Eisenhower was ordered to Washington for an interview in the White House.

A few weeks later Eisenhower, back at Ft. Lewis, was made Chief of Staff of the 3rd Infantry Division. Four months later, in March of 1941, he became Colonel Eisenhower, and was made Chief of Staff of the whole Ninth Army Corps. In June he was made Chief of Staff of the United States Third Army, with headquarters at San Antonio. There, in his own language, he "was brought closer to the problems of the Army of the United States as a whole." At the end of September, of that same year of 1941, he became a brigadier general. Five days after Pearl Harbor, or on December 12, 1941, he was called to Washington by telephone, in advance of written orders, by Walter Bedell Smith, who was conveying instructions from General George C. Marshall.

Brigadier General Eisenhower met General Marshall in Washington on December 14, and was immediately brought into war planning at the highest

level. On February 16, 1942 he was made Assistant Chief of Staff of the War Plans Division. On March 9, as the War Plans Division was replaced by the OPD -- Operations Division of the War Department General Staff -- Eisenhower became its first head, with the rank of Major General. On June 11 he was given command of our "European Theatre of Operations"; and soon "fell into the habit" of having luncheon with Winston Churchill at 10 Downing Street every Tuesday, and dinner with Churchill at the latter's home every Thursday. In July, 1942 he was given the three stars of a lieutenant general. On February 11, 1943, less than two years from the time when he had still been a lieutenant colonel, Eisenhower became a full general. And ten months later, although he had never been in combat command of even a battalion, and had never seen a battle, General Eisenhower was made Commander in Chief of all the Allied forces in Western Europe.

We do not wish to imply, however, that this meteoric rise was due entirely to the exercise of Eisenhower's flattering charm on Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, nor even to the personal favoritism of her father which he thereby obtained. There were more comprehensive forces at work. The first of these was the overall and continuous brilliance of Dwight D. Eisenhower as a politician. This aptitude (which included some unsavory tricks for self-promotion at the expense of his associates and superiors) had already been well utilized, to give him the nebulous but profitable reputation of being "an outstanding officer." For Eisenhower is not only all politician, so far as his ability is concerned. He is the living embodiment of practically all of the skills and attitudes that every ambitious politician would like to possess.

His most obvious asset in political maneuvers

is the personal charm to which we have already referred. Few men have ever exemplified more conclusively Shakespeare's wise observation that "one may smile, and smile, and be a villain." Woodrow Wilson, for all the subtlety of his skill as a politician, lacked this characteristic of disarming self-ingratiation, which Franklin Roosevelt found so useful and which Eisenhower has made even more so.

But Eisenhower is more like Wilson, and goes far beyond him, in the second asset of his inventory -- which is the successful pretense of not being a politician at all. Here is, in plain and completely provable fact, the "big lie"; the lie so big, and so exactly the opposite of the truth, that it simply does not occur to most people to examine it, as possibly a lie, at all. La Rochefoucauld said: "It is a great cleverness to know how to conceal one's cleverness." With regard to his political cleverness Eisenhower has performed this feat in the style of a master.

The General's contribution towards winning World War II, for instance, was important; but it was entirely that of a political "fixer." Whether working with (or on) Darlan and DeGaulle, or smoothing out frictions and disagreements between the British and American chiefs of staff, his skill was so great that even Alanbrooke said that "we, as allies, were extremely fortunate to have such a charming individual. As Supreme Commander what he may have lacked in military ability he greatly made up for by the charm of his personality." Actually, Eisenhower was so poor at strategy, tactics, and the necessary qualifications for military command that even his unceasing sponsor, George Marshall, once cabled him in disgust that he was entirely too weak for the position which he held. He was, in fact, so indifferent a soldier that it became necessary for the top authorities to shunt him aside and upstairs, in such an ex-

alted position that he had only political considerations to which to devote his energy and time, in order that the real soldiers under him could get on with their campaigns and the business of winning the war. And yet he came out of the war, and took a place in the American public mind, as a great soldier; a man who had won the war by his superb military generalship; and a man so completely naive in politics that he didn't even know what was happening, in the gigantic build up of himself for the presidency. So firmly and cleverly was this reputation established that not even after five years of Eisenhower as President, during which time he has continuously engaged in far more dirty, more deceptive, and more ruthless behind-the-scenes political manipulations than even Roosevelt ever undertook, have the American people begun to see the politician in the uniform of a soldier or under the silk hat of the statesman.

So, returning to the discussion of Eisenhower's rise in four years from being an unknown lieutenant colonel to becoming the Supreme Commander of the largest military force ever organized, with dozens of the very ablest generals of Europe and America under him, there are those -- even among his most severe critics -- who attribute this fantastic ascent entirely to his charm and political genius; to the same consciously employed smoothness that hypnotized Anna Roosevelt and her father, and started Ike on his way. And of course they could be right. But we think these critics are entirely too optimistic, too generous, and too blind to other influences which were sweeping him along.

We believe that some very sinister but powerful forces had already put their mark on Eisenhower as a pliable tool of the future; that they recognized in him a politician who, for personal promotion and prestige and glory, would always be willing to sail

[illegible] the winds they created and to keep his com-[illegible] pointed in the direction they desired. And we believe not only that these forces were already helping the advancement of his career, at every turn, but that this conclusion can be convincingly substantiated by a careful enough study of the record.

We agree that the dinner in Seattle was extremely fortunate for Eisenhower and his promoters; and that this opportunity to reveal himself to one of the Roosevelt clan as so kindred a spirit was important. But we also think that if this propitious opening had not occurred, he or his behind-the-scenes manipulators would have invented one which served almost as well. While it is probable that Roosevelt's sheer favoritism, once gained and held by the Eisenhower flattery and charm, might alone have put Eisenhower in a major-general's uniform before the war was over, we think it took those sinister forces, of which Roosevelt himself was a half willing but never quite conscious captive, to parlay the Eisenhower winnings into so grand -- and useful -- a final prize. And we think this fact is the key to much of the tragic history of the last fifteen years.

CHAPTER TWO

"Lucky Ike" . . . . .

For, let's go back to December 12, 1941. It was only the preceding Sunday that General George C. Marshall had woefully failed to use the telephone, or any other prompt means, to give General Short and Admiral Kimmel in Hawaii his own advance information as to the coming Japanese attack. Half of the American fleet had been deliberately decoyed as sitting ducks in Pearl Harbor, with Marshall's full knowledge and connivance, to induce the Japanese to strike. So afraid were he and Roosevelt that the Hawaiian commanders might somehow learn in advance of Japanese intentions that they had even denied these commanders the possession of a "Purple" decoding machine, through which they themselves might have learned at first hand what was afoot. And while Roosevelt was equally guilty with Marshall of this particular piece of deliberate treason, I believe that the history of the two men and of the period will show a huge difference in motives. Roosevelt, being swept along and used by Communist forces which he thought he was using, avid for the glory and the power of being a wartime president and of tossing around millions of men and billions of dollars with a nod of his head, dreaming of accomplishing what Wilson had tried but failed to do, seeing himself sometime in the future as the world-worshipped hero who had saved it for democracy and perhaps even united it under his own leadership; Roosevelt thus saw the coming loss at Pearl Harbor as a worthwhile gambit for the sake of getting us into the war through a blow struck first

by an enemy.

It was criminal. In fact, it was treason. But getting the enemy to strike first, in a war that seems inevitable, is nothing new in the history of nations. Those who would condone it can point to precedents in the past. And there are plenty of intelligent and otherwise patriotic Americans today who, recognizing and admitting everything we have stated above, still claim that Roosevelt was justified in making this calculated sacrifice in order to unite the country at once in wartime effort against enemies who sought to destroy it. We vigorously disagree, but they have at least an understandable argument.

George Marshall's purpose, however, in our opinion, was not to save his country, but to carry forward Communist plans which would ultimately deliver it to Communism. His immediate goal was to get America into the war, at any cost, in order to relieve Stalin from the terrible pressure of the German armies. It was Japan who attacked us, but Marshall headed the necessary strength and influence which caused us to throw all of our gathering war might against Germany -- or in the form of supplies and armament directly to the aid of the Russians. It was Marshall who insisted on our launching an immediate landing and second front in France, even in 1942, at whatever cost; and who kept on so insisting, even after the British had shown everybody else enough of the facts of life about crossing the Channel at that time to make the idea obviously absurd. Alanbrooke even charges that Marshall didn't have the slightest plan as to what Allied troops would do, if and after any of them actually landed in France, or even as to which way they should try to go. This may be inaccurate or exaggerated. But it was prompted by Marshall's clamorous demand for a second front at once. The British, and even most of the American generals

primarily George Marshall and Dwight D. Eisenhower, who were deliberately and consciously serving the interests of Russia rather than their own country, the puzzle would have disappeared like an exploded soap bubble. And it made no difference that some of these men were not traitors for the sake of treason, but only opportunistic politicians who knew where the real control of future events lay and by which side their bread was buttered.

Let's look next at another tremendous boost given the Russian Communist plans by Eisenhower, for which he justifiably took some of the credit in 1948, but which he undoubtedly would prefer to disclaim today. This was the instigation and early implementation of the so-called Morgenthau Plan for the conversion of Germany into a goat pasture -- so that it could never stand as a bulwark against the eventual Russian march across Europe. But for the foresight, patriotism, and determination of just one man, James Forrestal (whom the Communists later, either directly or indirectly, murdered), Eisenhower and his Communist pushers would have succeeded in carrying out the complete and final devastation which they planned.

The egg of the Morgenthau Plan was laid during a discussion of Germany's future, which took place at Eisenhower's English headquarters, in August, 1944. In Crusade in Europe Eisenhower (or his Communist ghost writer, Joseph Barnes) says that the discussion arose because of the visit of Secretary Morgenthau. But even in 1948 Mr. Barnes was careful not to have Eisenhower mention that Harry Dexter White and John G. Winant were also present at the meeting. As to primary responsibility for the plan, however, we can save a lot of rambling to assemble evidence by simply quoting Fred Smith, former Assistant to Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgen-

and ably, however sad their hearts, in American uniform as American soldiers against the Japanese armies. But for Japan to have treated any of these Japanese, who were captured in American uniform, as anything but regular prisoners of war, would have been unthinkable under international law. For us to have entered into some agreement with Japan when the war was over to turn over to that country, for torture and death, any of these Japanese who had served in our uniform in our armies, would have been incredible. So Vlasov certainly had reason to hope and believe that he and his men would be accorded the civilized treatment of uniformed prisoners of war; especially since everything that had happened at Yalta was then still as secret as the grave.

On the way to the redoubt in Austria the First ROA Division, under General Bunichenko, sidestepped enough to march to Prague. At that time Patton's forces, which had reached Pilsen, fifty miles away, had been pulled back about fifty miles by Eisenhower's orders (on the excuse later given that he couldn't spare the gasoline for them to march fifty miles forward), in order to allow the Russians under Marshall Koniev to take the city. The inhabitants had revolted against the Germans, the departing Nazis had set fire to the city, and sheer horror prevailed. Bunichenko's division arrived, restored order on May 6, 7, and 8, and slipped away as Koniev's troops came in. Having learned in Prague that Eisenhower intended to let Russian troops occupy all of Czechoslovakia, General Bunichenko marched his ROA First Division westward until they reached the nearest American forces, and surrendered his twenty-five thousand men to the United States 3rd Army on May 10, 1945. The division was then forcibly disarmed, and compelled by United States tanks to march into the hands of the Red Army which was waiting for

two million victims were involved, and the whole operation was of tremendous importance to postwar Europe, the book tries to gloss the story over in less than three pages of humanitarian generalities. (They are Pages 484-486 in the 1952 paperbound Permabooks edition.) And these two and one-half pages are a tissue of deliberate and direct lies. Just for one illustration, Eisenhower says on Page 485: "These policies and agreements (he is trying to blame Yalta, but is actually admitting he made the decisions) we first tried to apply without deviation, but we quickly saw that their rigid application would often violate the fundamental humanitarian principles we espoused. Thereafter we gave any individual who objected to return the benefit of the doubt."

I have in front of me, as I now write, a photostatic copy of Part II of an order issued from "Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force," dated "Revised May 1945," and entitled "Guide To The Care Of Displaced Persons in Germany." Part II, Section 3, Heading 1, Paragraph 3 of that order says: "After identification by Soviet Repatriation Representatives, Soviet displaced persons will be repatriated regardless of their individual wishes." Another paragraph of that same order reads: "Enemy and ex-enemy displaced persons, except those assimilated to United Nations status, will be returned to their countries of nationality or former residence without regard to their personal wishes." These orders continued in effect, without any interruption until August, when General Patch raised his question; and then were confirmed by our Joint Chiefs of Staff, even as to the specific use of force, as soon as Eisenhower became a member and could put his influence to work. And both he and Joseph Barnes were well aware of these facts, when they wrote the falsehoods indicated above for publication in 1948.

large as it is among educators. So it may well be that turning the eyes of the American public away from any good look at this quietly dangerous development was as important, in the minds of Eisenhower and his bosses, as the more specific immediate purpose.

As to the Army-McCarthy hearings probably little needs to be said here. That the whole factitious proceeding was cooked up inside the White House was revealed in the hearings themselves. That Secretary Stevens had originally intended to cooperate with McCarthy, gladly and diligently, in weeding traitors out of the Army, was obvious. It was equally obvious that he gradually changed, under pressure from the White House, until in the hearings themselves he perjured himself openly and brazenly with full White House approval. A very able and patriotic U. S. Army General, Kirk Lawton, found that he had sacrificed his career by merely doing his patriotic duty in trying to help to expose the Communists under his command at Fort Monmouth. Lawton was relieved of command and retired, not just to satisfy the vengeance of George Marshall and Dwight Eisenhower, but as another warning to those Army officers who might want to emulate his brand of patriotism. All of the artificial storm and fury, from which you might have thought -- and were supposed to think -- that McCarthy had committed every crime in the book from arson to treason, eventually boiled down to the question of a censure motion against McCarthy for language and methods supposedly unbecoming a senator. The censure motion was itself written, down to the last word and comma, by agents of the Communist-loaded National Committee For An Effective Congress, and was introduced by a former supporter of the Morgenthau Plan and the Nuremberg trials, a foul-mouthed Senator named Ralph Flanders, whose own language and method

Party weekly. And to show you the kind of man Birkhead and Stout felt sure they were honoring, let me point out that among others who have been recipients of the same award are Roger Baldwin (who once publicly stated "Communism is the Goal"), with forty-two Communist-front citations in government files; and Norman Corwin, radio director for the United Nations, who has been officially cited sixty-eight times for his Communist-front affiliations.

In 1949 Eisenhower became a member of the board of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. This board had, very reluctantly, and because they could no longer flout public opinion so openly, accepted the resignation of Alger Hiss as president. They had elected as his successor Joseph Johnson, who had for years been the right-hand man of Hiss in our government. Then on December 12, 1949, this board, with Eisenhower now a member, passed a resolution deploring the "political pressure" being exerted on Dean Acheson for his defense of his friend Hiss. Eisenhower did not follow the leads of his good friends Acheson and Frankfurter, in serving as a character witness for Hiss, probably because his presence in Europe during the period of Hiss' most important activities would have kept the testimony from being of sufficient value. But in November, 1949, he did go out of his way personally to vouch for the loyalty of Philip Jessup, in a telegram to the McCarran Committee, when that committee was investigating the smelly activities of Jessup in the Institute of Pacific Relations.

It was as president of Columbia University, however, that Eisenhower got in some of his most effective blows for the cause. Best known of these was his acceptance of the grant, from the Communist puppet government of Poland, of thirty thousand dollars as an endowment for a "Chair of Polish Studies." He was

already been such a haven for Communist professors and center of Communist influence, Eisenhower would neither have wanted, nor been offered, the job of being its president. Certainly he left it more Communist-slanted than he found it. At one time he was given a list of eighty-seven people on his faculty who had records of affiliation with Communist or Communist front activities. Some of them undoubtedly were just dupes. But among them were such notorious, persistent, and industrious workers in the Communist cause as Walter Rautenstrauch, Dorothy Brewster, Bernard J. Stern, Mark Van Doren, Gene Weltfish, Robert S. Lynd, Corliss Lamont, Leslie C. Dunn, Abraham Edel, Paul F. Brissenden, Phillip Klein, Harry Grundfest, Ernest J. Simmons, Boris M. Stanfield, Donald G. Tewkesbury, Edith F. Claflin, and Goodwin Watson.

For any organization to be officially classified by government agencies as a Communist front, then as now, the evidence had to be conclusive -- and practically blinding. Yet at that time the first five names on this list already had citations in government files for participation in 62, 38, 31, 19, and 33 Communist fronts, respectively. Stern, under an assumed name, had written a Marxist book put out by the official publishing subsidiary of the Communist Party. Miss Weltfish had been president of one organization classified by the U. S. Department of Justice as Communist. And so it went, not only with these five but with others named. Just for one more illustration, the pro-Communist activities of Goodwin Watson, the last name on the list above, filled sixty-four pages in the Congressional Record. All of these facts and full information concerning all of those listed were supplied to General Eisenhower.

It was not easy to do. At all times he angrily denied and aggressively resisted any implication that

our "occupying" forces, both civilian and military, lord it over the natives of the countries where they are stationed; and, as the very reason for their existence, go about telling the poor benighted natives what to do and how to lead their lives. (In 1955, for instance, we spent nine hundred thousand dollars in Turkey, organizing and setting up labor unions -- which they had never had -- so that the Turks would have better industrial relations!)

The Kremlin-controlled Communist conspiracy is actually the most ambitiously imperialistic force that has ever come into existence on our planet. But a key maxim of Soviet policy is: Always accuse your opponent, first and loudly, of those very crimes which you yourself are committing. And since they realized they could never make us appear to anybody, for very long, as imperialists by the sword, they have steered us into becoming imperialists by the dollar. It is very easy for Russian agents and Russian propaganda to point to us as imperialists; to convince the natives everywhere that we are imperialists; and to get us hated and feared accordingly. For we have actually become imperialists, meddling in the lives, the economics, the politics, and the foreign policies, of almost every remaining country in the free world; and doing so as extensively, as obnoxiously, and almost as damagingly, as ever did a Caesar who had taken over such countries by the sword.

We even help the Communists' propaganda by giving them names on which to hang their charges. By adding a "Truman Doctrine" for Greece and Turkey and then an "Eisenhower Doctrine" for the Middle East to a once highly respected but now easily distorted Monroe Doctrine, we have appeared to intend ultimately to promulgate American "doctrines" which would definitely establish us as imperialist "protectors" of countries all over the world. Nothing could serve the Russian propaganda and psychological needs today

politics as a great and mighty power." An important member of Jackson's Council was Vaclav Majer, who had been minister for food under Prime Minister Gottwald. And the rest were all of the same stamp.

The actual broadcasting at Munich under Jackson's direction was in charge of Pavel Tigrid-Schoenfeld, a self-styled "former" Communist, who surrounded himself with Reds, and excluded every Czech patriot who had ever shown the slightest hostility to Communism. While back in the New York office, in charge of what might be called the "Czech desk," Jackson installed Ferdinand Peroutka, who had been a leading socialist advocate of Czech collaboration with the Communists before the Communists took over his country. Much of Peroutka's "fighting" of Communism from New York consisted of nasty remarks about Senator McCarthy, General MacArthur, and Senator Taft, to be broadcast in Europe. In his commentary broadcast from Munich on August 3, 1952, reporting the defeat of Senator Taft at the Republican Convention, Peroutka proclaimed, in appropriate English: "Already for a long time have we written no comments with such great joy." And that, my friends, was nothing compared to the usual stuff you were paying for with your money, to be broadcast over Radio Free Europe as a means of pushing back the Iron Curtain.

Perhaps we should give you a really fair sample, to confirm the above statement. The second country on C. D. Jackson's list for salvation was Hungary. His selection of collaborators, agents, and committee members for that operation was even worse than for Czechoslovakia, so we'll skip the details here. And this bunch of Communists and Communist-sympathizers really went to town. In fact the pro-Communism of their broadcasts was so blatant that in 1954 the West German government, catching several of the leaders out of the country simultaneously, refused to give them

to John S. Graham in the paragraph above.

31. Neil McElroy.

Secretary of Defense.

This is another step in the left-grading of the original cabinet. McElroy's only publicized contribution to the leftwing drive up to the time of his appointment -- that we know about -- was his chairmanship and handling of the White House Conference On Education. The technique known as "group dynamics" is completely a Communist technique, invented and developed by them as a clever means of manipulating the opinions within supposedly free-discussion democratic assemblages, so as to distill out of these gatherings exactly the opinions that the Communist planners wanted arrived at in the first place. McElroy made assured and brilliant use of this technique, in order to come up with a report from this conference favoring the federal government's getting both feet into public education, despite the clear record that the report did not represent the views of a majority of even the carefully selected pawns on this chessboard. So, as other better informed writters have already pointed out, there was reason to regard Mr. McElroy with considerable skepticism. And we can report, out of our own knowledge, that he was already so regarded by many of the outstanding conservative citizens of his home town of Cincinnati.

Since McElroy was made Secretary of Defense, he has shown his true colors much more emphatically. He has been an outspoken advocate of "changing our way of life" because of the Russian threat; that is, of regimenting our whole social organization under bureaucratic economic and political controls. This would impose on us exactly that form and degree of state socialism under an all-powerful central government, which the Communists are so anxious to bring about as a major step towards pulling a communised

to suggest any smelly skeletons in his rear. But there seldom is.

At any rate, Bunker is a life-long Democrat, who served as both Ambassador to Argentina, and then Ambassador to India, under Truman. Which may establish the only point really involved in his appointment. But being of a mean and suspicious nature, we cannot help mentioning at least one bag of bones which somebody found in his immaculate-looking closets. Mr. Bunker is, and for sometime has been, a member of the board of trustees of the Institute of International Education, Inc. A well-informed friend of mine says that describing the Institute as an actual branch of the Communist International, on the basis of the listing on Page 6 of The Communist Conspiracy, issued on May 29, 1956 by the House Un-American Activities Committee, is to make a too "dogmatic interpretation of a complicated relationship." Nor is there any question but that plain eggheaded liberals have found their starry-eyed way onto the Institute's board, as in the case of all other associations promoting one-worldism. But we confess to a strong prejudice against any organization of which Stephen Duggan and Ed Murrow have been the driving forces, and against any man who would accept their leadership.

33. Lawrence G. Derthick.

U. S. Commissioner of Education.

Derthick is a "liberal" Tennessee Democrat, and a close friend and protege of Senator Estes Kefauver. So we see no reason to gild the lily.

34. Gordon Gray.

Defense Mobilization Director.

Gray is a "liberal" North Carolina Democrat, who was considered "liberal" enough to have been acceptable as a successor to Frank Graham as president of the University of North Carolina. Actually we think that Gray, for all of his currently fashionable "liberal-

California primaries a couple of months ago 425,000 votes were cast for a known Communist as a candidate for an important state office!) Any conservative or anti-Communist politician in America today is having to face not only the honestly Democratic or "liberal" voters in his constituency, but a sizable bloc -- depending on the area -- of controlled votes that are not amenable to reason or arguments of any kind. That the Eisenhower State Department and its Immigration Service are deliberately and constantly increasing this bloc is common and public knowledge to everybody who has studied the plain facts. That Eisenhower personally is fully aware of this program, and is its chief supporter, is the plain fact that we wish to make clear here.

For six years Eisenhower and his associates have carried on a persistent and energetic campaign to break down the independent sovereignty of the United States, and to submerge that sovereignty under international agreements and the control of international agencies. The open boasts of the United Nations crowd -- as in the book, Revolution On East River, by James Avery Joyce -- that there is a day-by-day de facto surrender of American sovereignty to the UN, are well justified. And Eisenhower's support of this transfer of sovereignty by installments is continuous. He has emphasized over and over, for instance, that our troops are to be used, in implementation of the Eisenhower Doctrine, under the control of the United Nations Security Council.

In that Council we have one vote in eleven; Russia has a veto power over everything it doesn't like; and the United Nations Secretary for Security Council Affairs, who would have the most direct control of any such troops, has been either a Russian Communist or a Polish Communist ever since the United Nations

now are at least two-thirds of the way towards carrying out Lenin's strategy, and ruling the whole world. They are gaining speed and momentum fast. We are now the only real obstacle left in their way. And we have a Communist, or a politician who serves their purposes every bit as well, sitting right in the chair of the president of the United States.

Mr. Khrushchev was being cute, cautious, and clever when he said that our grandchildren would be living under socialism. Even that remark was meant to disarm us, by making the danger seem remote. If we do not wake up to the real facts fast, and wake up enough of our fellow citizens, it will be our children and ourselves living as enslaved subjects of the Kremlin -- possibly within five years, and certainly within ten to fifteen years at the very most. The danger is present, and it is very clear.

Two years ago I gave up my business responsibilities, and am now devoting "the whole of my life," without any pay or the expectation of remuneration of any kind, to efforts to wake up my fellow citizens to the horror and the imminence of the Communist danger. If you would like to help me to increase the reach and effectiveness of those efforts, there is a postscript to this manuscript which I shall be glad to send to any reader who requests it. EM

From the desk of
ROBERT WELCH

To put a final word at the beginning, let me explain that this document started as a letter to a friend. While it has now outgrown that format, the whole manuscript has still been written in that same spirit.

In other words, I do not try to prove anything, nor to marshal adequate evidence for either a court of law or the court of public opinion. My purpose is simply to tell a very limited number of patriotic Americans and good friends what I believe about certain aspects of our present situation, and to give some of the reasons for my belief.

Please note, too, that this version of this manuscript was finished last June, and that these copies were made by offset in August. It has not been brought up to date since that time, even though more recent developments further and strongly support its central argument.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

CONFIDENTIAL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-104401) DATE: February 20, 1959

FROM : SAC, Boston (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re: Bureau letter dated January 28, 1959.

The records of Harvard Law School, Alumni Records Office, were examined by SA RICHARD W. ALLEN on February 6, 1959, through Miss [redacted], Secretary. These records reflected that ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr. was at Harvard Law School from 1919 to 1921 and received no degree. He received his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1916 and as of both 1948 and 1953, was Vice President in charge of Sales and Advertising for the James O. Welch Company, Candy Manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Miss [redacted] also provided the 35th Reunion Report of the Harvard Law School Class of 1922, published in 1957.

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In addition to the above information on ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., this report reflected that he married MARIAN FROBERT in 1922 and had two sons, [redacted]. It also showed that he was in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis during World War I and during World War II was on the Advisory Commission of the Office of Price Administration. In addition, from 1951 to 1954, he was a member of the Belmont Massachusetts School Committee and had served as a Director of several small businesses and one bank. From 1951 to 1957, he was a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers, being its Vice President from 1955 to 1957. The report listed two publications by Mr. WELCH: "May God Forgive Us" (1952) and "Life of John Birch" (1954).

On February 12, 1959, SA RICHARD W. ALLEN examined Volume 4 of "Who's Who in New England," dated 1948. In addition to the information already set out, this publication reflects that Mr. WELCH was born in Edenton, North Carolina, December 1, 1899. He was a founder of the Oxford Candy Company in 1922 and its Sales Manager in 1935. From 1948 to the time of publication, he had been Vice President and Director of Sales and Advertising of the James O. Welch Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts. As of the date of publication, he is shown as a member of the Board of Directors of Robert Welch Publishing Company; Chairman of the Board of the Washington Commission

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of the National Association of Candy Manufacturers; a member of the Board of Directors of the United Prison Association, and during World War II was a member of the Office of Price Administration Committee for the candy industry. He is shown to be the recipient of the Kettle Award by the candy industry in 1947 and a member of the Massachusetts Chess Federation (Board of Directors, 1940-1944).

Mr. WELCH is shown as a Republican and lists his clubs as: Harvard (Boston and New York), Skating (Boston), Oakley Country (Board of Directors). He is author of "Road to Salesmanship" (1941) and has contributed articles to business publications. He is further shown as a public speaker on business, economic and social conditions. His home address is shown as 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and his office as 810 Main Street, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau is a letter dated February 11, 1959, from G-2, Governors Island, New York, and a copy of "The Politician" written by WELCH and furnished to this office by G-2.

G-2 has been advised that no investigation is being made of this matter. C.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Clinton, New York

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your note dated February 21, 1959, and appreciate the motive which prompted your inquiry.

While I would like to be of service, I must advise that this Bureau has not investigated the magazine, "American Opinion," or Robert Welch, Inc., of Belmont, Massachusetts, and I am unable to be of assistance to you.

For your information, the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and we do not make evaluations of individuals, publications, or organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to correspondent. We have not investigated the organization and individual named above, but information in our files indicates that Robert H. Welch of the Welch Candy Manufacturers publishes "American Opinion," formerly known as "One Man's Opinion." We have received copies of both publications, and we have not generally acknowledged their receipt. The magazine contains reviews of current topics, and many of the articles are anticommunist in theme. On 1-28-59 our Boston Office was instructed to be alert for any information concerning Welch's plan to organize groups which would encroach upon the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities.

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CLINTON, NEW YORK

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Dear Mr Hoover:-

I was the one who asked [redacted] to write to you about the magazine American Opinion - Published by - Robert Welch Inc - Belmont 78 Massachusetts -

[redacted] want to subscribe to any magazine that [redacted] has any slightly pink connections -

According to the letter from your office which [redacted] recieved this information is top secret - Why !?!?! do think another agency that [redacted] any other person should write [redacted] this information -

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I was terribly disappointed in the "big bug" letter he received as a reply to put it mildly -

I received a sample copy of this magazine about a year ago and it seemed to contain some interesting items so I subscribed - However this February issue I questioned - Particularly an article entitled "Some Truths about Castro" written by a J. B Matthews - definitely stating that Castro is hooked up with the communists - All the other articles that I have read in the news papers, News Week, World Report etc claim - The general opinion seems to be that Castro is the golden haired boy - Could Mr Matthews be the only one right? Hence this letter - I, certainly, do not

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CLINTON, NEW YORK

It is, certainly, a fine state of affairs when it is not possible to find out the Americanism of any Magazine or organization.

You are investigating people and their connections continuously but how are people to stay in the clear?

if there is no where they can secure a report on the Thing thing question — no wonder — No wonder it's so easy for the communists to collect so many dupes —

Thanking you for any suggestions which you feel able to make — I am

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

(Mrs [redacted])

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The Attorney General

March 6, 1959

Director, FBI

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Information has been received that Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., who resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and who maintains his office at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has written a book entitled "The Politician." While Welch has not published this book, it appears that he has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to a limited number of his friends and individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. This book attacks the reputation of the President of the United States, particularly chapter nine which is a violent attack on President Eisenhower. There is enclosed one Photostat each of the cover page, remarks by Welch and chapter nine of this book.

The files of this Bureau reflect that Welch was born on December 1, 1899, at Edenton, North Carolina; is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; is the editor and a director of the publication "American Opinion," which is published irregularly by him; and has recently been conducting a drive to obtain funds to be used for his anticommunist activity. In January, 1959, he addressed a group of leading industrialists of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area on the subject of communism and the urgent need for anticommunist action in the United States. He told the group he desires to establish ostensible communist front groups throughout the United States which in reality would be anticommunist groups, and he indicated to the industrialists his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. It has been reported that the industrialists in attendance at this meeting were somewhat receptive to Welch's ideas. No further information has come to this Bureau's attention indicating additional activities on Welch's part in this regard.

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NOTE: SEE memo Baumgardner to Belmont, same caption, 3-6-59, JHK:fk.

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The Attorney General

The above information, together with one Photostat each of the above-mentioned excerpts and chapter from "The Politicians" is being furnished to the Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President.

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1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh (Enclosures - 3)
Deputy Attorney General

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Training & Inspection Division
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 6, 1959

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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Boston letter 2-20-59 furnished background information concerning Welch indicating Welch, a Republican, has authored book entitled "The Politician." Boston received copy of book from G-2, Governors Island, N.Y., by letter to SAC, Boston, 2-11-59. While this book (287 pages) has not been published, copies of it have been printed enclosed in spiral-type binders. It apparently has been sent to a limited number of friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of book reflects it mainly is an attack on political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Does not appear to be based on facts but on opinions and conclusions of Welch. General theme of book is reflected in "Introduction" in which Welch states in Spring of 1953 the whole communist tyranny was in danger of being wiped off the face of the earth but "The sad truth is that this tyranny was actually saved, in this great period of vulnerability, by just one thing; by the inauguration, on January 20, 1953, of Dwight David Eisenhower as President of the United States." Chapter 9 of

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Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
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book represents most violent attack on alleged political beliefs of President by being titled "The Pro-Communist." Welch, by innuendo, alludes to President as being procommunist. Examples: He states in Fall of 1945 when Russians were starting to show post war power, U.S. newspapers began to call imperialistic Russian plans to attention of readers and Eisenhower "let out a vicious blast against the 'crackpots' who were critical of Russian diplomacy and actions"; Eisenhower, despite protests of high-ranking Army officers who were bitter at strikes, stoppages and slow-downs in American production engineered by communists in the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), spoke at 1946 CIO convention and praised CIO employees for their patriotism even to extent of saying they rightly shared in laurels won by American troops on battlefields; Eisenhower's acceptance of $30,000 grant from communist government of Poland to establish "Chair of Polish Studies" at Columbia University; the organization of Arden House and its program "The American Assembly" which, according to Welch, Eisenhower claims was his greatest accomplishment at Columbia. Welch claims this was indeed an accomplishment in field of propaganda stating "it would call for my admiration if it did not intend my destruction" and "it was his greatest procommunist achievement as president of Columbia."

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) The attached letters to Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President; and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, furnishing background data on Welch and enclosing Photostats of cover page, opening remarks of Welch, and chapter 9 of book, be approved and transmitted.

(2) The attached SAC letter alerting field to Welch, his activities and program be approved and forwarded to Training & Inspection Division for preparation and distribution to the field.

3/10/59
SAC LETTER NO. 59-13

(F) ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- Information has been received that Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts; maintains an office at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and is editor and a director of the publication "American Opinion," which he irregularly publishes and issues of which have in the past contained anticommunist articles. Neither Welch nor his publication has been the subject of Bureau investigation. In January, 1959, he met with a group of leading industrialists of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area, at which time he lectured on communism, the urgent need for anticommunist action in the United States and his desires to establish ostensible communist front groups which in reality would be anticommunist groups. Welch indicated he is conducting a drive to obtain funds to be used for anticommunist activity and that his plans would necessitate large financial contributions. No further information has been received indicating Welch's success in putting his program into effect.

The personnel of your office should be made aware of Welch's activities and contemplated plans. You must be certain that your employees are alerted to promptly report to the Bureau any information concerning further activity by Welch in this regard. In the event information is received regarding any activity of Welch in the furtherance of setting his plan into operation, no investigation should be made but the Bureau should be promptly advised.

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March 6, 1959

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

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NOTE: See memo Baumgardner to Belmont, dated 3-5-59, captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning, (Internal Security)." JHK:fk.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Miss Gandy

May 25, 1959

Dear Subscriber:

The enclosed petition tells its own story. Its preamble and ten points, as listed on the back, have already been entered in the Congressional Record.

mass. Pocket Petitions

The petition is sponsored by the COMMITTEE AGAINST SUMMIT ENTANGLEMENTS, which will send out its first mailing (without duplicating this one) during the last week of May. Except for your editor, who is acting as chairman, the Committee will be a powerhouse of patriotic Americans. Among the outstanding men and women who have already agreed to serve on CASE are Spruille Braden, Samuel B. Pettengill, Barry Goldwater, T. Coleman Andrews, Robert B. Dresser, Wint Smith, Gordon H. Scherer, J. Bracken Lee, Clarence Manion, Alfred Kohlberg, Robert B. Snowden, Fred C. Koch, John U. Barr, Suzanne Silvercruys Stevenson, A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., Ludwig von Mises, N. Floyd McGowin, Martin J. Condon, III, J. H. Gipson, Sr., Pierre S. du Pont, 3rd, and some thirty more of similar caliber and standing.

Instead of dribbling our effort over several months, we have deliberately planned a concerted and intensive drive during June and as far into July as there is time. We are appealing to every man and woman who believes in the inevitably disastrous results, for our country and for the remaining free world, of "summit" concessions and entanglements.

If every patriot we can reach will go to work promptly to get petitions signed, to spread blank petitions, and to enlist the help of others in getting more petitions signed, we can accumulate rapidly a tremendous number of signatures. And we can present a powerful front of opposition to a repetition of the 1955 performance of fraternization and appeasement.

Please do your part, do it now, and keep on doing it.

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Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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These pocket petitions are issued by the

Committee Against Summit Entanglements

The Committee respectfully petitions the President of the United States not to attend a "summit conference" with the tyrants of the Kremlin, for the following reasons.

1. It will further increase Soviet prestige.

2. It will further discourage anti-Communists everywhere and weaken their will to resist.

3. It will play right into the hands of all of the appeasement-minded politicians, and weaken the position of the firm anti-Communist statesmen, in all the governmental circles of the remaining free world.

4. The results of the last "summit conference" have proved to be huge gains for the Soviets, and huge losses for the anti-Communist forces. We should be guided by this experience.

5. Experience has further and fully demonstrated that any agreements which the Soviets do make will be ignored or broken, as soon as it suits their convenience.

6. The only questions raised or discussed will be as to *how far* we will give in to Soviet demands. Under such conditions we have all to lose and nothing to gain.

7. The President of the United States is seriously handicapped, in bargaining in any such conference with a man like Khrushchev. The President's commitments are not final, but must later be ratified by the Senate, as is well known to the Soviet Premier, who can himself speak with dictatorial authority.

8. It is an unconstitutional way for an American President to conduct foreign affairs. Treaties must be entered into with the *advice* and *consent* of the Senate. Even if retroactive consent is later obtained, both Senate and Executive are violating the Constitution as to the *advice* of the Senate during the negotiations.

9. Syngman Rhee is correct that "what is morally wrong can never be politically right." It is morally wrong to fraternize with murderers.

10. And Jacques Soustelle is correct that, when dealing with the Soviets, always or on any issue, "to negotiate is to surrender."

These petitions will be mailed, postage prepaid at
20 for $1.00 100 for $3.00 1000 for $20.00

For more petitions order from, and when each petition is completed mail to

MR. ROBERT WELCH, for CASE
BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS

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Please, Mr. President, Don't Go

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June 30, 1959

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Mrs. [redacted]
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DATE 4-25-84 BY SP6BJA

Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

Your letter postmarked June 23, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of service, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information concerning the individual you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, CHICAGO

Correspondent advised that various persons she knows have become interested in fighting communism and she believes they are sincere. These persons have become interested in Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts; however, correspondent knows nothing of his background. Although realizing our work is confidential, correspondent inquires if the Bureau can furnish her any information concerning Welch. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning Robert Welch is set forth in Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Welch, a wealthy candy manufacturer, is editor and publisher of "American Opinion" which has in the past contained anticommunist articles. Neither Welch nor his publication has been the subject of Bureau investigation. In January, 1959, he met with a group of leading industrialists in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; lectured on communism; and presented his plan to establish ostensible communist front groups which, in reality, would be anticommunist groups. Above SAC letter alerted the field to these plans and instructed the field to promptly advise the Bureau of any information concerning Welch's activities in this regard.

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Robert Welch

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I don't know whether you will receive this letter - I hope you will. I am writing for advice.

Recently, people we know have become very interested in fighting communism. I believe they are very sincere in their efforts but resort to a great deal of fear talk in their discussions. It is hard for me to believe that so many of our wonderful leaders are "kook." They have become very interested in one, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass. I know nothing of this man or his background.

I realize your work is very confidential but is there any way you can advise me regarding this man, if you know anything of him.

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Dear Fellow American:

The first formal mailing by this committee was sent out on May 28. The response, immediate, enthusiastic, and widespread, is now beginning to gather real momentum.

As stated in our first letter, we are appealing to every man and woman who believes in the inevitably disastrous results, for our country and for the remaining free world, of "summit" concessions and entanglements.

The fifty thousand petitions we have mailed out to date should serve only as seed corn. With the help of every patriot we can reach directly, in sowing these petitions far and wide, we can harvest such a crop of signatures as it will be impossible to ignore. And we can present a powerful front of opposition to a repetition of the 1955 summit performance of fraternization and appeasement.

Now is the time to make your own opposition visible and effective. Put these petitions into the hands of as many others as you can, and urge everybody to get them filled out with signatures and mailed back to us as promptly as possible. We'll see that they reach Washington in a dignified and respectful manner, but with dramatic impact.

ROBERT WELCH

Sincerely,

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May 17, 1959

Dear Reader:

We have just been told that we are extremists. And we appreciate the compliment.

A Communist insists that black is white. The let's-be-reasonable Mollifier is willing to concede that black is a dark gray, for the sake of being conciliatory. The Extremist says black is black, period.

The Communist frequently insists that two plus two equals five. The Mollifier says of course that is ridiculous and reprehensible, but let's grant, in order not to appear reactionary, that two plus two might equal four and one-half. The Extremist says two plus two can never add up to four and even one millionth more. Two plus two is *four*, and that ends the argument.

The Communist says that all things are relative. The Mollifier says well, there are some lasting principles, but we must be progressive and bend them a bit around the edges. The Extremist says there are certain eternal truths, which are not relative at all, and that no human progress is possible when they are ignored.

The Communist asks only, between lie and truth: Which serves my purpose better? The Mollifier thinks that telling the truth is desirable, but that we should consider how much will be believed. The Extremist knows that nothing else but the truth can even be considered.

The Communist says that he is an idealist. The Mollifier says well, maybe so, but that the Communist is mistaken and should be argued with until he sees the error of his ways. The Extremist says that a Communist is a Communist is a Communist, everywhere in the world; and that the only realistic goal of the rest of the world towards Communists is their complete extermination.

We are glad we are recognized as extremists. Hoping you are the same, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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A Review Of The News

This is a magazine of opinion. But opinion should be based on facts. Here are the facts for
May, 1959

Friday, May 1

→ "Authoritative diplomatic sources" reveal in Paris that the Western foreign ministers are prepared to go to the Geneva conference with the Soviets committed to "a certain flexibility of negotiation."

→ The Cuban invasion force in Panama surrenders to government troops.

→ Clare Boothe Luce resigns from her Senate-confirmed post as United States Ambassador to Brazil.

→ Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery declares in London on his return from Moscow that he now sees "a gleam of light at the end of the tunnel."

→ Abdel Kader Chanderli, spokesman for the Algerian Front of National Liberation at the United Nations, asserts that President de Gaulle has adopted "a policy of war" toward the Algerian rebel movement.

Saturday, May 2

→ The Soviet press rejects the western attempt "to link the Berlin problem with that of general European security" in a "package deal."

→ Former New York Governor W. Averell Harriman announces that he will soon have "a very frank talk" with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev.

→ A Soviet diplomat, Colonel Mikhail I. Stryguine, is hustled out of Rangoon, Burma, by forty Soviet guards on a plane after he had tried to escape from a local hospital, allegedly to establish contacts with western diplomats.

→ President Mohammed Ayub Khan of Pakistan warns that Communism is making essential inroads in the Middle East.

→ President Sukarno of Indonesia demands that Communist China "should occupy a place in the United Nations."

→ Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the British Labor Party, protests against "even the slightest appearance that the American Government is intervening in a British general election."

→ Former Socialist Premier of France, Guy Mollet, calls for a rally of the French left behind General de Gaulle.

Sunday, May 3

→ Dag Hammarskjoeld, Secretary General of the United Nations, suggests that the Big Four powers "might find it useful to pass the problems of Berlin to the United Nations should they fail to reach a direct agreement."

→ Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba proposes in Buenos Aires that the United States provide thirty billion dollars over the next ten years "to make Latin America safe for democracy."

→ The retirement of General Earle E. Partridge, Commander of the North American Air Defense Command, is

revealed as a consequence of disagreements between high Air Force officers and the White House.

→ The Association of the United States Army denounces Pentagon policies that "are leaving the nation with no choice but to show the flag or engage in thermonuclear war."

→ Thirty-five professors of law schools at Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Pennsylvania and Yale publish a statement in opposition to proposals before the Senate Judiciary Committee that are meant to toughen internal security laws.

→ Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana and President Sekou Touré of Guinea sign an agreement "immediately to lay the foundation of a Union of Independent African States."

→ United States exports of goods and services to Western Europe dropped in 1958 to 6.8 billion dollars while Western European exports to the United States rose to 7.2 billion dollars.

Monday, May 4

→ The United States Ambassador to Moscow demands from Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev information on eleven fliers who have been missing since the crash of a United States C-130 transport in Soviet Armenia last September.

→ Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru rules out any defense arrangement between India and Pakistan.

→ British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd asserts that his Government "is prepared to be flexible about details and to be patient in negotiations" with the Soviets.

→ Sir Winston Churchill arrives for a short visit with President Eisenhower.

→ The Soviet delegation to the "nuclear disarmament conference" in Geneva expresses its "welcome" for the United States Senate Resolution that expresses the Senate's support for a controlled ban on nuclear weapons tests.

→ The Soviet Government issues a second official warning to Japan against permitting United States nuclear bases on Japanese territory.

→ A Communist-controlled strike wave paralyzes Italy's metal industries.

→ Vice President Richard M. Nixon asserts that United States aid to Socialist India could be more important than a successful outcome of the negotiations with the Soviet Union on Berlin.

Tuesday, May 5

→ President Eisenhower declares that a summit meeting is a "foregone conclusion" if there is "some progress" at the forthcoming Geneva conference.

→ Samir el-Rifal, the pro-Western strong man behind young King Hussein of Jordan, resigns as Prime Minister.

→ United States Ambassador John T. Jernegan returns from Baghdad to report directly on the steady advance of Communism in Iran.

→ John Moors Cabot of Boston, United States Ambassador to Colombia, is chosen to succeed Clare Boothe Luce as United States Ambassador to Brazil.

→ The Argentine Government is assured of 350 million dollars in United States aid during 1959.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev tells West

German newspapermen in Moscow that his main interest in the Geneva conference will be to obtain allied agreement for a peace treaty with "the two German states."

→ Wilbur M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army, and General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, the new Army Chief of Staff, testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee that the budget has been cut lower than the best military estimates.

→ J. Harold Grady, Democratic State Attorney of Maryland, defeats Theodore R. McKeldin, prominent Eisenhower Republican, in the Baltimore mayoralty race with a record plurality.

Wednesday, May 6

→ French Prime Minister Michel Debré visits Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in Bonn to strengthen the Franco-German joint position of firmness in the forthcoming Geneva conference.

→ Officials of the Nationalist Chinese Government on Taipei report "an unusual increase" in Communist military activities opposite Quemoy and Matsu.

→ Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, Senate Republican leader, says the White House is "deeply concerned" over the Congressional attempts at keeping Army and Marine manpower at higher levels than President Eisenhower wants.

→ "Qualified diplomatic sources" in Tokyo assert that "neutralization" of Japan is now the primary goal of Communism in Asia.

→ According to sworn testimony before a Senate committee, the *New York Times* and two other New York papers have paid big sums of money in "payoffs" to various labor leaders.

Thursday, May 7

→ In a report to the nation, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter confesses to "cautious optimism" concerning the Geneva conference.

→ President Charles de Gaulle says the pacification of Algeria is now "in sight."

→ General Clyde I. Eddleman, Commander of the United States Army in Europe, asserts that Western military forces would "suffer no strategic or tactical disadvantage" if they were to withdraw west of the Rhine.

→ Colonel Arnaldo Schulz, Portuguese Minister of the Interior, reveals that a Communist-inspired attempted uprising had been suppressed in March.

→ Subsidized by Enrico Mattei, the boss of Italy's state-owned fuel trust, "Il Giorno" of Milan, one of the country's most influential newspapers, openly demands a coalition government ranging from the left wing of the Christian Democratic party to the Communists.

→ Senator J. W. Fulbright attacks America's "failure" in understanding "three world-wide revolutions while the Soviet Union, by contrast, was exploiting all three."

Friday, May 8

→ The British Government "studies" requests of the Iraqi Government to re-equip the entire Iraqi army with British weapons.

→ Secretary of the Navy Thomas S.

Gates, Jr., whose resignation becomes effective in June, assails "the policy of concentrating on a strategic nuclear weapons build-up at the expense of the nation's capacity to deal with limited wars."

→ Donald A. Quarles, Deputy Secretary of Defense, dies of a heart attack.

→ Eighty thousand Italian bank employees go on strike.

→ Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi of Iran denies in London that a revolt against his regime "is possible."

Saturday, May 9

→ Secretary of State Christian A. Herter asserts on arrival in Geneva his hope that the Big Four conference will reduce international tension.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev declares that in any future conflagration "the Western powers will be literally wiped off the face of the earth."

→ The Soviet press declares the United States fomented and financed the Cuban-based invasion of Panama to discredit Fidel Castro's Government.

→ John Edgar Hoover ends his 35th year as head of the F. B. I.

Sunday, May 10

→ At the opening of the Geneva conference, the Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko demands that the delegations of West and East Germany be admitted to participate in the negotiations.

→ Austria's Socialist Party wins a plurality in general elections but emerges with only seventy-eight to the Conservative People's Party's seventy-nine seats in the new National Assembly. The Communists are no longer represented at all.

→ Jordan's new premier, Hazza Majalis, vows his country's "neutralism."

→ Luis Corvolan, secretary general of the Chilean Communist Party, hails Fidel Castro's regime.

→ President Mohammed Ayub Khan of Pakistan declares he is "very keen to resolve outstanding disputes with India."

Monday, May 11

→ The Western powers agree that an East German and a West German delegation shall be seated at separate tables at the Geneva conference to perform "in advisory capacities."

→ The British Government announces its approval of substantial arms sales to Iraq including tanks and jet bombers.

→ King Baudouin of Belgium arrives for a state visit in Washington.

→ It is revealed that Paraguayan exiles negotiated in Cuba, last February, with representatives of Premier Fidel Castro an armed intervention against the regime of Paraguayan President General Alfredo Stroessner.

→ French extremists in Algiers, shouting "De Gaulle to the gallows!," demonstrate against the Algeria policy of the French Government.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev declares that the Soviet Union has rockets "in the necessary quantity" and may before long reduce their production.

→ The United States Government reports that employment has reached an

April record with sixty-five million jobs. Unemployment fell to 3,627,000, the lowest since December, 1957.

Tuesday, May 12

→ Widening their propagandistic drive to appear as the defenders of European self-determination against American "meddling," the Soviets demand the admission of Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia to the Geneva conference.

→ Harvard University and the University of Leningrad agree on the exchange of professors.

→ Representative Frank Kowalski reveals that sixty-two enlisted men are assigned to the White House as chauffeurs and messboys (and 180 enlisted men at the Pentagon in similar jobs.)

Wednesday, May 13

→ In his opening speech at the Geneva conference Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko asserts that West Germany is being turned into the springboard for the Western nuclear attack on Soviet Russia.

→ President Eisenhower expresses his hope for fruitful negotiations in Geneva.

→ French residents in Algeria shun the official celebration of last year's "uprising" that brought de Gaulle to power, while large Moslem delegations join the French army in anniversary demonstrations.

→ The State Department announces plans to create a new division, manned by forty-three new appointees, that is to study all phases of the political and economic offensive of the Soviet empire.

→ In Italy, the Segni Government reveals plans to revamp the "state industries" which, under the present setup, provide Enrico Mattei, the operator of Christian Democracy's "left wing," with immense powers.

→ Argentina's President Arturo Frondizi, bowing to military pressure, fires Rogelio Frigerio, his chief economic adviser, who allegedly sympathizes with both Peron and the Communists.

Thursday, May 14

→ Secretary of State Christian A. Herter presents in Geneva the West's plan for a "permanent settlement in Europe" that proposes "four stages": the Four Powers pledge renunciation of the use of force; Berlin is reunited by free elections; the Governments of West and East Germany form a joint committee to prepare free all-German elections; the newly elected all-German Assembly and Government negotiates a peace treaty with all Four Powers.

→ The so-called Foreign Minister of the East German Quisling regime, Dr. Lothar Bolz, assumes in Geneva an increasingly important role as "spokesman of the German Democratic Republic."

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev reaffirms that the Soviet Union will insist on its demands that West Berlin "must become a free city."

→ Peronist and Communist unions declare "a national strike" in the strategic Argentine cities.

→ Indian Prime Minister Nehru rejects Pakistan's bid for resolving the disputes between the two countries.

→ It is announced that General Nathan

F. Twining, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, suffers from cancer.

Friday, May 15

→ Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko asks the United States, Britain and France "to postpone German reunification" and concentrate on a Berlin settlement.

→ The United States asks the Soviet Union to extend "the cultural exchange agreement between the two nations."

→ Thomas E. Murray, former Atomic Energy Commissioner, asserts that a ban on atomic tests will have "disastrous effects on the nation's security."

→ Three hundred thousand former Sudeten Germans stage a monster rally in Vienna to claim their former homes in Czechoslovakia.

→ The Japanese Government accuses the Soviet Union of meddling in Japanese affairs.

Saturday, May 16

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev rejects the Western "package proposal" in Geneva and demands that the issues be discussed separately.

→ Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery calls Khrushchev "brilliant" and says he believes that "coexistence" is possible.

→ The Soviet Government announces its willingness to discuss the United States proposals concerning a ban and control of nuclear tests.

→ President Charles de Gaulle bars San Francisco as a site for the forthcoming "summit conference."

→ The West German press emphasizes that the Western "package deal" submitted in Geneva grants the East German regime veto power in the proposed "joint committee" that is to draft all-German election laws.

→ The strength of John Foster Dulles is reported waning.

Sunday, May 17

→ Two days after the Western powers submitted their "package" ("all or nothing") deal in Geneva, "authoritative" United States spokesmen in Geneva assert that the United States is contemplating discarding the "package deal" for the time being and negotiating an interim arrangement concerning West Berlin.

→ Communist China's artillery bombards Matsu island for ninety minutes.

→ President Gamal Abdel Nasser proposes a "summit conference" of the "neutralist" powers—India, Yugoslavia, Indonesia and the United Arab Republic.

→ Pope John XXIII assails Communist attempts to foment a schism in the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary.

→ India's chief permanent delegate to the United Nations declares that, no matter "how deplorable the Tibetan situation might be," the relations between India and Communist China "should not get bad."

→ The nation's output of goods and services reached in the first quarter of 1959 a record annual rate of 467 billion dollars.

Monday, May 18

→ Violent reaction in France and Germany make the United States withdraw its unofficial offer to negotiate an "interim" arrangement of the Berlin situation.

→ Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko expresses his Government's willingness to accept the Western proposal of a "mixed" committee constituted by the Governments of West and East Germany.

→ W. Averell Harriman applies for State Department permission to visit Communist China "as a newspaper correspondent."

→ Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates, Jr. is nominated to succeed the late Donald A. Quarles as Deputy Secretary of Defense. At the same time Admiral Arthur W. Radford, General Twining's predecessor as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is recalled for active duty.

→ The Czechoslovak Communist Government protests against the Sudeten German rally in Vienna.

→ Two Marxist members of the Cabinet quit in Ceylon.

→ Democratic Senator J. W. Fulbright and Republican Senator George D. Aiken demand that Khrushchev be invited to visit the United States.

→ The Cuban Government decrees that no sugar cane plantation can be operated by a company that has a single foreigner among its stockholders.

Tuesday, May 19

→ Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko suggests in Geneva that, to resolve the "Berlin crisis," either "token" Soviet forces be added to the Western occupation troops in West Berlin or that all Western garrisons be replaced by "neutral forces" supplied by the United Nations.

→ The West German Government decides that, to prevent the presence of East German delegates, it will not participate in a "summit meeting."

→ After a four-months battle the Senate Commerce Committee approves the confirmation of Lewis L. Strauss as Secretary of Commerce by a vote of nine to eight.

→ Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy announces that he has suspended "indefinitely" his plans to resign in the fall.

→ The State Department grants Vincent ("Jimmy") Sheean, a close friend of Nehru and the Premier of Communist China, Chou En-lai, permission to open a "news bureau" in Peiping.

→ James R. Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, threatens a nationwide strike if Congress were to place unions under antitrust laws.

Wednesday, May 20

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev tells a group of Florida businessmen visiting in Moscow that the Geneva conference "will be successful."

→ A spokesman for the Algerian rebels announces at the United Nations in New York that an Algerian delegation, headed by "the Secretary of State of the Algerian Provisional Government," Omar Oussedik, has completed an agreement with the Chinese Red Government whereby Red China will give weapons and military assistance to the Algerian rebels.

→ The West German Government announces the arrest of several East German spies who penetrated into governmental positions in Bonn.

→ William C. Stolk, head of American Can Company, pledges that his company will enter politics to oppose "powerful forces which are seriously undermining our political and economic system."

→ The House of Representatives turns down the Administration's Housing Bill by a vote of 203 to 177, and passes legislation that exceeds the Administration proposals by more than 500 million dollars a year.

Thursday, May 21

→ In a basic concession to Soviet demands British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd declares in Geneva that his Government "will not object if a supervisory commission for an all-German election is composed of citizens from neutral countries."

→ President Charles de Gaulle demands the appointment of a French commander of NATO's naval forces in the Mediterranean.

→ In spite of their election victory which gave them seventy-eight to the Christian Social People's Party's seventy-nine seats in Vienna's Parliament, the Austrian Social Democrats accept Chancellor Julius Raab as the leader of a new coalition government.

→ The "liberal" omnibus housing bill is passed by the House of Representatives by 261 to 160 votes in the face of Presidential veto threats.

Friday, May 22

→ Secretary of State Christian A. Herter declares in Geneva that the United States is ready to resume at any time general disarmament negotiations with the Soviet Union.

→ The French Army warns seventeen French Rightists in Algiers to behave or risk being expelled from Algeria.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev tells the West German Ambassador to Moscow, Dr. Hans Kroll, that he will sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany if no East-West agreement is reached in Geneva.

→ The Philippine Congress adjourns in revolt against the heavy tax program of President Carlos P. Garcia.

→ The Senate votes a $35,000 limit to price support payments made to any one farmer in a single year.

Saturday, May 23

→ The Western Foreign Ministers urge secret negotiations to "break the stalemate in Geneva."

→ The Soviet Union asks the United States to abandon its program of supplying nuclear weapons to its NATO allies.

→ The Cuban Government "nationalizes" seven Cuban airlines.

→ President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committee recommends that the nation's annual educational expenses be at least doubled, to eighteen billion dollars.

→ J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., warns that the United States Communists are emerging from the underground and are more dangerous than ever.

→ The United States Information Agency blacklists eighty-two Hollywood movies against showing in overseas countries because of their anti-American inflections.

Sunday, May 24

→ John Foster Dulles dies of cancer at the age of seventy-one.

→ Great Britain signs a five-year trade agreement with the Soviet Union that will bring "a substantial expansion in mutual trade," including the British export of complete chemical, synthetics, tire and food-processing plants.

→ The British Government expresses its belief that it will be possible "to negotiate a supplementary agreement over Berlin with the Soviet Union in Geneva."

→ The East German delegation in Geneva informs the Western powers that the East German regime is "willing" to accept the status as "agents of the Soviet Union" in the control of communications with West Berlin.

→ Marek Hlasko, a Polish Communist writer whose "defection" has been celebrated throughout the West, is "permitted" to return to Poland.

→ General Maxwell D. Taylor, retiring Army Chief of Staff, insists that the country's air defense is and ought to remain the Army's mission.

Monday, May 25

→ The Geneva conference adjourns to enable the Foreign Ministers of all four powers to attend the Washington funeral of John Foster Dulles.

→ Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko declares in Geneva that the Soviet Government "favors in principle" the Western proposal to create an "all-German committee" in preparing all-German elections.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev starts a twelve-days visit to Albania which will be also visited by representatives of Red China and all satellites.

→ French Minister of Finance Antoine Pinay invites American investments in France by offering "every desirable guarantee to foreign investors."

→ Six thousand refugee Kurds are reported fighting the forces of Premier Abdul Karim Kassem in Iraq.

→ The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church demands the recognition of Red China by the United States.

→ Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Research and Development, Admiral John T. Hayward, warns Congress that the country will have spent by 1963 almost fifty billion dollars for a type of air defense which will by then have "faded away."

Tuesday, May 26

→ The first "secret" session in Geneva is scheduled for May 29.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev warns Italy and Greece that the Soviet Union will answer their permission for the United States to establish rocket bases in the two countries with Soviet rocket bases in nearby Albania.

→ French Premier Michel Debré admonishes the French Chamber of Deputies not to try to recapture some of its previous powers.

→ Liberia, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, the Sudan, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea and the United Arab Republic will hold a conference early in August to consider all-African aid to the Algerian rebels.

→ The House Foreign Relations Committee cuts the President's request for 3.9 billion dollars in Foreign Aid by 267 million dollars.

→ The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approves the appointment of Ogden R. Reid, formerly of the *New York Herald Tribune,* as Ambassador to Israel, by a vote of ten to four.

Wednesday, May 27

→ At his funeral, John Foster Dulles is honored by the representatives of all nations, including the Soviet Union and Nationalist China.

→ In pursuit of Algerian rebel forces French army units enter Tunisia.

→ Nicaraguan exiles in Costa Rica, Mexico, and Cuba are getting ready for armed intervention against Nicaraguan President Somoza's regime.

→ The Congress of the Soviet Writers Union elects a close friend and supporter of Boris Pasternak, Konstantin A. Fedin, as its secretary. A dispatch from Moscow announces that publication of Pasternak's *Doctor Zhivago* in the Soviet Union "is not to be precluded."

→ Overton Brooks, Chairman of the House Space Committee, discloses and protests against a plan of Representative Victor L. Anfuso to take a Subcommittee to Moscow for talks with Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Thursday, May 28

→ President Eisenhower holds a conference with the Big Four Foreign Ministers in Washington and expresses his hopes that a "summit conference" will become possible.

→ The Bonn Government expresses its grave worries about Western plans, discussed in Geneva, to undertake "a token reduction" of the Western garrison in West Berlin and to end all anti-Communist propaganda there.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev urges Greece to withdraw from NATO.

→ In the course of prolonged labor unrest the Argentine Government arrests three hundred labor leaders.

→ Two monkeys are rocketed from Cape Canaveral three hundred miles into space and then recovered alive.

→ The United States Treasury seeks an increase in the national debt limit by twelve billion dollars to 295 billion dollars.

Friday, May 29

→ After secret talks during their flight to Geneva on a United States Airforce DC-6B, the Big Four Foreign Ministers continue "private sessions" in Geneva with "hope for accord" rising in diplomatic quarters.

→ The Soviet press plays up a proposal to create "a zone of peace" in the strategic area of the Mediterranean, including Italy and Greece, that "should be freed" from atomic weapons and rocket bases.

→ Representative Victor L. Anfuso of the House Space Committee insists

that he and some colleagues will go to Moscow for talks with Khrushchev.

→ West German Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss discloses that the East German regime has trained more than a million persons in the use of arms.

→ Jordan's Deputy Commander in Chief of the armed forces and nine other officers are arrested for an alleged plot against King Hussein.

→ The first Soviet vessel to reach the East Coast in ten years is granted permission to sail through the newly opened strategic St. Lawrence Seaway.

Saturday, May 30

→ Speaking for Britain, France, and the United States, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd announces in Geneva that the West is ready to consider "reduction of anti-Communist activities" in West Berlin.

→ President Luis A. Somoza imposes martial law throughout Nicaragua after several days of preparations for a general strike against his regime.

→ Singapore's Red People's Action Party scores a landslide victory in elections that give the pro-Communists forty-three of fifty-one seats in the Legislative Assembly.

→ On his return to Bonn from Washington Dr. Adenauer refuses to consider a reply to Ulbricht's letter demanding "a non-aggression pact."

→ Indonesia's constituent assembly refuses to grant President Sukarno dictatorial powers.

→ Governor Earl K. Long of Louisiana enters Galveston's John Sealy Hospital for psychiatric treatment.

Sunday, May 31

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev warns the West that "to attack us is tantamount to suicide" and concentrates his fire against the Adenauer Government.

→ The Western Foreign Ministers in Geneva urge Andrei A. Gromyko to reveal the Soviet bargaining position concerning Berlin, repeating their own readiness to compromise.

→ W. Averell Harriman, in Moscow on his way to Red China, asserts that the Soviets have "a nostalgic longing to recapture the friendly relations that existed with the United States during the war years when I served as Ambassador here."

→ Senatorial elections in Algeria result in a defeat of the French Rightists and a victory of moderate Moslem elements.

→ According to testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 140,000 Christian Chinese have been killed by the Reds.

→ Strikes and demonstrations quiet down under the newly imposed stage of siege in Paraguay.

Worth Noting

General Zhukov: "Russia will not move into the final campaign for the conquest of the world until she has made sure of the manpower of China and India."

Quoted by Geraldine Fitch

We Pause To Remark

It is always of interest to learn who is really running things on the banks of the Potomac. Just because Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. has dodged a few income taxes in his time, has failed to dodge a few associations with Communists, and has committed a few other trifling indiscretions, some of our readers may be oldfashioned and reactionary enough to look at him a bit askance. But these unkind views apparently are not shared by the "Republican" administration in Washington.

For about the middle of January of this year Congressman Powell permitted himself to make a revealing boast. "Meeting in conference," he said, "with my friend, Dr. Mario Llanera, the representative of Señor Castro, I requested on last Monday, January 5, at 11:30: First, the recognition of the Castro government. Second, the offer of financial assistance. Third, the refusal of asylum in the United States to Batista. Fourth, the recall of former Ambassador Earl Smith. I am happy to say that within five days the State Department did all four of these things."

Of course, the Congressman may have been overrating his personal prowess. For it is hardly a coincidence that every one of these four things was obviously and ardently desired by Moscow, which for years has had far more influence over our State Department than even Mr. Powell.

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As part of the glorious and expanding cultural exchange program between the Soviets and ourselves, the American National Exhibition in Moscow will be opened on July 25 by Vice President Nixon. It is billed by the USIA as containing "cultural, scientific, and technological exhibits designed to further Soviet understanding of life in America."

The USIA press announcement contained the names of the sixty-seven artists whose works will be displayed at the exhibition. A routine check by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, of material already in their files, showed that twenty-two of these sixty-seven artists had between them a minimum of 465 connections with Communist fronts and causes. What a complete check on all sixty-seven would reveal, nobody knows.

And obviously, the pictures by these men have not been chosen on any such silly basis as merely "art for art's sake." The Communist *Daily Worker* has said of Ben Shahn, whose work is included: "Shahn has always considered art as a medium for the communication of ideas. . . . . He is one of *our* finest artists and best *social painters.*" (*Italics added by your editor.*) This ought to give you the key to the performance. The whole exhibit will in general help the Kremlin to convince its enslaved people that its vicious propaganda about American class struggles and class suffering is true. Here will be paintings by "American" artists to prove it — in a show paid for by your money, gentle reader.

EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

WILLIAM S. SCHLAMM

Due to the activities arranged for Mr. Schlamm by his publisher, in connection with the appearance in May of GERMANY AND THE EAST-WEST CRISIS, *he did not leave for Europe as early as intended. There were television appearances, radio broadcasts, and other opportunities for telling the world about his new book which no author in his right mind could be expected to forego.*

So this article still had to be written in New York. And we were already to start fussing about that fact until we discovered that, in our opinion, it is probably the best EUROPEAN SURVEY *Mr. Schlamm has yet written. However, when Mr. Schlamm discovered our discovery that maybe he could turn out these articles just as well in Brooklyn, he took off for Europe like a shot. And the next one will undoubtedly be datelined from some village hanging to an Alp, that we can't even find on the map. But we are sure it will be just as painstakingly done, just as penetrating, and just as sound as this one.*

WHAT SOUNDED and looked to Americans like a witless vaudeville act—that inane haggling over the shape of conference tables at the beginning of the Geneva shindig — was for knowing Europeans the entire plot. There just *is* no more to it. That is *all* Geneva was about. And it is plenty.

As you will recall, the diplomatic "compromise" consisted of the Western concession to the Soviet demand of a "round table," topped by a joint Western-Soviet decision to seat both, East and West Germany, at two separate square tables. Americans, I am afraid, laughed at this rigmarole of diplomatic burlesque. They should not have laughed. The table arrangements at the opening of the Geneva conference will go down in history as a major breakthrough of the Communist thrust into Western Europe.

The Game-Of-Germany Was Conceded . . .

What was, from the beginning, the strategic Soviet intent in producing the "Berlin crisis?" Nothing but the Communist determination to attain a Western recognition of the East German regime. Everything else — particularly the propaganda-inflated phony "demand" for a withdrawal of the measly Western garrison in West Berlin — was the characteristic routine of professional horse traders. They pretend that they are seeking what is unattainable in order to attain what they *really* want. And so the Soviets were confidently hoping that the Western powers, at the end of the Geneva palaver, would finally accept the East German regime, in exchange for a gracious Soviet "permission" to keep Western troops in Berlin. But the

Soviets were wrong. They got what they were hoping for, not at the *end* of the Geneva conference. They got it the first day.

The crucial question before the house was whether, and for what price, the Western Foreign Ministers would admit an East German delegation into the conference room. For up to that day no Western power, and particularly not the United States, had taken any cognizance of the wretched Quisling Germans (most of them actually naturalized citizens of the Soviet Union), who are on the Soviet payroll in East Germany. Moscow had insisted on calling the Geneva conference to probe the circumstances under which the Western powers might reconsider their rigid position of the last ten years. And I am quite confident that not even the boldest Soviet diplomat thought it possible that the Western powers would ever grant the East German Quislings diplomatic *equality* with the legitimate Bonn Government. Yet this is exactly what the United States, Britain and France granted even before the Geneva conference began.

Consider what really happened. A bunch of freely admitted Soviet agents appeared in Geneva calling themselves representatives of a non-existing sovereign structure called "German Democratic Republic." And right away these characters were seated in the conference room of the world powers in exactly the same fashion and strength as were the representatives of West Germany! Their spokesman, a Soviet citizen by the name of Dr. Lothar Bolz, was addressed as "Foreign Minister of East Germany" and could speak at will on exactly the same terms as the Foreign Minister of West Germany!

In short, the Geneva conference *started* on what the Soviets had hoped might be the *outcome* of a dangerous squeeze play — the *via facti* recognition of the East German regime. Even among the village idiots of Europe there is not a single person willing to overlook that fact: No matter what euphemism the West will use to describe the sin, it *has* recognized the East German regime.

Before It Was Played . . .

There was, of course, another attitude open for Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, and all Europe expected him to follow it. True, no one in Europe was hoping for an especially convincing show of strength on the part of the Western Foreign Ministers. However, everybody expected that Herter, at his very first appearance on the international stage, would at least play the game with the modicum of prudence even a beginner is capable of. That is, that Herter would have enough sense to tell the Soviets: Look, if you *want* those so-called East Germans in on the conference, you will have to take them on your *own* staff, as your advisers or whatever title you want to give them; but our recognizing them in their own rights is evidently what you want to *achieve* in bargaining with us — decidedly not to be had before the bargaining *starts*.

Had Dr. Lothar Bolz been permitted to serve the Soviet delegation in the advisory capacity of a Soviet clerk, it would have been bad enough; for the fearful half of the West German electorate would even then have felt the shivers of suspicion that, in the end, West Germany will have to come to terms with Ulbricht. But what Herter

permitted to happen is incomparably *worse*. For now the recognition of Ulbricht by the West is no longer a matter of apprehensive speculation but a foregone conclusion. And Germans cannot even console themselves with the thought that Herter simply committed a blunder. As it happened, the definitive and irreparable mistake of the first conference day was followed by a disclosure of a carefully prepared plan of the Western powers which has all the earmarks of deliberate surrender.

With Pusillanimous Trimmings . . .

The central part of that plan is the proposal that "an all-German committee" be set up to prepare all-German elections. It should consist (and this is not the *end* of Western bargaining with the Soviets but the Western *initial* proposal!) of twenty-five West and ten East German delegates, which thirty-five members should make *valid decisions only with a three-fourths majority*. The West, in other words, began the Geneva conference with granting East Germany a veto over all future decisions concerning the "unification" of Germany. For the "all-German" committee could not reach a decision unless at least three East Germans voted with the West Germans. This, I repeat, was the West's *starting* position! The Geneva conference, in short, was over before it began —and it ended on its very first day with a total Soviet victory.

The truly cruel and in its consequences unforeseeable part of the pathetic Western conduct was the treatment given to Adenauer's delegation. The Western Foreign Ministers had neither the gracefulness nor the wit to think of some diplomatic formality, some saving detail, some encouraging gesture that would have impressed Europe in general, and the Germans in particular, that West Germany remains a full-fledged Western ally, all Geneva maneuvers notwithstanding. On the contrary, the European press that gathered in Geneva reported the debacle to the hilt and left no mistake that, in truth, Dr. Lothar Bolz was the star of the conference — not because of anything he said or did, but simply because the *via facti* recognition of Ulbricht by the West was indeed the great event. And, by the same token, the stature of the Adenauer regime shrank to an unprecedented low.

Consider the impossible position into which the Adenauer Government has been pushed at home! For the last ten years, the one great issue that divided the Adenauer majority and the Social Democratic minority was whether or not "reunification" should be "negotiated" with Ulbricht. The defeatist "neutralists" on the left insisted that this was the only "reasonable" policy; the mature and courageous forces in Germany, magnificently led by Adenauer, refused the mere thought of recognizing Ulbricht's Quislings. And, so long as this reflected the American position, Adenauer rallied a majority of Germans, each time, primarily because the Germans — who, more than anything else, do not want to be on the losing side ever again — remained willing to follow the American lead. But Adenauer has built on sand; at the first crucial moment the United States Government was ready, not only to grant Ulbricht *any* right to "negotiate" German unification, but to grant him a *veto* right over Adenauer's ideas.

And Disastrous Results . . .

As I said, the consequences of this collapse are unforeseeable. For the moment, the horror, the anger of the West Germans over the Western breakdown is so great that, if anything, they seem to be more strongly united behind Adenauer than ever before; even the Social Democrats do not dare take advantage of the national catastrophe. But this may change fast, and certain signs of deterioration are already appearing.

For one, the backstage quarrelling over whether Dr. Erhard or Dr. Etzel should succeed Adenauer implied much more serious conflicts within the ruling Christian Democracy than met the eye. I most certainly do not mean to say that Dr. Erhard himself is an appeaser; but, whatever his own convictions may be, there is little doubt that those Christian Democrats who advocate "a reapprochement" with the "neutralist" Social Democracy have been backing him against Adenauer's first choice, Dr. Etzel.

Furthermore, the domestic opposition against Dr. Adenauer is speedily recovering from the shock produced by Adenauer's decision to assume the Presidency in September but to govern until then. A grave constitutional issue has been raised which, it seems, has been inadequately considered by Dr. Adenauer. The West German Constitution, on more careful reading, prescribes that the person elected President next July must give up his political partisanship immediately, and not two convenient months later; which means that Dr. Adenauer will not be free to retain the chancellorship until September. And thus, Dr. Erhard will have to take over in July — under those most distressing, humiliating, and confusing circumstances created by the West's Foreign Ministers in concern with Dr. Lothar Bolz.

Now the German resilience remains one of the marvels of the world and "the German economic miracle" of yesterday may of course be restaged as a moral miracle of tomorrow — a stubborn West German determination in the face of the despicable "compromise" with Communism that is so visibly being promoted by the West. But I doubt it. There is all over West Germany an apprehensive hush, a dispirited caution, a sudden wait-and-see anxiety that forebodes an inexorable if not dramatic decline. This nation, historically so prone to think itself "betrayed," has this time plenty of reasons to find itself forsaken. As usual, it might escape *nach vorne* — running right into the fire.

The historic upshot of the Geneva conference, it seems to me, will be a completely changed European climate in which the West, having asked for the trouble, will now have to worry about the spectre of a Soviet-German *rapprochement*. The age of Adenauer is coming to an end. The age of German "neutralization" is beginning.

While The Soviets March On . . .

Khrushchev himself is so confident of his triumphal progress in Central Europe that he discarded the Geneva conference even while it was going on, and turned to a second phase of his strategic campaign. The obvious impact of his state visit to tiny Albania was to ignite the next bush fire in Europe — this one aimed at the NATO nations in the Mediterranean, Italy and Greece.

The Western press is congenitally inclined to deny the reality of a political crisis in a nation that, for the moment, seems to have "a stable government." And because our press goes exclusively by formal tokens, such as resounding governmental announcements, very few Americans realize that Italy is moving into a storm center. For, while the Segni Government quite courageously continues its unimaginative policy of staying alive, and little more, the country continues to be torn by the perilous and ancient schism of Italian society — the futile and yet deadly division between "anti-clericalism" and political allegiance to Church discipline. Very few elements of conflict (not even the appalling poverty in Southern Italy) contribute so much to the hopes of the Italian Left as this ancient dilemma.

Having tried for the first few months of his reign to promote "good will" on all sides, including the extreme Left, Pope John XXIII had finally to face the elementary fact of Italian political life (namely, that there just is no competing force to check Communism other than the Church) and to take his chances with issuing a new injunction against Catholic support to the Left. This injunction may have come too late; and then again, it may save the day. But in any case it will deepen the rift between Right and Left in Italy — and it seems to supply Nenni with just the tonic he needed to mount his next assault against the conservative government.

The Sicilian elections in early June will prove mathematically how well a Church injunction transforms into Italian politics. But whatever its outcome will be, the Segni Government has already lost the reluctant support it received, during its honeymoon, from the Left Wing of the Christian Democracy. Without that support Segni cannot continue even a precarious existence for another day. And even if that support is extended for yet a while, but with an unmistakably growing determination of the Left Wing to catch Segni unawares, his regime must wither. For the next few weeks it may be simply too hot in Rome to bother one way or the other. But with the first cool breezes of early fall the Left-Wing Christian Democrats will get ready, more likely than not, to try again.

To The Game-of-Italy . . .

As usual in Italy, the center of the leftist intrigue is Signor Enrico Mattei, the infinitely powerful boss of the state-owned oil and fuel syndicate. Segni's Government (and this may be one of its rare historic achievements) was the first Italian Government to put the finger on Mattei, to name names and quote figures: It has disclosed, a few weeks ago, to what extent Mattei, formally a Christian Democrat, finances and directs the "neutralist" Italian press. Though no Sicilian, Mattei is now hell-bent on "vendetta"; and it is more than unlikely that any Italian Government can survive Mattei's wrath. In cahoots with President Gronchi, with the Fanfani wing of the Christian Democracy that has merely gone underground, and deeply allied with Nenni, Signor Mattei is one decisive trifle too powerful.

He also is (as I reported here a year ago) a personal friend of Anastas Mikoyan. Khrushchev, at any rate, was competently advised when he decided to concentrate his fire on Italy; he seems to be figuring that the moment is auspicious, internationally as well as domestically. In terms of international prospects and risks, Italy has just re-

ceived, in Geneva, a post-graduate lesson in what constitutes the rewards of "rigidity": the profound humiliation of deserted West Germany is most certainly no inducement for Italy to raise its Western bet. And domestically, to the realistic observer, all signs seem to be pointing to a break between Segni and the Left Wing of the Christian Democracy.

This, at any rate, determined Khrushchev's timing. His Albanian blasts against Italy's (and Greece's) NATO loyalty may have opened the second phase of the great strategic Soviet drive into Western Europe—the "neutralization" of the Mediterranean.

And The British Government Wears Out Its Knees . . .

As there is, to my knowledge, not a drop of Irish blood in my circulatory system, I am as free of an anti-British bias as any intelligent and lively person can be. And yet, I notice some hot flushes going through my typewriter each time I get ready to report on British policies. The reason, I guess, is the corrupting misnomer of the current official British attitude: An allegedly "conservative" government sponsors and promotes policies which would create a troubled conscience in a cabinet of Labor extremists. And while I oppose socialism on serious intellectual grounds, I simply despise people who violate the elementary decencies of human conduct and disguise their real convictions. Which tells you, quite frankly, how I feel about the Macmillan team.

That the British Government was coaching Mr. Herter into the Geneva surrender is by now public knowledge. Less known, in America, is the accompanying promotion job the "conservative" British Government is pressing at home to create "a friendly climate" of British trade with the Soviet Union —and, you can believe me, they are determined to trade very strategic goods. Now if a Labor Government were to sponsor illusions about the blessing of British-Soviet trade, and at a time of economic depression on the British isles to boot, it would be bad enough. But it would be understandable. Yet here is a "conservative" Government in power, and it lives under conditions of an economic prosperity that Britain has not known in several decades. And this is the Government that out-Barnums Barnum in fooling the British public about the wholesome prospects of the new trade agreement that will result in nothing but an important increase of the Soviet Union's military potentials.

There is, it seems, no limit to the resolution of the British "conservatives" to emasculate and to deliver the West. One begins to feel profoundly nostalgic for the days of Macdonald, Stanley Baldwin, Neville Chamberlain and the disarmingly naive Major Attlee. Macmillan's cast of characters is truly frightening. They ooze charm and cynicism. It's a loathsome and deadly concoction.

The Kiss Of Mitchell

So far we have been for Lewis Strauss, in the row about his confirmation, just on general principles. But now we have read that James Mitchell is for him, we are much more doubtful and less enthusiastic. Editor

THE HUNDRED-YEAR HOAX

by

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CYBERNETIC WARFARE is one of the methods developed by the Communists for breaking down the foundations of society so that they may capture the State. It may be defined as the science of control of human beings through the manipulation of words and symbols. It is a development of the famous Russian experiments, in which Ivan Pavlov controlled the behavior of dogs by a deceptive use of sights, sounds, and smells.

A recent report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, *Language As A Communist Weapon,* is the finest exposition in print of this technique. In this report Dr. Stephan T. Possony explains in some detail exactly how the Reds use words as a weapon of first importance in their mission of destruction. And Herbert Philbrick has also explained this diabolical and little-known science in his speech, *How The Communists Control Thought And Attitudes,* which has been widely circulated as a reprint.

Karl Marx himself stumbled upon the first seedling of Cybernetic Warfare, and the original hoax that he planted has flowered and flourished to this day. It has grown to become perhaps the biggest asset of the Communists. It is a hoax on such a grand scale that even now—more than a century since its inception—it is recognized by only a handful of anti-Communists. For Karl Marx invented the word, "capitalism!" It is first found in his primary study, *Das Kapital,* and was given to a confusable world sometime between the years 1842 and 1852.

The result has been something like that of letting a fox make up the rules for behavior in a chicken-house. This verbal poison has created the phoney but fatal dichotomy, "communism vs. capitalism." It has inverted the base of scholarly economics. It has put anti-Communists, conservatives, and patriotic nationalists on the defensive, and the Reds and their sympathizers and internationalist front men on the offensive, for a hundred years. It is a hoax of such aplomb, sophistication, malignancy and dimensions that it makes Adolph Hitler, who explained the theory of the Big Lie, appear naive.

II

IF ALL THIS SOUNDS QUEER, it may be even more startling to realize that Adam Smith—supposedly the classical apologist for capitalism—never even used the word. His book, *The Wealth of Nations,* was written in defense of *laissez-faire,* and against mercantilism. The term, "capitalism," did not even come into the language until at least fifty-two years after Adam Smith died in 1790.

What is the significance of all this? Mainly that Karl Marx knew more about teaching hatred than he did about anything else. He realized that people do not hate as well, and cannot as easily be stirred to hatred, until they

have a name against which to give that hatred direction. By supplying a name, "capitalism," to what was in reality merely the accepted, normal practices of commerce and economic expansion which were then undergoing changes from the feudal period, Marx took his first great stride towards his admitted goal of a wrecked civilization. He set up a straw man, not only so that he could knock it down, but so that all of his rabble-roused following could vent their bitterness on it.

During Marx's day the European world in general and England in particular were in the midst of growing pains brought on by a fabulous economic upsurge. Politically, the process boiled down to the up-and-coming industrialists taking State power and privilege away from the old landed aristocracy, who were not at all happy about it. The aristocrats fought back, and one of their main propaganda weapons was the spate of tearful stories about the wretched life of the factory workers, many of whom had left farms to take jobs in the swelling cities. In *Capitalism And The Historians,* F. A. Hayek describes this struggle, and also shows how many of the alleged evils of the period have been exaggerated out of all proportion to their actuality. But the damage had been done. Marx and his followers, seizing upon this propaganda weapon as their own, went to work. Over the years they have created a strong and almost universal impression that life in olde England was considerably less than merrie.

Regardless of how little Marx's charges against the infant Industrial Age then beginning may have been justified, most people have thought that they were. And this is all that has mattered. For Marx took the witches' brew of transition, anger and confusion and gave it a name, "capitalism." *Let us repeat that, by so doing, he did not define any generic "system" at all, but instead gave the contemporary economic development of European civilization a bogey-name of his own choosing. Moreover, he endowed this name with an aura of evil and guilt which it has not lost to this day.*

Albert Jay Nock hit home on this point—as he did on so many others—by saying, in *Our Enemy, The State*: "Collectivism has even succeeded in foisting its glossary of arbitrary definitions upon us; we all speak of our economic system, for instance, as 'capitalist,' when there has never been a system, nor can one be imagined, that is not capitalist."

III

As if this were not bad enough, the "alternative" of "communism" which Marx offered to his dirty word, "capitalism," was really nothing more than a moth-eaten theory which had been discredited before the Pyramids were built. The only solid truth about communism is that it won't work; and that it cannot be made even to seem to work (except occasionally in the most primitive and isolated of societies), unless it is imposed and maintained by extreme violence, bloodshed, and terror. This has been proved time and time again. Dr. Bela Hubbard has made an excellent study of some of the known abortive attempts to set up communism, in his book, *Political And Economic Structures.*

Corroboration of the thesis that communism is impossible in practice came recently from an expert, if surprising,

source. According to Victor Riesel, Nikita Khrushchev uttered this gem in his marathon seven-hour speech to the Twenty-first Communist Party Congress: "The socialist principle of distribution according to work is based upon the impossibility of equalizing distribution in the period of socialism."

This, of course, is a far cry from "distribution according to need," the very core of socialism as revealed by Prophet Marx. And note the word, "impossibility!" It seems that Nikita is trying not only to de-Stalinize Russia but to de-Marxify it as well.

Actually, of course, the Reds recognized decades ago the "impossibility" of communism coexisting with human nature. They have abandoned almost all but the pretense and facade of communism. In practice, what is now hanging onto the name of communism is simply the most brutal, degrading tyranny and murder-machine the world has ever seen. And it is urgently necessary for humanity to realize that this course of events in Russia is *not* a "perversion" of communism, but is instead the normal and inevitable result of trying to make the unnatural theory work —of trying to *force* it to be operational.

Perhaps the most important single result of the general acceptance of Marx's sham antithesis, "communism vs. capitalism," is that it has led anti-Communists to take sides in the argument as if it were real. Merely by doing so they have accepted as truth the fundamental falsehood of Communism: namely, that it is anything more than a screwball theory and that it can ever be made to function as an economic system. Just arguing with the Reds on their own phoney issue of "communism vs. capitalism" has given them an intellectual prestige which is totally undeserved.

Still another of the many negative effects of the manufactured dichotomy has been to teach people to think in terms of *systems* rather than *people.* This has helped to create the widely accepted but essentially communist fiction that the only difference between our Western Culture and certain others is a *system* with a name, and not our own peculiar, ancient, mores and institutions. This intellectual curse has helped the Communists and their "liberal" allies and dupes to dehumanize history, knocking cultural individuality out of it; to reduce the story of civilization to an equalitarian, mechanistic, and essentially atheistic environmentalism and economic determinism. The much-touted historian, Arnold Toynbee, is one example of a contemporary pedant who thinks and writes in terms of systems, classifications, and soulless environment rather than of men.

But the very premise from which the whole philosophy has proceeded was a fraud. For by "capitalism" Marx meant nothing more specific than the economic world of man; and by "communism," as an alleged cure for an alleged disease, he meant nothing but an unworkable, inhuman theory, doomed always to inevitable failure. But thus did he set up a dichotomy which, although it had no substance of meaning, contained emotional and psychological sources of infinite strife and bloodshed.

An Editorial

Dr. Frederick Schwarz has said, with regard to the Communist threat to the United States, that our complacency in the face of a known deadly peril amounts almost to insanity. William Schlamm has written that the epitaph for our society should be: "This civilization died because it didn't want to be bothered." And Clemente Rojas has prophesied that the non-Communists of the western hemisphere are destined "to weep like women for what they didn't know how to defend."

The clearest proof of the correctness of all three of these assertions is our attitude towards the Communists in our midst. Congressman Francis E. Walter, in a report published on March 3, 1958, said: "There are at this moment the equivalent of some twenty combat divisions of enemy troops on American soil . . . troops that are loyal only to the Soviets." And these are not the riff-raff and screwballs who more or less openly belong to the Communist Party, and many of whom actually believe in communism. These are the crypto-Communists, the power-hungry, opportunistic, pragmatic, amoral members of the Communist conspiracy, who believe in nothing but the satisfaction of their personal desires; who serve as college presidents, as high-ranking members of our religious hierarchies, as labor leaders, as government officials, and in positions of influence everywhere in our national life.

If every one of these Communists in the United States wore a Soviet Army uniform all of the time, you can imagine how quickly we would round them up and ship them off to Russia. Yet they are infinitely more dangerous enemies, simply because they do not wear that uniform. Not only should the United States put every known Communist in this country in jail tomorrow, and bring him promptly to trial for treason. It should declare a sufficient moratorium on other congressional activities for both houses to devote their major efforts to the discovery and exposure of the hidden Communists who constitute this secret army of occupation. It should see that the enemies thus exposed are put on trial, just as fast as their traitorous activities can be revealed, and with full use of all the information an enlarged F.B.I. could supply.

Before you let some half-baked "liberal" tell you that this is "hysteria," stop and think of the ecstatic shout of relief that would go up from hundreds of millions of enslaved human beings all over the world, who would see some possibility of hope in their own lives again. For the United States *not to do this,* not to defend its very existence against vicious destruction by internal treason, is the greatest idiocy committed by any nation in all human history. And it is a betrayal of a whole humane civilization which has cost countless lives, infinite labor, and measureless sacrifices over centuries in the building.

LOSS OF TREASURY GOLD SINCE EARLY 1958

by

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Withdrawals since February 19, 1958 . . .

Foreign withdrawals of Treasury gold, which have been attracting considerable attention, began during the week following February 19, 1958. On that date Treasury gold stood at $22,785,000,000. For the week ending December 31, 1958, the Treasury's gold was down to $20,526,000,000, a decline of $2,259,000,000 in forty-five weeks. For the week ending May 13, 1959, the Treasury's stock was $20,251,000,000, down $2,534,000,000 during the sixty-four weeks since February 19, 1958.

No net exportation of gold; an increase in earmarking . . .

There has not been any net exportation of gold during this period; each month February, 1958 — March, 1959 (latest data available) has shown a net importation of gold — $234,600,000 for that period.

Gold earmarked for foreign and international accounts increased $2,594,300,000, February, 1958, to March, 1959, inclusive, standing at $8,664,300,000 on March 31, 1959—an all-time high level. Gold held under earmark for foreign account (at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York) is not included in the gold stock of the United States. Earmarked gold can arise either from withdrawals of Treasury stock by foreign central banks and governments or by certain international financial institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund; or from gold exportations to the United States with instructions that it go into the earmarked fund.

Comparison with past withdrawals . . .

The withdrawal of $2,534,000,000, during the sixty-four weeks since February 19, 1958, amounts to approximately 11 percent of the $22,785,000,000 of total gold stock for the week ending on that date. That is a relatively heavy percentage of withdrawal as compared with above-average withdrawals in preceding years or periods. The withdrawal for the year 1958 ($2,259,000,000) was approximately 9.9 percent of Treasury stock for the week ending February 19, 1958, and approximately the same percentage if computed against total gold stock at the end of the year plus gold withdrawn. (Total gold stock is slightly larger than Treasury stock.) The preceding relatively heavy percentages of withdrawals (exports and earmarking), based upon total gold stock

remaining at the end of the year plus gold withdrawn, were 7.0 in 1950; 6.7 in 1928; 6.0 in 1944; 5.5 in 1933. The average of the yearly withdrawals for the thirty-six years, 1922-1957, was 1.3 percent. During twenty-three of these thirty-six years, there were additions to the nation's (or Treasury) gold stock.

Ratios of Treasury gold stock to nongold money and deposits . . .

The ratio of our Treasury gold stock to all our nongold money and bank deposits stood at 7.85 percent on March 25, 1959. This compares with 10.4 in January, 1953; 9.6 average for 1933, the first year we were off the gold standard; 8.6 average for the period 1915-1932, a gold standard period following the creation of the Federal Reserve System, during which the range for the yearly averages was from 6.7 to 10.9 percent. The highest ratio was 24.6 in 1941.

Foreign short-term dollar claims on our gold . . .

As of February 28, 1959, total foreign short-term dollar claims stood at $16,606,000,000, the peak in our history. Of these only official claims ($8,746,000,000) and those of international institutions ($1,541,000,000) are directly convertible into dollars — a total of $10,287,000,000 as of February 28, 1959. Foreign gold withdrawals in 1958 amounted to 14.6 percent of the average monthly total foreign short-term dollar claims of that year ($15,520,330,000) or 12.3 percent of those claims at the end of the year plus gold withdrawals for the year.

Those foreign short-term dollar liabilities are potential claims on our Treasury gold stock of which only a relatively small percentage is in general ever exercised. For the thirty-six years, 1922-1957, the average percentage of gold withdrawn amounted to 3.5 percent of foreign short-term dollar claims at the end of each year plus the gold withdrawals for the respective years. The range in yearly ratios of gold withdrawals to foreign short-term claims, so computed, for the years 1922-1957, was from zero, which occurred in twenty-three of the thirty-six years, to 37.1 percent in 1933. This 37.1 percent requires interpretation. In that year, foreign short-term dollar balances were at the lowest level for any of the years 1922-1958—$392,000,000 (end of year). That 37.1 percent withdrawal involved only 5.5 percent of our total gold stock for the same year. The withdrawal of gold in 1958 amounted to 12.3 percent of total foreign short-term dollar claims at the end of that year plus gold withdrawals for the year and involved 9.9 percent of our Treasury gold stock at the end of the year plus gold withdrawals for the year.

Thus we have 12.3 percent of claims exercised and 9.9 percent of gold stock withdrawn in 1958 as compared with an average of 3.5 percent of claims exercised and 1.3 percent of gold withdrawn during the period 1922-1957.

The comparison involved is therefore unusually unfavorable to the year 1958 as compared with the period 1922-1957. There are valid grounds for concern regarding, and for careful scrutiny of, these developments of 1958-1959.

Surplus gold stock still available for withdrawal . . .

For the week ending May 13, the Federal Reserve banks had a surplus above their legal reserve requirements of $8,560,000,000 in gold certificate reserves. The U. S. Treasury, on May 12, had a free gold balance of $394,402,711, thus giving a surplus of gold available for foreign withdrawals equal to $8,954,402,711.

Since the Federal Reserve banks can, by paying tax penalties, go below their minimum reserve requirements of twenty-five percent if necessary, an even greater amount of gold could be paid out.

Of the total foreign official short-term claims of $10,287,000,000, as of February 28, 1959, which could be exercised, the principle of probability indicates that the prospects of a large percentage of such claims being exercised over a considerable period of time are relatively small unless our government persists in pursuing an inexcusable course of piling up additional foreign claims against our declining stock of gold. If we were to lose the highest percentage ever recorded, 1922-1958, the 37.1 percent of total claims in 1933, and apply it to the exercisable claims of $10,287,000,000 in February, 1959, the additional amount to be demanded would be $3,816,477,000 to cover which we have a surplus of $8,954,402,711, and even more if the reserve requirements of the Federal Reserve banks are breached.

These facts do not mean that we could lose approximately $4 billion or $8 billion more of gold without experiencing serious consequences. Psychological reactions are important factors; and public reactions to a persistent and relatively heavy loss of gold are highly unpredictable. At some point in such withdrawals confidence in the future value of the dollar could be seriously impaired and the dollar could suffer a heavy discount in foreign exchange because of the expectation that the Federal Reserve banks and Treasury would in due course reach the end of their capacity to pay out gold at the standard rate. Placing an embargo on further exportation of gold could be expected to precipitate a sharp discount in the value of our dollars in foreign exchange; and this depreciation could be expected to bring domestic depreciation at closely-related rates. Maintenance of the value of our dollar in foreign exchange requires unhesitating redemption at par even if this involves impairment of the minimum Federal Reserve bank gold certificate ratio. There is, therefore, genuine danger in pursuing with recklessness the course now being followed by our government. Piling up further foreign claims against our gold stock is inexcusable, particularly since there is no valid defense for permitting redemption of foreign claims in gold while our people are denied the right of redemption.

Various attempts have been made to demonstrate that our gold supply is already inadequate or presently in danger. Such attempts are not in accord with facts. Much of this effort comes from those who are attempting to obtain another devaluation of our dollar, and a common device employed by those people is to offset all foreign short-term dollar claims against our gold stock and to treat potential claims as though they would prove to be actual claims. Such a procedure cannot be defended. If that procedure were applied to insurance companies or banks, for example, it could be demonstrated that all of them are in fact, bankrupt. The principle of probability based upon the lessons of experience is the only principle that is permissable if one's pur-

pose is not to mislead. Every object of value is supplied in the light of the principle of probability; and we are faced with the principle of probability in respect to the future exercise of potential claims against our Treasury's stock of gold.

Attempts to explain the Treasury's loss of gold . . .

The attempts frequently made to state the reasons for the Treasury's loss of gold rest largely upon conjecture or guessing rather than upon adequate evidence. Foreign central banks and governments and international institutions which have dollars and choose to convert some of them into gold may do so; and they are not required to explain their actions and, apparently, ordinarily do not do so.

The common allegation that the gold withdrawals of 1958-1959 are evidence of a flight from the dollar needs to be offset against the fact that while some dollars have been converted into gold the foreign short-term dollar claims have been climbing to a record height.

A frequent explanation, that a major cause of the conversion of non-gold dollars into gold is to be found in the relatively sharp drop in exports as against imports, fares no better in the light of mounting foreign short-term balances while Treasury gold is being drawn down.

The point is that the official foreign holders of dollars may choose to convert a portion of their dollars into earmarked gold for any number of reasons that seem satisfactory to them, without explanation to us and without any official data as to reasons being available to us. We may notice at some subsequent date that a central bank's reserves in gold have increased or we may trace some other manifestation of the use of the earmarked gold; but in general we do not have access to data that would explain why the Treasury's gold stock declined and the volume of gold earmarked for foreign account increased in approximately the same amount. Gold is the most marketable monetary commodity in international exchange; and it may be utilized for an endless number of reasons. When we cash a check at our bank we are not required to explain what we propose to do with the money received. Foreign official drafts against our gold stock fall in the same general category.

Piling up of more foreign dollar claims against our gold stock and dissipating the stock itself . . .

Our Federal government, in various ways, continues to pile up more foreign dollar claims against our declining gold stock and is making further commitments and proposals to dissipate still more of the Treasury's gold stock—for example, to subscribe another $344,000,000 of gold to the International Monetary Fund and to provide it with $1.375 billion, and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development with $3.175 billion, additional potential dollar claims against our Treasury's gold. Foreign aid and other programs are also providing still more dollar claims against our gold stock. To these are added such proposals as that to create an International Development Association to finance projects which, apparently, good banking procedures could not support.

The picture is one of the prodigal and reckless spender and dissipator

who, even though his ultimate reserve is falling rapidly, and the potential claims against that reserve are relatively heavy and rising, nevertheless continues his foolish practices with unrestrained abandon.

Pursuit of this course by our government would appear to be inviting extremely serious trouble for this nation. It seems to reflect a remarkable degree of irresponsibility on the part of those government officials responsible for such policies and programs, and a failure on their part to understand that it is sound fiscal and monetary practices which induce gold to flow to, and remain with, a nation. The revival of an improved quality of fiscal and monetary management in West Germany, and more recently in France, provides illustrations of this elemental principle; and our government should heed the very important lessons which should be obvious to competent and responsible people.

The Game Of Darts

Always be mistaken at the top of your voice.

James E. Christofer

About Time Magazine: *"Misinformation trimmed with insult."*

Dr. Jacques Barzun

He managed to condense a great many words into a few thoughts.

Lewis F. Presnall

The man recovered of the bite,
The dog it was that died.

Oliver Goldsmith

Oh yes, we met last year at the Vanderbucks — I can't remember your name but I never forget a dress.

King Features

On family stone in cemetery in Elgin, Minnesota: "None of us ever voted for Roosevelt or Truman."

Sixty-six Ninety-nine

You can't buy happiness—at least not with today's money.

Frank G. McInnis

The man who delighted in chasing girls now has a son who can't find any who will run.

J. C. Salak

Toastmaster: And now the speaker we are all eagerly awaiting—the last one.

McFeatters

Sweet young thing: "If people ask what I see in you, Herbert, what shall I tell them?"

Walt Goldstein

BULLETS

To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.

Bronson Alcott

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I don't like money actually, but it quiets my nerves.

Joe Louis

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When I was young my father said
That one should try to get ahead.
Today I tell my young son, Steven,
That he'll do well if he stays even.

New Orleans Item

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As employment increases, unemployment is expected to decrease.

U. S. Department Of Labor

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Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.

Thomas Jefferson

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Have wife, must travel.

A Sullivan Bros. Version

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Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

Jack Jarvis

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In foreign lands they do not love us.
Instead of hugging us they shove us.
But one with even slight acumen
Can see that that is only human.
For being host and guest soon ends
The friendship of the best of friends.

Richard Armour

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These days our kids know the value of a dollar, and it makes them mighty discouraged.

Uncle Mat

Wife to interior decorator: "Of course my husband wants genuine antiques, but they've got to be up-to-date and modern."

Nuggets

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He who allows oppression shares the crime.

Erasmus Darwin

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The trouble with fiction is that it makes too much sense. Reality never makes sense.

Aldous Huxley

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Bus conversation, overheard: "They're starting out with just what they have to have—bed, stove, and television set."

Ohio State Journal

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Sign on convention rostrum:
Caution—Engage brain before starting mouth.

Sixty-six Ninety-nine

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Success is counted sweetest by those who ne'er succeed.

Emily Dickinson

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Young men think old men fools, and old men know young men to be so.

Metcalf

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To deny the freedom of the will is to make morality impossible.

Froude

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Howe'er it be, it seems to me,
'Tis only noble to be good.
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood.

Tennyson

* * *

Watchman, what of the night?

Isaiah, XXI, 11

THE SCOREBOARD

Basic Communist strategy for conquest of the world, as laid out thirty-five years ago and relentlessly followed ever since, consisted of three steps: (1) Take eastern Europe; (2) next take the masses of Asia; (3) then take the rest of the world, including the United States. The Communists completed their first step in 1950; the second step is now at least three-fourths accomplished; and they have gone more than one-fourth of the way towards carrying out their third step. Which means that the Communists have now covered well over two-thirds of the total distance to their final goal of world-wide dominion. And the momentum and the speed of their progress are steadily increasing.

BETWEEN 1937 AND 1957 the expansion of Communist power in the world was approximately eight hundred percent — whether you measured that growth in the number of Party members, in the number of enslaved subjects, or by whatever unit of comparison. But during the past two years the rate of expansion has markedly increased.

For a decade after World War II the Communists *averaged* adding to their empire seven thousand newly enslaved subjects every hour, twenty-four hours of every day, 365 days of every year. But by 1958 that rate of conquest had come up to about twelve thousand new slaves per hour. And the once free peoples of Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia, Bolivia, Venezuela, Cuba, Ghana, Guinea, and other nations now slipping into Communist police-state rule, would gladly bear witness to both the truth and the horror of this record. How free the status of their former "colonialism" would seem to many of them today!

But the most ominous part of the Communist advance is also the most difficult to appraise. That is the rise of Communist influence in countries which are still considered to be clearly in, and on the side of, the remaining "free world." That there are ways of estimating how far the insidious tide has risen, however, even in these areas where much firm dry land still remains, has been decisively demonstrated by our experience in putting together the scores in this tabulation.

For several different scholars on four different continents, each of them a serious long-time student of the methods, purposes and progress of the Communist conspiracy, compiled his scoreboard independently of all the others. Each one made his own estimates as objectively and conscientiously as he knew how. And the resulting figures from these different experts, for all but one or two of the 105 countries listed, were so close as to be startling — and convincing. Believing therefore that our composite appraisals are dependable, significant, revealing — and frightening — we present *The American Opinion Scoreboard for* 1959.

The American Opinion Scoreboard

In the following tabulation we have undertaken to estimate the present degree of Communist influence or control over the economic and political affairs of almost all of the "nations" of the world. (The omissions have been due to lack of size, importance, or autonomy.) The chief source of such control or influence may be Communist-run labor unions (as in Bolivia), or Communist sympathizers in government (as in India), or powerful Communist political parties (as in Italy), or highly successful Communist agitation and propaganda (as in Mexico). The total extent of Communist control or influence over any country, however, is due to the impact of all Communist pressures, direct and indirect, visible and undercover, working together. In most cases, of course, that total cannot be measured with exactness. But we believe the estimates given below to be conservative, as of June 1, 1959.

It is only when this scoreboard is compared with any similar one, which might have been compiled as recently as 1952, that its significance becomes so shockingly apparent. Each change since the 1958 Scoreboard — if sufficient to change the whole bracket shown against any country — is indicated by a star, and itemized on the last page of this insert.

The Kremlin's biggest concern now is to keep the remainder of the free world, and especially the people of the United States, from realizing the speed and certainty with which the Communists are completing their conquest of the planet. We intend to publish a revised scoreboard once a year until the conspiracy is entirely successful or has been entirely destroyed.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE

As A Percentage Of Total Control

1.	Aden	20 to 40%	19.	Chile	40 to 60%
2.	Afghanistan	80 - 100	20.	Communist China	100
3.	Albania	100	21.	Nationalist China	0 - 20
4.	Argentina	40 - 60	22.	Colombia	20 - 40
5.	Australia	0 - 20	23.	Costa Rica	20 - 40
6.	Austria	20 - 40	24.	Cuba	70 - 90★
7.	Belgian Congo	20 - 40★	25.	Czechoslovakia	100
8.	Belgium	20 - 40	26.	Denmark	20 - 40
9.	Bolivia	70 - 90★	27.	Dominican Republic	0 - 20
10.	Brazil	40 - 60	28.	East Germany	100
11.	Britain	40 - 60★	29.	Ecuador	20 - 40★
12.	British Guiana	80 - 100	30.	Egypt	80 - 100
13.	Bulgaria	100	31.	El Salvador	20 - 40
14.	Burma	60 - 80	32.	Ethiopia	60 - 80
15.	Cambodia	80 - 100	33.	Finland	60 - 80
16.	Canada	40 - 60★	34.	France	30 - 50★
17.	Central African Federation	20 - 40★	35.	French Equatorial Africa	20 - 40
18.	Ceylon	60 - 80	36.	French Togoland	40 - 60

37.	Ghana	80 to 100%	72.	Outer Mongolia	100%
38.	Greece	40 - 60	73.	Pakistan	30 - 50★
39.	Guatemala	60 - 80	74.	Panama	60 - 80
40.	Guinea	80 - 100★	75.	Paraguay	20 - 40★
41.	Haiti	20 - 40	76.	Peru	20 - 40
42.	Honduras	40 - 60	77.	Philippines	20 - 40
43.	Hungary	100	78.	Poland	100
44.	Iceland	80 - 100	79.	Portugal	0 - 20
45.	India	60 - 80	80.	Romania	100
46.	Indonesia	80 - 100	81.	Saudi Arabia	60 - 80
47.	Iran	20 - 40	82.	Sierra Leone	30 - 50★
48.	Iraq	80 - 100★	83.	Singapore	70 - 90★
49.	Ireland	0 - 20	84.	Somalia	40 - 60
50.	Israel	40 - 60	85.	South Korea	10 - 30★
51.	Italy	40 - 60	86.	South Vietnam	40 - 60
52.	Japan	20 - 40	87.	Soviet Union	100
53.	Jordan	20 - 40	88.	Spain	0 - 20
54.	Kenya	20 - 40	89.	Sudan	50 - 70★
55.	Laos	80 - 100	90.	Sweden	20 - 40
56.	Lebanon	60 - 80★	91.	Switzerland	20 - 40
57.	Liberia	30 - 50★	92.	Syria	80 - 100
58.	Libya	60 - 80	93.	Tanganyika	20 - 40
59.	Luxembourg	20 - 40	94.	Thailand	40 - 60
60.	Madagascar	20 - 40	95.	Tibet	80 - 100
61.	Malaya	40 - 60	96.	Tunisia	80 - 100
62.	Mexico	40 - 60	97.	Turkey	0 - 20
63.	Morocco	60 - 80	98.	Uganda	20 - 40
64.	Nepal	60 - 80	99.	Union of South Africa	0 - 20
65.	Netherlands	20 - 40★	100.	United States	30 - 50★
66.	New Zealand	0 - 20	101.	Uruguay	40 - 60
67.	Nicaraugua	20 - 40	102.	Venezuela	80 - 100★
68.	Nigeria	30 - 50★	103.	West Germany	0 - 20
69.	North Korea	100	104.	Yemen	80 - 100
70.	North Vietnam	100	105.	Yugoslavia	100
71.	Norway	50 - 70★			

Footnotes On Changes

Obviously there have been changes in the degree of Communist influence in pratically every country. But the changes shown, and discussed below, are only those which moved our estimate into a whole new bracket from the one given last year.

7. Belgian Congo. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. This change reflects the long reach of the agitation against "colonialism," sparked by Kwame Nkrumah.

9. Bolivia. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 70-90%. The Communists have steadily tightened their grip. They now own Bolivia, to whatever extent they wish to show their hand.

11. Britain. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 40-60%. Thanks to the "let's surrender" crusade of Ber-

trand Russell, the pusillanimous appeasement policies of Harold Macmillan, and other factors, the Communist influence in and over Britain has markedly increased during the past twelve months.

16. Canada. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 40-60%. The erosion of resistance to Communist men and measures is subtle, gradual—and deadly.

17. Central African Federation. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. This is simply due to the Communist forces now increasingly at work all over Africa.

24. Cuba. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 70-90%. Last year the potential Communist take-over of Cuba was merely casting its shadow before it. This year it is an accomplished fact.

29. Ecuador. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. It is no secret that the situation in most of Latin America has rapidly grown worse since June 1, 1958.

34. France. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 30-50%. This is the one improvement noted on the whole planet. In our opinion much credit must go to de Gaulle and even more to Jacques Soustelle.

40. Guinea. 1958: (As part of French West Africa), 40-60%. 1959: 80-100%. Sekou Touré has now made the break with France complete; the break with civilization, and absorption of his country into the Soviet barbarism, all but complete.

48. Iraq. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 80-100%. This "swing" is drastic, but so were the developments. Our estimate last year was undoubtedly too conservative. The violent seizure of Iraq by the Communists was more sudden and complete than anything we had anticipated.

56. Lebanon. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 60-80%. Lebanon was just one more victim of a "Murphy good-will mission" — as well as of other forces. Under the guise of protecting and helping Lebanon, our government made Rashid Karami, the leading Communist of that small country (and the man most approved by Nassar), its Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of National Economy, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Information. With just one more blow of our helping hand the Communist control of Lebanon could move into the highest bracket.

57. Liberia. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. The change is merely another indication of the rising tide in Africa.

65. Netherlands. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. Whether or not our estimate in 1958 was too low, we don't know. We are sure this one is not too high.

68. Nigeria. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. Just another case of crumbling before the African "wave."

71. Norway. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 50-70%. The change is partly the recognition and result of a continuing process; but it is partly just to make our estimate of Norway more realistic than that of last year.

73. Pakistan. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. Sad, unfortunate, not translatable into specifics —but true.

75. Paraguay. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. General Alfredo Stroessner, President of Paraguay, is one of the few firm anti-Communists still remaining as heads of Latin American governments. But of late months he has had to give considerable ground to "liberal" pressures.

82. Sierra Leone. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. More washing from the African wave.

83. Singapore. 1958: 60-80%. 1959: 70-90%. The last elections show that Singapore is already "beyond the point of no return."

85. South Korea. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 10-30%. The tremendous Communist efforts have gained toeholds that cannot be ignored.

89. Sudan. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 50-70%. This heavy gain in the strength of the Communists is largely due to the help and encouragement given them by that sterling non-Communist (!), G. A. Nasser.

100. The United States. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. We were worried about defending our own conviction that Communist influence, over everything of political or economic importance done in or by the United States, now amounts to more than thirty percent of total control. Then we got the surprise of our lives in the far higher estimates from some of our experts.

We have kept this bracket, with fifty percent as the top limit to our appraisal, nevertheless. We are aware that the actual number of Communists and Communist sympathizers within our borders has little bearing on the case. For the Communists have taken over some countries completely with as little as one percent of the population as active agents. We agree with our experts that the Communist influence inside our government itself today is overwhelming. We know that this influence is almost as extreme within our educational, religious, and labor organizations. But we feel that there are still tremendous layers of Americanist strength not yet rotted by all of the infiltration, indoctrination, and political sabotage to which we have been subjected.

Here is a *fact*, however, which good Americans should note with alarm and anxiety. These men are the best informed authorities we know. Several of them, in or from Europe, Asia or Australia, are able to look at our situation more objectively than we can. They agree closely with us, and with each other, concerning every other country. And these men believe that the degree of Communist influence in the United States today amounts to *between 50% and 70% of total control.*

102. Venezuela. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 80-100%. As in the case of Iraq, our 1958 figure was too low. And perhaps in the case of Venezuela we should have been more aware of the nearness and force of the coming storm.

SOUSTELLE AND ALGERIA

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The author of the following article was born and raised in North Dakota. But he has served as a war correspondent, a pilot, and in many other capacities, in Ethiopia, Spain, China, and Indochina. He spent almost three years during World War II as a prisoner of the Japanese, eighteen days of that time in the torture chamber, because of his espionage activities as part of a French Resistance Group known as Reseau Mingant. For the past several years Mr. du Berrier has lived in Paris, as a free-lance writer for various publications in both the English-speaking and French-speaking countries. We consider him one of the best informed authorities in the world on the events and personalities of the Cold War, and especially so wherever "colonialism" is a part of the picture.

JACQUES SOUSTELLE was born in Montpellier, in southern France, on February 3, 1912. His parents were poor, and Protestants, both of which circumstances were handicaps in the circles where he was to make an early mark. But in 1929, through a combination of tireless energy and a knack for intense concentration, the seventeen-year-old boy took first place in the hardest examination in France's educational system. He thereby became the youngest student ever to enter the nation's *Ecole Normale Superieure*. Three years later he emerged from this school at the head of his class, and as a professor of ethnology with a degree in philosophy at the age of twenty.

It was probably from his soft smile and quiet manner that Soustelle was given, by his associates, the nickname of "the cat." For there is a shyness about him, especially in the presence of people who, he senses, may not like him, which has lasted to this day. There is no relaxed, half-way point between the warm smile among intimates and the set front at public gatherings or before the microphone. And this shyness during his youth may have helped to account for his concentration on work and his remarkable scholastic record. For he was a Doctor of Letters at twenty-four and Assistant Director of the *Museum of Man* at twenty-five.

And yet, strange to say, Soustelle is more interested in human beings, and especially their cultures, than in anything else. He early became particularly interested in the Indian civilizations of Mexico and Central America. In 1932, he went to live among the Otomis and the Lacandons — the latter being an almost extinct offshoot of the Mayas who now inhabit the border region between Mexico and Guatemala. Winning the complete confidence of these primitive people, Soustelle painstakingly gathered the material not only for the thesis for his doctorate, on *The Family Life Of The Otomi-Pama Tribes Of Central Mexico,* but also for

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Mexico, Land Of The Indians, The Material Culture Of The Lacandon Indians, and other books that followed.

For Jacques Soustelle has always been an intellectual, and so regards himself even now. Besides French, and excellent English, he also speaks Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Aztec, Maya, German and — sufficiently to express himself — Arabic and Russian. He has written *Chilean Folklore,* and *The Cosmological Thinking Of The Ancient Mexicans,* besides the books already mentioned; and a mountain of scientific articles for learned journals. And he himself has said, in a letter "from one intellectual to another":

". . . Even in action I remain the professor, a teacher, a writer. I am convinced that we have a role to play in public life, even if it is only in trying to substitute for the vague, impassioned images, which are the usual instruments of politics, the ideas of probity and precision and balance to which we are held by our profession. It seems evident to me that if intellectuals wish to manifest themselves as such in the political domain, their action can only be justified by their comporting themselves in that circumstance, and more than ever so, as intellectuals.

"This is to say, with the painstaking striving for honesty and clarity which is in a way our mark. Also it seems to me that the intellectual in taking a position is duty-bound, more than any other, to be scrupulous, both in what concerns his knowledge of facts and the interpretation he gives them. I have always believed that it is our duty, we who claim to make a profession of thinking clearly, to enter frankly and without hesitation into the battle of ideas."

Soustelle, with his young wife, was again in Mexico in 1939 when war was declared. He went home to be mobilized and soon afterwards was sent back on a mission to Central America. It was there that de Gaulle's appeal for followers reached him. Through 1942 he ran the Free French Information Service; and in 1943 became chief of de Gaulle's Intelligence in London. When de Gaulle's government fell at the end of the war, Soustelle returned to the classroom. His re-election to the French Assembly in 1951 went unnoticed; and in comparative oblivion he might have remained had not Pierre Mendes-France — apparently badly misjudging his man — decided on January 26, 1955 to make Jacques Soustelle Governor-General of Algeria.

Soustelle's sympathies when he took on this responsibility were, as always, for the underdog. He went to Algeria hoping to satisfy the aspirations of the rebels, known as the FLN. But intellectual honesty and an insistence on knowing the facts remained keys to his character. And he soon found that the real underdogs were not the Communist-inspired FLN, nor even so much the French settlers in Algeria whom the FLN rebels were murdering at every opportunity. The people who most needed help and protection were the great mass of the Algerian Moslems themselves, whom the FLN terrorists were ruthlessly massacring and torturing, in order to keep them frightened into an appearance of supporting the "civil war." These were exactly the tactics the Communists had used in China as far back as twenty-five years before.

Soustelle found out how the vast majority of the Algerian Moslems felt —something they have proved over and

over since then—simply by talking to them. He found out the real nature and purposes of the rebels, simply by getting the facts. By and large, the American press, left-slanted or indifferent, has not been willing to do either.

II

On May 28, 1957, forty-seven Algerian cutthroats under a leader named Amirouche rode into a village called Melouza, killing and mutilating the entire male population to the number of 303. Many of the victims were small boys. This was typical of the campaign of terror in which the FLN has consistently killed far more peaceful Algerian Moslems than it has French settlers, police, or soldiers.

But the sympathies of the American press were with Amirouche and his forty-six companions, rather than with the 303 Algerians who were murdered. Jacques Soustelle, for being the champion of the 303 victims, was regarded as our enemy. The French Army, defending the helpless ninety percent in Algeria against the ten percent perpetrating the terror, saw the weight of France's principal ally, the United States, constantly thrown behind the ten percent. In July, 1957, at a Congress of World Labor Unions held in Tunisia, "spokesmen for American labor" expressed "American labor's" support of the terrorists. (As if they could!) And to top it all off Senator Kennedy, seeing an opportunity for grabbing both news space and labor support, chose that occasion also for encouraging the rebels.

To the French there was, unfortunately, nothing new about any of this. It was Indochina all over again, even to the part played by that world statesman, Senator John Kennedy. America's intervention in Indochina had taken the form of encouraging the natives to hate the French, and the native states to refuse to fight the Communists until freed from French direction. "Give the Indochinese their independence," Senator Kennedy had thundered at that time, "and they will form a crusade against Communism." It is not true to say that the Kennedy brat knew no more about the people of Indochina than about those of Mars, for he was reasonably sure that the Indochinese actually did exist. As to the program advocated by this most left-wing of Democratic Senators, which was actually being carried out by a supposedly Republican government, the results speak for themselves. Today Laos is "neutral," Cambodia has swung towards Peking, North Vietnam is a Communist state, and the dictatorship of South Vietnam has become a quicksand for American money and prestige without embarrassing Communism in the least.

This, in essence, is what went through the minds of the French army, navy and airforce personnel in Algeria in July, 1957, against the background of comrades lost and natives massacred. Senator Kennedy had turned his attention to North Africa and "now we are going to have a repetition of Indochina." And their sentiment was increasingly shared back home, in all of France.

By January of 1958 French public opinion was solidly behind the army's belief that France was being betrayed by its own government through that government's fear of offending America. The French army, given the difficult task of restoring order in Algeria, was

prevented from making a move that could possibly achieve that purpose. (Just as Chiang Kai-shek had been prevented three different times in 1946 from wiping out the Chinese Communists, through pressures put on him by the American government through George Catlett Marshall.) French civilian and soldier alike sat fascinated and almost hypnotized by the newsreel aspect of developments, each more alarming than the last, which unfolded before their eyes. In December, 1957, an impassioned American plea for allied solidarity was accompanied, almost simultaneously, by a delivery of arms to Tunisia; arms so certain to pass directly into the hands of FLN that the American government refused to release the serial numbers. And then came Sakiet.

There were some three hundred FLN soldiers based in a deserted mine on the outskirts of the Tunisian frontier village of Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef. This was a sanctuary to which they supposedly could not be pursued, allowed them by the same Tunisian government that supplied them arms bought from America. (Remember the Yalu River bridges, and the sanctuary of the Chinese Communists in Korea!)

These rebels not only strolled openly through the town and manned anti-aircraft guns against French planes. On January 11, 1958 they launched a predawn raid across the border into Algeria, fought until early afternoon, and then returned to Sakiet, bearing their prisoners with them.

The intelligence reports of Algerian-born General Jouhaud, of the French airforce, were precise. He had exact information about the gun emplacements and rebel movements in Sakiet. A final warning was issued, after which another French plane was shot at and hit. And so, on February 8, 1958, Sakiet was bombed.

The American press immediately raised a huge cry against France. Tunisia squashed reports of the three hundred FLN soldiers who were killed in the mine, but set up a bombed-town scene in the village itself, and imposed on an American Red Cross observer for the kind of report it wanted. And New York's two leading newspapers, despite all of the fact-finding facilities at their disposal, answered the public demand for news with vague references to "an *alleged* FLN base in Sakiet."

It was the bombing of Sakiet, and America's reaction to that retaliation by the French airforce in protection of their own, which lighted the fuse to the important explosions and events that followed. One such event was the bursting onto the scene, in mid-April of 1958, and onto the consciousness of an American public totally unprepared for him, of M'sieu Jacques Soustelle. That such was the case was inexcusable, and a disgrace to American journalism. For had our press told the truth about the extent to which France was smoldering, neither the blow-up nor the disastrous results of our inane policies (or worse) would have come as any surprise.

III

Our State Department's sending of Mr. Robert Murphy to France on his "good offices" mission only hastened the coming break. For, as the editor of *American Opinion* pointed out in another connection some months ago, the invariable result of Mr. Murphy's expert "trouble-shooting" expeditions over many years has been tragedy for

our anti-Communist friends. But the French, with their bitter memories of Indochina, did not need any coaching on this subject. In France the Murphy mission met with the approval of only the extreme Socialist left and the Communists themselves.

Behind the sound-proof wall of diplomatic usage French indignation was solid and unyielding. Because of the smothering cover of courtesy at the top level in Paris and the blackout of dependable news in America, a feeling persisted in Washington that with just a little pressure Paris would give — that is, would follow the policies of appeasement and withdrawal planned for France by our State Department (exactly as Paris had yielded step by step to the pressures from Washington, in the sell-out of Indochina). To provide that pressure, in mid-April President Eisenhower wrote a personal letter to Premier Gaillard. And instead of giving way, Paris exploded. Such a letter could not be kept secret. The result was the spontaneous combustion of a whole nation.

It might have been any one of a hundred deputies who took the cue, when the Eisenhower letter landed within the already overcharged atmosphere. For — again except for Mendes-France's extreme Left and the out-and-out Communists — the sentiments of France's deputies on April 15, 1958 reflected the mood of France. But it happened to be Jacques Soustelle, the mild-mannered intellectual, who in the emotion of the moment rose to his feet. "Is French policy made in Washington or in Paris?" he demanded. "If it is made in Washington, what are we doing with these baby's toys of sovereignty?"

In retrospect, the only strange event of the day is that the Gaillard government did not fall before Soustelle's attack by a larger vote than 321 to 255. But American reaction was immediate and violent. Soustelle was blasted as the unleasher of a storm which he himself had conjured, rather than regarded as the patriotic standard-bearer of a people and an army that had had enough. "Anti-American! Cabinet-wrecker!"; thus *Time Magazine* screamed at him in its issue of April 28. And *Time*, of which 1,800,000 copies were distributed free in fifty-six countries in 1958 by the *United States Information Service*, is regarded abroad as the voice of America's State Department.

As though to justify French fears and support Soustelle's allegation, a "high diplomatic source" (assumed to be Robert Murphy) soon let it be known that the United States had decided to give top priority to keeping North Africa loyal to the free world (!); and that to achieve this it might be *necessary* for the French government to enter into direct negotiations with the Algerian rebels!!. On April 25 the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Washington was preparing to back the rebels, even to the extent of forcing France to accede. Or, as *Time* then arrogantly put it, the United States had finally "dropped a strong hint that it was not prepared to play make-believe with France much longer."

This condescending attitude on the part of the United States government; the obvious intention of our State Department to go right on running stiff-arm interference for the Communists in their phoney but vicious game of "anti-colonialism;" these considerations and

the American press attack on Soustelle all became strong political winds in his favor. And in proportion as both Frenchmen and Algerians turned to Soustelle as a leader, the more our press magnified him as an enemy of America. The violence and extent of this campaign have been significant, revealing, and frightening in their implications.

Prior to the Gaillard crisis it was quietly assumed by many well-informed Frenchmen that Jacques Soustelle was a leader of the future. It certainly took no very astute newspaper man to sense the terrific expansion of this sentiment after April 15. Since the early spring of 1958 there has descended on him a mountain of correspondence: from grass-roots Frenchmen; from mothers of young soldiers who have been taken prisoner by the FLN and brutally executed, often on Tunisian soil; from the parents of soldiers now in uniform; from former settlers from Morocco and Tunisia who had been driven from properties their families had worked on for three generations; from small exporters across France who had been forced to the wall by South Vietnam's new import list, barring all but American goods from the market that had supported these exporters; and especially from the unorganized ninety percent of the Algerians, whom our press has ignored in favor of the armed rebels. With Soustelle largely running the campaign, de Gaulle was carried into the presidency in December by 78.5% of the electoral vote! And Soustelle's party, the UNR, had put more deputies in the assembly than had ever sat there before under the banner of a single party.

Equally as clear as the strength of Soustelle's following has been the firmness of his anti-Communism. From his part in keeping the French government from yielding to the United States and recognizing the FLN, Soustelle became the man the Communists were out to get. At the same time he has not hidden the fact that he is out "to get them"; to drive the Communists from the mayoralties and other positions of political power all over France. The Communists were so fearful of Soustelle's rising power that in May, 1958 they began moving their secret files and archives, which were in France, to Italy. They set off the usual smear campaign against him, at home and abroad. And they organized an assassination campaign which culminated in the attempt of September 15, 1958, with Algerian agents carefully put in place to do the actual shooting — from which Soustelle was extremely fortunate to escape with only a bullet-grazed forehead.

Yet our press, with the visible blessing of our government, has been vicious in its opposition to this strong anti-Communist, who so obviously may become the head of one of our strongest anti-Communist allies. It is shocking for an American to reflect that when the present French cabinet was being formed, Frenchmen high in politics felt compelled to ask Americans (this writer among others) what America's reaction would be if Soustelle were made Premier or Minister of Foreign Affairs. Their resentment at having to ask that question, at America's meddling and pressures which made it necessary, is easy to understand.

The Soustelle story, the lies about him and about the whole Algerian rebel movement, the policies of our government with regard to French af-

fairs during the past several years, and the praise for these policies by so many of our newspapers and magazines, have only one possible explanation. Within both our government and our press there are now powerful forces at work to estrange America from the real anti-Communists among our allies, and to help the Communists themselves everywhere in the world, in all of their schemes and operations. If the great body of loyal Americans in both press and government, instead of getting their hackles up when being told this obvious fact, will get busy, recognize and throw out the traitors and their opportunistic colleagues, and really start fighting Communism, men like Soustelle can help us mightily to restore some sanity, order, and real peace to the world once again.

IV

In May, 1958, the Kennedy brat had the incredible effrontery to shout that France must stop de Gaulle. This was about on a par with the scream of the strident-voiced blonde, employed by our airforce, in a Paris cafe: "Why shouldn't we tell them who they can have for president? We have bought this country!" But the blonde was not seeking to make political hay for herself with the extreme Left, as Kennedy clearly was.

As has so often happened, however, Kennedy's play to the left was exactly in line with the signals called from our pseudo-Republican administration. Our government all but served notice on France that America would not tolerate the rise of de Gaulle and Soustelle to power, and that France therefore was under orders to reject them. And our press and radio went all the way in unbelievable smear, distortion, disparagement, and attempts to confuse. Nevertheless, de Gaulle went on to become the most powerful president France has had in its history as a republic. And Soustelle, while probably denied the premiership because of that very opposition from America which we have been discussing, became a powerful figure in the new French government, the backbone of that government's resistance to Communism, and the most likely "strong man" of any future that France may have as a rejuvenated bulwark of strength against Moscow's imperialistic advances.

Since Soustelle came to prominence and leadership against the background of the Algerian problem, it is well to turn to that setting, in which to try to appraise his judgment, his ability, his humanitarianism, and his sincerity. And there is probably no better way to do this than to let him speak for himself, after some brief introduction, about this very question of Algeria and its future.

Typical of the slurs and the character assassination by inuendo conducted against Soustelle in our press was a long article by Edward M. Korry in *Look Magazine*. At one point Mr. Korry said: "Soustelle had come to carry out a program of long delayed reforms. I first met Soustelle in Algiers at that time. Stymied and isolated, he was stalling for time, convinced he could eventually win over the settlers. But in the end, he was the one who capitulated. The turning point came on August 20, 1955, when the Algerian nationalists massacred scores of Frenchmen near Constantine and transformed the revolt into full-scale civil war.

"For the first time in his life, Soustelle saw the conflict in human terms, in slit throats, and mutilated bodies of men, women, and children. The experience transformed him. From that day on, he championed the cause of the French settlers. Little by little Soustelle the intellectual evolved a theory to justify their views. The Algerian conflict was all part of an international plot, he said, directed by Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser with the help of Moscow. And he coined a phrase that became the motto of the bitter-enders: 'To negotiate is to surrender!' "

During all of 1958 *Look Magazine* presented Fidel Castro as a hero and Jacques Soustelle as a scoundrel. Which, to the correctly informed, tells a great deal about Castro, Soustelle and *Look*. Any thought that the Algerian conflict is *not* part of an international Communist plot, for instance, is too naive for serious consideration. Today, isn't the Moscow-supported FLN government actually situated in Cairo? Yet *Look* satirizes Soustelle for "evolving" any such "theory." And the article, aside from appearing to condone the throat-slitting and body-mutilating of the terrorists, overlooks entirely the matter of some eight million Algerians who have wanted no part of the FLN and whose only protection against having their own throats slit was from those "bitter-enders."

Describing the rebels as "nationalists" is exactly what Moscow has wanted. "Nationalism," even of the Mau-Mau type, must be encouraged as "the wave of the future." And giving the FLN respectability, by describing their stepped-up terror as "full-scale civil war," is exactly what their leader, Ferhat Abbas, has wanted. As to Soustelle's seeing the conflict for the first time in human terms, he is primarily a sociologist who had never seen it in any other light. And as for his "capitulating" to the French settlers — which was purely unsupported mindreading on Mr. Korry's part — Soustelle's mind was changed for him primarily by the Algerians themselves, as any journalist not trying to build up a case against "colonialism" could easily have found out.

For the plight of the Algerian populace was that mere non-cooperation with France, on their part, would not satisfy the FLN. The rebels have demanded active collaboration with themselves, under threat of a fate that would make death seem preferable. It has been the rebels' aim thus to create an impression of support that would dignify their terrorist raids with the name of civil war. Had the native population given that support, the revolt would have been successful. The FLN's reply to the natives' refusal has been to step up their atrocities, while going to great pains to deny them to the outside world. In this endeavor they have followed the time-worn Communist tactic: Always accuse your enemy, as loudly and brazenly as possible, of the very crimes which you are yourself committing. The offices of American congressmen and editors have been swamped with anti-French propaganda, often bearing photographs of natives *which the FLN itself had mutilated*. One whole book of lies about French "atrocities" in Algeria, written by an out-and-out avowed Communist, has been given wide circulation — and favorable newspaper reviews — all over America. (*Including a quite "sympathetic" full-column review on the editorial page of the Boston Herald.* Editor.) While the carefully prepared and exact documentary of the massive

cruelties and typically Communist terrorism of the FLN, meticulously assembled by the French government, has been barred from the United States mails—in effect, by *a request* from our government to France not to circulate it here.

This is all just a part of the misinformation and misinterpretation, planted in and by the American press — with the tremendous help of *L'Express,* the slick and slanted French magazine which is the voice of the Mendes-France socialists of the extreme Left —, with which Soustelle and his associates have had to contend. Against this barrage of smear and trouble-making he has maintained dignity, intellectual honesty, patriotic determination, and unrivalled industriousness that is a lifelong habit, and a firm humanitarianism.

"If a just policy exists for Algeria," he has written, "it is integration. The equality of rights between Europeans and Moslems requires the renunciation of all racial discrimination, under whatever pretext it may exist. This moral aspiration carries with it a social aspiration as well; the raising of living standards of the groups until now disinherited. This can be done only by the renunciation of their privileges by those who have until now occupied favored positions, and by a great effort on the part of France. Naturally, one cannot reduce integration to a formula that simple, but it is from this initial willingness that the rest must start."

In his memoirs, *For And Against All,* and *Loved And Suffering Algeria,* his policy towards Algeria is set forth with clarity and sincerity. And that policy is a far cry from the "all or nothing," and "keeping Algeria at any price," to which it was reduced by the *New York Times* of June 15, 1958. In fact, Soustelle himself has once complained of the way his words are so widely twisted: "In twenty speeches and a hundred articles I have tried to make it clear. Yet there are those who pretend not to understand or who confound integration, which I foresee, with assimilation, which I reject."

As early as June 28, 1955, Soustelle summed up the objective which he has supported ever since: "The ethnological, linguistic, and religious identity of Algeria must be and shall be respected, without hindering her taking her place as a true French province in the domains of society, politics, and administration." In such a discussion the question of sovereignty is important. "French sovereignty in Algeria," he wrote, "does not signify the sovereignty of Frenchmen of Algeria, nor of Europeans over Moslems. It signifies that Algeria is a land of French sovereignty where all inhabitants are French citizens with equal rights, participating along constitutional forms in the exercising of French sovereignty."

It is a bold ideal, and a costly but courageous undertaking. Besides all of the normal political and economic obstacles to its achievement — which Soustelle's inspired leadership and determination might be able to overcome — there are three abnormal difficulties to be faced. They are the opposition of the Communists, of the United States Government, and of Senator John Kennedy. Or is that only one?

ANSWERS BY SOUSTELLE

To Questions From Our Readers

Question: According to *Look,* November 25, 1958, you are "the most dangerous man in France." Why do you feel that such an article was written in the United States?

Answer: I am still wondering why. It's a fact, though, that many articles in the—theoretically—anti-Communist press in the States do their best to slander men and movements who are painted as "dangerous." Dangerous for whom? It is enough to cast a glance on the French leftist press to understand that I am dangerous . . . only for the Communists.

Question: In your opinion is General de Gaulle the most effective leader for France? Why?

Answer: Yes. Because his personal prestige and the faith a large majority of the French put in him enable him to unite a traditionally divided country.

Question: Is the press in France controlled by the government? If so, is control a temporary measure?

Answer: No. During the events of last May the government of M. Pflimlin controlled the press. General de Gaulle's first act was to free the press by suppressing the Censorship. Freedom of the press is by itself a good thing; at the same time it is true that some irresponsible or Communist-inspired newspapers do a lot of harm to France and to the free world.

Question: How long, Mr. Soustelle, have you been helping the de Gaulle Government?

Answer: I have been one of de Gaulle's followers and advisers for the last nineteen years, and a member of his government both in 1945 and 1958.

Question: As a possible settlement to the Algerian situation, would you accept the division of the country with forced separation of the nationalists and colons?

Answer: Partition of Algeria would be what I call a formula of despair. I doubt that a divided Algeria could survive and very much fear that such a division would only lead to a hopeless and atrocity-filled civil war.

Question: Would you favor leaving French troops or even reinforcing these troops in the Western Zone of Berlin if the United States dishonors its commitment and withdraws its forces?

Answer: I prefer not to take into account a hypothesis which casts such a grave doubt on the intentions of the United States government.

Question: Do you favor further withdrawal of or limitation of command of French troops or air and sea forces assigned to the NATO command?

Answer: I am in favor of a thorough reappraisal of the NATO framework of command.

Question: What is the attitude of the French Government toward Algeria? Their attitude towards Tunisia and Indochina appears to me to be different.

Answer: The attitude of the French

Government toward Algeria and toward Tunisia is different because these two countries are different. Algeria is and for 129 years has been a part of France, and never was nor is a separate nation or state; while Tunisia is a state which was linked to France by a treaty of protectorate.

The Algerians, both of metropolitan or of local origin, are French citizens, with the same rights, and with their own members of Parliament. France cannot let a foreign-led gang of terrorists separate that province from the metropolitan territory any more than any other part of France; nor would the United States yield Texas or Hawaii to an armed minority of killers.

Question: What reasons can you give for the increase in the number of Communist seats in the recent election? (*This question referred to the municipal elections in March.* Editor)

Answer: The increase in Communist seats in the recent municipal elections reflects a certain amount of dissatisfaction caused by the "austerity" decrees. It has no direct effect on Parliament and even less on government.

Question: What provisions are contained in the new French Constitution that would lead to a more stable government in France?

Answer: The whole constitution makes for a stable government, because it does not allow the Assembly to overthrow the Cabinet except under very strict conditions, and then makes it possible for the President to dissolve the Assembly and call for new elections.

Question: We would like to ask if you think or believe our Government is crazy?

Answer: No answer.

Question: Do you believe in coexistence with Soviet Russia? If not, how do you think we can solve the Berlin situation where we are now coexisting with the Communists?

Answer: We Europeans have coexisted for centuries with the Turkish empire, which sometimes threatened our very existence, until it eventually collapsed. The Berlin situation is an uneasy compromise, as is the whole situation of Germany. We must not permit it to be transformed into a Russian domination, nor can we abandon the free people of West Berlin.

Question: Why is the French Government asking for complete control of the French fleet now under NATO?

Answer: The French Government has asked for complete control of its Mediterranean fleet because we feel that we have heavy responsibilities of our own in that sea, which it is to the ultimate advantage of the free world that we should discharge.

Question: Will the Fifth Republic of France have a gold backed franc?

Answer: The "heavy franc" is defined by a fixed relationship with gold.

Question: Will France declare all Communists traitors? If not, why not?

Answer: Article 4 of the new constitution holds that all parties, in order to be allowed to exist, are subject to certain duties with regard to democracy and the nation. Laws have to be evolved to implement that constitutional provision.

Question: Will de Gaulle fight if attacked by Russian Communists?

Answer: Why, sure!

Question: You have been quoted as saying: "France is between two giants —Russia, a giant without a heart, and the United States, a giant without brains." In what way would you say the American foreign policy should be conducted if, to paraphrase you, the United States had brains?

Answer: Although I do not take the above quotation as a genuine expression of mine, I wish to answer the second paragraph. It seems to me that, the United States policy being founded on the necessary solidarity of the free world, it should take that necessity into account not only in western Europe but also in the Middle East and Africa.

Question: Would you be prepared to meet a delegation from the FLN and the so-called Algerian Government in Exile to discuss an armistice and constitutional reform leading to independence within a federal status with France, such a meeting to be held in the United States Embassy in Paris? (*This question came from a member of the British House of Commons, as Mr. Soustelle knew.* Editor)

Answer: If empowered by the government to do so, I would meet a delegation from the FLN to discuss a cease-fire. My government's unequivocal position is that no negotiations of a political nature could be held with the so-called "Algerian Government." I do not see any reason why such a meeting should be held in any embassy.

Question: What message from your wide experience can you send which, if widely circulated, might cause a flood of letters to our President and other officials, demanding that we recognize our friends and treat them as friends and refrain from treating as friends those people who have chosen to be our enemies?

Answer: I would not wish to seem to be interfering with the internal policy of the United States.

Question: Mr. Jacques Soustelle, would you truly help us fight Communism and thus help save Berlin and eventually all Germany and Western Europe? We would truly love you and France for this and pray for many more like you.

Answer: I am glad to have this opportunity to tell a real American citizen that not only myself but many Frenchmen, especially the young generation, are prepared to resist any communist or other totalitarian domination. The fight we have led in Algeria for five years has prevented Communism from rooting itself in North Africa, from where it would have jeopardized the safety of continental Europe. We have shown that we are determined not to yield to any pressure, propaganda, or terrorism, and we will fight on.

Jacques Soustelle

There were far too many questions for Mr. Soustelle to be able to answer them all, without an utterly unreasonable demand on his time. And there were many he did answer which we have not published because they overlapped others, or no longer are as timely as when asked—and because of our own space limitations. But we do believe our selection, and the graciousness and frankness of Mr. Soustelle's replies, will have helped our readers to know better both the man and where he stands.

We Pause To Remark

In December, 1957, a French patrol in Algeria seized a number of papers from a Fellagha unit. Translated, one of these papers read as follows.

Army Of Liberation—Forces Of National Liberation
Command Headquarters of Mintaqal in the Department of Oran
From Captain Jabor to the Lieutenants Driss and Lakhdar:

I am sending with Lieutenant Mourad an American journalist. Here are some instructions so that you will make no mistakes in your conversations with him.

This journalist is an American and a colonialist. He is a big journalist with an important job and he has great influence on the American people and his government.

In reality he is against our revolutionary movement; he continues to believe in the French, consequently you must know how to talk to him.

He believes that we are fighting for religious ends. Tell him that we are fighting for independence and against colonialism, that we will not infringe on his beliefs and politics. Say that you are against Communism, that Communism has no influence on the Algerian people. He believes that the Algerian people are with France; you must convince him that they are with us, that the people are the FRONT and that they only say they are with France under pressure. Show him that all the people work; for example, set up guard drills for him, organize activities, even the women. Show him!

If he asks you any questions on how our government shall be formed in the future, tell him that it will be exclusively Algerian, not Arab or Moslem. Tell him our people shall have liberty of action and shall elect their leaders, that our government will be republican and democratic and that we are not against anyone but against colonialism.

This newspaperman does not have much time. If he goes as far as Outpost 2 see that he does not stay there long. Let him live with the men, but before he meets them tell them how to speak to him and give them lessons on how to act.

The subject of all this solicitude, the newspaperman who was taken on this carefully stage-managed tour, was Joseph Kraft, of the *New York Times*. For the highly favorable report, "I Saw The Algerian Rebels In Action," which he then wrote about these FLN terrorists, published first in the *Saturday Evening Post* and then widely reprinted elsewhere, Joseph Kraft was recently awarded a prize by the Overseas Press Club of New York. At the very moment he was being thus honored, for helping to promote the pretense of the Algerian rebels that they have nothing to do with the Communists, Russia was recruiting Moslem "volunteers" in the Caucasus to aid these rebels, Communist Czechoslovakia was furnishing them arms, Chou En-lai was vowing the support of 650 million Chinese, FLN emissary Omar Oussedik was negotiating for arms in Peking, and twenty young Algerian rebel pilots were already in training in Red China. As Bob Morris has so aptly put it, "no wonder we are losing."

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Oxford University, England
8th May, '59

The Editor
THE SATURDAY EVENING POST
Independence Square
Philadelphia 5, Pa., U.S.A.

Sir:

On the premise that the POST for which I have much admiration and affection is dedicated to the pursuit of truth, not to the promotion of a smear, I venture to suggest a misstatement in your issue of 18th April. In his Princeton romance ('Bright Young Boss of Princeton') your contributing editor, Mr. Harold H. Martin, wrote that 'Halton, on the eve of his departure,' observed that 'three individuals in his opinion deserved the title of anti-Christ: Martin Luther, Margaret Sanger, and Robert Goheen.' Neither on the eve of my departure for Oxford not at any time have I conceived or expressed, publicly or privately, such a curiously amusing trinity. However, several months before I said 'Farewell, Sweet Princeton,' a member of the University, in an abortive effort to embarrass me, did invent this howler and inserted it in that section of the gilded press known as THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN. I dealt with the calumny publicly at the time. I think it a pity that Mr. Martin, neglecting his home-work, fell for such obvious nonsense. This kind of irresponsible journalism which you, sir, must deplore does monstrous disservice to the POST and its readers.

I should be delighted to offer you or Harold H. Martin $1000. for any evidence, suitable for a court, that I made such

a statement. Did I write it or say it? Where and on what date? Name one person who heard me say it. Produce one document in which I wrote it. The alternative ought to be an apology given the same prominence in the POST as the original untruth. Even Savonarola has a right to his reputation.

'Anti-Christ,' in my judgment, is the kind of strong expression one ought to reserve for Godless intrinsic evils like Communism, say. Perhaps this is why I took such a firm position on the appearance of Alger Hiss at Princeton in April 1956. *Less than a fortnight after I affirmed that the convicted, unrepentant perjurer stands outside the tradition and has nothing to say to a community engaged in the quest for truth, the Board of Trustees of Princeton University voted my censure.* Robert Goheen is certainly not anti-Christ; but he is, like so many presidents of private schools, a puppet of Trustees. When they pull the strings, he could dance all night. Had he not promised to implement the Trustees' arbitrary decision, dictated in part by the effect of my action on Annual Giving, he might not have been invested as President of Princeton. He knows it, I know it, and that is all that really matters.

The issue at Princeton was and is primarily academic, not religious. When I quote a Princeton professor who has conditioned uncritical undergraduate minds for twenty-five years with the false teaching that Christianity is an opiate and a dream and God a myth and an illusion, and when I quote a Princeton Professor of Art and Archaeology for thirty-eight years who thinks that St. Thomas Aquinas is the Mother of God, I expect President Goheen and the Trustees to come up with a more brilliant or witty expression than academic freedom or an angry insistence that Mrs. Goheen and the children are Catholic. I think it disgraceful that Princeton and the President (and now Mr. Martin) have introduced the quite irrelevant religious belief of Dr. Goheen's family. *I'm concerned with ideas and consequences.* If the President's wife is

Catholic, this is a purely personal matter; if, as heiress to Hercules Powder, she's loaded, I say more power to her; but in the Princeton academic context both blessings are irrelevant. Though perhaps the Trustees are delighted that the President, even as a poor young scholar, was not intolerant of wealth. I could be just as irrelevant and insist that my brother doesn't like very dry martinis, and that my great aunt, who may have been in her heart of hearts a Methusalite, adored kippers. I believe my mother's stole is Russian, her wrist watch conceived by a Calvinist in Genève, and the whole family eats Jaffa oranges from Israel. So what?

I exposed intellectual mediocrity, moral and political subversion, and intolerable nonsense in the groves of Princeton's academic Wonderland. This was my sin for which the University had no absolution: I put Truth before Togetherness. Less than 72 hours after the announcement of my honorary degree in reverse, I issued 24 pages of summary documentation to more than 45 members of the press. Within 6 months a half million copies were in print. Shame on Mr. Martin for a third-rate research job. A freshman at Princeton would be advised to go to Yale for less than that.

I did learn from the essay in the POST that Dr. Goheen's father 'believed that thoughts could be transmitted to the subconscious mind during sleep, and (that) he would sometimes pass through the children's ward in his hospital, gently admonishing the sleeping youngsters not to wet the bed.' If it isn't too late, would somebody at the POST be good enough to read this letter, gently, over and over again to a nodding Harold Martin? Had he matched 'Savonarola's zeal for reform' with a similar enthusiasm for accurate reporting, he too might have been spared embarrassment.

(Signed) *Father Hugh Halton, O.P.*
Father Hugh Halton, O.P., M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon)

In Place Of A Thousand Words

Coexistence, Final Stage

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

by

J. B. MATTHEWS

Our title for this feature is, admittedly, something of a misnomer this month. The book reviews have not been floated in a running stream of comment concerning the present state of production or criticism in this best of all possible writers' worlds. If the same contributor, kindly pinch-hitting herewith, begins turning out this section regularly for us, we are going to have to change either its form or his. Postponing that day of decision, we offer you this time simply some excellent book reviews, by the one and only Dr. J. B. Matthews.

WILLIAM S. SCHLAMM. *Germany and the East-West Crisis: The Decisive Challenge to American Policy.* Pp. 237. New York: David McKay Company, Inc., 1959. $3.75.

William S. Schlamm's qualifications for writing this book are of the highest order. Equally at home in the cultures of the Old World and the New, Mr. Schlamm has brought insights gained from first-hand experience to the writing of *Germany and the East-West Crisis.* His career as editor and journalist in both Central Europe and the United States has extended over a whole generation and is matched by few, if any, of his contemporaries in the field of social and political criticism.

In addition to its profound analyses of the world crisis toward which we are now drifting, Mr. Schlamm's book possesses the timeliness of tomorrow morning's newspapers.

Anyone who wishes to invest with new meaning the day-by-day headlines of the news dispatches out of Geneva, Berlin, and Moscow will make haste to buy and read this impassioned plea from the pen of William S. Schlamm. It is the perfect antidote to Walter Lippmann, George F. Kennan, and Dwight D. Eisenhower. For a brand new and winning American policy *vis-a-vis* the Communist threat, time is running out; and, Mr. Schlamm laments, it may already be too late.

Mr. Schlamm makes it eloquently clear that the so-called free world confronts the daily peril that Washington, with its ignorance of Communist strategy, may enter into some binding agreement with the Kremlin which will amount to the ultimate error.

Basic in Mr. Schlamm's program for the survival of the West is that the United States shall not for any *quid pro quo* barter away all or any part of the strategic advantage accruing from the unconditional possession of its nuclear weapons. From that proposition, it naturally follows that the West must become "*believably* willing to fight a war if there is no other way to stop and turn back the advance of communism." Corollary thereto is a complete about-face by Mr. Eisenhower: there must be no more speeches in which he says that "war is unthinkable."

Mr. Schlamm notes the existence of

a "massive conspiracy of the world's nuclear scientists" aiming at atomic disarmament by both sides in the Cold War. No other propaganda campaign in Soviet history has ever been so intensively and extensively conducted by Soviet agents.

On January 13, 1958, Professor Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize winner from the California Institute of Technology, handed the secretary-general of the United Nations a petition signed by 9,253 scientists of forty-four nations, demanding the cessation of all nuclear-weapons testing. At the head of this impressive procession was the venerable medical missionary, Albert Schweitzer. Full Soviet approval of this propaganda project was indicated beyond any doubt by the fact that the largest single bloc of signers among the 9,253 scientists was that of Iron-Curtain Romania which numbered 2,749. The Soviet Academy of Sciences was represented by 216 signers.

In the United States today, this massive campaign is carried on by the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, among whose leadership we find Professor Linus Pauling. This Sane Nuclear Policy Committee is a united front organization composed of pacifists, assorted socialists, clergymen, social workers, liberals, fellow travelers, and Communists. The National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy has branches in all the major cities of the United States, with more than seventy neighborhood committees in New York City alone.

Anti-Communists, Mr. Schlamm points out, fear the negotiation of an East-West pact which calls for atomic disarmament on the ground that the Communist governments could not be trusted to live up to such an agreement. On the contrary, Mr. Schlamm believes that such an East-West treaty could be the exception to the rule of Soviet violation of its solemn treaty obligations and that, for once, the Soviet government would observe its treaty commitments to the last jot and tittle.

By the faithful honoring of an atomic disarmament treaty, and with the West's atomic hands tied, the Soviet imperialists would be freed of all the restraints imposed upon them by the West's nuclear weapons; and all of Europe would then sink *"unavoidably* under the gigantic weight of a 'conventional' Soviet army." Mr. Schlamm states that Soviet superiority in battle-ready divisions on the European continent is at the ratio of 24 to 1. The present balance of power which is the sole deterrent against the ambitions of the Soviet imperialists is a balance which would disappear in the twinkling of an eye, if and when nuclear weapons were outlawed by an East-West multilateral treaty. Khrushchev, or his successor, relying on his gigantic superiority in "conventional" military power, would be in a position to blackmail his way across Europe to the shores of the Atlantic—NATO or no NATO. Mr. Schlamm demolishes the NATO concept of Western defense, with or without the outlawry of nuclear bombs.

Starry-eyed liberals have spent a large part of their time and writing during the past forty-one years in expectations and predictions that the Soviets were about to have a change of heart with respect to the fundamentals of expansionism and world conquest. It has never been difficult for the Communist conspirators to feed the liberal illusion that the Soviet change of heart was just

around the corner. With the Soviet signature on an atomic disarmament treaty, the pious pacifists and the not-so-pious scientists-turned-politicians could be expected to proclaim to all the world that the day-dream of peaceful coexistence had finally become a reality.

Mr. Schlamm is fully aware that one of the most exasperating phenomena of the present period is the fact that the operating personnel of the Communist-line apparatus includes men and women of good will. Their influence in the formation of pro-Soviet public opinion is directly proportionate to their reputations for piety, or so the Communist high command believes and hopes. Nevertheless and notwithstanding, their motivations—good, bad, or indifferent—are wholly irrelevant.

Many anti-Communists shy away from mentioning the names of allegedly innocent non-Communists who support the objectives of the world conspiracy. The shyness of such anti-Communists is due in many instances to their failure adequately to comprehend the seriousness of the Communist threat which, in Mr. Schlamm's view, is second to none in the history of the human race. Rejecting this softness of method, Mr. Schlamm does not draw back from the unpleasant necessity of describing the roles of Albert Schweitzer and John C. Bennett as leading figures in the undermining of the morale of the West. In fact, he dedicates a chapter of *Germany and the East-West Crisis* to the Rev. Prof. John C. Bennett, Dean of Union Theological Seminary and representative spokesman for a large section of the Protestant clergy in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

Mr. Schlamm challenges Professor Bennett on the latter's home ground; namely, that of the moral imperative. With respect to the hierarchy of moral values, Professor Bennett is a highly disturbing reflection of a strong trend in Protestant Christianity. In a recent address to the International Congregational Council, Professor Bennett said: "We should put the prevention of general war ahead of the defeat of communist power, and a real acceptance of coexistence ahead of victory in the cold war." Concealed in this proposal of the eminent theologian are an announcement of surrender to moral defeatism and the acceptance of world conquest by the Soviet imperialists. Professor Bennett's intentions are beside the point; what counts is what he said. Mr. Schlamm is entirely correct in saying that the National Council of Churches, for which Professor Bennett speaks, is "without much doubt one of the three or four most powerful political lobbies in the nation."

Such are some of the obstacles which lie athwart the path of the West's ultimate victory over the Communist East. Mr. Schlamm's prescription for the dangerously ailing West must be filled without delay or the patient will be beyond help.

If, in some way, Mr. Schlamm's historic document could receive the attention it merits, it might make all the difference in the world.

JULES DUBOIS. *Fidel Castro*. Pp. 391. Indianapolis; New York: The New Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., 1959. $5.00.

Fidel Castro by Jules Dubois will come as a shock to those who think of the Chicago *Tribune* as a journal of

solid conservatism. Jules Dubois is the great newspaper's Latin-American correspondent.

As a press agent for Cuba's new dictator, Dubois is second only to Herbert L. Matthews of the New York *Times*. When he was in New York some weeks ago receiving the plaudits of a Spanish speaking mob, Castro bestowed a medal upon Dubois — a dubious honor for services rendered.

The Dubois book was obviously thrown together in great haste for the purpose of capitalizing on Castro's current publicity. Unfortunately for Dubois' purpose, every day's news out of Cuba makes his book more and more ridiculous.

To a large extent, *Fidel Castro* is a compilation of quotations from speeches, manifestoes, and proclamations of the author's hero. Page after page is filled with the oratorical ranting of the youthful demogogue. To be exact, there are 161 full pages of quotations.

For every misdeed, outrage, and brutality which Castro has perpetrated, Dubois has a ready excuse.

When Castro exhibited complete contempt for his own earlier commitments to constitutional processes, Dubois offers "the lack of sufficient sleep" as an alibi. For his singular originality, Dubois deserves a medal. The judgments against Batista might have been softened if his sleeping habits had been investigated.

In another instance, Dubois quotes Castro as saying "we executed a ranch foreman who had accused tenant farmers and peasants of being pro-rebel, and who had increased the holdings of his landlord from ten acres to four hundred acres by taking the land of those he denounced." There are two things wrong in this picture. In the first place, "tenant farmers" do not own the land on which they work. It is, therefore, impossible for a landlord to increase his "holdings" by taking what already belongs to him. In the second place, a landlord who owns only ten acres can hardly be described as rich. Nevertheless, Dubois comments on Castro's action, as follows: "Thus Castro was to become the Robin Hood of the Sierra Maestra and was to pursue later the same policy of taking from the rich to give to the poor." Taking from the rich to give to the poor and executing the hired help of the so-called rich may better be described as grand larceny and murder, which are typical acts of the Communists. Comparisons with Robin Hood do not acquit Castro of his crimes.

Kidnapping, which is punishable by death in the United States, is downgraded by Jules Dubois to "a psychological *faux pas*" — when United States military personnel and civilians are snatched by Castro. Furthermore, the kidnapping was a "stunt" of Brother Raul which, according to Dubois, relieves Brother Fidel of all responsibility for the crime.

With respect to the all-important question of whether Fidel and Raul Castro are Communists or not, Dubois says that he asked both of them and both categorically denied that they are Communists; and that is the sole evidence which Dubois presents. Most certainly Dubois is not naive; but with equal certainty he is relying on the naivete of his readers when he asks them to accept the denials of the Castro brothers as competent evidence. When Dubois questioned Raul Castro about his participation in a Communist Youth

Congress in Vienna and about other trips behind the Iron Curtain, Raul answered that he liked to travel.

Dubois' treatment of the case of Ernesto De la Fe reveals much with respect to the question of Communists in the Castro reign of terror. In the summer of 1954, De la Fe resigned from the Batista cabinet over the issue of Communist infiltration of the government, the labor unions, and other institutions of Cuban society. Before the end of that year, De la Fe had assumed the duties of secretary-general of a Latin-American anti-Communist organization. This reviewer has ample documentary proof of the foregoing statements concerning De la Fe. Dubois states that a Cuban newspaper columnist was arrested and "almost tortured to death" while De la Fe was a member of Batista's cabinet, implying that De la Fe was in some way responsible for the atrocity. Dubois says that De la Fe had "lately" become secretary-general of an anti-Communist organization. Admittedly, the word "lately" is somewhat ambiguous, but hardly enough so to cover a period of more than four years. On June 1, 1959, one of Castro's military courts sentenced De la Fe to a prison term of fifteen years. Such is the fate of Latin America's most distinguished anti-Communist under the Castro dictatorship.

LOUISE PETTIBONE SMITH. *Torch of Liberty*. Pp. 448. New York: Dwight-King, Publishers, Inc., 1959. 5.00.

This is a unique book whose extraordinary character is due to the uniquely successful nature of the organization whose history it purports to trace. It is a book about a Communist organization, written from the Communist viewpoint. Nothing like it has ever before been published.

The author, Louise Pettibone Smith, is Professor Emeritus of Wellesley College. From 1915 until 1953, Professor Smith was a member of the Department of Biblical History at Wellesley. *Torch of Liberty* is her account of the first twenty-five years of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born as seen through the eyes of one of the most active Communist collaborators in this country. For the past eight years, Professor Smith has served as honorary co-chairman of the ACPFB, and has travelled widely throughout the United States to promote the interests of this unique Communist apparatus.

No other unit of the Communist network has a record of comparable effectiveness. Few Communist organizations last longer than five years. The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has passed its twenty-fifth birthday and is still going strong.

On April 22, 1953, the Attorney General of the United States filed a petition with the Subversive Activities Control Board for an order to require the ACPFB to register as a Communist-front organization. More than four years later, the Subversive Activities Control Board issued a "recommended decision," written by Hearing Examiner Edward M. Morrissey whose conclusion reads as follows: ". . . the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is directed, dominated and controlled by the Communist Party of the United States. . ." Mr. Morrissey's conclusion, based on the voluminous testimony of many witnesses, was one which

could have been reached by any unbiased citizen twenty years earlier. The Dies Committee, in fact, received and published testimony in August, 1938, naming the ACPFB as a Communist organization.

Despite the Dies Committee evidence, or perhaps because of it, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent the following greeting to the ACPFB on March 2, 1940: "On the occasion of its Fourth Annual Conference, I am glad to greet the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born . . . Every American wishes it success." In pretending to speak for "every American," Roosevelt told a deliberate lie.

On October 28, 1944, more than ten years after the ACPFB was launched on its subversive course, the organization received messages of greeting from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vice President Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, and United States Senator Robert F. Wagner.

In her *Torch of Liberty,* Professor Louise Pettibone Smith records these and other long forgotten facts which go far toward indicating the route by which we have travelled in reaching the present precarious position we occupy *vis-a-vis* the international Communist threat.

In the course of its twenty-five-year history of subversion, the ACPFB has received the public support of nineteen United States senators and thirty members of the United States House of Representatives. Among the individuals who have been affiliated with the organization, there have been 302 educators including 33 presidents of colleges, universities, and theological seminaries. Protestant clergymen affiliated with the ACPFB number 205; writers 105; labor union officials 102; and lawyers 168. This is a record unequalled by any other Communist organization.

The names of several hundred of these affiliated individuals are listed in Professor Smith's *Torch of Liberty*. The book is obviously an important addition to the original sources of the Communist movement.

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We have just heard about a family in Texas that is having a terrible time getting any water for the household. They keep digging wells, but no matter where they dig nothing comes up but oil.

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The following inscription is said to be on a cemetery stone, which is said to be in Aurora Falls. We don't know where Aurora Falls is, and we guarantee nothing, but we do like the epitaph:

"Sacred to the memory of Jared Bates. His widow aged 24 lives at 7 Elm Street, has every qualification for a good wife, and yearns to be comforted."

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And then there was the woman who bought fifty pounds of steel wool? Says she's going to knit a stove.

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Message inside a Chinese fortune cookie: "Please disregard previous cookie."

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Doctor, to patient's wife: "I don't like the looks of your husband."

Wife: "I don't either, but he's all that was available."

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A bewildered man entered a ladies specialty shop and told the salesgirl:

"I want a corset for my wife."

"What bust?" the girl asked.

"Nothing," replied the man. "It just wore out."

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One blistering hot day when they had guests, a mother asked her four-year-old son to say the blessing. "But, Mother, I don't know what to say," he protested.

"Oh, just say what you've heard me say," she told him.

Obediently he bowed his little head and said: "Oh, Lord, why did I invite these people here on a hot day like this?"

Lost in one of London's famous fogs, an American tourist finally heard footsteps. He called out: "Could you please tell me where I'm going?"

"Into the canal," replied an unhappy voice from the mist. "I've just come out."

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An actress at a cocktail party, seeing an authoress whom she disliked, went over to congratulate her on her latest book.

"I enjoyed it, my dear," the actress cooed. "Who wrote it for you?"

"Darling!" the authoress cooed in return. "I'm so glad you liked it. Who read it to you?"

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A fellow who owned a ranch out west was thrown from a horse, which resulted in a trip to the hospital. A few days later one friend asked another: "Did old Bill finally get all right?"

"Well, no" replied the second. "He ain't all right, but he's back like he used to be."

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Two fleas had just finished a hard day at the circus. Said one: "Shall we hop home, or take a dog?"

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Capper's Weekly tells about the missionary who was traveling alone through the jungle when he met a huge lion. Flight was hopeless. He fell to his knees in anxious prayer. A few moments later he was greatly comforted to see the lion on its knees beside him.

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"Don't interrupt," said the lion tersely. "I always say grace before a meal."

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3. It will play right into the hands of all of the appeasement-minded politicians, and weaken the position of the firm anti-Communist statesmen, in all the governmental circles of the remaining free world.
4. The results of the last "summit conference" have proved to be huge gains for the Soviets, and huge losses for the anti-Communist forces. We should be guided by this experience.
5. Experience has further and fully demonstrated that any agreements which the Soviets do make will be ignored or broken, as soon as it suits their convenience.
6. The only questions raised or discussed will be as to *how far* we will give in to Soviet demands. Under such conditions we have all to lose and nothing to gain.
7. The President of the United States is seriously handicapped, in bargaining in any such conference with a man like Khrushchev. The President's commitments are not final, but must later be ratified by the Senate, as is well known to the Soviet Premier, who can himself speak with dictatorial authority.
8. It is an unconstitutional way for an American President to conduct foreign affairs. Treaties must be entered into with the *advice* and *consent* of the Senate. Even if retroactive consent is later obtained, both Senate and Executive are violating the Constitution as to the *advice* of the Senate during the negotiations.
9. Syngman Rhee is correct that "what is morally wrong can never be politically right." It is morally wrong to fraternize with murderers.
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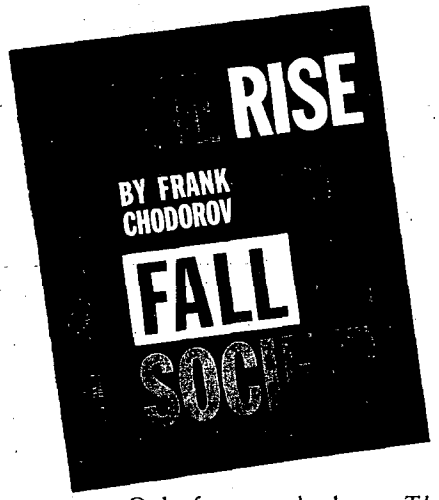

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Walter A. Upson
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August 1, 1959

Dear Sirs;

I would appreciate any information you could give me on the following organization; " The John Birch Society" founded by Robert Welch.

This organization supposedly is " Dedicated to the Survival of our American way of life" Is It?? If it is I would be interested in it.

I received "Preliminary Information" fron the following person; D. Hayes Murphy Chairman The Wiremold Company, Hartford Connecticut. I have applied for but have received full information.

There are so many organizations that hide behind a " Do Good Front " and are Subversive to the American way of Life.

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The John Birch Society and Robert Welch are known to your office. Refer to your files 62-3810 and 100-3-899. (62-105504) (62-104401)

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Walter A. Upson
254 Lincoln Ave.
Haverhill, Mass.

August 1, 1959

Dear Sirs;

I would appreciate any information you could give me on the following organization; " The John Birch Society" founded by Robert Welch.

This organization supposedly is " Dedicated to the Survival of our American way of life" Is It?? If it is I would be interested in it.

I received "Preliminary Information" fron the following person;D. Hayes Murphy Chairman The Wiremold Company,Hartford Connecticut. I have applied for put have received full information.

There are so many organizations that hide behind a " Do Good Front " and are Subversive to the American way of Life.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Walter A. Upson

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Note to SAC, Boston, continued:

D. Hayes Murphy was investigated by the Bureau in 1942 as a special inquiry for the Office for Emergency Management, and no derogatory information was developed. He has over a period of years furnished information to the Bureau which he believed to be of interest. The New Haven Office has reported he is now 81 years of age and is devoting his time to fighting the menace of communism. He has also been corresponding with Welch concerning plans to fight communism. (77-17741)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requested information concerning the John Birch Society founded by Robert Welch. He also stated he had received some literature from D. Hayes Murphy. Although no direct request is made for information concerning Murphy, it appears correspondent desires such information.

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The John Birch Society is a new organization created by Welch. [redacted] is currently attempting to secure additional information concerning this organization. It is being secretly organized and apparently is anticommunist. Welch is a candy manufacturer who is allegedly very anticommunistic and has been traveling throughout the country meeting with other wealthy industrialists to create organizations to fight communism.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 27, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-00)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re SAC Letter 59-13 (F) captioned as above, setting forth information concerning WELCH, a resident of Belmont, Massachusetts, with offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The SAC Letter notes that WELCH is Editor and Publisher of "American Opinion", which he regularly publishes and issues. Neither WELCH nor his publication have ever been the subject of Bureau investigation. In January, 1959 he met with a group of leading industrialists at Milwaukee, Wisconsin at which time he lectured on Communism, the urgent need for anti-Communist action, and his desire to establish ostensible Communist front groups which in reality would be anti-Communist groups. Re SAC Letter instructed that any information concerning further activity by WELCH in the furtherance of his plan should be made known to the Bureau.

[redacted]

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On August 20, 1959, [redacted], Indiana, made available certain documents and correspondence received from the captioned individual on the letterhead of "American Opinion" and from the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, which also appears to be an endeavor of this individual.

There is enclosed herewith for the information of the Bureau, Indianapolis, and Boston, one photostat of each of the following items:

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2- Bureau (REGISTERED)(Encls. 9)
1- Boston (REGISTERED)(Encls. 9)
1- Indianapolis (REGISTERED)(Encls. 9)
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1) Petition entitled "Committee Against Summit Entanglements" advising the President not to attend a "summit conference".

2) Flyer entitled "Just a Minute, Mr. Congressman, before you vote our money and our jobs away. . ." This flyer is described therein as issued by the Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, Suite 335, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

3) A booklet entitled "The Scoreboard" described thereon as an article which was reprinted from "American Opinion", Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

4) A letter dated June 29, 1959 on the letterhead of "American Opinion" to [redacted] and signed ROBERT WELCH. The letter notes that an unpublished manuscript of "mine, which is quite confidential", would be sent to [redacted] in a matter of a few days. The letter notes that "We have a movement under way of which you undoubtedly have heard nothing--because we are concentrating entirely on building strength and understanding rather than creating noise, of which he (LOUIS RUTHENBURG) has been an enthusiastic supporter since it started last December, and which already has local working chapters in four states." WELCH continues by describing the background, methods, and purposes of the John Birch Society and indicates to [redacted] that she will be furnished additional information concerning it. b7D

5) A letter to [redacted] dated July 16, 1959 from WELCH again on the letterhead of "American Opinion" in which he authorizes [redacted] to permit another individual to read the confidential manuscript which he had previously submitted to [redacted]. He describes the manuscript as being entitled "The Politician". He then describes the John Birch Society as a movement which was started quietly by WELCH with a small group of leading industrialists who met with WELCH in Indianapolis during the past December "for the purpose of building strength and understanding to combat this conspiracy--while avoiding publicity to the fullest extent possible, because creating noise is no part of our intention. The movement is growing very rapidly, with extremely encouraging support from a great many patriotic leaders. . ." He indicated at the present time that he did not believe it possible to form regular chapters in Indiana, "for a few months yet", and suggested in the interim contact be maintained by mail.

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6) A letter dated July 2, 1959 from WELCH to [redacted] stating that under separate cover he was sending the recipient a manuscript which is not intended for publication at all and which is being put into the hands of a number of good friends and outstanding patriots who would be depended upon to treat the document with confidence as requested and to take reasonable precautions to safe-guard the document while it is in the party's possession. (This manuscript is entitled "The Politician", a copy of which is in the possession of the Chicago Office and will be described later.

7) John Birch Society bulletin for July, the contents of which are self explanatory.

8) A memo on the letterhead of the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts dated July 4, 1959 entitled "A Preliminary and Condensed Statement". This document describes the John Birch Society as an organization of Americans voluntarily joined together to (1) Combat more effectively the evil forces that threaten our country, our lives and our civilization; (2) To prevail upon fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism and to climb to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility; (3) To restore with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values and the gloriously humane traditions of which our Western civilization has been built. The long range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Continuing, the document states that the John Birch Society was founded by WELCH at a meeting in Indianapolis on December 9, 1958 and has working chapters in six states and additional chapters are being formed every week. Its immediate goal is 1,500 working chapters for December 31, 1959. The home chapter maintains contact with members and coordinates and their activities entirely by mail. There are home chapter members in about 20 states and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in the country.

This memo continues setting forth information under the captions "What is The John Birch Society?", "How are Chapters of the Society Formed?", "Why Haven't I Heard More About The John Birch Society?", "How May I Join The John Birch Society?"

9) Item entitled "Application for Membership", listing dues for membership and the conditions under which membership can be obtained.

The unpublished manuscript of WELCH entitled "The Politician" consists of 287 pages of vicious material designed to show that President EISENHOWER was the chosen successor of former President ROOSEVELT and that his present administration is under strong Communist influence. Typical of the statements contained therein is one appearing on page six, last paragraph, which reads as follows:

"The sad truth is that this tyranny was actually saved, in this period of great vulnerability, by just one thing; by the inauguration, on January 20, 1953, of Dwight David Eisenhower as President of the United States. The circumstances of his election made it politically necessary for him to bring many good men into his government. The rationale of his election, and the temper of the American people, made it imperative for a while that he talk a good brand of anti-Communism. But the Communist influences which completely controlled him kept the reins of that control tight and effective. Subtly, cleverly, always proclaiming otherwise and finding specious excuses for what were really pro-Communist actions, these Communist influences made him put the whole diplomatic power, economic power, and recognized leadership of this country to work, on the side of Russia and the Communists, in connection with every problem and trouble spot in their empire. You only have to look at where we stand today, five years later, at exactly these same spots on the scoreboard reviewed above, to realize the truth of this assertion and the extent of this Communist success. It simply was not possible to lose so much ground, so rapidly, to an enemy so inferior, by chance or by stupidity. The explanation calls for a very sinister and hated word, but one which is by no means new in the history of governments or of nations. The word is treason. It is the province of this treatise to show the part played in these treasonous developments, however unwittingly or unwillingly, by Dwight Eisenhower; and how, as the most completely opportunistic and unprincipled politician America has ever raised to high office, he was so supremely fitted for the part."

In view of the length of this manuscript and because Indianapolis and Boston as well as the Bureau may already have a copy of the manuscript no photostats are being submitted herewith. b7D

Should the Bureau desire a photostat to be prepared by this office the original manuscript can again be obtained from [redacted] and photostated.

The Bureau is requested to advise of its desires.

Let to chi 9/9/59 adv Bur already in possession of copy of manuscript

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ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU (9)

Photostats of:

1) Petition entitled "Committee Against Summit Entanglements"

2) Flyer entitled "Just a Minute, Mr. Congressman. .

3) Booklet entitled "The Scoreboard"

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Just a minute,

Mr. Congressman, before YOU vote our money and our jobs away . . .

Within the next few weeks Congress must decide whether to continue the foreign aid program. The White House Crowd and the bureaucrats on the payroll of the State Department want it continued indefinitely.

They say it is good for us: they say that it prevents war, that it helps business and that it stops the spread of communism.

We say that it is bad for us: it cannot prevent war, it hurts business and it has completely failed to stop the spread of communism.

Mr. Congressman, YOU must side either with the bureaucrats or with the people back home who do all the work, who pay all the taxes and who cast the votes.

It may help if we give you just ONE specific example to show the fallacy, the failure and the injustice of the program.

1. *The government in Washington, through its confiscatory income tax, seizes about one-third of the earnings of the American people.*

2. *The government in Washington uses this money to acquire most of the American cotton crop.*

3. *The government in Washington then sells this cotton to foreigners at several cents per pound less than American manufacturers can buy it back from their own government.*

4. *The government in Washington then permits foreign mills, paying but a fraction of American wages, to sell their products here at prices below the American cost of production. This unfair competition causes American mills to run short time or to close down.*

Mr. Congressman, how does it help American factory employees to be put out of work?

How do these idled factories help American investors?

How does this transfer of jobs and payrolls to foreign lands help the storekeepers of America?

Then on top of all this, *you* have given the State Department bureaucrats the power to use our tax money to build new factories in "under-developed" lands to compete with us even further.

Read for yourself in the words of Nathaniel Rafler, a bureaucrat on the payroll of the State Department's International Cooperation Administration, how this bit of double-cross works:

> *"Confirming my comments of this morning, I wish to reiterate the International Cooperation Administration is prepared to render many forms of assistance to any one or more of your members who may be interested in establishing textile plants in Indonesia.*
>
> *"International Cooperation Administration would be prepared to make loans from its New Development Fund. We would also be prepared to insure such investments against the political risks of expropriation, inconvertibility of currency, and war damage.*
>
> *"Furthermore, we would furnish technical assistance by financing on-the-job training in Indonesia, or training here in America for Indonesians, in technical and managerial skill.*
>
> *"We also might be able to finance the installation of public facilities such as power, transportation, etc., if not otherwise available."*

For Heaven's sake, Mr. Congressman, did we send YOU to Washington to vote our jobs and our money away in this absurd attempt to reform and uplift the human race all over the world?

How can it stop other countries from going communist if Congress continues to vote America into bankruptcy, self-destruction and bureaucratic enslavement?

Since the end of the war, 72 *billion* tax dollars have been given away in all parts of the globe by an army of bureaucrats now numbering over 12,000.

From foreign-owned factories built with our gift dollars now comes a flood of manufactured articles that displace our goods, not only abroad, but here at home. For the first time since 1865 England sells us more than she buys from us. Day by day this displacement of our goods threatens American jobs and payrolls with contraction or extinction in the following industries, besides textiles:

- Iron and steel mill products
- Pulp and paper products
- Fertilizer
- Cement and other non-metallic minerals
- Non-ferrous metals and products
- Copper
- Lumber and lumber manufacturers
- Machinery and equipment
- Motor vehicles
- Engines and parts
- Freight cars

To our fellow Americans: If you are opposed to the senseless transfer of American jobs and payrolls to foreign lands, then sign the following petition and mail a copy to your Congressman as well as a copy to each of your two Senators.

PETITION

Dear Mr. _____: I believe the first duty of the American government is to protect American citizens. I expect you to protect me by opposing the foreign aid program.

Name _____

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Members of this committee are not isolationists. They believe in the principle that commercial intercourse is of great importance to stabilize the world. They support the expansion of international trade by route of the free enterprise system.

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THE SCOREBOARD

Basic Communist strategy for conquest of the world, as laid out thirty-five years ago and relentlessly followed ever since, consisted of three steps: (1) Take eastern Europe; (2) next take the masses of Asia; (3) then take the rest of the world, including the United States. The Communists completed their first step in 1950; the second step is now at least three-fourths accomplished; and they have gone more than one-fourth of the way towards carrying out their third step. Which means that the Communists have now covered well over two-thirds of the total distance to their final goal of world-wide dominion. And the momentum and the speed of their progress are steadily increasing.

BETWEEN 1937 AND 1957 the expansion of Communist power in the world was approximately eight hundred percent — whether you measured that growth in the number of Party members, in the number of enslaved subjects, or by whatever unit of comparison. But during the past two years the rate of expansion has markedly increased.

For a decade after World War II the Communists *averaged* adding to their empire seven thousand newly enslaved subjects every hour, twenty-four hours of every day, 365 days of every year. But by 1958 that rate of conquest had come up to about twelve thousand new slaves per hour. And the once free peoples of Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia, Bolivia, Venezuela, Cuba, Ghana, Guinea, and other nations now slipping into Communist police-state rule, would gladly bear witness to both the truth and the horror of this record. How free the status of their former "colonialism" would seem to many of them today!

But the most ominous part of the Communist advance is also the most difficult to appraise. That is the rise of Communist influence in countries which are still considered to be clearly in, and on the side of, the remaining "free world." That there are ways of estimating how far the insidious tide has risen, however, even in these areas where much firm dry land still remains, has been decisively demonstrated by our experience in putting together the scores in this tabulation.

For several different scholars on four different continents, each of them a serious long-time student of the methods, purposes and progress of the Communist conspiracy, compiled his scoreboard independently of all the others. Each one made his own estimates as objectively and conscientiously as he knew how. And the resulting figures from these different experts, for all but one or two of the 105 countries listed, were so close as to be startling — and convincing. Believing therefore that our composite appraisals are dependable, significant, revealing — and frightening — we present *The American Opinion Scoreboard for* 1959.

This article is reprinted from *American Opinion*, an informal review published eleven times per year. Annual subscription, five dollars. Or send one dollar for two consecutive issues to find out whether you like us.
Address: AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont 78, Massachusetts

The American Opinion Scoreboard

In the following tabulation we have undertaken to estimate the present degree of Communist influence or control over the economic and political affairs of almost all of the "nations" of the world. (The omissions have been due to lack of size, importance, or autonomy.) The chief source of such control or influence may be Communist-run labor unions (as in Bolivia), or Communist sympathizers in government (as in India), or powerful Communist political parties (as in Italy), or highly successful Communist agitation and propaganda (as in Mexico). The total extent of Communist control or influence over any country, however, is due to the impact of all Communist pressures, direct and indirect, visible and undercover, working together. In most cases, of course, that total cannot be measured with exactness. But we believe the estimates given below to be conservative, as of June 1, 1959.

It is only when this scoreboard is compared with any similar one, which might have been compiled as recently as 1952, that its significance becomes so shockingly apparent. Each change since the 1958 Scoreboard — if sufficient to change the whole bracket shown against any country — is indicated by a star, and itemized on the last page of this insert.

The Kremlin's biggest concern now is to keep the remainder of the free world, and especially the people of the United States, from realizing the speed and certainty with which the Communists are completing their conquest of the planet. We intend to publish a revised scoreboard once a year until the conspiracy is entirely successful or has been entirely destroyed.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE

As A Percentage Of Total Control

1.	Aden	20 to 40%	19.	Chile	40 to 60%
2.	Afghanistan	80 - 100	20.	Communist China	100
3.	Albania	100	21.	Nationalist China	0 - 20
4.	Argentina	40 - 60	22.	Colombia	20 - 40
5.	Australia	0 - 20	23.	Costa Rica	20 - 40
6.	Austria	20 - 40	24.	Cuba	70 - 90★
7.	Belgian Congo	20 - 40★	25.	Czechoslovakia	100
8.	Belgium	20 - 40	26.	Denmark	20 - 40
9.	Bolivia	70 - 90★	27.	Dominican Republic	0 - 20
10.	Brazil	40 - 60	28.	East Germany	100
11.	Britain	40 - 60★	29.	Ecuador	20 - 40★
12.	British Guiana	80 - 100	30.	Egypt	80 - 100
13.	Bulgaria	100	31.	El Salvador	20 - 40
14.	Burma	60 - 80	32.	Ethiopia	60 - 80
15.	Cambodia	80 - 100	33.	Finland	60 - 80
16.	Canada	40 - 60★	34.	France	30 - 50★
17.	Central African Federation	20 - 40★	35.	French Equatorial Africa	20 - 40
18.	Ceylon	60 - 80	36.	French Togoland	40 - 60

Additional copies of this scoreboard, delivered: 1 to 99 copies, 10

37.	Ghana	80 to 100%
38.	Greece	40 - 60
39.	Guatemala	60 - 80
40.	Guinea	80 - 100★
41.	Haiti	20 - 40
42.	Honduras	40 - 60
43.	Hungary	100
44.	Iceland	80 - 100
45.	India	60 - 80
46.	Indonesia	80 - 100
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48.	Iraq	80 - 100★
49.	Ireland	0 - 20
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51.	Italy	40 - 60
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53.	Jordan	20 - 40
54.	Kenya	20 - 40
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64.	Nepal	60 - 80
65.	Netherlands	20 - 40★
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67.	Nicaraugua	20 - 40
68.	Nigeria	30 - 50★
69.	North Korea	100
70.	North Vietnam	100
71.	Norway	50 - 70★
72.	Outer Mongolia	100%
73.	Pakistan	30 - 50★
74.	Panama	60 - 80
75.	Paraguay	20 - 40★
76.	Peru	20 - 40
77.	Philippines	20 - 40
78.	Poland	100
79.	Portugal	0 - 20
80.	Romania	100
81.	Saudi Arabia	60 - 80
82.	Sierra Leone	30 - 50★
83.	Singapore	70 - 90★
84.	Somalia	40 - 60
85.	South Korea	10 - 30★
86.	South Vietnam	40 - 60
87.	Soviet Union	100
88.	Spain	0 - 20
89.	Sudan	50 - 70★
90.	Sweden	20 - 40
91.	Switzerland	20 - 40
92.	Syria	80 - 100
93.	Tanganyika	20 - 40
94.	Thailand	40 - 60
95.	Tibet	80 - 100
96.	Tunisia	80 - 100
97.	Turkey	0 - 20
98.	Uganda	20 - 40
99.	Union of South Africa	0 - 20
100.	United States	30 - 50★
101.	Uruguay	40 - 60
102.	Venezuela	80 - 100★
103.	West Germany	0 - 20
104.	Yemen	80 - 100
105.	Yugoslavia	100

Footnotes On Changes

Obviously there have been changes in the degree of Communist influence in pratically every country. But the changes shown, and discussed below, are only those which moved our estimate into a whole new bracket from the one given last year.

7. Belgian Congo. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. This change reflects the long reach of the agitation against "colonialism," sparked by Kwame Nkrumah.

9. Bolivia. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 70-90%. The Communists have steadily tightened their grip. They now own Bolivia, to whatever extent they wish to show their hand.

11. Britain. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 40-60%. Thanks to the "let's surrender" crusade of Ber-

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trand Russell, the pusillanimous appeasement policies of Harold Macmillan, and other factors, the Communist influence in and over Britain has markedly increased during the past twelve months.

16. Canada. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 40-60%. The erosion of resistance to Communist men and measures is subtle, gradual—and deadly.

17. Central African Federation. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. This is simply due to the Communist forces now increasingly at work all over Africa.

24. Cuba. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 70-90%. Last year the potential Communist take-over of Cuba was merely casting its shadow before it. This year it is an accomplished fact.

29. Ecuador. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. It is no secret that the situation in most of Latin America has rapidly grown worse since June 1, 1958.

34. France. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 30-50%. This is the one improvement noted on the whole planet. In our opinion much credit must go to de Gaulle and even more to Jacques Soustelle.

40. Guinea. 1958: (As part of French West Africa), 40-60%. 1959: 80-100%. Sekou Touré has now made the break with France complete; the break with civilization, and absorption of his country into the Soviet barbarism, all but complete.

48. Iraq. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 80-100%. This "swing" is drastic, but so were the developments. Our estimate last year was undoubtedly too conservative. The violent seizure of Iraq by the Communists was more sudden and complete than anything we had anticipated.

56. Lebanon. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 60-80%. Lebanon was just one more victim of a "Murphy good-will mission" — as well as of other forces. Under the guise of protecting and helping Lebanon, our government made Rashid Karami, the leading Communist of that small country (and the man most approved by Nassar), its Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of National Economy, Minister of Defense, and Minister of Information. With just one more blow of our helping hand the Communist control of Lebanon could move into the highest bracket.

57. Liberia. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. The change is merely another indication of the rising tide in Africa.

65. Netherlands. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. Whether or not our estimate in 1958 was too low, we don't know. We are sure this one is not too high.

68. Nigeria. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. Just another case of crumbling before the African "wave."

71. Norway. 1958: 40-60%. 1959: 50-70%. The change is partly the recognition and result of a continuing process; but it is partly just to make our estimate of Norway more realistic than that of last year.

73. Pakistan. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. Sad, unfortunate, not translatable into specifics —but true.

75. Paraguay. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 20-40%. General Alfredo Stroessner, President of Paraguay, is one of the few firm anti-Communists still remaining as heads of Latin American governments. But of late months he has had to give considerable ground to "liberal" pressures.

82. Sierra Leone. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. More washing from the African wave.

83. Singapore. 1958: 60-80%. 1959: 70-90%. The last elections show that Singapore is already "beyond the point of no return."

85. South Korea. 1958: 0-20%. 1959: 10-30%. The tremendous Communist efforts have gained toeholds that cannot be ignored.

89. Sudan. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 50-70%. This heavy gain in the strength of the Communists is largely due to the help and encouragement given them by that sterling non-Communist (!), G. A. Nasser.

100. The United States. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 30-50%. We were worried about defending our own conviction that Communist influence, over everything of political or economic importance done in or by the United States, now amounts to more than thirty percent of total control. Then we got the surprise of our lives in the far higher estimates from some of our experts.

We have kept this bracket, with fifty percent as the top limit to our appraisal, nevertheless. We are aware that the actual number of Communists and Communist sympathizers within our borders has little bearing on the case. For the Communists have taken over some countries completely with as little as one percent of the population as active agents. We agree with our experts that the Communist influence inside our government itself today is overwhelming. We know that this influence is almost as extreme within our educational, religious, and labor organizations. But we feel that there are still tremendous layers of Americanist strength not yet rotted by all of the infiltration, indoctrination, and political sabotage to which we have been subjected.

Here is a *fact*, however, which good Americans should note with alarm and anxiety. These men are the best informed authorities we know. Several of them, in or from Europe, Asia or Australia, are able to look at our situation more objectively than we can. They agree closely with us, and with each other, concerning every other country. And these men believe that the degree of Communist influence in the United States today amounts to *between 50% and 70% of total control.*

102. Venezuela. 1958: 20-40%. 1959: 80-100%. As in the case of Iraq, our 1958 figure was too low. And perhaps in the case of Venezuela we should have been more aware of the nearness and force of the coming storm.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Bulletin For July
June 30, 1959
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Foreword

Let us not be afraid to express the truth, merely because some liberal may call it trite.

Each effort of each of us as individuals is only a grain of sand. Yet a whole mighty barricade is built with grains of sand.

The millions of patriotic anti-Communists in America today are putting forth enough effort to hold back the Communist flood. But they are dropping the particles of their opposition in too many different places at too many different times. So that these grains of sand are scattered and made useless by the winds of the oncoming storm.

One of the major objectives of our Society, and the specific purpose of these bulletins, is to coordinate our efforts, so that we all add our grains of sand to the same piles at the same time. Only in this way can we build these piles together, in time, into a wall that the flood cannot break down or overcome.

To Home Chapter Members

In the seating of the representatives of the "government" of East Germany on an exact par with those of West Germany, the Communists got everything they expected out of the Four Ministers Conference in Geneva on the very first day. Everything, that is, except the announcement of a Summit Conference. And that, apparently, had to wait until the American Congress had adjourned. So, finding the stalling motions increasingly awkward and obvious, the Four Ministers recessed their meeting until July 13. But the chances are very strong that the date and place of a Summit Conference have already been determined; and that the "progress" at Geneva will justify the announcement soon after Congress goes home.

However -- if we can maintain a rising crescendo of opposition during the time that is available, it is even possible that we may be able to bring about a "postponement" of this Summit Conference. Even if not

we can certainly help to keep it from being so disastrous a sell-out of the West as the Communists -- in both Moscow and Washington -- have intended. In the printed "letter to an editor" enclosed with this bulletin is shown the ascending scale of the weekly mailing of petitions by the COMMITTEE AGAINST SUMMIT ENTANGLEMENTS. To maintain the dramatic impact of this schedule the Committee will need to receive a veritable and increasing flood of petitions with signatures.

While we expect each member of our Home Chapter to read all of this bulletin, therefore, in order to be posted on everything we are doing; and while we hope you will take part in any and all of our other activities that you can; nevertheless we think that the most important thing you might do right now, to support the purposes to which our Society is dedicated, is to spread these CASE petitions, and get them filled with signatures and returned to us as promptly as possible.

To All Chapter Leaders

Beginning with this issue, we are mailing copies of these monthly bulletins directly to all members of the Society. Because of the cost involved, we shall still send all materials to which the bulletins refer, in bulk, to you, for distribution at your next chapter meeting. This meeting should still take place regularly at as early a date in the month as can be arranged. And we believe that putting the bulletins in the hands of the individual members in advance, so that the members can be better informed, will actually help to make your discussions more fruitful and your whole meeting more effective. This step is not intended to relieve any Chapter Leader, in the slightest degree, of his responsibility for seeing that our requests are understood and carried out, so far as is at all practicable, by every member of his chapter.

Nor do these direct mailings relieve any member of a local chapter of his (or her) duty to attend the regular monthly meeting or such special meetings as the Chapter Leader may need to call. These get-togethers are absolutely vital to the proper finctioning of our Society. In fact, we intend periodically to drop from membership in the Society those who -- without the excuse of serious illness or an equally valid reason -- are not faithful and regular in attendance. Nobody has to belong to The John Birch Society. But those who do belong must live up to the promise of dedication and effort which membership implies. We, at least, are not merely going through motions, and we mean business every step of the way.

While we shall henceforth address our requests in these bulletins, therefore, directly to our members, it is up to each Chapter Leader to exercise exactly the same leadership, in connection with all of them, and in every other way, as before. With that thoroughly understood, and after this necessary explanation, we can proceed to the agenda for July.

To All Local Chapter Members

1. Everything we have said above (in the paragraphs for Home Chapter members) concerning the CASE petitions, applies to the members of our working chapters as well. Please read the "letter to an editor" which is enclosed. July is probably the month that will really tell the story, on whether there will be a Summit Conference in the near future, and on how much we can modify the disaster if there is one. Here is a pile of our effort to which you should add every grain of sand that you can.

2. Please obtain from your Chapter Leader (at the regular monthly meeting) a copy of the Citizens Foreign Aid Committee booklet. A sufficient number for that purpose has been mailed to him (or her). This is an excellent presentation of the case against foreign aid and should be read by every one of our members.

Your Chapter Leader will also give each member three copies of the thin four-page folder headed "Just a minute, Mr. Congressman . . . . ." As you will see, on Page 3 of these folders, they are really petitions, intended for mailing by any good citizen to his Congressman and to each of his two Senators. The right "to petition the government for a redress of grievances" is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. The whole present foreign-aid program is certainly a grievance, of a most serious nature, to every patriotic American. We expect each of our members to do his duty.

3. A number of our members work in libraries. Being conservatives, they are keenly aware of the tremendous advantage given by most libraries today to books promoting the so-called "liberal" line. But they are unanimous in agreement that, with rare exceptions, any library will simply have to buy, and keep available for its readers, any book -- even of the most conservative or anti-Communist variety -- for which there is any emphatic and continuing demand at the desk. As one assignment for July, therefore, we are asking our members to check public libraries and branches in their respective areas with regard to the five books named below. Help to create the demand that will cause the library to keep all

five in stock and available for the public. This assistance will be especially welcomed by our librarian members. The books are:

Draskovich: TITO, MOSCOW'S TROJAN HORSE (Regnery)
Victor J. Fox: THE PENTAGON CASE (Available from The Bookmailer)
Rosalie M. Gordon: NINE MEN AGAINST AMERICA (Devin-Adair)
Hayek: THE ROAD TO SERFDOM (Univ. of Chicago Press)
Jordan: FROM MAJOR JORDAN'S DIARIES (The Bookmailer)

Not one of these books is out of print. (Major Jordan's Diaries was out of print, but a new two-dollar edition has been brought out by The Bookmailer.) So that reason for not having any of these books on the library shelves will not suffice. And we shall make similar requests concerning other books, in later months.

4. Mr. Avery Brundage, in his biographical sketch in the latest Who's Who In America, describes himself as an amatuer sportsman. He modestly admits that he was "amateur all-around champion of America" (whatever that may mean) in the years 1914, 1916, 1918. He mentions that he has written "various articles on amateur sport" (but naturally says nothing about having contributed an article in November, 1956 to World Youth, the official publication of the Communist-controlled World Federation of Democratic Youth). And he records that he was president for seven terms of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. As Gilbert and Sullivan might have put it, "he's the very model" of our amateur sportsman.

In our Western civilization both words, amateur and sportsman, carry certain connotations of personal integrity, non-professional attitude, and generous sportsmanship, which are utterly unknown to the Communists in connection with the "sports" activities of those athletes whom their governments assign to participate in various international competitions. Yet on May 28, in Munich, the International Olympic Committee, of which Mr. Avery Brundage has been president since 1952, yielded to Soviet blackmail pressures, and ousted Nationalist China from participation in the forthcoming Olympic Games. It did so in order to clear the road for Communist China to compete on its own terms as the "legitimate" representative of all of China. The Committee condescendingly suggested that the Nationalist Chinese might reapply at a later date for admission, as representing Formosa only. This action was taken despite the fact that even the United Nations still recognizes the Nationalist Republic of China as the legitimate and only government of China. So do the United States and about two-thirds of the nations of the remaining "free world" that participate in the Olympic Games. But none of this was good enough for Mr. Brundage and his Olympic Committee. Their betrayal of our

anti-Communist allies in the Republic of China was made, not in accord with or because of, but in spite of, the political realities of the situation.

What is more, Mr. Brundage, while using his exalted position as an "amateur sportsman" to help the political and propaganda schemes of the Soviets, appears deliberately to have given out misinformation about the vote of the Committee. He reported that this vote, to oust Nationalist China, was virtually unanimous. But Douglas Roby, another member of the three-man American representation on the Committee, says that the "vote was taken by a show of hands and in my opinion it was 28 for and 24 against." That's about as unanimous as a bunch of economists' predictions.

A great many anti-Communist organizations and many leading newspapers have strongly protested this action. Even the New York Times, on May 30, in a surprising burst of honest reporting, called it "cowardly, evasive, and shameful." We should certainly add our voice to that protest. The two steps to be demanded are: (1) the resignation of Avery Brundage from the International Olympic Committee; and (2) the rescinding of the vote taken by that Committee on May 28. Unless both demands of an aroused public are complied with, the United States should: (1) withdraw its subsidy of $400,000 for the Winter Olympics which are scheduled for 1960 in Squaw Valley, California; (2) refuse visas or entrance to the spies and propagandists and professionals whom Red China would send to those Winter Olympics; and (3) withdraw from any future participation in any Olympic Games, anywhere. For both the Olympic Committee and the Olympic Games themselves will have been converted into instrumentalities of the Communist propaganda and political machine.

We suggest that the simplest way for each of our members to express his own protest effectively is through letters to Mr. Avery Brundage, 10 North La Salle Street, Chicago, with carbon copies of those letters to his Congressman and Senators. As to what you say to Avery Brundage, let your conscience and your judgement be your guide.

5. Besides opposing, in every way we can, both men and measures which aid the Communists, it is important that we also encourage, at every feasible opportunity, those leaders who are bravely battling on our side. One such leader, facing the heaviest odds of every variety which the Communists can contrive, is Jacques Soustelle. From Pages 33 through 46 in the July-August issue of American Opinion, we tell the truth about Soustelle, especially with regard to the problem in Algeria. It is something almost no other magazine in America has done, and we guarantee it is the truth.

But Soustelle has been consistently and at times viciously misrepresented by Look Magazine, Time Magazine, the New York Times, and other left-wing elements of the American press. One piece of fiction parading as fact, concerning the Communist-led Algerian rebel cutthroats, written by a New York Times correspondent, was even planted in the Saturday Evening Post -- which has been occasionally falling for such pro-Communist claptrap ever since the days of Edgar Snow's articles, which glorified the Chinese Communists as good democrats and agrarian reformers. And of course the American government, in ways unobserved or little understood by the American people, has been trying to make Soustelle's anti-Communist road as rough as possible at every turn.

So Jacques Soustelle has no way of knowing that so many of the American people approve and applaud his courageous course. Even the hundred or so questions which our readers asked him, through being generally written in a friendly vein, appeared as a surprising though tiny light of cheering sympathy from a dark realm of misunderstanding. We can do a great deal better to let him know -- or feel -- how strong the anti-Communist sentiment, and support for truly anti-Communist leaders, is in this country, beneath all the blanket of obfuscation with which Communist influences keep it covered. Such encouragement is well worth the effort on our part, and the article in the current American Opinion furnishes an excellent opening for such letters.

We are specifically asking all of our members, therefore, to read the pages in question in the July-August issue. (Remember, gift subscriptions to the magazine, paid ~~for by friends~~ of ours, are still available, simply for the asking, to all members of our Society who do not feel they can afford to subscribe.) This is important information on current events and personalities which you definitely should have anyway, among the weapons in your arsenal of facts. Then we are asking every member who, convinced by the facts, feels willing to act on them, to write at least a short letter to Jacques Soustelle, % American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. This is the way you would naturally address your letter, if it were prompted solely by the article in the magazine. We'll see that these are forwarded promptly to Monsieur Soustelle in Paris.

Your letters will be sealed, of course, and we do not even want to know what is in them. But the general theme should be that, regardless of how much he is smeared or his actions distorted by the large-circulation press in this country, there are an increasing number of Americans who realize that in fighting the Communists and their machinations he is, in the long run, fighting our battle as well as his own; and that you, the writer, just want him to know that he does have many good friends and

strong supporters in that fight, on this side of the Atlantic, despite the way our government or press may make it appear otherwise.

In the crucial months ahead in Europe there are few things more important than the moral support that can be given to Adenauer and to de Gaulle, to encourage them to stand firmly on their own feet against the Communist pressures, despite the "flexibility" of Harold Macmillan and the more subtle "intermediacy" of Christian Herter. And the most effective way for us to strengthen de Gaulle's backbone and anti-Communist determination is to let his firmest anti-Communist associate, Jacques Soustelle, know that our government, in kowtowing to the Kremlin, does not speak for all Americans. A few hundred encouraging and complimentary letters to Jacques Soustelle, from good patriotic Americans right now, could be of psychological and strategic importance far beyond the comparatively small effort required. Will you write one? Please do, promptly. Study the article first, and then put your letter entirely in your own words. But give the man a verbal pat on the back. Goodness knows, like every other real anti-Communist leader everywhere in the world today, he is getting plenty of blows of the other kind.

6. Please read carefully and thoroughly, during July, at least one of the twelve or more books, which your Chapter Leader has as the nucleus of chapter materials, and which you have not read before. We are aware that most of our members are far better informed than the general public on the methods, progress, and menace of the Communist conspiracy. But we are an army fighting with facts as our chief weapons. To acquire still more knowledge, therefore, and more dependable knowledge, is to be better armed. It is a vital part of our work. We have far more direct and comprehensive plans of action than any mere study group, as you are well aware. But the importance of further and continuing study, to every member of every chapter, should be fully realized.

In this connection we are enclosing a very small and thin flyer, entitled THE TEN PILLARS OF ECONOMIC WISDOM, put out by The American Economic Foundation. You will find it excellent -- for reading yourself and for passing on to some "liberal" friend. More copies are available for the asking. From time to time we shall include with these bulletins other carefully selected items, from other groups or other friends in this same fight. We may not even comment on such enclosures, but you can be sure from the very fact of their inclusion that we consider them well worth your time.

7. Keep your eyes, ears, and mind open for any good prospects for further members, in your own chapter or any chapter of The John Birch

Society. Please remember that merely being anti-Communist is not a sufficient qualification. We are far different from, and more than, a political action organization. Our ultimate objective is not only less government and more responsibility, but a better world in every moral and humane sense. We must have associated with us, therefore, only those who will join our own efforts to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose -- in both word and deed -- which men of good will, good conscience, and religious ideals can follow without hesitation.

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Beginning with this issue, we intend to give an "honorable mention" in each bulletin to that chapter which has done the best job during the month just ending. And we believe that the first of these accolades is deserved by Chapter No. 17, in Tampa, Florida, of which Ken Hardcastle is the Chapter Leader. In getting petitions signed, in following through on all of the details of our other requests, in recruiting for new members, in faithful and prompt and accurate reporting to headquarters, in sustaining an energetic interest in the activities and a strong enthusiasm for the objectives of our Society, Ken Hardcastle's chapter has been setting an excellent example ever since it was formed. We have no medals to bestow, but we do gladly offer these words of appreciation -- as we shall offer similar words to other chapters and their Chapter Leaders in due course.

Let's see that our efforts, our strength, and our accomplishments all grow notably during July. There is much to be done, and happiness in the doing.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the ..... Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed below, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the *pro rata* part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

(Name) .....

(Address) .....

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Date .....

Dues Received .....

Application Approved

By .....

Title .....

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

Dues Schedule

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women $1,000.00
(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each.)

Membership in a local chapter, minimum per year:
For men $24.00
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(This may be paid as $2.00 per month for men, and $1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

AMERICAN OPINION
An Informal Review
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

June 29, 1959
(Dictated June 26)

[redacted]
[redacted] Indiana

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Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for your letter of June 22.

A subscription to AMERICAN OPINION has been entered for you, to begin with the June number, which is going forward under separate cover today. The July-August issue will be mailed when it comes from the press in another two or three days. And as you will see from a subscription blank in either magazine, the rate is $5.00 per year, in case you like it well enough to subscribe.

In another few days we shall be sending you an unpublished manuscript of mine which is quite confidential, and which I believe you will find of considerable interest. It is not out of the category of "simply more reading matter," which you mention; but we shall be taking you up on the possibility of "doing things for us" within another few weeks. As my good friend, Louis Ruthenburg, may indicate to you, we have a movement under way of which you undoubtedly have heard nothing -- because we are concentrating entirely on building strength and understanding, rather than creating noise -- of which he has been an enthusiastic supporter since it started last December, and which already has local working chapters in four states. Since it really takes two full days to present properly the background, methods, and purposes of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, I should not attempt any explanation in a letter. But we shall see that you learn all about it as soon as is practicable, and as soon as there is any chance of our following up whatever interest you may have.

In the meantime, if it fits into your scheme of things to get us any signatures on the petitions of the COMMITTEE AGAINST SUMMIT ENTANGLEMENTS, or to mail out these blank petitions to other conservative friends who might do so, this immediate and temporary help to one of our many efforts would be much appreciated.

With thanks again for your kind and encouraging letter, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Robert Welch

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June 17, 1959

Dear Fellow American:

The first formal mailing by this committee was sent out on May 28. The response, immediate, enthusiastic, and widespread, is now beginning to gather real momentum.

As stated in our first letter, we are appealing to every man and woman who believes in the inevitably disastrous results, for our country and for the remaining free world, of "summit" concessions and entanglements.

The fifty thousand petitions we have mailed out to date should serve only as seed corn. With the help of every patriot we can reach directly, in sowing these petitions far and wide, we can harvest such a crop of signatures as it will be impossible to ignore. And we can present a powerful front of opposition to a repetition of the 1955 summit performance of fraternization and appeasement.

Now is the time to make your own opposition visible and effective. Put these petitions into the hands of as many others as you can, and urge everybody to get them filled out with signatures and mailed back to us as promptly as possible. We'll see that they reach Washington in a dignified and respectful manner, but with dramatic impact.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

July 2, 1959

Dear Mr. Welch,

You aroused my curiousity tremendously in your letter of June 29th but whatever Louis Ruthenberg stands for, I stand for and whatever I can do that does not distract too much from my number one heavy responsibility of [redacted] - with more problems to the square inch than you could try to figure out, if you started from scratch.

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Am hoping to hear from him soon and am also looking forward to your confidential manuscript which I assure you I will not think of in terms of "simply more reading matter". Will either send you some names or contact your Committee Against Summit Entanglements or contact them directly.

Hoping indeed to get my teeth into a real constructive project.

Sincerely,

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Attachment Used
Should have to be Rec.

July 2, 1959

Dear Louis,

Have had a fascinating letter from Robert Welch indicating that you are the instigator of a "new movement" which is very hush-hush. Apparently Mr. Welch is considering allowing me to get on the bandwagon. If you're in charge of whatever it is that he's speaking about, then I could only be for it.

There are some of the Directors on the American Opinion roster that I'm not so keen about, but so what! You're my guarantee on anything and whatever I can do to follow through on the basic concepts, as I see it to protect this our United States from infiltration and from stupidity of not recognizing what is front of our eyes, I'm for it and eager to hear from you. Until I do I suppose I will remain "in the dark".

Sincerely,

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July 7, 1959

Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Welch:

I have received your confidential document, have not broken the seal and have put it in the vault because I want you to know that I am not a man. I happen to be a woman. My husband, [redacted] and I are carrying on with a considerable project here.

Just so that this does not make a difference, I decided I'd better put it in the vault and see if you still wanted me to open it. If not, I will return it to you with no hard feelings whatsoever.

However, I would appreciate if you would check with Louis Ruthenberg, who is an old friend of mine, as I would like to be on the inside of this project. I have received a letter from him today which I have not yet had time to read. b7D

I can assure you that I can be trusted to keep a thing marked confidential confidential without any equivocation about it, and I would be very much honored to be allowed to be part of your inner circle, so to speak. But as you indicate that I am one of the few people you do not know personally to whom you are sending this manuscript, I would much prefer that you would check on me with Louis Ruthenberg, who happens to be the only person that I know well on your list of Board Members, etc.

I am neighbor to and very close friend of [redacted] who is also a close friend of Mr. Ruthenberg's and a considerably important person in the United States Chamber of Commerce. I await your answer.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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June 29, 1959

To An Editor, Or Other Patriotic Leader:

We have forwarded the enclosed petitions, with signatures, to the White House, in one mailing per week, on the following schedule:

Week Beginning	Number Of Signed Petitions
May 11	1
May 18	2
May 25	4
June 1	8
June 8	16
June 15	32
June 22	64
June 29	128

While not all of these petitions have been completely filled with the twenty signatures, most of them have been, and they have averaged at least fifteen signatures per petition. The count and the actual mailing in each case have been certified by three witnesses. This procedure will be continued.

We already have enough signed petitions to take care of the 256 we shall need next week and the 512 we shall need during the week beginning July 13. But the stream of petitions now pouring in on us must increase to a veritable flood, to keep up for long with a need expanding at such a rate.

Assuring you, therefore, of our appreciation for any help you have already given us, with publicity or otherwise, and of continued appreciation for further support, we are hopefully calling the obvious truth to your attention: How long we can maintain this mailing schedule and its dramatic impact depends primarily on people like yourself.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

P.S. Of course we shall be glad to send blank petitions promptly to anybody who requests them. RW

AMERICAN OPINION

An Informal Review

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

July 16, 1959
(Dictated July 15, 1959)

[redacted]
[redacted] Indiana

b7D

Dear [redacted]

It will be entirely all right for you to let Mr. [redacted] read the confidential manuscript which was sent to you, provided he does not then pass it on to anybody else, and you do not let anybody else have it without first checking with us. Or, you might prefer, as we do, for us to send a copy to Mr. [redacted] himself, so that he may read it more at leisure, and not feel hurried to put the manuscript back into your hands. In that case, will you please let us know, and we'll send him a copy of this manuscript, THE POLITICIAN, at once, with a covering letter stating that this is done at your request. If not, and you handle as suggested in your letter, will you please give us Mr. [redacted]'s address anyway, so that we shall have it in our records of those who have read this document.

The manuscript will not really give you any information concerning THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, concerning which Mr. Carto has written you for me, but will at least give both you and Mr. [redacted] a better understanding of how serious is the danger we face, and how far advanced the conspiracy threatening us, as we see it. And you will then find that THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is a movement, started quietly by this writer with a small group of leading industrialists who met with me in Indianapolis last December, for the purpose of building strength and understanding to combat this conspiracy -- while avoiding publicity to the fullest extent possible, because creating noise is no part of our intention. The movement is growing very rapidly, with extremely encouraging support from a great many patriotic leaders; and while we do not believe we shall be in position to form regular chapters in Indiana for a few months yet, we shall welcome both yourself and Mr. [redacted] as members of our Home Chapter -- with whom we maintain contact entirely by mail -- if and when you become convinced that our work is worthy of your serious interest and strong support.

With much appreciation of the meticulous sense of integrity which you have maintained in connection with this whole matter, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

RW:mlp

Robert Welch

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June 17, 1959

Dear Fellow American:

The first formal mailing by this committee was sent out on May 28. The response, immediate, enthusiastic, and widespread, is now beginning to gather real momentum.

As stated in our first letter, we are appealing to every man and woman who believes in the inevitably disastrous results, for our country and for the remaining free world, of "summit" concessions and entanglements.

The fifty thousand petitions we have mailed out to date should serve only as seed corn. With the help of every patriot we can reach directly, in sowing these petitions far and wide, we can harvest such a crop of signatures as it will be impossible to ignore. And we can present a powerful front of opposition to a repetition of the 1955 summit performance of fraternization and appeasement.

Now is the time to make your own opposition visible and effective. Put these petitions into the hands of as many others as you can, and urge everybody to get them filled out with signatures and mailed back to us as promptly as possible. We'll see that they reach Washington in a dignified and respectful manner, but with dramatic impact.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

A preliminary and condensed statement

July 4, 1959

What is The John Birch Society?

It is an organization of Americans who have voluntarily joined together: (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives and our civilization; (2) to prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before; and (3) to restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the gloriously humane traditions, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been officially summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

What is its origin and history?

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch, at a meeting in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It now has local working chapters in six states, and additional chapters are being formed every week. Its immediate goal is fifteen hundred working chapters by December 31, 1959.

There is also a Home Chapter, which maintains contact with its members and coordinates their activities entirely by mail. There are already members of this Home Chapter in about twenty states, and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in our country.

Who is John Birch?

John Birch is dead. He was a young Christian missionary, from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when we entered World War II. He joined Chennault's forces as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. Ten days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful and official mission for our government, he was brutally murdered in cold blood by our "allies," the Chinese Communists. You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. We believe that his short but outstanding and memorable life so typifies the best of America that we have named our organization in his memory.

How are chapters of the Society formed?

In order to explain, fully and clearly, the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society, Mr. Welch prefers to hold two-day meetings. For we are digging far more deeply into the problems we face, and building far more solidly in our coordinated effort to overcome the destructive forces around us, than the loose word "organization" is likely to suggest. And many of these full two-day meetings have already been held with small groups in different parts of the country.

But this presentation has also been compressed into a six-hour tape recording, duplicates of which are now being played back to small groups almost every day. (With short recesses, or coffee breaks and a luncheon break, the actual time required is about eight hours.) In this presentation Mr. Welch attempts: (1) To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization; (2) to evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world history and the rise of western civilization; (3) to set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination; (4) to offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful; and (5), to describe in detail the organization, function, and procedures of The John Birch Society.

Why haven't I heard more about The John Birch Society?

Partly because it is still so young. But mainly because we avoid all publicity as far as is practicable. It is our purpose to build strength and understanding, not to create noise.

What is expected of its members?

A great deal. You should not join The John Birch Society unless you are truly dedicated to the cause of less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Many of the specific actions requested of our members must, necessarily, seem relatively unimportant. But the sum total of them all, faithfully carried out by all of our members, will become increasingly important indeed. Not one of us can be afraid of the drudgery of actual work, for "without drudgery all of our dreams are dust."

Enclosed with this memorandum will be a bulletin of the Society for a recent month. That bulletin will make clear, by illustration, some of the specific things, and the kind of things, our members are asked to do. But one bulletin can tell only a small part of the story. And all bulleting together, for many months, would merely emphasize what we want our members to do, without stressing what we want our members to be, which is more important. The ennobling aspects of membership will become apparent only with time, and with a full understanding of the Society's aspirations for its members and itself.

How may I join The John Birch Society?

You may apply for membership in the Home Chapter at any time, by signing the enclosed form and mailing it to us with a year's dues. If the application is not approved, of course your dues will be returned. If it is approved, you will be welcomed into a brotherhood of men and women devoted to an inspiring cause.

As soon as a local working chapter is established in your area, your membership may be transferred to that chapter if you wish. Or if you become sufficiently interested and dedicated to act as a Chapter Leader, and to form a local chapter yourself, we shall be glad to give you all necessary information, guidance, and cooperation.

AMERICAN OPINION
An Informal Review
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

July 2, 1959

[redacted]
[redacted] Indiana

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Dear [redacted]

Under separate cover today, I am sending you by registered first-class mail, return receipt requested, copy of an extremely confidential document.

This manuscript is not intended for publication at all. But I am putting it into the hands of a limited number of good friends and outstanding patriots, who can be depended on to treat it with the confidence requested, and to take reasonable precautions to safeguard the document while it is in their possession. And I do believe that it will give even so well informed a man as yourself a certain amount of additional insight into some aspects of the conspiracy which we face.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

RW:mlp

Robert Welch

P. S. You are one of the few men I do not really know personally to whom I am sending this manuscript. But I know enough about your patriotic outlook and purposes from your correspondence to feel that it is entirely safe to do so. RW

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/2/59

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4/26/84 BY [illegible]

Re SAC letter #59-13 dated 3/10/59.

[redacted]

[redacted] advised SA FRANK P. WILLETTE on 8/10/59 that he has been in frequent contact with WELCH and has prevailed upon WELCH to accept him in the John Birch Clubs as a member at large. He stated that in view of his busy schedule and frequent travel, WELCH agreed to accept him as a "home" member meaning he will not be a member of a specific chapter and will not be required to attend regular meetings. b7D

[redacted] furnished the following material received from WELCH, which is enclosed:

1. August bulletin of the John Birch Society, wherein new full-time salaried coordinators are announced:

ROBERT PAYSON, Chicago, Ill.
ORVILLE SHERWOOD, Detroit, Mich.
THOMAS HILL, Dallas, Texas
HAROLD MC KINNEY (Part-time), home office, Belmont, Mass.
DOUGLAS HEINSOHN, Tennessee
EDWIN MC DOWELL (Part-time), New York City
FRED PETERSON, St. Petersburg, Fla.

1 Cpy Portal of item 4, pr, sent Boston Inv; White House; AG, cc DAG by letter 9/16/59

2. Letter from John Birch Society dated 8/3/59 soliciting attendance at a presentation of the background and purposes of the Birch Society signed by [redacted]

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1 - Chicago (Info)
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3. Letterhead of the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements."

4. Letter from Committee Against Summit Entanglements dated 8/7/59 soliciting contributions.

5. Copy of proposed full page ad to be run in 50 major newspapers calling for President EISENHOWER to cancel KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the U. S.

6. Copy of League of Rights Intelligence Survey, published in Melbourne, Australia.

7. Copy of "CARIB; Caribbean Anti-Communist Research and Intelligence Bureau." Edited by CZIEGLER ISTVAN, former Colonel, Royal Hungarian Army and published in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic.

8. Reprint from American Opinion entitled "The Scoreboard."

9. Reprint from American Opinion entitled "There Goes Christmas."

For the information of offices receiving copies of this letter, the Chicago office on 8/27/59 submitted to the Bureau certain documents received by Dr. HEDWIG S. KUHN, Hammond, Ind., from the above-captioned individual on the letterhead of "American Opinion" and from the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass., both of which are endeavors of this individual. The John Birch Society was described as an organization of Americans voluntarily joined together to (1) Combat more effectively the evil forces that threaten our country, our lives and our civilization; (2) To prevail upon fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism and to climb to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility; (3) To restore with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values and the gloriously humane traditions of which our Western civilization has been built. The long range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Continuing, the document states that the John Birch Society was founded by WELCH at a meeting in Indianapolis on 12/9/58 and has working chapters

in six states and additional chapters are being formed every week. Its immediate goal is 1,500 working chapters for 12/31/59. The home chapter maintains contact with members and coordinates and their activities entirely by mail. There are home chapter members in about 20 states and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in the country.

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[redacted] has previously stated that he will advise the Boston office of any activity regarding the John Birch movement.

No further action is being taken on this matter at Boston.

. Kleinkauf

SAC, Chicago (100-00)

September 9, 1959

Director, FBI (62-104401)

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reu let 8/27/59.

In accordance with your request, this is to advise that the Bureau is already in possession of a Photostat of the book written by Welch entitled "The Politician"; therefore, it will not be necessary to forward the Bureau a copy of it.

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Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Kleinkauf

The Attorney General

September 11, 1959

Director, FBI

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference is made to my communication dated March 6, 1959, setting forth information concerning Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, who has written a book entitled "The Politician." Welch has not published the book but apparently had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to a number of his friends and individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. My communication enclosed a Photostat of "remarks" by Welch, as contained in the book, and chapter nine of the book, which is a violent attack on the reputation of President Eisenhower.

Information received by this Bureau indicates Welch is chairman of the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," which committee has been carrying on a campaign to secure signatures to a petition calling on the President "not to attend a summit conference with the tyrants of the Kremlin." There is enclosed one Photostat each of a letter dated June 17, 1959, on the letterhead of the committee and the petition being circulated by the committee. There is also enclosed a Photostat of a document dated July 4, 1959, entitled "The John Birch Society" which is an organization founded by Welch at Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, and which has as its long-range objective "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." This latter document sets forth background information concerning "The John Birch Society."

The above information, together with one Photostat each of the three items described above, is being furnished to the Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President.

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1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General

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The Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)" dated 9/10/59, JHK:fk.

Above enclosed items were furnished by Chicago letter (serial 17) in captioned matter.

- Mr. Belmont
Liaison
Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

Pursuant to oral request Col R.M. Rogers Chief Current Intelligence J.C.S. attach. eral summary following plus identity of book prepared by R.H.W. Welch 9/16/59 mwh

September 11, 1959

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Gordon Gray
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/8/84 BY SP6 [illegible]

My dear Mr. Gray:

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Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Gordon Gray

NOTE:

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Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Kleinkauf

The Attorney General

September 16, 1959

Director, FBI

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference is made to my communication dated September 11, 1959, setting forth information concerning Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," of which Welch is chairman and which committee has been carrying on a campaign to secure signatures to a petition calling on the President "not to attend a summit conference with the tyrants of the Kremlin."

For your additional information concerning the activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," there is enclosed one Photostat each of the following:

1. A letter dated August 7, 1959, addressed by Welch "To Present Members And Prospective Members" of the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements"

2. An article which appeared in the August 31, 1959, issue of the "Chicago Tribune," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, entitled "Please, President Eisenhower, Don't!" relating to the exchange of visits with Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the Soviet Union

3. An article which appeared in the August 30, 1959, issue of "The Register," a newspaper of the Roman Catholic Church which is published in Denver, Colorado, entitled "Mr. President! Please Don't!" which also relates to the exchange of visits with Khrushchev

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The Attorney General

The above information, together with one Photostat each of the three items described above, is being furnished to the Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President.

Enclosures - 3

1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh (Enclosures - 3)
Deputy Attorney General

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Item 1 above was transmitted by Boston letter 9/2/59 (serial 18) and items 2 and 3 were transmitted by Chicago letter 9/4/59, both letters captioned "Robert H.W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)." The headquarters of "The Register" was obtained by a telephone call to "The Catholic Standard," the official publication of the Washington Archdiocese of the Catholic Church.

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 9/10/59 captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)" attached letters to Gordon Gray, White House, and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, dated 9/11/59, which were approved and transmitted, setting forth activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements." It is believed the additional information and activities of the committee and Welch as noted in the above 3 items would be of interest to the White House and the Attorney General and therefore should be sent.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: September 10, 1959

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 3/6/59 set forth background information concerning Welch who resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and who is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Referenced memorandum pointed out that Welch, a Republican, had authored a book entitled "The Politician," which book disclosed it was mainly an attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Chapter 9 of the book presented a most violent attack on alleged political beliefs of the President by being titled "The Pro-Communist" and Welch, by innuendo, alluded to President as being procommunist. While "The Politician" has not been published, copies of it have been printed and sent to a limited number of Welch's friends and individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. Referenced memorandum attached letters to the White House and the Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, setting forth background information concerning Welch, data concerning "The Politician," and enclosed a Photostat of chapter 9 of the book. These letters were approved and transmitted under date of 3/6/59.

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Chicago letter 8/27/59 enclosed Photostats, as furnished by [redacted], Indiana, of correspondence between [redacted] and Welch and various documents issued by The John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, and the Committee Against Summit Entanglements also of Belmont, Massachusetts. A review of the Photostats discloses that the Committee Against Summit Entanglements is an organization of Welch's which has been circulating petitions entitled "Please, Mr. President, Don't Go" petitioning the President not to attend a "summit conference with the tyrants of the Kremlin." The John Birch Society is described as an organization which was founded by Welch at a meeting in Indianapolis on 12/9/58; had local working chapters in six states as of 7/59; has as its immediate goal 1500 working chapters by 12/31/59; and has as its long-range objective "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." From a review of the correspondence between [redacted] and Welch, it appears that Welch may be using The John Birch Society in sending copies of "The Politician" to various individuals recommended to him or who he believes would be interested in its contents. It is felt we should make this additional information available to the White House, the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letters to Honorable Gordon Gray, Special Assistant to the President; and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, in this regard be approved and transmitted.

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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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There are enclosed herewith two photostats of two newspaper articles each for the Bureau and Indianapolis. One of these articles appeared in the "Chicago Tribune" of August 31, 1959 entitled "Please, President Eisenhower, Don't!", described thereon as issued by the Committee Against Summit Entanglements. The second article appeared in the August 30, 1959 issue of the publication "The Register" at page 8 entitled "Mr. President! Please Don't!", also issued by the Committee Against Summit Entanglements, 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. Directly under this descriptive data appears the following: "Manion Forum, South Bend, Indiana".

"The Register" is a Roman Catholic publication believed to have nation-wide circulation.

Both of these articles are self explanatory and in effect urge President EISENHOWER to insist that the visit of KHRUSHCHEV be postponed indefinitely and also urges the President to refrain from visiting Russia as well as not to meet KHRUSHCHEV at any summit conference. Both articles listed the officers of the Committee Against Summit Entanglements and the list contains many prominent names. The Manion Forum is believed to refer to Professor MANION of the Law School of Notre Dame University.

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This is war to the death; and none the less war because the Soviet Union chooses to fight that war in its own fashion, with its own weapons of trickery, terror, and treason. The recognized head of the Soviet Union is Nikita Khrushchev. There is no possible question but that the royal reception planned for him by our government will, at this stage of the struggle, give immense aid and comfort to the most vicious and most dangerous enemies our country has ever faced.

Mr. President, on July 19, 1959, you asked the people of the United States "to study the plight of the Soviet-dominated nations and to recommit themselves to the support of the just aspirations of the peoples of those captive nations." Having complied with your request, having studied the pitiful conditions of these fellow human beings, and having rededicated ourselves to their liberation, we now come to you with a request in turn.

We respectfully urge you, Mr. President, with all of the earnestness we can convey, to reconsider your decision, and to insist that the Soviet Premier postpone his visit to our country until he has shown, by his treatment of the captive nations and their enslaved peoples, that he is no longer the enemy of freedom and of ourselves.

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For the reasons given by the Committee Against Summit Entanglements, and for many other reasons which could be listed, we the undersigned respectfully urge you: (1) to insist that the visit of Khrushchev be postponed indefinitely; (2) to refrain from visiting Russia; and (3) not to meet with Khrushchev in any summit conference, anywhere.

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— Senator Styles Bridges

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Will Aid Crippled

Effiduase, Ghana. — The Brothers of St. John of God will staff St. Joseph's Hospital, the first hospital in Ghana for the care of crippled children. To be opened in the fall, the hospital will be under the administration of Bishop Joseph O. Bowers, S.V.D., of Accra.

Chief Executive Praises Work of Nation's K. of C.

St. Louis.—President Eisenhower praised the Knights of Columbus for service to their fellow members and their communities in a message to the 77th international convention of the 1,200,000-member Catholic men's fraternal organization.

In the Solemn Pontifical Mass offered by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter at the opening of the meeting, Bishop John P. Cody of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., lauded the knights for "great strength and prestige," but warned them not to waste the resources of their organization on the "pursuit of the trivial." He urged them to become "mediators between the Church and the world" by means of the lay apostolate.

Ask Architect's Dismissal

The knights urged President Eisenhower to dismiss "without delay" J. George Stewart, architect of the Capitol, on the grounds that he abused his authority by permitting the Masonic order to lay the cornerstone for the east front extension of the U.S. Capitol on July 4.

They charged the act violated "American principles and infringed upon the rights of all citizens who are not members of the Masonic society."

In another resolution the knights said that they "wholeheartedly" support the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the face of "smear attacks in the so-called 'liberal' press."

Alaska and Texas Two sisters from Juneau, Alaska, Sharon and Ann Wruck (seated, center), traveled the farthest to attend the annual summer band camp of the National Catholic Bandmasters' Association at the University of Notre Dame. Sharon plays an arpeggio for Mary Gansle (extreme left) and David Castillo (extreme right) of Corpus Christi. The musicians from Texas, according to the picture, still toot the largest horns even if Texas was reduced to the second state in size with the admission of Alaska as the 49th state in the Union. Hawaii is the 50th state.

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MR. PRESIDENT! PLEASE

Leaders Condemn Khrushchev Visit, Say Church Bells Should Toll

RICHARD CARDINAL CUSHING

"The invitation to Khrushchev is like opening our frontiers to the enemy in a military war. His only purpose of accepting an invitation to any country is to propagate Communism".

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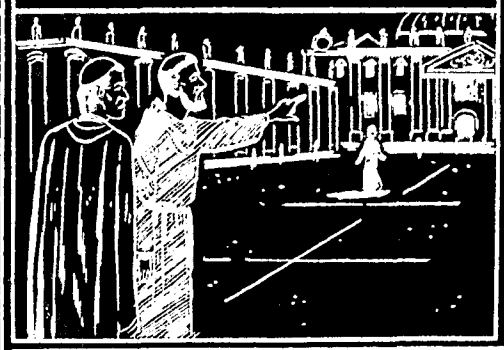
Bruno did not enter Rome with the pomp of a great prelate, but rather came as an ordinary pilgrim. The lack of display could not hide his imposing appearance. The Romans offered no objections when his new name was announced as Leo IX.



He ruled five years and was incessantly busy. The depredations of the Normans forced him to engage them but his troops were outnumbered and defeated. Leo was taken prisoner but soon the Normans, impressed by his virtues, fell on their knees and declared themselves to be his followers.

A series of councils were convened to fight simony and lay investiture. The Pope himself journeyed throughout Germany and on to Rheims. He swayed many to the Church and it was his letter to Edward the Confessor of England which later produced a generosity in the King that resulted in the erection of Westminster Abbey.

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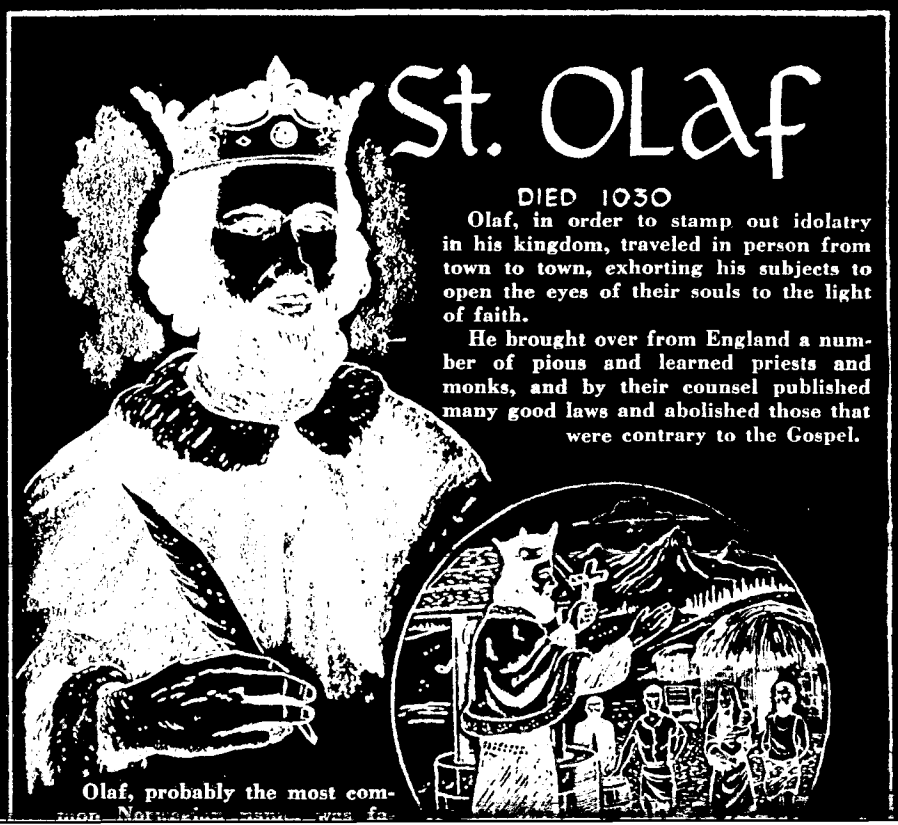

St. Olaf

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Olaf, in order to stamp out idolatry in his kingdom, traveled in person from town to town, exhorting his subjects to open the eyes of their souls to the light of faith.

He brought over from England a number of pious and learned priests and monks, and by their counsel published many good laws and abolished those that were contrary to the Gospel.

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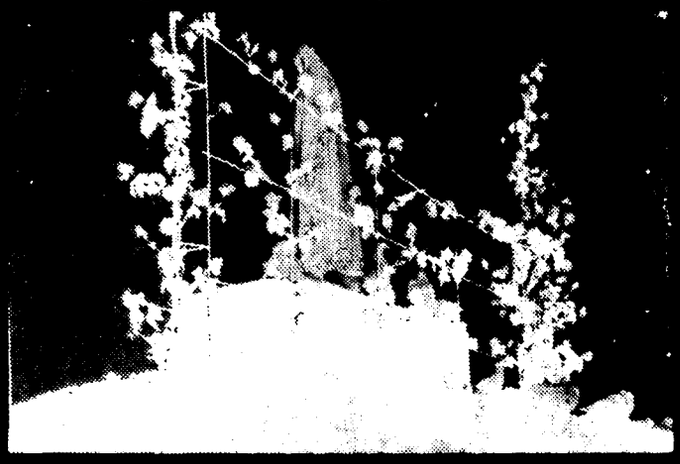
mous in Scandinavian history, and even today many Lutheran churches, somewhat inconsistently, are named after this zealously Catholic King.

Hundreds of White Doves Form Guard for Pilgrim Virgin Statue

Pisa, Italy.—(Special) — Hundreds of white doves have formed themselves into a constant guard of honor for the statue of Our Lady of Fatima now touring Italy.

This dove prodigy is recounted by Father Thomas McGlynn, O.P., of Monastero S. Domenico. Noted American priest-artist, he carved the huge statue of Our Lady of Fatima that was installed in the Basilica of Fatima as a gift of the U.S. Catholics.



Some of the white doves that have formed an honor guard for the Pilgrim Virgin statue on its tour of Italy are shown around the image of our Lady of Fatima as it visited Padua.

"White doves," Father McGlynn writes, "are seen daily at the foot of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima now touring Italy. They are alive, adult, unfettered, and untrained. Their numbers vary from six to 20."

Cardinal Siri, Archbishop of Genoa, was so moved by the sight of the doves around the Pilgrim Virgin statue that he issued a statement testifying to the dove prodigy and to their extraordinary behavior.

The journey of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was arranged by the Italian Hierarchy as a preparation for the consecration of Italy to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Eucharistic Congress in Catania, Sicily, on Sept. 12. The accompaniment of the doves was unplanned.

Two white doves stand guard at the foot of the Pilgrim Virgin statue in Pisa.

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue was brought to Naples from Fatima on April 25 for visits to 100 provincial centers. It is carried from city to city in a blue and white helicopter, accompanied by a pilot and a mechanic of the Italian Air Force, one of four missionary priests who tour with the statue, and, now, by a large cage full of white doves.

The entrance of the doves took place on May 17 with the arrival of the statue in Pisa. The Dominican Cloistered Nuns purchased two pigeon doves and had two little girls present them in the name of the nuns. The doves were placed on the flower-covered pedestal of the statue. There they remained for two days and nights.

To test the character of the prodigy, Archbishop Hugh Cammosse of Pisa, according to Father McGlynn, on the departure of the image to Lucca had the first two doves removed and replaced with a pair of white peacock doves.

On arrival in Lucca, the doves, after flying about a short time, took their place at the foot of the statue for the procession through the city to the Cathedral.

From then in every city that was visited, Father McGlynn relates, more white doves were presented by the people. There are always some doves at the image of Our Lady.

The doves have caused astonishment for a number of particular performances as told by Father McGlynn:

In many cities the doves leave the statue for a period of hours to pose on an arm of the crucifix of the main altar. In Savona, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, two doves stayed for several hours on top of the tabernacle. At the Credo of the Mass in Reggio Emilia, a dove perched on the finger tips of the celebrant.

"It is estimated," the Dominican priest says, "that more than 300 doves have served in Our Lady's Guard of Honor: A very few only for hours; most for two or three days; several for longer periods up to the record of 13 days."

It is estimated that the statue and the doves have already been seen by 6,000,000 people in 62 Italian cities.

White doves, Father McGlynn recalls, first settled at the foot of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Dec. 1, 1946, in Bombarral, Portugal, during a procession of 90 miles from Fatima to Lisbon. These doves remained for an entire week.

In the 13 years since the arrival of the doves of Bombarral, the prodigy of the doves and the statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been renewed in Portugal and Spain and in 50 other nations.

public observance of prayer for deliverance of the captive nations."

"Let there be no cheers, no crowds to greet him, no flattery, no flowers. Let our people be civil but silent".

UNITED STATES SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

"I will not stand along the streets to witness Khrushchev's triumphal passage through this city. Were I to stand along these streets, I would stand in silence. It would be a silence stern and cold. I have nothing but contempt for the man.

"I would rather resign from the United States Senate and wipe the dust of Washington from my shoes forever, than to sit in Congress assembled to listen to this man who deals in duplicity, treachery, perfidy and murder".

CLYDE J. KENNEDY

(President, American Council of Christian Churches)

"It is morally wrong to extend an invitation to the bloody butcher of Hungary. Nothing but harm can come to our Nation by welcoming and honoring this international Dillinger"

DR. CARL McINTYRE

(President, International Council of Christian Churches)

"Our Nation is being deceived. We cannot expect Almighty God to help us in our struggle for survival when we court the chief spokesman of the devil, who repudiated God. Resistance to his visit should be so great that Khrushchev will decline to come, just as he did in Sweden".

DEAN CLARENCE E. MANION

"Shall we greet the bloody butcher of Budapest with a shower of roses, or shall we hear our church bells toll for the millions he has murdered and plans yet to murder in the cause of hell and the devil?"

Cardinal Cushing To Address Nation — Manion Forum Network

On Sunday, September 20—while, according to present plans, Khrushchev will be touring the United States — Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, will address the American people over the nationwide Manion Forum radio network of 120 stations.

Cardinal Cushing will tell the Nation of the mounting peril of Communism in the economic, social and educational life of the Western World.

On Sunday, September 6, Dean Clarence E. Manion, together with other leaders in and out of Congress, will warn the people of this country against the dangers inherent in the Krushchev visit.

The address of Cardinal Cushing will be the 260th weekly message to the American people delivered over the network of the Manion Forum since October 3, 1954. During these five years pro-American, anti-Socialist speeches have been delivered by Members of Congress, leading industrialists, educators, Navy and Army admirals and generals, authors, and clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant.

Please consult radio logs in your local newspapers for station and time of Manion network broadcasts.

WRITE OR WIRE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

Write or wire President Eisenhower today. Ask him to cancel the Khrushchev invitation. Phone 20 of your friends. Ask them to do the same. Ask each friend to phone 20 of his or her friends, asking them to wire or write the President at once.

Please help to set up this "chain reaction" so that millions of protests will pour into the White House in time, perhaps, to induce President Eisenhower to save the American people from this ignominy and disgrace.

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My dear Mr. Gray:

Reference is made to my communication dated September 11, 1959, setting forth information concerning Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," of which Welch is chairman and which committee has been carrying on a campaign to secure signatures to a petition calling on the President "not to attend a summit conference with the tyrants of the Kremlin."

For your additional information concerning the activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements," there is enclosed one Photostat each of the following:

1. A letter dated August 7, 1959, addressed by Welch "To Present Members And Prospective Members" of the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements"

2. An article which appeared in the August 31, 1959, issue of the "Chicago Tribune," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, entitled "Please, President Eisenhower, Don't!" relating to the exchange of visits with Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the Soviet Union

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3. An article which appeared in the August 30, 1959, issue of "The Register," a newspaper of the Roman Catholic Church which is published in Denver, Colorado, entitled "Mr. President! Please Don't!" which also relates to the exchange of visits with Khrushchev.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (3)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Item 1 above was transmitted by Boston letter 9/2/59 (serial 18) and items 2 and 3 were transmitted by Chicago letter 9/4/59, both letters captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)." The headquarters of "The Register" was obtained by a telephone call to "The Catholic Standard," the official publication of the Washington Archdiocese of the Catholic Church.

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont 9/10/59 captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)" attached letters to Gordon Gray, White House, and Attorney General, copy Deputy Attorney General, dated 9/11/59 which were approved and transmitted, setting forth activities of Welch and the "Committee Against Summit Entanglements." It is believed the additional information and activities of the committee and Welch as noted in the above 3 items would be of interest to the White House and the Attorney General and therefore should be sent.

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September 10, 1959

Dear Reader:

If you receive more than one copy of this issue, please do not think that we have become wasteful.

For the first time in many months we are using some "outside" lists, in a drive to expand our circulation. And as any of those beleaguered souls who publish magazines will tell you, it is far cheaper to send out extra copies than to cull the duplications.

So we hope you will simply pass on that extra copy, if you get one, to some friend—if you have one. And there is more sadness than humor in that conditional premise. For if you care enough about what is really happening, to be a subscriber to this magazine, the chances are that many of your former friends now ignore your existence.

This is not because they *think* you are wrong, however, but because—deep down inside—they *know* you are right. The human mind will use every conceivable dodge and defense to keep from being awakened out of the euphoria of self-deception. When events are increasingly proving a person wrong, it is much more self-convincing for him to be wrong at the top of his voice and with rising anger.

But when Washington turns out *ten* brass bands and two Eisenhowers, to greet Khrushchev at the airport, with cameras grinding to flood the whole world with pictures of this greatest Communist triumph since 1917, something has to give. The delusion that our government is still run by loyal Americans has become too difficult for even a brainwashed moron to hang onto in his own thoughts. So maybe this is a good time to give a friend a copy of *American Opinion*.

Or even a subscription.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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A Review Of The News

This is a magazine of opinion. But opinion should be based on facts. Here are the facts for

August, 1959

Saturday, August 1

→ The Geneva negotiations of the Big Four Foreign Ministers harden in an insoluble deadlock.

→ Nine United States Governors, on their return from a junket through the Soviet Union, urge President Eisenhower to invite Khrushchev to the United States and to visit the Soviet Union himself.

→ The military actions of North Vietnam Communist bands against Laos grow into a full-fledged invasion.

→ It is announced that the Soviet State Publishing House may publish Boris Pasternak's "Doctor Zhivago" in Moscow next fall.

→ Cho Bong Am, the candidate for the Korean Presidency of the "Progressive Party" against Syngman Rhee in 1952 and 1956, is convicted by the Korean Supreme Court of spying for the North Korean Communists, and hanged.

→ The Communist Government of the Indian State Kerala is turned out of office for unconstitutional conduct and the State powers are transferred to the National Parliament in New Delhi.

→ The strike with which the copper miners union of America has threatened the copper mines and refineries in Utah and Arizona is called off.

Sunday, August 2

→ Vice President Richard M. Nixon asserts on the Soviet television that the Cold War must be ended and the United States must reach coexistence with the mighty Soviet Union.

→ It is reported that President Eisenhower has been sounding out the heads-of-state of Western Europe as to how they would feel about an American invitation to Khrushchev to visit Washington for direct negotiations with Eisenhower.

→ Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston raises "my voice against the proposed invitations to Khrushchev to visit our country" and calls "upon others who share the same sentiments to do likewise."

→ The official Polish press hails Nixon's forthcoming visit in Warsaw as an American act "emphasizing the absolute recognition of our social system."

→ Major General George Philias Vanier is appointed as Canada's Governor General to succeed, as the first French Canadian in that position, the retiring Governor Vincent Massey.

Monday, August 3

→ After extending a first invitation to Khrushchev to visit the United States, Richard M. Nixon leaves Moscow for Warsaw where he fraternizes with Gomulka.

→ Leading Senators of both parties, among them the Democrat Mike Mansfield and the Republican Bourke B. Hickenlooper, announce they favor an invitation to Nikita S. Krushchev to visit the United States.

→ British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd urges Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko to use Soviet influence to end interference in the affairs of Laos by Communist North Vietnam.

→ New York's Governor Nelson Rockefeller solemnly declares that "under no circumstances" would he accept the No. 2 position on the G.O.P. ticket in 1960.

→ The United Steelworkers of America and the major steel producers agree to meet for negotiations aimed at ending the steel strike that started on July 15.

Tuesday, August 4

→ President Eisenhower announces that Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev will visit the United States in September and that the United States President will return the visit by going to Moscow in the fall. Khrushchev's conference with Eisenhower will be preceded by Eisenhower's conferences with Adenauer, de Gaulle and Macmillan in Europe.

→ The first responses of Western Europe to the news about the bilateral negotiations between Eisenhower and Khrushchev betray a growing European apprehension that America's allies may be victimized in a Soviet-American deal.

→ Nixon has a secret conference with Gomulka for five hours and twenty minutes. On leaving Gomulka's office Nixon calls the talk "constructive."

→ The United States, Britain, France, Canada, Belgium, and the Netherlands sign agreements with West Germany covering the status of NATO forces stationed there. One of the major stipulations permits West Germany to exercise extended juridical rights over foreign troops.

→ Britain and the United Arab Republic are reported planning the resumption of diplomatic relations within two months.

→ It is disclosed at the Governors' conference in San Juan, P.R., that New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller will challenge Richard M. Nixon for the Republican Presidential nomination if public opinion polls, set for early November, give him a chance.

Wednesday, August 5

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev asserts that the Adenauer Government in West Germany and the situation in West Berlin is "a burning fuse leading to a powder keg."

→ NATO's high council decides against a Western "summit conference" before the Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting and asks for bilateral Eisenhower conferences with the individual Western chancelleries in August.

→ British sources assert that Khrushchev will go to Red China immediately after his visit to Washington because of his hope "that his talks with Eisenhower will correct the negative United States attitude towards Communist China."

→ The Geneva Conference of the Big Four Foreign ministers ends officially.

→ Official circles in Bonn declare that Khrushchev, by attaining the invitation to Washington without paying for it with even the smallest concession, has achieved the first decisive success in his strategic campaign against West Germany.

Thursday, August 6

→ The Eisenhower Administration begins a high-pressure "public relations" campaign to assure "a hearty welcome" for Khrushchev throughout the United States.

→ After Richard M. Nixon's return to Washington, President Eisenhower asserts that Nixon's trip to Moscow had nothing to do with his decision to meet Khrushchev in Washington and to visit Moscow.

→ The British Government asks for the dispatch of United Nations "observers" to invade Laos.

→ French Prime Minister Debré flies on "an urgent trip" to Algiers.

→ The Iraqi Government announces it will "nationalize" all foreign enterprises.

→ United States Secretary of the Army Brucker and General Trudeau, chief of Army research, ask the American press to make "certain changes" in their recent official speeches concerning American relations with the Soviets.

→ The Governors' conference in San Juan resolves to invite the Prime Ministers of the fifteen member states of the Soviet Union to visit the United States.

→ Former French Prime Minister Georges Bideault declares the Eisenhower-Khrushchev conference is "the beginning of the capitulation of the free world."

Friday, August 7

→ Secretary of Defense, Neil H. McElroy, expresses his hope that Khrushchev will take a good look at the military installations of the United States, including all secret bases.

→ On his return from Geneva, Secretary of State Christian A. Herter declares that the Soviet Union alone is to be blamed for the failure of the conference.

→ Richard M. Nixon cancels his intended special TV-report to the nation on his visit to Moscow, allegedly on White House pressure.

→ Indian Prime Minister Nehru accuses Red China of violating the trade agreement concerning Tibet and India.

→ It is disclosed that Soviet First Deputy Premier, Frol R. Kozlov, told Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover of Nixon's party in Moscow that the Soviets were working on a nuclear-powered submarine.

→ President Eisenhower urges Congress to pass a labor bill which Senators John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson oppose as far too stringent.

Saturday, August 8

→ It is disclosed that a new radio-monitoring system, called "Project Tepee," has been installed within the continental boundaries of the United States which can detect instantaneously ninety-five percent of all atmospheric nu-

clear weapons tests and rocket launchings anywhere in the world.

→ Secretary of Commerce, Frederick H. Mueller, calls upon the Soviet Union to advance "realistic proposals" for the increase of Soviet trade with the United States.

→ Buckingham Palace announces officially that Queen Elizabeth II is expecting a third child early next year.

→ Chief Justice Earl Warren makes a vacation trip to Moscow.

→ The Soviet Union's total trade is announced to have reached 8.5 billion dollars per year, of which more than two billion are in trade with non-Communist nations, more than one billion with NATO countries.

→ The Soviet delegation to the nuclear disarmament conference in Geneva charges that "ruling circles" in the United States torpedo the negotiations.

→ A Senate subcommittee opens hearings on the problem of more than 800,000 United States migratory farm workers whose pay and living conditions are called "appalling."

Sunday, August 9

→ The *New York Times* confirms that West European Governments "are privately distressed by the dramatic evidence that the decisive power (reigning over the fate of Western Europe) has passed to the United States and the Soviet Union."

→ It is disclosed in Washington that Eisenhower has time earmarked this year for a "summit meeting" of all Big Powers.

→ A Dominican revolutionary group is recruiting Puerto Ricans in West Side slums of New York for an invasion into the Dominican Republic.

→ Sixteen Democratic members of the House of Representatives call upon the United States to take the side of the Algerian rebels.

→ Father Don Luigi Sturzo, the founder of Italy's Christian Democratic Party, dies at the age of eighty-seven.

→ Official United States Statistics show that more than 200,000 American babies are born out of wedlock every year.

→ James R. Hoffa, teamsters-union president, is charged with trying to establish an illegal monopoly for companies shipping meat and other food to California.

Monday, August 10

→ The White House announces that President Eisenhower will start his European negotiations with a visit to Bonn on August 26.

→ It is announced that Soviet-American trade has risen by more than one hundred per cent in the first five months of 1959 over the same period in 1958. More than fifteen thousand American tourists will visit the Soviet Union this year.

→ French and United States experts will begin a joint military training program with the Army in Laos.

→ The Cuban Government calls a military alert throughout the island.

→ A committee is formed to prepare for 1964 a World's Fair in New York, with the theme "Peace Through Understanding," at a cost of 500 million dollars.

Tuesday, August 11

→ The Big Four have decided to set up new machinery for disarmament negotiations on the basis of parity with the Soviet bloc. According to this agreement, reached in Geneva, the new group would take over responsibility for disarmament negotiations from the United Nations.

→ Communist North Vietnam warns that it will regard "intervention by a foreign army in neighboring Laos as an act directly threatening North Vietnam's security."

→ Fidel Castro's Government confirms that a "conspiracy against the Government" has been broken up with more than one thousand former soldiers arrested.

→ After playing to more than 1,100,000 New Yorkers, the Soviet Fair closes and prepares a move to Mexico City for further propaganda.

→ According to the *New York Times*, the American National Exhibition at the Moscow Fair must be considered a propagandistic failure.

Wednesday, August 12

→ The State Department, in a formal statement, accuses international Communism of creating "a dangerous situation" in Laos as "a part of a Moscow-directed plan to create new tensions in Southeast Asia."

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev, accepting an invitation by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjoeld, will address the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York.

→ It is announced in Washington that military cutbacks and the ban of nuclear weapons will be the key problems for Eisenhower's negotiations with Khrushchev.

→ "A well-informed source" in Havana admits that more than 4,500 persons have been arrested as "plotters" within a week.

→ On arriving in Santiago, Chile, for a conference of American foreign ministers, Secretary of State Herter stressed that "law and order" should be the basis of inter-American relations, especially in the Caribbean area.

→ Japanese Premier Nobusuke Kishi declares his determination to bring Japan into a close military alliance with the United States as quickly as possible.

→ As unemployment in the United States dropped by 238,000 to 3,744,000 from June to July, 1959, employment reached an all-time record of 67,600,000 jobs.

Thursday, August 13

→ The House of Representatives approves the Landrum-Griffin labor bill, endorsed by President Eisenhower and attacked by Senator Kennedy, by a vote of 229 to 201—95 Democrats joining the Republicans.

→ Premier Fidel Castro declares in Havana that "the counter-revolution has been crushed" and that the carnival should go ahead as "there is nothing to fear."

→ Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa Garcia and Dominican Foreign Minister Porfirio Herrera Baez exchange invectives at the conference at Santiago, Chile.

→ The Laotian Government declares in Vientiane that regular Red Chinese troops have been pulled out of Laos, but a 1,200-men guerilla band has been left behind to build up support for a forthcoming offensive.

→ Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir declares that her Government will not accept conditions which would compel Israel to send cargoes through the Suez Canal in foreign-owned ships.

→ The Moroccan Government decides to take its protest against the projected French atomic tests in the Sahara to the United Nations.

→ Indian Prime Minister Nehru asserts his country is "quite awake, quite alert" over the matter of "very large" Red Chinese forces in Tibet.

Saturday, August 15

→ According to a statement by Richard M. Nixon, Nikita S. Khrushchev earnestly believes that millions of American workers are ready to revolt and institute Socialism or Communism in the United States.

→ In a final vote, the House passes the Landrum-Griffin labor bill by a vote of 303 to 125.

→ The Cuban Government announces its troops have captured a planeload of "counter-revolutionaries and arms" flown to the Cuban Las Villas province from the Dominican Republic.

→ West Germany is constructing its first nuclear power plant at Juelich in North-Rhine-Westphalia.

→ The Vatican is reported "concerned" over renewed frictions between the Roman Catholic Church and the Gomulka regime in Poland.

→ Richard C. Patterson, head of New York City's Department of Commerce and Public Events, promises Khrushchev will receive "a warm welcome" in New York.

→ The steel strike reverses a fourteen-months rise of industrial output in the United States for the first time, by sending the index down one percent.

Sunday, August 16

→ The Soviet Government accuses Laos of having violated her neutrality by permitting the United States to establish a military base in Laos.

→ Haiti asks the conference of American foreign ministers at Santiago, Chile, to intervene against a rebel invasion from Cuba.

→ General George Grivas, former Greek Cypriote underground leader with outspoken Communist support, announces he is ready to seek power in Greece with the help of "popular organizations and the working class."

→ Indonesian President Sukarno warns that Dutch capital in Indonesia faces expropriation unless the Netherlands hand over West New Guinea.

→ Official Communist sources in Prague stress that the Eisenhower-Khrushchev talks "may slowly force the West to play down its basic attitude that the Governments of Eastern Europe are not representative of the people of Eastern Europe."

→ Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, says that the Soviet Union probably has submarines able to launch ballistic missiles.

→ Five square miles of Upper Manhattan with half a million residents has all electrical power supply cut off by breaks for more than twelve hours.

Monday, August 17

→ It is disclosed that the Soviet Government denied Vice President Nixon's request to visit a missile factory during his recent stay in the Soviet Union.

→ The Santiago, Chile, conference of American foreign ministers intends to empower the Inter-American Peace Commission to act as conciliator in the Caribbean crisis.

→ The Tunisian Government charges that French airplanes based in Algeria twice attacked the Tunisian town of Bhiret Zitouna.

→ Bonn Government sources assert that Adenauer will urge Eisenhower to steer clear of any detailed discussion of the German question in his talks with Nikita S. Khrushchev.

→ *Izvestia,* the official Soviet paper, publishes *Tass* interviews with nine "leading Americans" welcoming Khrushchev's visit, among them Senator J. W. Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

→ The Prime Minister of the Federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Sir Roy Welensky, warns that Nyasaland would become Communist if it were permitted to leave the Federation.

→ French Premier Michel Debré declares that France "must be in a position to make herself heard and understood" if she is to "avoid being crushed by agreements between very great powers" like the forthcoming Eisenhower-Khrushchev "talks."

→ Fidel Castro's brother, the fellow-traveling commander of the Cuban military forces, Raul Castro, is dispatched to the Santiago conference of American republics.

→ The Italian Government, endangered by a "popular front" propaganda drive that was encouraged by the announcement of Eisenhower's meeting with Khrushchev, intends to urge Eisenhower that he demand from Khrushchev a Soviet renunciation of the use and support of Western Communist parties.

→ Chinese Red radio claims that "vast areas" in four provinces have been "liberated" in Laos by Communist rebels and invaders.

→ Richard M. Nixon asserts that, in spite of Khrushchev's visit and gestures, the Soviets "still have the goal of a Communist world."

→ Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey dies at the age of seventy-six.

Tuesday, August 18

→ The Santiago conference of American republics ends on a note of triumph for Castro by stating officially that "the existence of anti-democratic regimes constitutes a violation of the principles on which the Organization of American States is founded and endangers the peace and the harmony of the hemisphere."

→ The Laotian Army reports that Communist rebels are on the march again in the northeastern provinces.

→ The Soviet Government has offered to Bolivia a loan of sixty million dollars in equipment and refineries.

→ According to reports reaching India the Chinese Communists have arrested the Panchen Lama who was made their puppet ruler after the Dalai Lama had fled.

→ Moscow broadcasts warn that Soviet submarines could enter the Hudson Bay from under the Arctic ice and bombard the heart of industrial America.

→ Nelson Rockefeller has "a discussion on politics" with President Eisenhower.

Wednesday, August 19

→ The State Department officially suggests "Soviet complicity" in the Communist military activity in northern Laos.

→ George Meany and a preponderant majority of the A.F.L.-C.I.O.'s International Policy Committee suggest that representatives of free American unions should shun any contact with Khrushchev on his visit to the United States, while Walter P. Reuther strongly dissents from that policy.

→ Admiral Arthur W. Radford, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, declares that, if Khrushchev gets on his visit the impression "that we really do not understand what the Communists are up to, then look out!"

Thursday, August 20

→ The A.F.L.-C.I.O. Executive Council approves by a vote of 22 to 3 President Meany's policy of shunning Khrushchev, the three dissenting votes being cast by Walter P. Reuther, James B. Carey and O. A. Knight.

→ The Government of Laos reports that six provinces have been penetrated by the Red invaders.

→ The Government of Tunisia leaves the customs union with France.

→ Former Cuban President Batista arrives in Portugal on his way to his lasting exile in Madeira.

→ Philip Courtney, Chairman of the United States Council of the International Chamber of Commerce, just returned from a three weeks' trip to Moscow, reports that Soviet leaders are eager for direct trade talks with Western business leaders.

Friday, August 21

→ Hawaii is officially proclaimed as the fiftieth state of the Union.

→ The United States Defense Department bans publication of a book on nuclear strategy written by the chief of the Strategic Air Command, General T. S. Power.

→ A special Laotian envoy to the United Nations declares that Red Czechoslovakia supplies arms to the rebel forces in Laos.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev is holding a series of conferences with European and Asiatic Communist leaders in Yalta in preparation for his meeting with Eisenhower.

→ On his return from Europe Adlai E. Stevenson reports that the impending exchange of visits between Khrushchev and Eisenhower is regarded abroad as "a great achievement for the Soviet premier."

Saturday, August 22

→ The White House announces that Nikita S. Khrushchev will visit Washington, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Des Moines, Ames (Iowa) and Pittsburgh.

→ The World Council of Churches joins the world-wide Communist-inspired movement to make the Western powers stop nuclear tests.

→ The United States Representative at the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge, is designated by Eisenhower to act as his personal representative in accompanying Khrushchev on his nationwide tour.

The Soviet humor magazine *Krokodil* invites American cartoonist Herbert Block (Herblock) of the *Washington Post* and *New York Post* to become a contributor.

→ The French Government indicates that it considers a recent speech on Algeria by Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Joseph C. Satterthwaite, to be an unfriendly intervention in an inner-French matter in favor of rebels.

→ Leaders of Latin-American Communist Parties meet in Santiago, Chile.

Sunday, August 23

→ Italian Premier Antonio Segni, referring to the Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting, warns that an easing of East-West tension must not be bought "at the price of liberty."

→ Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev sends an aggressive and insulting note to German Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

→ Communist insurgents and invaders are approaching the capital of Laos.

→ French Premier Debré warns that France's Algerian policies "must not be contested or contradicted" by anyone who wants France as an ally.

→ Bishop Theophilos of the Ethiopian Coptic Church visits the Soviet Union with an eye on possible affiliation of his church with the Russian Orthodox Church.

Monday, August 24

→ President Eisenhower will waive protocol, it is announced, and meet Khrushchev at the airport although he is not a head of state.

→ Former President Harry S. Truman declares that Eisenhower's trip to the Soviet Union is unwise.

→ Secretary of State Herter announces that he considers the situation in Laos as "very dangerous."

→ The Dalai Lama estimates that Tibet's struggle for freedom has so far cost eighty thousand Tibetan lives and that his country is heading towards extermination.

→ Dr. Hilger von Scherpenberg, State Secretary of the Bonn Foreign Ministry, declares his Government will give support to the Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting, provided it can be sure "there will be no encroachment on the vital interests of the divided German people."

→ The Government of Haiti charges that officers and soldiers on active duty with the Cuban Army participated in the abortive invasion of Haiti on August 13.

Tuesday, August 25

→ President Eisenhower leaves Washington for conferences in Bonn, London and Paris.

→ Vice President Richard M. Nixon assures the American Legion that "under no circumstances will this exchange of visits (between Eisenhower and Khrushchev) result in statements or actions on the part of the United States indicating our approval or acquiescence in the status of the captive people of Eastern Europe."

→ Indian Prime Minister Nehru declares that his Government would go to the defense of the two Indian provinces Bhutan and Sikkim if they were attacked.

→ Huge strikes paralyze the economic life of Argentina.

→ The Cuban Government asks for another wave of executions in mass trials against recently arrested "counter-revolutionaries."

Wednesday, August 26

→ Huge crowds of Germans greet President Eisenhower on his arrival in Bonn, displaying their willingness to stay firm in the face of Soviet attacks and intrigues.

→ Khrushchev warns West Germany of the dangers it invites in allowing itself to be an atomic base for the West.

→ The State Department promises it will speed additional military help to Laos.

→ *Izvestia* charges that Truman has been trying "to poison" the forthcoming exchange of visits between Eisenhower and Khrushchev.

→ Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco announces that his city will give a civic banquet in honor of Khrushchev on September 21.

→ The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development is about to make a loan of forty million dollars to widen and deepen the Suez Canal.

Thursday, August 27

→ Large crowds welcome Eisenhower in London as he resumes his talks with Macmillan after having reached a formal agreement of views with Adenauer.

→ The United States Pacific Command is prepared to begin airlifting emergency military supplies to Laos "within a few days."

→ The Soviet Embassy in Washington has received more than five hundred invitations (and the State Department hundreds more) of various United States communities and organizations for Nikita S. Khrushchev to visit them.

→ Adlai E. Stevenson declares his disagreement with Harry S. Truman concerning the Eisenhower visit to Moscow, which Stevenson considers beneficial.

→ Senator Lyndon B. Johnson tells the American Legion Convention "the greatest tragedy" would result if Khrushchev's visit would be considered "a thaw in the cold war."

Friday, August 28

→ Eisenhower and Macmillan agree on a joint policy that envisages "a series of high-level meetings with Soviet leaders."

→ Konrad Adenauer appeals to Khrushchev to resume negotiations directed at controlled international disarmament.

→ The Dalai Lama appeals to the United Nations to support Tibet in her fight against Communist China.

→ French President de Gaulle tours the military posts in Algeria.

→ Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia warns the big powers not to try to dictate any "final settlement" of East-West issues.

→ Khrushchev declares he is going to the United States "with a burning desire" to relieve international tensions.

Saturday, August 29

→ It is declared in London that Eisenhower and Macmillan have agreed on "the need for flexibility."

→ Senator J. W. Fulbright demands that the State Department take "a new look at Middle Eastern policies" and move "imaginatively and boldly" in achieving good relations with the United Arab Republic.

→ Richard M. Nixon cautions Americans against assuming that Khrushchev's visit signals a softening in the Communist goal of world domination.

→ Scientists at the London international congress of the International Astronautical Federation predict that the Soviet Union will attempt to put a man into space this year.

Sunday, August 30

→ The Indian Army dispatches troop enforcements into the border region of Assam, while President Eisenhower sees in London Nehru's sister, the Indian Ambassador to Britain, Mrs. Lakshmi Pandit.

→ Soviet Deputy Premier Mikoyan welcomes a visiting group of American businessmen in Moscow, among them leading members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

→ The Finnish Army is getting armored tanks of the type T-54 and other military equipment from the Soviet Union.

→ Dr. Klaus Fuchs, recently released from a British jail, is appointed chief of the East German nuclear research agency in Leipzig.

→ The chiefs of India's military establishment offer their resignation in a move of protest against Nehru's fellow-traveling Defense Minister, Krishna Menon.

Monday, August 31

→ Recalling Hitler's attack on Poland, twenty years ago, in alliance with Stalin, Dr. Konrad Adenauer approaches the Polish Government with a note that is generally interpreted in Europe as an appeasement step ordered by Eisenhower.

→ Nikita S. Khrushchev releases a surprisingly friendly response to Adenauer's recent note to the Soviets, which indicates a far-reaching agreement between the Governments of the Soviet Union and the United States to maneuver West Germany into accepting "a compromise" on the East German question.

→ Senators Paul H. Douglas (Democrat), Styles Bridges (Republican), Thomas J. Dodd (Democrat) and Representatives Walter H. Judd (Republican) and John W. McCormack (Democrat) call upon the American people to observe a period of mourning for victims of Communism during Khrushchev's visit to the United States.

In Place Of A Thousand Words

Shake! Let's Coexist Until I Bury You

EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

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Mailed from Hamburg, August 31, 1959

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, who travels fast these days, will outrun this report. Before I can say hello to my readers, he will have said good-bye to Khrushchev. Just so, everyone has to do his duty — Eisenhower must shake hands with the manager of World Communism, and I must report that this is exactly what he is doing.

His job is tough, but so is mine. For sometimes it seems to one who is trying to report reality that he is surrounded by a nightmare. He is trying to shout the most obvious and most self-evident thing, but the people around him suddenly speak an altogether alien language or they don't hear at all. This, indeed, is the nightmare of our time. A statement that Mr. Khrushchev is a member of the Communist Party would at this point be denounced as a dirty rumor, unproved by demonstrable facts and utterly malicious. The Chambers of Commerce throughout the United States are preparing receptions of an esteemed guest from Moscow. Wall Street is flagged and American television is wrapping up a billion-dollar gift of propaganda for the Commissar. In this hubbub of capitalistic love for Khrushchev I feel downright subversive and, at any rate, embarrassingly out of step. Nor is my embarrassment confined to the United States. Europeans, too, are practically exploding with enthusiasm for their own executioners. It is, to be frank, an obscene sight.

The Germans Have No Course But To String Along...

Of course, Europeans are at this point not welcoming the *Fuehrer* of World Communism but merely the friendly and attractive President of the United States. And, in a pinch, they could claim that their applause for Eisenhower ought to be understood as a demonstration *against* Khrushchev. The Germans, for example, who a few days ago welcomed their conqueror of 1945 with a joy and a devotion Mr. Eisenhower will find in no other European capital, indubitably wanted to express their confidence in American firmness, power and sense. And yet, there is something profoundly sick in this emphatically expressed misunderstanding. One can't help being reminded of a historical cliché — of those gladiators who, upon entering Caesar's arena, greeted him with a "morituri te salutant" — "those who are about to die are greeting you."

For there is not an intelligent person in Europe who would doubt that they will pay for the conventions in Washington and Moscow with German currency. There is no handier money around. Neither Eisenhower nor Khrushchev can afford to come home without a deal. The President of the United States could not possibly act as a traveling salesman, and the boss of World Communism as a cooky-pusher, without something to show for all their

trouble. Khrushchev, of course, is enjoying a buyer's market; it would not occur to anybody in the West to expect more from him than a few soothing words about Laos and the northern borders of India. But Eisenhower, unless he becomes willing to admit that he's been had, will have to pay for his way home through the nose — not necessarily through his own, but certainly through Adenauer's nose.

This, I suppose, *Der Alte* knows. And yet—what can he do? For one, the entire policy of the past Adenauer decade was based on his decisive insistence that Germany must support the American position; and now that Eisenhower takes this fantastic trip into the never-never-land of appeasement, Adenauer cannot suddenly separate his fate from that of America. Secondly, German "public opinion" (in a way even more "liberal" than America's metropolitan press) has massaged the German people into believing that, somehow, a meeting between Khrushchev and Eisenhower will resemble the second coming of Christ. Finally, Eisenhower's excursion into personal diplomacy has already produced one almost fatal result — the collapse of an even formal Western unity, particularly in regard to French solidarity with America. And in this worse than delicate situation Adenauer, whose second guiding principle of policy all the time was Germany's closest cooperation with France, could not possibly withdraw with an air of pouting. Should he now so much as hesitate to stay in America's camp, de Gaulle would necessarily take over German foreign policy, too. Such are the subtleties of the game of alliances.

For all these reasons, and some others, Adenauer had to act the teacher's pet, in Bonn as well as in his painful correspondence with Khrushchev. But he is not fooling himself. While the Western world is suffering from the strange illusion that Khrushchev, at the peak of his career, will yield to Eisenhower's endearing old charms, Adenauer is determined to prove that, at any rate, he is not going to disturb the smooching. German policy, at this point, must consist of compliant gestures, if only because General de Gaulle has taken it upon himself to counteract Eisenhower.

Although de Gaulle Does Not...

And it would be a dangerous mistake to underrate the French determination. Another American President, Eisenhower's wartime boss, had to learn, with considerable disgust, that General de Gaulle, once he has chosen a position, can be impressed neither by a display of force nor by a promise of favors. And once more de Gaulle's policy has stiffened in the face of an American president's dilettantism. This time General de Gaulle wants to insist, come what may, on three things: one, France will not allow the United States to bargain in the name of France; two, France will not permit the President of the United States to make Khrushchev the precious present of Algeria; three, France will proceed with a nuclear armament without which it would cease to be a sovereign power. True, France being France, de Gaulle will give Eisenhower a Parisian reception of impeccable politeness and style. But even Jim Hagerty will have told Eisenhower by now that France has left the fictitious Western coalition. And as Adenauer most certainly remains the realist he always was, no one chaperones Eisenhower at his flirtation with Khrushchev but the peculiar Mr. Macmillan.

Harold Macmillan, I dare predict, will go down in history as the most unlikely Prime Minister even England ever had. Baldwin knew that Hitler was arming for war, and yet he kept England disarmed. Chamberlain knew that war was coming, and yet he simulated "peace in our time." But Macmillan knows much less and does much more than either: he does not know the irreducible aims of the enemy — and yet he has done everything in his power to disarm England even diplomatically. For, while Baldwin renounced Britain's military strength and Chamberlain abdicated morally, Macmillan has succeeded in scratching England off the racing chart altogether. For the first time in modern history England will not sit in on a decisive international conference. And, mind you, the President of the United States was *pushed* into the arrogance of bilateral negotiations with the Soviets by the British Prime Minister himself! Macmillan's unprecedented campaign, which was to win Khrushchev's favors for England, ends with the *one* thing intelligent Europeans have always feared more than the H-Bomb — direct negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States, with the exclusion of Western Europe's big powers.

In his proud and tragic abstention from the general joy over the Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting Charles de Gaulle actually represents *all* of Europe. His personal motives may be "nationalistic," but the true meaning of his rôle, and perhaps its ultimate impact, will be universal. If Eisenhower can outsmart Khrushchev (which means: if hell freezes) then de Gaulle has lost his bet; but that wouldn't matter much because, in that case, all of Western Europe will have shrunk to the stature of a dwarfed ward of America. Should Khrushchev emerge triumphantly from his love-bout with Eisenhower (which means: should the unavoidable happen) then Charles de Gaulle, again openly supported by Adenauer, will lead a last and desperate European resistance against the ignominous Anglo-American curse of appeasement. In either case the Atlantic alliance must end. This is the only certain result of Eisenhower's travel adventure.

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As Khrushchev Buries NATO . . .

How profoundly France's confidence in American and British policies has been shaken was demonstrated by a recent statement of de Gaulle's Prime Minister, Michel Debré. The new French policy, he said, "is a reaction against alliances which took advantage of our weaknesses and subjugated us to foreign powers—powers that did not hesitate to work against our interests." Such language was not heard in the Atlantic world since 1939. And Debré's timing was ominous, not only because of the forthcoming Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting. As it happens, the month of September, 1959, is of crucial importance for the survival of NATO. Article 12 of the NATO-Pact commits the NATO-alliance to enter, beginning with September, 1959, into negotiations concerning "a revision of the treaty," should any member so desire. France now does.

President de Gaulle, in other words, seems determined to confront Eisenhower with the true dilemma inherent in Eisenhower's new policy: we can't have Western Europe and eat it too. If

the United States is to embark upon a course of "friendship" with the Soviet Union, NATO will necessarily dissolve — and not only because de Gaulle prefers honor to surrender. NATO is breaking up before our eyes simply because a "rapprochement" between the United States and the Soviet Union abolishes its reasons for being. NATO makes sense only on the assumption that there remain irreducible tensions and life-perils in the relations between East and West. Once the leading power of the Western coalition has decided in favor of "coexistence," NATO vanishes. And this is exactly the major aim of Khrushchev's strategy: to deprive the United States, with a few swift strokes, of its European alliances, and thus to get the United States out of Europe. That he would be able to achieve this goal with a conman's oily smile, and nothing else, even Khrushchev could hardly have expected. But he has done it. Even if the forthcoming meeting with Eisenhower were to produce no other Soviet successes, the one already achieved is staggering; the United States has maneuvered itself into isolation, has abandoned its Western alliances, has driven France into open and Germany into hardly disguised separation from the system of Atlantic alliances.

At the moment, Adenauer's hands are tied. But he can't continue his obedience to Eisenhower's improvised orders very long. Khrushchev is determined to get from the United States some kind of "solution" of the "Berlin crisis," and he means to get it soon. What this solution will be, no one but Dr. Milton Eisenhower knows. He has returned from his trip to Moscow (for which Nixon seems to have been nothing but a public-relations foil) with some secretly discussed Khrushchev offers which are currently the subject of the hottest guessing game in European chancelleries. These chancelleries were greatly surprised to learn that the name of the ruling United States President was not, as everybody assumed, Jim Hagerty but Milton Eisenhower; but by now the secret is out. What Europe's statesmen would like to know is simply what kind of proposals almighty Milton has come home with. The best guess: a Khrushchev offer to grant the West German government a corridor to West Berlin—*if* the Western powers (i.e., primarily, the United States) withdraw their troops from that city and, thus, renounce their "rights of occupation."

By Giving Us What We Already Have...

This, indeed, would be an extremely clever move on Khrushchev's part. For it would allow the Eisenhower Administration to masquerade a decisive American defeat as some kind of Western triumph; isn't the grant of even a small West German corridor into West Berlin, across Soviet-occupied German territory, a Soviet concession worth the withdrawal of token Western troops from heretofore isolated Berlin?

But actually Khrushchev would have granted nothing that was not already a Western trump card — namely, direct access to West Berlin without Soviet interference. And in exchange for that bit of nothing, Khrushchev would attain a strategic advantage of incomparable momentum: A future thrust of East German Communists against West Berlin would no longer encounter the forbidding physical presence of American soldiers. Now a cautiously manipulated *putsch* would cut into butter. Without the token presence of American troops in Berlin, whose violation might result in a world war, the East German Communists, with momentous Soviet support, can safely prepare a "peaceful" taking-over of West Berlin —relying on the West's proved determination not to resist militarily unless it is *directly* attacked. The withdrawal of Allied troops from West Berlin abolishes the chances of such a *direct* attack. Thus, it makes the Communist conquest of West Berlin *unavoidable* — and never mind Soviet "concessions" offered first to bring that withdrawal about.

In Exchange For Berlin, Our Recognition of East Germany, Disarmament Of West Germany, And The Benediction Of Christian A. Herter...

Of course, as I said, nobody knows here in Europe what kind of message Milton brought to his formally reigning brother; and it is quite possible that Khrushchev prefers an entirely different scheme. The most likely alternative to the Miltonian Proposals remains the original Soviet "solution" of the "Berlin crisis" — to leave the token Allied troops, for the time being, in West Berlin, but make the United States negotiate the supply lines with, and thus recognize, the Ulbricht regime. This alternative is not only likely but probable, because, after all, it has already been accepted by Herter in Geneva. When he "suggested" an "all-German committee" to regulate "inner-German" problems, with a built-in veto right for Ulbricht, he went beyond the boldest Soviet proposals. And so, in the end, the Geneva conference might finally and fully *succeed* after all. Eisenhower and Khrushchev may put their seals to what Herter and Gromyko didn't dare to sign.

Nor will they stop there, I am afraid. As far as it was possible to penetrate the thick cloud of staggering banalities exuded by Eisenhower's traveling party all over Europe, the impression is growing on the continent that the central subject of the peak-palaver is to be "disarmament." Nobody believes that "disarmament," at the present stage, could mean nuclear disarmament of the two world powers. Disarmament, under the present conditions, can mean only one thing — the disarmament of Germany. Knowing people in Europe assume quite earnestly that the upshot of Eisenhower's talks with Khrushchev will be a revival of the Rapacki Plan — the most dangerous version of all existing ideas of "disengagement."

The Rapacki Plan, you will remember, suggests a "demilitarization" of a broad strip on both sides of the Iron Curtain, including Germany in the West and Poland in the East. By "demilitarization" the Communists, naturally, mean the dissolution of West Germany's armed forces, but by no means the dismantling of the police forces of the satellites. These are paramilitary forces of enormous strength which, if they don't encounter superior military force, are entirely capable of executing decisive actions. Any sensible technician would therefore insist that West Germany can "disarm" only if the satellites disband their totalitarian police forces (i.e., overthrow their Communist regimes). This I repeat, would be merely a technician's consideration,

altogether untouched by political sophistication. However, General Eisenhower has risen high above the concerns of his Chiefs of Staff; and he now turns to the philosophical insights of his brother Milton and of Jim Hagerty when the military security of the West is at stake.

So it may well be the good old Rapacki Plan. Nixon (and even poor high-pressured Adenauer) made lately conspicuous advances to the Gomulka regime. And it is perfectly possible that the "public relations" experts, who handle United States policy, have thought up that campaign to prepare the revival and acceptance of the Rapacki Plan. At any rate (unless, of course, they'll already negotiate the surrender of Seattle), there is hardly any other subject conceivable for Eisenhower's talks with Khrushchev than some form of "disarmament" which would primarily commit the bastion and front-line of the West—Germany.

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While In Italy...

Nobody tells the Italians what's going on in the world but, with the exaggerated sensitivity of a feeble and endangered nation, they are forming their own ideas. And who could say that these ideas are wrong? The thought prevailing, at the moment in Italy, it seems, is simply that all is lost — that Eisenhower's decision to negotiate directly with Khrushchev means the "beginning of a new era," an age of "coexistence." And the Italians, not always blessed with particular stamina and strength of nerve, are getting terribly busy with their age-old game of "regrouping."

At the center of the hustling, to nobody's surprise, is Fanfani, the resentful former Prime Minister and leader of the Christian-Democratic Party's left wing. According to his timetable, the Segni Government is to be overthrown by the end of October, at or shortly after the forthcoming Christian-Democratic Congress. Fanfani's argument runs on two tracks — domestic and foreign policies. In truth, he has only one concern — Italy's "need" to turn left.

The domestic argument centers around the stubborn rebellion of Sicily's Christian Democrats against Segni's leadership. The Sicilian rebels, who have formed their regional administration in coalition with the Communists (who at this point control Sicily's legislative bodies), have established closest contacts not only with Fanfani but, above all, with the notorious Enrico Mattei (frequently mentioned in last year's *Surveys* in this magazine), and with President Gronchi. With the Sicilian rebellion as evidence, Fanfani claims that the Segni leadership has estranged the party from "the masses," has surrendered the party's self-determination to the "reactionary whims" of the Monarchists and the Neo-Fascists, without whose parliamentary support Segni cannot exist.

The other argument (and it carries enormous weight in Italy's easily scared political establishment) is simply the international change of weather. In recent days respectable "conservative" newspapers in Italy have seriously argued that Togliatti and his Communist Party must at last be considered as potential partners of "a national coalition." Why? Because Khrushchev *is* already a partner of Eisenhower. It's that simple — at least so far as the Italians are concerned. They even think that two and two make four.

The Communists Love The Bright New Weather...

It is, in other words, no longer the notorious "opening on the left" that has disturbed Italian policies for years—the everlasting temptation for Italy's center to contemplate a coalition with Nenni's Socialists. All of a sudden the talk is now, quite openly, of a revival of the late "popular front" which de Gasperi abandoned ten years ago, and not a moment too soon; the Communists are becoming "governmental" in Italy again. I do not mean to say that they will indeed enter the Government in any foreseeable future. The perilous switch in the Italian political climate consists rather of a new readiness to see the Communists, not as a foreign conspiracy, but as a legitimate Italian party with competitive rights and titles to power. Given the profound Italian cynicism in all political matters, this change alone suffices to destroy Italy's democratic structure. And this, too, is one of the immediate successes of Eisenhower's travels.

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How fast and seriously Italy is developing into one of Europe's weakest spots has been recently pointed out by Britain's most knowing military analyst, B. H. Liddell Hart. "Italy would be the first European country to suffer from a breakdown of the northern (Scandinavian) flank," he wrote in a magnificent survey of Europe's crazy quilt. "For Denmark and Norway control the Atlantic exits for the immense Russian fleet of fast long-range submarines, the greatest part of which is stationed in the East Sea and Ice Sea ports . . . Should that bottleneck be de-corked, ninety or more submarines of the Soviet East-Sea Fleet could enter the Atlantic and thus endanger all supply lines of Western and Southern Europe . . . The magnitude of the danger becomes evident if one considers that Germany, at the outbreak of World War II, had fewer than forty submarines, of which only eight could operate down to Gibraltar or the Azores."

In other words, Italy's strategic position is to a large extent determined by the defensive strength of Denmark and Norway. But these two countries refused to grant NATO troops even the most primitive bases. Why? Because, as Liddell Hart says, "they wanted to avoid any provocation of the Soviet Union. Their hesitation is under the present circumstances understandable, but it makes their membership in NATO almost absurd."

Not necessarily more absurd, I'd like to add, than the NATO membership of a United States that is building its foreign policy on Milton Eisenhower's diplomacy and Dwight Eisenhower's charms. The reliance on the charms of another President brought about Yalta and Teheran. What makes me tremble is the idea that Eisenhower is even more *charming* than was F. D. Roosevelt.

WE PAUSE TO REMARK

According to the objective report of the best non-political observers, the Soviets do not even have a missile factory that amounts to a row of beans. So it is no wonder that they turned down Nixon's request to see one. The Vice President should have asked to see a lie factory. Then his hosts, if they wished, could have shown him the largest and most productive in the world.

BULLETS

Like it or not, the great and inescapable task of our epoch is not to end the Cold War but to win it.

Eugene Lyons

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In the old days, ten dollars worth of groceries would fill a pantry to bursting. Today, ten dollars worth of groceries won't even burst a shopping bag. Certainly shows how much stronger bags are now, doesn't it?

Wall Street Journal

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We must not promise what we ought not, lest we be called upon to perform what we cannot.

Abraham Lincoln, Alone

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The sheep and the wolf are not agreed upon a definition of the word liberty. (Or the word "peace.")

Abraham Lincoln, Assisted By Your Editor

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For Sale: Complete 30-volume set Encyclopedia Americana. New, 1948. Never used — my wife knows everything.

Advertisement In Wayne (Pa.) Times

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Some callers can stay longer in an hour than others do in a week.

William Dean Howells

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We have just heard a rumor that a new plant is being constructed in Missouri for manufacturing front ends of horses — the product of this plant will be sent to Washington for final assembly.

American Eagle

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Sign In Laboratory: Are you helping with the solution or are you a part of the problem?

Noted By J. H. Williams

The American Way — using instant coffee to dawdle away an hour.

Dan Kidney

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Some like it cold, some like it hot,
Some freeze while others smother.
And by some fiendish, fatal plot
They marry one another.

Richard Armour

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During the past twenty years there has been approximately an eight hundred percent expansion in our Federal taxes. During the last twenty years there has also been approximately an eight hundred percent expansion in the total membership of the world-wide Communist parties, in the number of enslaved subjects ruled by the Communists, and in the general extent of Communist power. Just who do you think paid for that Communist expansion—through wartime and peacetime alike?

Our Own Question

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Profit from our past mistakes is not taxable. (But don't remind the government!)

Pulpit Digest, Annotated By Us

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A little flattery now and then makes husbands out of single men.

Automotive Dealer News

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Monsignor Knox says that Hilaire Belloc saw "the evils of our time in a clear light and with a steady hatred."

The Wanderer

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Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?

Second Corinthians, VI, 14

IF YOU WANT IT STRAIGHT . . .

Please, Mr. Senator, Do!

By Monday, September 7, the appeal of the Committee Against Summit Entanglements, to President Eisenhower to ask the Soviet Premier to "postpone" his visit, had appeared as a full-page advertisement (except as noted) in the following newspapers.

Union Leader, Manchester, New Hampshire
Standard Times, New Bedford, Massachusetts
Haverhill Journal, Haverhill, Massachusetts
Brooklyn Tablet, Brooklyn, New York
Sarasota Herald, Sarasota, Florida
Oakland Tribune, Oakland, California
News and Courier, Charleston, South Carolina
Colorado Springs Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Fort Lauderdale News, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, Florida
Tulsa Tribune, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Richmond News-Leader, Richmond, Virginia
Richmond Times-Despatch, Richmond, Virginia
Houston Chronicle, Houston, Texas
Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio
Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Arizona
Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana
New York Herald Tribune, New York, New York
Milwaukee Sentinel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Utica Observer, Utica, New York
Borger News Herald, Borger, Texas
Wall Street Journal (Three-fifths Page), New York, New York
Park City News, Dallas, Texas
New York Times, New York, New York
Amerikai Mayar Nepsuarun (Hungarian), New York, New York

Chicago Abendpost, Chicago, Illinois
Bangor Daily News, Bangor, Maine
Spartanburg Herald, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Greenville News, Greenville, South Carolina
Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, North Carolina
Dallas News, Dallas, Texas
Washington Star, Washington, D.C.
Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois
Davenport Times, Davenport, Iowa
The Draugus (Lithuanian), Chicago, Illinois
The Polish Daily Sgoda, Chicago, Illinois
The Sarasota News, Sarasota, Florida
The Detroit Suburban Newspapers, Detroit, Michigan
The Wanderer (Two-thirds Page), St. Paul, Minnesota
Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana
The Register, Denver, Colorado
Latrobe Bulletin, Latrobe, Pennsylvania
Lusk Herald, Lusk, Wyoming
Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, California
The Daily Calumet, Chicago, Illinois
Providence Journal, Providence, Rhode Island
Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Michigan

And in more than fifty other weeklies and smaller dailies throughout the country.

As a result of these advertisements, and of many tremendous efforts by various other groups and individuals, a veritable flood of petitions and letters had been poured on Washington, protesting the forthcoming visit and trying to get it stopped. If we had had two more weeks in which to build up the opposition, or if the period for this buildup had not been so cleverly scheduled at the exact season of any year when it is most difficult to reach people you need and bring them into action, we believe the battle could have been won. But the Communists and their dupes and sympathizers, while not knowing the specific forms the opposition would take, had studied the calendar well. They had allowed us but six vacation-time weeks, of which five were now gone. And the conclusion had become fairly certain that no amount of pressure on the White House (really on its leftwing advisers), which could be mustered in the time available, was going to induce a cancellation of the invitation, because of the strength of the influences which had brought about the invitation in the first place. The visit was of far too much value to the Communists who had planned it.

So on that Labor Day, September 7, your editor sent the following paid night letter, as a separate telegram to every one of the one hundred United States Senators.

HON. GEORGE D. AIKEN, SENATE OFFICE BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

HAS THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES SIMPLY SURRENDERED ITS AUTHORITY AND DUTIES QUESTION MARK IF SO WHY GO THROUGH THE SILLY MOTION OF HOLDING SESSIONS QUESTION MARK PARAGRAPH

THE APPROACHING VISIT OF KHRUSHCHEV IS NOT IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THE USUAL STATE VISIT PROPERLY ARRANGED BY OUR STATE DEPARTMENT PERIOD IT IS A MORE DECISIVE AND FARREACHING ALIGNMENT OF OUR COUNTRY IN ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS THAN ANY ORDINARY TREATY COULD POSSIBLY BE PERIOD IN AN ARTICLE IN THE MAGAZINE FOREIGN AFFAIRS KHRUSHCHEV HAS ARROGANTLY ANNOUNCED ON THE EVE OF HIS ARRIVAL THE TERMS ON WHICH HE WILL CONSENT TO LET US SURVIVE TEMPORARILY AS A NATION DASH PROVIDED WE UNDERSTAND AND TACITLY CONSENT THAT WE ARE EVENTUALLY TO BE ABSORBED INTO THE COMMUNIST EMPIRE PERIOD HIS VISIT AS AN HONORED GUEST OF OUR NATION UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IS ITSELF THE GREATEST VICTORY

HE COULD POSSIBLY ACHIEVE TOWARD MAKING THIS OVERBEARING BLUFF BECOME TRAGIC REALITY PERIOD YET THE INVITATION AND PLANS FOR THIS VISIT WERE MADE NOT ONLY WITHOUT THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE BUT WITHOUT ANY NOTICE EVEN BEING GIVEN YOU PERIOD PARAGRAPH

OUR STATE DEPARTMENT ITSELF SAYS THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNIST CHINA AND COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM ARE TOGETHER DIRECTING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNIST INVADING FORCES IN LAOS RIGHT NOW PEROD THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THIS MOVE HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH KHRUSHCHEV'S VISIT TO AMERICA IN ORDER TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT HE CAN GET AWAY WITH AND STILL HAVE OUR GOVERNMENT ACCEPT IT AND HIM PERIOD THIS ARMED INTERFERENCE BY THE SOVIET IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AN INDEPENDENT NATION IS MADE AT THE EXACT MOMENT WHEN KHRUSHCHEV IS PROCLAIMING THAT THE SOVIET UNION STRICTLY ADHERES QUOTE TO AN OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF ALL STATES TO DESIST FROM VIOLATING EACH OTHER'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN ANY FORM AND UNDER ANY PRETEXT WHATSOEVER UNQUOTE PERIOD THIS IS CALCULATED INSOLENCE AGAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING THE WORLD WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT WILL SWALLOW WHILE STILL KOWTOWING TO THE SUPPOSED SOVIET POWER PERIOD PARAGRAPH

THE ARMED AGGRESSION IN LAOS HOWEVER IS ALSO PERFECT JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO WITHDRAW HIS INVITATION AND ASK THE SOVIET PREMIER TO POSPONE HIS VISIT PERIOD A FIRM RESOLUTION BY THE UNITED STATES

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QUOTE ONCE TO EVERY MAN AND NATION COMES THE MOMENT TO DECIDE UNQUOTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE THIS IS IT PERIOD THIS IS THE POINT AT WHICH BY ONE DETERMINED ACT YOU CAN BEGIN TO TURN BACK THE ADVANCE OF SOVIET RULE WHICH HAS INFLICTED SUCH INCREDIBLE CRUELTY AND HORROR ON MANKIND PERIOD YOU CAN DO SOMETHING OF WHICH YOU PERSONALLY WILL BE

JUSTLY PROUD ALL THE REST OF YOUR DAYS AND THE MEMBERS OF THIS SENATE CAN EARN AN HONORED PLACE IN HISTORY FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS TO COME BY ONE COURAGEOUS ACT PERIOD THAT ACT WILL CAUSE A WORLDWIDE SHOUT OF APPLAUSE PERIOD IT WILL BE GREETED WITH TEARS OF HAPPINESS AS A BASIS FOR NEW HOPE BY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF OUR SUFFERING FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS WHO ARE NOW IN UTTER DESPAIR PERIOD I BEG OF YOU AS DO THOSE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS AND CERTAINLY THE VAST MAJORITY OF YOUR AMERICAN FELLOW CITIZENS TO RISE TO THE OCCASION AND SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR GREATNESS PERIOD

HUMBLY AND SINCERELY
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This was a final attempt, by using the one resource of authority which a sufficiently strong appeal might enlist on our side, to win our case. As of the last day we can hold this copy from the printer (even after delaying this issue more than we should have), and although a number of influential people are working on the proposal, the odds are still against the Senate considering and acting on any such resolution. So the odds, while greatly reduced, are still strongly on the side of Khrushchev's arrival on American soil long before this magazine can have been mailed to our readers. Which brings us to the points we have tried so hard to avoid.

The Significance Of Our Hospitality

It would hardly be possible to exaggerate or to overestimate the size or importance of this Communist victory. The former Prime Minister of France, Georges Bidault, has said the acceptance of Khrushchev as an honored guest of our nation, and his tour of the United States in that role, is "the beginning of the capitulation of the free world." And, unless there can be aroused

forces of resistance which do not yet seem visible, we agree. As a help towards making those potential forces aware, we call the attention of all the patriotic Americans we can reach to the following facts and considerations.

1. It is fully known everywhere in the world — in the United States as well as in Russia, in the remaining free countries as well as in the satellites—and not even questioned, that Nikita Khrushchev is, and all of his life has been, a professional liar, thief, and murderer; as vicious a thug and as foul a beast as the human race has ever produced in the guise of a man. By our present action our government has made clear that we have completely abandoned one of the foundations of our position; that moral considerations mean absolutely nothing in the choice of our friends or the determination of our course in international affairs.

Since the Communists publicize and glorify, as a cardinal principle of their doctrine, the assertion that material progress by man's own collective effort is the only good, and that morality is only a superstition, our leaders have now succeeded in bringing our own position much closer to that of the Communists. We have tossed aside one of the strongest ties by which we bound men of good will, everywhere, to our side. And we have told our own younger generations not to be silly enough to think that character means anything; that only "success," by *any means,* is what counts in the long run.

2. We are already giving to the Soviet tyranny, and throughout Khrushchev's stay here shall increasingly be giving it, on a silver platter and absolutely free of any price or concessions, the greatest amount of favorable propaganda that has ever been put together in one package in the history of the world. Among the purposes of this propaganda are:

(a) To have the Soviet rule, over the peoples and countries already subjugated, accepted as an irreversible *fait accompli* —by the United States, by the rest of the free world whom we are supposedly leading, and by the enslaved peoples themselves.

(b) To destroy Adenauer and with him all really effective opposition to Communism in Germany, by the *entente cordiale* established between Moscow and Washington. The supposed pillar of anti-Communist strength, the United States, on which the West Germans had thought they were leaning, is being converted before their eyes into an obvious outpost and agency of Soviet diplomatic and propaganda pressures.

(c) To knock down and apart, with a great thud made to sound like a huge Communist accomplishment, that straw man called NATO. This greatest and most expensive hoax of all time, fathered by Dean Acheson and nourished by his spiritual successors in our government, has wasted—and worse, spent in ways that were bound eventually to be helpful to the Communists—at least five times as much as the colossal total of admitted "foreign aid" handouts. As a military alliance, and despite the good soldiers of many countries who have been sucked into the motions of implementation, NATO has never been anything but a monstrous and deceptive fraud — as we pointed out in print from the very day Dean Acheson's gang announced in Lisbon, many years ago, that the new plans for NATO called for the expenditure of three hundred billion dollars! But worse than useless as it has been, the visible crack-up of even the pretense of this allied military solidarity against Communist aggression can be made into a psychological triumph for the Soviets. That crack-up will be complete by the time Eisenhower and Khrushchev finish drinking Vodka and Bourbon together in this exchange of visits.

(d) To give tremendous impetus to all forms of "cultural exchanges." If the heads of state can hop back and forth across the one-way Iron Curtain, to fraternize with each other in their respective palaces and villas, then certainly the artists and writers and scientists and "religious leaders," and even manufacturers and farmers and ordinary citizens, can and will gradually wipe out any lingering "reactionary" thought that there is any difference between their citizens or their "culture" and our own — or even any significant difference between our

two "systems" and ways of life. We will be sold the "understanding" that the Soviet system is approaching capitalism in its freedoms and achievements, while we are approaching socialism in our methods and outlook, to the extent that the differences are no longer basic or material. The ultimate goal, of so changing the political and economic structure of the United States, and of *appearing* so to change the "way of life" in the Soviet empire, that both "can be comfortably merged" into a one-world socialist government, will be many long steps nearer by the time Khrushchev gets through being "honored" in Los Angeles, and Eisenhower in turn finishes drinking all the toasts offered in the Kremlin.

(e) To bring the whole world, including the people of the United States, closer to the conviction that resistance to Communism is doomed; and that the ultimate victory of the Soviet tyranny in establishing its one-world rule is inevitable. The next step for millions of waverers in the fight is to relax and ride the wave.

(f) To make millions on millions of people throughout the world, and especially otherwise intelligent American citizens, believe that the alternative to the "peace" offered by the Communists — if we do not accept their terms — is a horrible war which they would instigate. The "peaceful coexistence" which they offer is to be tied to economic cooperation and competition, which really means our doing everything possible to help their sick economy, while giving them enough time to complete their infiltration and propaganda drive to take us over. But Khrushchev will do just enough sabre-rattling at the right times and in the right way while here to make clear that, if we do not accept this "peaceful competition," the Soviets will use military means to gain their objectives.

The truth is that even in the final stages of World War II, when the German High Command finally had sense enough to put the Russian anti-Communist General Vlasow in the field in a German uniform, a quarter of a million Russian soldiers, even with the smell of victory in their nostrils, deserted and

went over to the Germans. The truth is that, as recently as 1956 in Hungary, so many thousands of the Soviet troops went over to the freedom-fighters that Khrushchev had to use Mongolian crews for his tanks that subjugated the youth of Budapest. The truth is that Khrushchev could not today count on even his own best trained divisions, in any clearcut war between Communist tyranny and those fighting against it. The truth is that, as Lloyd Mallan and others have recently pointed out, all the Soviet pretense today of having such invincible and destructive bombs and missiles and other weapons is just as big a lie as those Khrushchev tells about everything else. And the most important truth of all is that a clear-cut war of any real size between the Soviets and their enemies would be an *automatic* signal for the one thing the Kremlin tyrants fear above all else: a *simultaneous* uprising of the enslaved peoples.

The Soviets do not use their vaunted divisions and tanks and supermodern weapons to fight, except in tiny piecemeal wars and "police actions" to subjugate rebellion in already conquered territory. It is only the *threat* of using this supposed military might to which their thinking — or their military resources — are adjusted. But Khrushchev has and will have plenty of propaganda agents and misguided dupes in this country to help him make huge numbers of the American people believe that his third-rate country — with everything in the show case and nothing in the storage room — could enter at will on a huge war in the conventional sense. This will be the most false, and yet probably the most effective, strain of the total bleating of the tremendous propaganda chorus started on its meticulously synchronized croaking by his visit.

(3) All of the harmful and dangerous results of the Khrushchev visit are not only well known to plenty of people high up in our government; but many of these same people have helped in the planning to bring about both the visit and these foreseen results. You might as well stop all of that wishful thinking, gentle reader, and get over that reluctance to face the horrible truth. Stupidity on our side cannot possibly account

for the marvelous meshing together and brilliantly ordered procession of these disastrous developments.

Any school child who will stop swallowing the disingenuous hypocrisy pouring out of our State Department and other government agencies, long enough to look objectively at what is happening right before his eyes, can see one thing clearly and unmistakably. Handing Khrushchev a royal reception and tour as our honored guest, under the conditions which have led up to the visit and under the international circumstances which prevail today, is giving aid and comfort to the most vicious and dangerous and determined enemies this country has ever faced. It is being done in the midst of a war — in which actual fighting is going on in Laos, in Tibet, in Cuba, in Indonesia, in many other parts of the world today—which is none the less war because the Soviet Union fights that war with its own preferred weapons of trickery, terror, and treason. And Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of the United States defines the giving of aid and comfort to our country's enemies as *treason*. There is no other word to describe the course of those men in our government who have plotted and engineered this betrayal.

(4) But the visit of Khrushchev is, basically, only one manifestation and one result of those treasonous influences at work. As early as 1944 Stalin quietly boasted that he was in virtual control of the American government. That control by the Kremlin — or Communist influence, if you prefer a more euphemistic expression — has increased steadily since 1944, and by leaps and bounds since 1953. Practicing "togetherness" with the Kremlin butchers, on the part of our front men, is merely or mainly a colossal propaganda and psychological "assist" which they have been pushed into by these Communist influences and controls — or in some cases have opportunistically gone along with because they too wanted to ride the "wave of the future."

For twenty years, however, this treason at work—throughout misguided idealists and dupes as well as conscious agents —

has been steadily handing the Kremlin more tangible victories. Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Yugoslavia, China, and many other nations come to mind at once. The chief difference today is in the greater brazenness, and more arrogant contempt of the opposition, with which the same treasonous course is pursued. Our government for months has been furnishing the arms with which the Communist Sukarno — making clear his pro-Communism and his hatred of the United States at every turn — has been suppressing the anti-Communist rebels in Sumatra and sending his SOBSI gangs to murder the Christian natives of the Moluccas. Our government supplied the necessary help to oust Batista and install the Communist, Fidel Castro, in Cuba. Our government is boldly and effectively supporting the Communist-led guerillas in Algeria, who are an exact replica — in their methods, cruelties, and purposes — of the Mao Tse-tung-led Communist guerillas in China of a quarter of a century ago. For more than a year our government brazenly poured its foreign aid millions into the hands of Souphannou Vong, as Minister of Planning in the government of Laos, despite the fact that Vong was admittedly the leading Communist in the country — and despite the fact that this magazine, and many others, repeatedly printed the story of this betrayal while it was happening. Today Souphannou Vong, after being so aided and financed, is leading the Communist invasion troops in Laos. And the list is interminable.

The truth is not only that our own Federal Government in Washington, D. C., is now completely under the control of increasingly impudent and shameless traitors, whose treason is perfectly obvious to anybody who will quit looking at their deeds and the unchanging results of those deeds through rose-colored spectacles. It is, far worse, that the most powerful help and effective support of Communist activities, operations, and rapid advance, everywhere in the world, is now being supplied by our government — and has been, though with more cunning and concealment until recently — for several years. By 1953 or 1954 the Communists had succeeded in their two greatest

achievements since the October Revolution of 1917. One was in taking over our government, for all practical purposes, to such an extent that it became in fact, and has remained, the most powerful and useful agency of the International Communist Conspiracy. The second was in acquiring sufficient influence over our press and mass media of information as to keep the first accomplishment hidden — as much and as long as necessary — from the vast majority of the American people.

Even today, despite all of the ground the Communists have gained through our aid and support, and despite the terrifying momentum of their present progress, we would not even have to consider *fighting* the Soviets to stop them. All we would have to do would be to make our government stop *actively helping* the Communists, everywhere in the world, to have the whole overextended fraud of bluff, terroristic but thin shell of police power, and imperial pretenses, start falling apart under the millions of hammer blows of internal and native resistance.

We have been saying all of these things — over and over, unfortunately — in this magazine for four years. We pointed them out, with equal emphasis, in a small book called *May God Forgive Us* in 1952. Little by little we, and other toilers in the same vineyard, have waked up a few more and then a few more of our fellow citizens to what was actually happening right under their noses. And those few in turn have waked up others. Maybe the Khrushchev visit will have one further result, besides those we have listed, and one definitely not intended by the cunning enemies of our country — and of mankind — who planned it with such beautiful timing from their point of view. It may help us and those now sizable numbers who are aware of its significance, to awaken more millions of good Americans to the horror and imminence of the danger that is closing in on us from all sides. The need is certainly upon us. For a much more massive resistance must be aroused, and firmly led, if we are to save for our children and their children any semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited.

CONFETTI

We like the honest old gentleman with a lot of ailments, who was asked by the newcomer in the town:

"How are you today, Uncle Billy?"

"Son," the old man inquired bluntly, "are you sure you got time for the answer?"

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The English minister was having a heart to heart talk with one of his younger parishioners.

"John," he said, "I hear you have been raising false hopes in the breasts of some of the young girls. Rumor whispers that you are engaged to one girl of this parish, another in Little Dells to the north of here, and a third in Fair Oaks, south of here. How can you do such things?"

"It isn't too hard," John replied. "I've got a bicycle."

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The professor in the Medical College passed around a large x-ray plate.

"This patient limps," he explained. "One leg is an inch shorter than the other. Now, Smith, what would you do in a case like this?"

The student thought a moment before declaring: "Well, sir, I imagine I'd limp, too."

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It was open house on board ship. A young sailor was dutifully escorting an old lady around, explaining the workings of the craft.

Inquisitive old lady: "And what do you do, sonny, if it leaks?"

Bored sailor: "Oh, we just put a pan under it, Ma'am."

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As they pulled onto a lonely section of beach the car suddenly stopped. The boy gave a resigned shrug.

"Out of gas," he muttered.

Nonchalantly, the girl opened her bag and pulled out a flask.

"Hey, you're all *right!*" exclaimed the lady-killer. "Is it Scotch or Bourbon?"

The girl smiled sweetly and said, "Gas."

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Mark Twain was visiting H. H. Rogers and the host led the humorist into his library.

"There," he said, as he pointed to a bust of white marble. "What do you think of that?"

It was a bust of a young woman, coiling her hair—a graceful example of Italian sculpture. Mr. Clemens looked at it for a moment, and then said:

"It isn't true to nature."

"Why not?" asked his host.

"She ought to have her mouth full of hairpins."

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In honor of a visit paid to his factory by a party of distinguished Englishmen, a well known automobile manufacturer had a complete car assembled in three minutes.

Some weeks after the feat was heralded in the daily papers, the phone at the plant rang rigorously. "Is it true that you assembled a car in three minutes at your factory?" the voice asked.

"Yes," came the reply. "Why?"

"Oh, nothing," said the calm inquirer, "only I've got the car."

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"I see you have your arm in a sling," said the inquisitive passenger. "Broken, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir," responded the other passenger.

"Meet with an accident?"

"No. Broke it while trying to pat myself on the back."

"Great Scott, what for?"

"For minding my own business."

WHAT WE MUST KNOW ABOUT OVERSTREET

by

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FEW BOOKS ON Communism have been favored with the bright publicity that has surrounded the Overstreets' *What We Must Know About Communism*. The late Mr. Dulles recommended that the President read it. Newspaper and TV pictures followed, showing Eisenhower with the book in his hand. With such high endorsement to help, the book has gone through many printings. Some metropolitan dailies have run it in installments. An inexpensive paperback edition of this "masterful study of Communism" has been prepared for use as a college text. And the ghost of Stalin must be whispering to Khrushchev, "for this, there should be dancing on our side of the street."

I say this because Overstreet, over the years, has lent his name to Communist causes and his pen to a program of softening us to the threat of the conspiracy. His recent book on Communism does not, in my opinion, represent a departure from the general line of his leftist thinking, except for a clever surface attack, on Communism. The book is dynamite for the unsuspecting general reader who may pick it up as a guide to Communism because of the official fanfares of praise he has heard. If what I say sounds alarmist, it is because I intend that it should. What we must know about Overstreet is just as alarming as what we must *really* know about Communism.

Harry Allen Overstreet, retired professor and chairman of the philosophy department at City College of New York, and now lecturer and writer on psychology, mental health, adult education, and communism, has fostered in his writings a materialistic outlook that has ranged from orthodox Marxism to cultural relativism. It is Overstreet who fathered the notion of the "mature mind." If you agree with his radical beliefs, you are "mature." If, on the other hand, you are one of those *backward souls* who believes in God, love of country, free enterprise, investigations of Communism, and if you have other similar attitudes respected by the overwhelming majority of Americans, then you are "immature"; and quite possibly, according to Professor Overstreet, you are on the road to mental illness. What I have said is not *my* imagination running wild. It is the core of Overstreet's thinking, made abundantly clear for anyone who will take the trouble to read even a few of his books. Some of them are: *The Enduring Quest* (1931), *A Declaration of Interdependence* (1937), *The Mature Mind* (1949), *The Great Enterprise* (1952); and those books written jointly with his wife, Bonaro Overstreet, *The Mind Alive* (1954), *The Mind Goes Forth* (1956), and the recent, *What We Must Know About Communism* (1958).

All of these books have had wide circulation. But I must caution the prospective reader. Overstreet is as slick and slippery as an Owen Lattimore. His

writings are one of the little webs which, along with many other webs, the Communists weave together to make up the Big Lie of their total web of deception. He does his work with half-truth, glittering generality, misplaced emphasis, significant omission, and other tricks that mark the profilic popularizer and propaganda hack. The trained reader, however, who is able to find his way through the silver linings into the dark clouds themselves, will soon see that what appear on the surface of Overstreet's writings to be the grandiose schemes of a super-idealist are, in fact, rank examples of leftist propaganda.

II

A SAMPLE OF THIS master of confusion at work might serve as a good introduction to his background. Professor Overstreet writes in *The Mind Alive,* 1954, that he and his wife recently "had occasion . . . to try to clear up, not only for the record but for our own minds, certain tenuous associations one of us had a decade or more ago with several groups that were later shown to be tainted by Communist infiltration . . . we went to Washington and to the office of one individual who . . . was known for his 'toughness toward anything that savored of Communism. We put our problem to him—particularly with regard to one organization which we could only vaguely place but that he told us had been practicing a calculated subversion even at the time when one of us had unsuspectingly signed one of its petitions. He laid the facts before us—and they were striking enough to make us feel abashed . . ."

Here is indeed a touching picture of injured innocence; painted with tears. But it is highly deceptive. Before I deal with those "tenuous associations," I should like to skim over the social philosophy of poor, unsuspecting, abashed Professor Overstreet.

His *Mature Mind,* 1949, had an unusually profound respect for Karl Marx, whose "piled up proofs" of the abuses of the economic processes "was a job well done." For Overstreet, this was a "triumph of logic," and Marx's "urgent demand that working men stop taking the economic order for granted was a bid for the increased use of the mind." It's unfortunate though, the professor tells us, that the "social regeneration" was to be accomplished by force. What, other than Marx's exhortation to revolution and violence, does Overstreet mean by "urgent demand?"

Karl Marx in his own lifetime would have been delighted to know what an American professor would proclaim in 1949: Our economic system uses fear as a weapon to such an extent that everywhere, men and women are terrified over the prospect of losing their jobs; the system is so bad as to cause a *dominant* fear by ten-year-old American children that their fathers will lose their jobs and end up on the industrial scrapheap. And that's not all. According to Overstreet: "Our strange economy has never been interested in the whole human being, but only in those aspects of his nature from which some monetary profit could be derived." Unsuspecting, "abashed" Overstreet is of the opinion that industry, business and some of the professions have acted as a conspiracy to prevent raising the standard of living, so that they could make bigger profits.

I don't want to belabor the point, but one of Overstreet's earlier ideas, penned in 1931, is as good an index of his thinking as any: "Until various sharp-eyed men of a more realistic turn saw through the pleasant sham, it was a prevalent habit to praise the workers as the salt of the earth and quote Scripture to them about the virtue of industry . . . In those days the simple workers, thus bedazzled, would fling up their caps and cheer lustily in honor of their own greatness and glory." Marx put it much more simply: "Religion is the opium of the people." And Lenin, another favorite of Overstreet, used the words, "spiritual gin." When the facts were laid before him, unsuspecting Dr. Overstreet felt "abashed."

III

WITH THIS AS BACKGROUND, it might be well to investigate those "tenuous associations" that Overstreet could only vaguely recall. After all, this man-of-the-mature-mind tells us in 1949, the "thing we can do to make clear the image of maturing is to associate ourselves with groups that promote maturing." He associated himself with the following nine Communist front organizations, stretching from the 1930's to August, 1950:

Member, New York Committee of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, as shown on letterheads dated September, 1939 and December, 1939. Signer of petition, January, 1940; sponsor, according to a leaflet, of a Rally held in April, 1940.

The Daily Worker, August, 1950 reported that Overstreet had signed a statement against denaturalization issued by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. This Committee had been officially listed *as subversive a number of years before Overstreet lent it his support.*

Signed a public statement of the American Committee to Save Refugees. Again, this Committee had been officially declared subversive *before Overstreet gave it his support.*

Professor Overstreet was listed on the letterhead of the Committee of the American Friends of Spanish Democracy, February, 1938; also, he was Committee member of the Medical Bureau, American Friends (see their letterhead, November, 1936; *New Masses,* January, 1937).

Member of Descendants of the American Revolution, as shown by the *Daily Worker,* February, 1939. Also named as sponsor on the pamphlet, "Descendants of the American Revolution."

Signed circular for Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Signer, 1943, of message of National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, addressed to United States House of Representatives. *Again, this front was listed before Overstreet lent it his support.*

Signer of a letter sponsored by the Schappes Defense Committee, October, 1944. *Again, this front was listed before Overstreet lent it his support.*

"Children in Concentration Camps" reveals that Professor Overstreet was

a sponsor of the Spanish Relief Campaign.

Surely there is nothing "flimsy" or "slight" — or *tenuous* — about so impressive a background of Communist front associations. And when Overstreet writes "associations of . . . a decade or more ago," he apparently does not mean, by "decade," ten years. What of his claim that several groups "were *later* shown to be tainted by Communist infiltration?" A quick check of the list will show that American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, American Committee to Save Refugees, The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, The Schappes Defense Committee — *all of these,* as we have indicated above, *were listed before Dr. Overstreet lent them his services.* Some one is telling tales, and it is not the public record.

In sum, what Overstreet wrote in *The Mind Alive,* 1954, is a calculated mis-statement of the facts; the "associations" were specific, not "tenuous"; the "decade or so ago" omits his more recent activities; and the "later shown to be Communist-tainted" is a bold fairy tale.

Dr. Overstreet fails to mention, in *The Mind Alive,* that six months earlier, on July 21, 1953, he had filed an affidavit with the House Un-American Activities Committee at *his own* request. He did this, he claims in the affidavit, to set the record straight, and because patriotic groups were disturbing his lecture plans in California and Arizona. Possibly the Professor had other reasons for attempting to "purify" himself, but he has not made them public.

His reasoning in the affidavit is well worth a close examination, and it is just as loaded as the statement on "tenuous associations."

Dr. Overstreet states that he has never been a Communist or a sympathizer with Communist tactics or philosophy, except for a brief hope that the Russian Revolution might lead to democracy in Russia. Also, that he never knowingly helped a movement or organization that had Communist aims. Can it be that this educated man, this professor of philosophy and psychology, this nation-wide lecturer, this "mature" mind, who is mentioned nine times as lending his name to Communist causes, did so *all nine times* without knowing what he was doing? Yes, he tells us, and without blushing.

He tells us that one of the reasons why he made these "mistakes" was because he was "profoundly aware of the rising menace of fascism," but that he was not "in any equal measure aware of communist infiltration." Our *new expert* on Communism adds, that when appeals came to him that sounded humanitarian," he had "little or no suspicion that they might be communist." How much, Professor Overstreet, is a "little?" Further, since his retirement at CCNY, he has led a "nomadic life," lecturing all over the country. Hence, he reacted to these organizations on "cursory" information. A most immature thing for a mature mind to do. Besides, claims Overstreet, as if to clinch his argument, in his writings he has consistently "stated and restated (his) confidence in our American way of life." This should prove that he was not favoring Communism. In this double talk Professor Overstreet could hardly have been referring to his passage on "Our strange economy," which

is a good example of his "confidence" in our way of life.

The specific reasons he offers for lending his name to the Communist fronts include: A number of names on a list were so impressive, he thought this reason enough to sign; a petition sounded convincing; he always tends to contribute to refugee causes; for the Spanish fronts, he had a complete belief and he was "very tardy and reluctant" about changing his mind on these; some strangers came to his hotel room and asked him if he would like to join a group more liberal than the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, and he said yes; he hated Schappes, a fellow teacher, and felt guilty about it, so he signed the petition to make sure he was being fair.

Time won't permit a detailed analysis of all of these tenuous excuses, but I do want to examine his statement on the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. Here, he signed a Communist protest against the proceedings of the Dies Committee, and he adds, "I still feel that the House Committee hearings *as they were being conducted at that time* called for protest." Professor Overstreet adds that, "almost up to the present" he had underestimated Communist infiltration; hence, he did not see the need for the Committee.

The reader might get the impression that Overstreet is talking about the 1930's. I shall show shortly that one of the most savage attacks in either English or Russian was made by Overstreet, not only against the Hon. Martin Dies, but against the Committee in general, and "McCarthyism," *in* 1952! When Overstreet tells us in his affidavit of 1953 that he has now "definitely" changed his mind, he is using Newspeak or his personality has undergone shock treatment—and I do not think it is the latter.

Professor Overstreet explains that "there may seem to be a discrepancy between my prolonged self-searching . . . and my signing . . . of petitions that I did not investigate at all. I can only say that . . . I was not yet suspicious of Communist infiltration of humanitarian causes." Seem to be? This is more calculated nonsense! These are listed *Communist fronts,* pure and simple, and *not* "humanitarian causes."

For what it's worth, our new expert on Communism ends his 1953 affidavit by stating: "I am no longer in doubt about the Communist threat." To show his good faith, he indicates that he testified before a Senate Committee, where he stated that Communists ought not teach; and, that he is writing a book about the psychological threat Communism poses. And woe to us from that book and the others he has written.

IV

OVERSTREET QUOTED from his own writings to demonstrate to *his* personal satisfaction that he had never been sympathetic to Communism. I shall use this method to examine his writings from 1949 to the writing of his book on *Communism* in 1958. From an examination of themes from *his* books, the reader can decide to what purposes Professor Overstreet has been sympathetic.

(1) First, though the order is not important, he *savagely denounces Congressional investigations of Communism: and, later, he steadily minimizes their work to nothingness.* Dr. Overstreet in 1952, shortly before he filed his affidavit with the House Un-American Activities Committee, wrote one of the

most vicious attacks on Congressional investigations ever printed. He pictures the Hon. Martin Dies as a malicious reactionary, who has used the cover of a feigned Communist threat to smash liberal ideas, and all ideas. Similarly, Overstreet finds "McCarthyism" a "ruthless" imitation of the techniques of totalitarianism. The professor charges that the House Committee, "far from guarding our nation against subversives," has used the trust of the American people "to subvert certain American freedoms . . . It has been able, in an alarming degree, to terrorize nonconformity into silence." Venom-spewing Overstreet insists that the Committee's practices "had been a favorite method of totalitarianism." The hearings "appear" to be imitating "the mass trials of Communist China (where) thousands of the accused were disposed of by the roar of the 'People's' Court—Kill—Kill—Kill!"

That is what Overstreet wrote in 1952. The discerning reader will not be amazed by the shifts and dodges concocted in *The Mind Alive*, two years later, 1954, where the professor piously tells us that, in 1952, he and his wife sat at a Senate Internal Security Committee Hearing and observed some cynical Communists "actually" using obstructionist tactics. It doesn't take "abashed" Overstreet long to get back to his line. The trouble is, he writes, these Committees were "amateurishly set up," because we are all amateurs to this "age of conspiracy," and, "the type of person to be hunted out and exposed was so vaguely defined that wide latitude was given to ignorance, prejudice, partisan animosity, political ambition, and/or the publicity hunter. Also, because the methods to be used were so unprecedented, proper safeguards were not provided "against harming the innocent." What is the difference between this double talk and his vicious slander in 1952?

Overstreet next quickly gets rid of the various government listings with a slick discourse on: "What kind of research has preceded the listing? Does it mean . . . ?" And with a host of similar absurd questions, unsuspecting, duped Overstreet demonstrates that listings are subject to error and no answer to the Communist threat. Loyalty oaths go the same way. And he writes that the alternative to government investigations "is an effective inside program for preventing Communist infiltration."

This man who himself claims that he was duped, and who allegedly would not himself read the reports citing the Communist fronts to which he lent his name, is now asking citizens to do *their own* policing and to read about Communism.

His line two years later, in 1956, cautions us against "cynical Communists," and at the same time warns us against "subverting the constitution by using words such as "Fifth Amendment Communist." In 1958 the House Committee is not mentioned, in what purports to be a guide to *what we must know about Communism,* except in *one* sentence, where the Committee is included among an assortment of groups that have said that Negroes are loyal.

Is it necessary to mention that Overstreet stated in his 1953 affidavit to the House Committee that he has "definitely changed his mind," and now recognizes the necessity for the Committee to investigate "undercover subversion" of the Conspiracy "on a full time

basis?" Maybe it is. He changes his supposed views so rapidly, so cleverly, and so boldly that you need a guide to keep up with him.

(2) A second important theme in Professor Overstreet's writings is his systematic *attack on anti-Communists, whom he likens to hate-mongers, fascists, and — especially — personality disorder cases.* The reader will remember that Overstreet stressed in his affidavit, 1953, that he has consistently "stated and restated" his "confidence in our American way of life." Let's look at some more of that "confidence," *à la Overstreet, in* 1949: "Political authoritarianism is now in such full swing," (that) "while a man looks silly kicking a chair, he can,—our political assumptions being what they are—look brave, loyal, and patriotic kicking an enemy who has been officially labelled 'kickable'." The Professor adds that if the man "kicks hard enough . . . he may even be appointed to office or receive a monthly stipend from his government." Freedom is slavery, and Orwell's ghost might well consult Overstreet to get the proper *Newspeak* that equals "confidence" in this age of brave, new experts on Communism.

Dr. Overstreet uses "psychology" as a weapon for his smear attacks on patriots. *Character structure* is a key phrase in his arsenal, and from 1949 on, the professor insists that there is something deficient or defective in the character or personality structure of Americans who are resolute in their fight against Communism.

Thus, in 1952, Overstreet whined that he and his ilk who "saw hope in the Russian Revolution," and who cared about "injustice," were now being hounded by patriots who were skeptical of his dodges. More often than not, Overstreet claims, these *hounders* were satisfied with "prevailing inhumanities; or were ignorant of them; or were morally indifferent to them . . . They hate communism . . . much as communism hated fascism and Nazism." Sly Overstreet cautions his readers to: *"Beware of the wolves in our midst in anti-Communist clothing."* All of this "hostility" and "disguised totalitarianism," claims the professor, is a conspiracy, not to root out subversives, but to "smash the liberals." And if you don't know this, you're "a lamb among the wolves. *And what are we among the Overstreets?*

Dr. Overstreet wages the same psychological warfare in 1954, as he smashes out at the determined efforts of patriots by labelling them "exaggerated expressions of personality problems; as hostility and frustration on the rampage; as deep emotional insecurity venting itself."

The line doesn't change with time. In 1956 he simply has found more "scientific evidence" for his former notions on *authoritarian personalities* and *sick anti-Communists.* By 1958, our new what-have-you-in-Communist-expert-clothing has it that the "majority" of anti-Communists "are still inventing the Communism to which they are opposed: fashioning it out of what they have hated and feared in the American scene." Please note the use of the word "majority"—*Overstreet has not been attacking some lone crank or disgruntled clique.*

(3) The first two themes eliminated Congressional investigations of Communism and the vigilant work of private citizens. The next important theme represents one of Overstreet's *solutions*

to the problem of Communism. Dr. Overstreet would *"enlighten" his readers about the Communist Conspiracy,* but then tell them that *"understanding," not tough laws, is the way to deal with it.*

The time is 1952, as he asks: "Has the reader had the uncanny experience of being called a Communist because he has expressed a liberal view?" A few of Overstreet's liberal views in that year include his denunciation of security procedures for obtaining passports (the professor must be happy on that score today), and his belief that loyalty oaths are an imitation of "Communist methods" and an infringement on personal rights "so long as (the person) performs no *acts* that go counter to the laws of the land." They further include such a "liberal view" as that the way to resolve the conflict with Russia is through "contacts with cultures" or that we must achieve "the toleration of certain minimal differences within even the most tyrannical culture, with all such toleration implies in the way of the re-animation of men's minds." *Let's all get re-animated with a certain minimal amount of Communism.*

Overstreet in 1954 alerts us to the "new and startling story we are beginning to learn." "We must do something," to counter this "'real and present danger.'" But contrary to the Court, which used *'real and present'* instead of *clear and present danger,* to show that conspiracy to initiate a revolution when the time is ripe is a grave crime, Overstreet orders our common defense as follows: "The program does not invite us to do enough things *to the enemy* directly and forcibly." Rather, we are supposed to "do things to ourselves" — whatever that double talk means —that will make us less vulnerable to a "Conspiratorial Communist." Overstreet tells us that a "direct hitting out" at Communism is a "dubious contribution." It's rather strange that Professor Overstreet can use the *real and present danger* language of the Court, and still recommend that we defend ourselves by doing nothing about Communism.

But it's not strange that Overstreet's 1954 "'real and present danger'" becomes a chapter on "Clear and Present Danger" in 1956. The double talk was no longer necessary by then. The professor now tells us that we must do the opposite of the "extremist" and adopt "the far more exacting and lonely tactics of the moderating mind." This means "respecting the established habits and attitudes, vested interests, traditions, and deep loyalties of the individuals and groups on both sides of a given issue." We ought to invite both sides to think of these issues "as able to be modified." After all, writes Overstreet, the position on a given issue is "partly, rather than absolutely right," and it is a product of "human history rather than 'nature.'" Isn't Dr. Overstreet saying, let's *respect* Communism, and *modify* our stand? After all, we're only partly right, and besides, our belief in natural principles will fall to pieces once we accept the human history concept of Marxism.

(4) The *'we're only partly right'* tactic of Overstreet goes back to his *Mature Mind,* 1949, and serves as a key to the next interwoven theme: *Seek understanding and agreement with the Soviet Union.* Despite the Communist gobbling up of Eastern Europe, he tells us not to adopt the "we-are-good-and-you-are-not-so-good" attitude in dealing with Russia.

In 1952, Dr. Overstreet gives us the startling news that the Soviet Regime has murdered upwards of 3,000,000 peasants (how modest he is with his statistics). But before long he advises us that people are never as bad or as good "as the doctrines they profess." It would be a "great mistake" to believe that "all of the Russian government" is "irrevocably committed in practice to the wholly collectivised man." And I think it would be a fatal mistake to believe Overstreet.

Professor Overstreet's defense program in that year of the Korean war called for "weakening the enemy from within" . . . making his resistance less because he finds less he is called upon to resist . . . we are fighting, "not an immutable *doctrine called communism* but *mutable people who call themselves communists.*"

Two years later, in 1954, Dr. Overstreet writes approvingly that in Korea "the way to settlement is being sought *without either side having won.*" It is not surprising that he is pleased that we were fighting a war we were not permitted to win. What is needed, Overstreet tells us, is participation in United Nations projects that foster "mutual respect." He isn't, of course, referring to a police action.

And what is our mature mind thinking in 1956? Nuclear developments are such "that the *danger inherent in war* now precludes *the danger* of *there being a war.*" This new tactic of his, throwing a smoke cloud over the Kremlin's clear plan to use military stratagens and pre-emptive wars, depending on the chance of success, should be watched closely. The thing to do in this cold war, which Overstreet *insists* will not get hot, is to work through the United Nations for "mutual understanding rather than . . . proud standpattism." Our "weapons" will be "ideas" and "patterns of human relationships." Overstreet's line doesn't change one bit in *What We Must Know About Communism,* in 1958.

(5) Now that we've got rid of every imaginable program of defense against Communism, and realize that our best defense is "mutual understanding," we might consider briefly the fifth theme from Overstreet which I have selected: *Renunciation of patriotism for world citizenship.*

Harry Allen Overstreet has no room in his heart for singular love of his country. He attacks patriotism as if it were a disease. In 1949 he tells us that "an emotional tie-up" with our own group, so that we think it is more right and reasonable than other groups, makes us "hostile." Dr. Overstreet especially denounces our political institutions for making us "hostile," and for shouting "treason" at those who are trying to build the "supra-ethnic mind."

In 1952, the professor lauds "the mature individual" whose "voice and vote can be enlisted in opposition to the chauvinistic nationalism and in support of the more genuine patriotism of a united mankind." Two years later, it is the same thing, only more so. Now, our "good-will" ought to include even the "enemy"; unlike the "emotionally disturbed individual" who is against the unfamiliar and the foreign, we need the "extraordinary health and faith" of a "sense of the species."

In 1956 Overstreet spells out precisely what he means by "one world." "Why," he asks, "should we lock ourselves up

with our tight walls of national suspicion—glaring at one another—when we might have a far better time of it by talking things over together; getting the hand of one another's problems; lending a hand?" *Lending a hand (tenuously?)*.

This brief picture I've developed — and it *is* brief in relation to all of the things Overstreet has said and written — represents the background of our new expert on Communism. His past record is enough to alarm even the most forgiving and gentle nature.

But what is truly fantastic, is that Professor Overstreet could take his former leftist notions, plus some deadly new ones, and boldly throw them into *a book on Communism that has won the approval of our top policy-makers.*

V

ANOTHER GENERATION—if we are still free — may well remember the Overstreets' *What We Must Know About Communism,* as a stupendous attempt that was designed to soften us at the very hour of our crisis. I say this, because the book attempts to make palatable certain notions which would, if accepted by large numbers of Americans, render us helpless in the face of the onslaught of World Communism.

Here is a book on Communism in which not one of J. Edgar Hoover's somber warnings is mentioned—(Overstreet mentions the F.B.I. chief as being opposed to outlawing the Party). Here's a book in which espionage, a major activity and purpose of the Party, gets less than a page of asides. In short, it is a book as conspicuous by what it omits as by what it includes. A brief examination of some of Overstreet's central ideas will show what I mean.

The first stick of dynamite planted by the professor is a "new look" for Khrushchev. The Red boss is a "leader of the Lenin type," who is opposed to a Stalinist cult-of-the-personality dictatorship. Good evidence of this is Premier Khrushchev's February, 1956 speech exposing Stalin. Actually, "Khrushchev adheres consistently and most strictly to the principles of collective leadership and fights energetically for the observance of the Leninist standards of Party life." *Every quotation in this paragraph is taken from the latest official Soviet biography of Khrushchev—and I have used it without fear because it summarizes concisely Professor Overstreet's position, and duplicates much of his language.*

The second phase of this "new look" is to picture "professional" Party-man Khrushchev as a "humane" sort of fellow who is opposed to using terror on a Stalinist scale, unless it is forced on him, as it was in Hungary, where he was protecting a vital interest of the Revolution. Thus, the Overstreets would have us believe that "No one, perhaps, has felt the brunt of Khrushchev's terror more decisively than have the Soviet writers." Hungarians, treated as an aside in this context, would hardly agree with Overstreet's estimate of Khrushchev's terror or its most likely target. They, as do countless millions of others, know him for the savage that he is.

What is the purpose of this "new look," which pictures Khrushchev as a humane, collective-type leader dedicated to Partyism? It is to show us that this "professional" does not want a hot war with us. This is Overstreet's second stick of dynamite.

Khrushchev wants to defeat us

through economic competition, and only in this way, claims Dr. Overstreet. The Russians intend to win, the professor tells us, and this new type of "co-existence" is part of the "permanent revolution." Watch the tricks of propagandist Overstreet:

> "It would be sheer folly, however, for us to think that such competition with the Soviet Union can be peaceful. Khrushchev has already made clear that he rates it as a non-shooting phase of the 'permanent revolution' . . . "

Please reread that statement. It is perfect Newspeak: It's folly to think that the competition can be peaceful; but it is non-shooting! Let me complete the quotation to show once more what we are up against with Overstreet.

> ". . . This means that every positive policy we adopt, every creative program we set up for cultural exchange or foreign aid, *will be declared by the Soviet Union and all Communist Parties around the world to be a form of imperialism.*"

We'd like to have Professor Overstreet name for us just one Communist, of his acquaintance or otherwise, who is opposed to *"cultural exchange"!* No amount of build-up, with words like "positive policy" and "creative program," can alter the fact that "cultural exchange" is a dearly held Communist idea, never denounced. As to foreign aid, just where are the screams from Moscow about our aid to Tito, Gomulka, and Sukarno, among others?

It might be well to have Professor Overstreet sum up this second major notion of his: "Soviet Imperialism . . . is a specific product of the Khrushchev era of 'peaceful competition' and it represents one major aspect of the USSR's effort to take over the world without the risks involved in open warfare." I could cite a dozen experts who are warning us about Soviet plans for limited war. [*And the very day this is being put in shape for the printer, the Communists are using armed forces in an attempt to take over Laos.* Editor.] The question to be asked is: *Why has Overstreet completely omitted military strategems and force, the bolshevik standard tactics, as well as subversion and espionage, from his study?*

There are two possible answers. The first is, to soften us by giving us a dream world in which Communist tanks are absent. The second is what I consider to be the third stick of planted dynamite: *A demand that we negotiate and go to the Summit*—and by so doing, also give Khrushchev permanent title to Eastern Europe. Harry and Bonaro Overstreet insist that Khrushchev demands that the West respect the *status quo* in Eastern Europe at any Summit Conference. The Red leader will permit no discussion on the satellite countries, about whom we must forget. And what does our expert on Communism suggest?

"We believe in negotiations." Dr. Overstreet insists that we negotiate "whenever there is hope of achieving even small dependable agreements." And he specifies that we dash off to the Summit.

Professor Overstreet, who knows all about these things, tells us that we must bargain with the Communists. And this *bargaining* "embodies both a respect for what each party has declared indispensable to *separate well-being* and what all parties have agreed on as indispensable to their *common well-being.*"

In short, we are to run to the Summit

after telling Khrushchev we have no more interest in Eastern Europe; and then, at the Summit, we will see what more we can bargain away.

The fourth stick of dynamite—there are more, the ones I've selected are simply more glaring—deals with an old problem of Overstreet's: *Communist control,* (or should I say, "understanding?"). The professor has a huge dialectical discourse on the problem of what to do with "conspiratorial communists," but he resolves it all with a quotation: " 'Freedom for the wise is so supremely important that it is worth the price of making the silly free, too.' We have remembered this comment because it expresses a point of view which most of us Americans profoundly cherish. It is in the spirit of this viewpoint that a great many anti-Communists have opposed all attempts to make any legal distinction between Communists and non-Communists in terms of freedoms to be exercised."

Does the reader know any anti-Communists who consider Communists to be "silly," or who have opposed making laws to protect ourselves? Because we mustn't legislate or investigate or apparently do anything about Communists, the professor tells us, "We as citizens, therefore, must equip ourselves to do *by understanding* what cannot be done *by law.*" This is Overstreet's plan of defense.

The book ends with pleas for more "tenderness" and less hostility; for more rights for the "individual"; for "inclusiveness," rather than narrow national-mindedness; and with a plea to halt nuclear tests. Dr. Overstreet — fittingly, we think — quotes Norman Cousins:

" 'The question is not what policy we should devise that makes sense for America alone but rather what policy makes sense in human terms.' " Of course the nine hundred million enslaved subjects of the Soviet tyranny do not come within the "human terms" for consideration. Their condition, as simply Soviet cattle without human rights, is a *fait accompli* which has no bearing on American policy to be determined with regard for the whole human race.

VI

THE REPORT OF THE 1958 American Bar Association Special Committee On Communist Tactics, Strategy, And Objectives, listed the following among the major Communist Tactics:

Nullification of the Smith Act and other anti-Communist legislation
The Peace Offensive
Summit Conferences
Cultural Exchanges
Halt Nuclear tests

You will note that Professor Overstreet batted one thousand for the Communist objectives in that list. And you will already have noted that the Overstreets' most distinguished reader, President Eisenhower, has invited the humane and professional Party man, Khrushchev—with some twelve million coldblooded murders in his record — to a summit of the summits. The only surprise left for you is the fact that, in the latest editions of that same Bar Association Committee Report, Professor Overstreet's book appears in the bibliography as suggested reading. As the little boy said, when he heard the clock strike fourteen, "it's later than it has ever been before."

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

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One of the most important books of our time is the singularly courageous work of Richard LaPiere, THE FREUDIAN ETHIC: AN ANALYSIS OF THE SUBVERSION OF AMERICAN CHARACTER (Duell, Sloan & Pearce, New York; 301 pages, $5.00). The author, who is Professor of Sociology in Stanford University, has limited himself to a dispassionate and objective description of the disastrous effects on American society produced by the general acceptance of what he calls the "Freudian ethic," which has gradually and almost surreptitiously replaced the doctrine of individual responsibility and rationality that sociologists, following the lead of Max Weber, somewhat inaccurately call the "Protestant ethic." (Historically this view of human nature, which made possible all the achievements of modern civilization, may be traced directly to the Italian Renaissance.)

Dr. LaPiere begins by showing succinctly but clearly that there is no scientific basis whatsoever for the Freudian psychology. Its method is the very reverse of scientific, for it depends not on truths demonstrable by experiment and self-evident to reason, but on revelation. The Freudians unabashedly declare that a man must accept and believe in the Freudian doctrine *before* he is capable of recognizing the motivations of human beings. You must believe in pixies before you can tell who is pixilated. Fire is caused by unseen spirits, because people who think otherwise are not competent to study chemistry. Such propositions can be maintained only by fanatics, and it is small wonder that, as Dr. LaPiere puts it, "the Freudians profess to an omniscience that is, to the scientific mind, simply frightening."

Although "a case of sorts can be made for the claim that Freudianism is a new version of Judaistic doctrine," it cannot properly be considered a religion, because "it is a doctrine of social irresponsibility and personal despair," whereas every religion necessarily imposes on its adherents ethical obligations and holds out to them a hope of becoming morally better. Freudianism is as much an inversion of religion as it is of science; it is an anarchical and purely destructive superstition. It is, in the strict sense of the word, witchcraft.

Dr. LaPiere, who carefully follows the ethically neutral methods of sociology, finds the social essence of Freudianism in its denial that man is a creature of reason and, above all, its denial that a man is responsible either toward himself or others. "The psychoanalyst . . . strives to relieve the patient of all responsibility for his difficulties, and to shift it to society." Man is the helpless victim of society, which is the only evil in the world, because it frustrates him by repressing his natural and necessary desire to commit incest with his mother and to castrate all his male children.

Now Freudianism, in defiance of all

logic and even of Freud's own conclusions, is used to disseminate and justify the grotesque belief, rapidly becoming universal in this country, that man is an imbecile creature whom government must somehow protect from society and even from himself.

With emotionless lucidity Dr. LaPiere shows that under the influence of this delusion we are now committing national suicide. In our homes children are systematically corrupted by gullible mothers who treat them "as though man were in fact what Freud's fancy made him out to be." Our public schools perforce "strive to prevent any individual from rising above the intellectual mediocrity of the majority." Our colleges are being taken over by ignorant and feckless bureaucrats, the instinctive enemies of learning and of intellectual integrity. Our government madly attempts to relieve citizens of responsibility for themselves, and therefore "necessarily becomes itself irresponsible."

We can already see all about us the ineluctable consequences of Freudianism, "the creation of a population of indolent, undisciplined, unprincipled, and incompetent people quarreling in random and fretful ways over the diminishing fruits of a dying social system."

This is a book which should be read by everyone interested in the future of the United States. The sorcerers' guild will undoubtedly try to howl it down, and the innumerable parasites who find in "social welfare" a license to feed upon us will try to have it suppressed with either obloquy or silence. It is therefore incumbent on a reviewer to point out that Dr. LaPiere has written with an extreme restraint. At seven major points, either by stopping short his anaylsis or by failing to raise crucial questions, he magnanimously gives the Freudians the advantage of every possible doubt.

There is, for example, abundant evidence that, under the veneer of culture and urbanity imposed upon it by a great university, Freud's mind was hopelessly diseased. You may find the evidence for yourself even in a eulogistic biography, such as Helen Walker Puner's *Freud: His Life and His Mind* (Grosset & Dunlap, New York, 1947).

Someone should expound in detail the remarkable similarities between Freud's doctrine and the tenets of the Hasidim, a strange sect which flourished in eastern Europe in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries—tenets which the learned and generally sympathetic historian of Kabbalism, Dr. C. D. Ginsburg, can explain only in terms of "the evil effects of nervous degeneration." Was Freud directly or indirectly influenced by the doctrine of the Hasidim?

Anyone who dares to speculate concerning the motivations of Freudianism could profitably examine the appalling history of demonolatry and Satanism, which almost attained the proportions of a mass movement in western Europe at the close of the Middle Ages.

Other inquiries will suggest themselves, but there is one question of great and immediate urgency: To what extent has this weird witchcraft been used as a subtle and terrible weapon by the Communists in their unremitting warfare on Western civilization?

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Dr. LaPiere's book should remind us of the frenzied agitation about "mental health" which is principally financed from the three-billion-dollar budget of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, although, of course, an effort is made to wheedle contributions out of every available sucker.

The main purpose of this hypocritical propaganda is to induce fatuous Americans to waive their few remaining legal safeguards, and to confer powers of arbitrary imprisonment on "experts"—most of whom, at least, are Freudians. One wonders how many Americans realize that under the proposed legislation their sanity will be determined by persons who passionately believe that every father really wants to castrate his son, and that every boy spends his childhood in abject terror lest the old man grab a butcher knife and go to work.

This plan obviously provides so effective a weapon against the American people that even if we did not have the explicit statements of ex-Communists, we could be quite sure that the Communist conspiracy has not overlooked its greatest opportunity. In an effort to obtain information a few weeks ago I consulted in Washington several persons who are intimately acquainted with the operations of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and whom I believe to be entirely reliable. These persons

(1) confirmed the estimate made some time ago by entirely different sources that between seventy and eighty percent of the responsible officers in the Department are members or accomplices of the Communist conspiracy.

(2) assured me that a congressional investigation would disclose such falsification of travel records as to create presumptive proof that some members of the Department really serve as Communist couriers.

(3) declared that an intensive "mental health" campaign is now under way within the Department to purge it of all employees suspected of anti-Communist tendencies. Such persons are accused of "incipient mental or emotional disorders," and forced to retire for "their own good" by a kangaroo court set up with the connivance of Civil Service. The victims acquiesce because they have no appeal and are offered "disability," i.e. a very substantial part of their salary for life without duties of any kind and with complete freedom to obtain equally or more remunerative employment elsewhere. Unless the present Congress acts to place all federal employment under security regulations (as all loyal employees ardently desire) or provides an independent and non-Communist board to which employees may appeal from the decisions of their supervisors concerning their "mental health," the Department will be completely purged of pro-Americans by 1960.

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Perhaps few Americans outside the universities will have heard of a revolution that must sooner or later affect the lives of all of us. Quietly and without publicity the academic study of political philosophy and government is being taken over by a young, aggressive and monopolistic group who call themselves "behavioral scientists." Perhaps the first description of this movement addressed to the general public appeared in the Summer issue of *Modern Age*, in which Professor Francis Graham Wilson reports that, using the vast sums of money placed at their disposal by the notorious Fund for the Republic and other foundations, "the behaviorists have all but captured the seats of academic power."

The behaviorists do not formally re-

pudiate the philosophical concepts of truth and error, or the ethical concepts of right and wrong; they merely ignore them as irrelevant or dismiss them as "preferences" variously felt by irrational creatures who, like ants and minnows, are significant only in agglomerations. Men must therefore be studied in masses statistically, and only batteries of digital computers can tell us what men are and how they should be manipulated. This makes the study "scientific" because it is "value-free," and, since the behavioral scientists profess complete neutrality, their discoveries will impartially be placed at the disposal of any group that is in a position to impose its preferences on society.

Once upon a time the American people believed that they were men, not lemmings—believed it so strongly that they legally defined insanity as the inability to distinguish between right and wrong. But that was long ago in the Dark Ages before the Freudian invasion.

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Every true-born bureaucrat dreams of the blissful future, so vividly portrayed in George Orwell's *1984*, when history will have been abolished. But the time is not yet. In Europe and America the techniques of systematic lying, when combined with control of the channels of communication, can be wonderfully effective and even induce national hallucinations, but the truth cannot be permanently suppressed. It remains recorded in documents that cannot be destroyed, and in the memory of men who cannot be liquidated, and so in the end History, like the gods, takes a vengeance that may be tardy, but is sure.

It now seems probable that within twenty years, if no new disaster is brought upon us, the true history of the war of 1939-1945, complete in all essentials, will be generally known. The "revisionist" historians, whose special task it is to clear away from the recent past the rotting masses of official falsehood, have made an effective beginning in such works as the collection edited by Henry Elmer Barnes, *Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace* (Caxton, Caldwell, Idaho, 1953), and every week there is some significant addition to the published source-material. The most recent document of importance is Luigi Villari's *The Liberation of Italy* (C. C. Nelson Co., Appleton, Wisconsin; 290 pages, $5.00).

The author, an Italian jurist who entered his country's diplomatic service in 1906 and was in one way or another intimately connected with the Italian government for almost forty years thereafter, has written, largely from personal observation and the reports of friends who were eyewitnesses, the story of the Anglo-American occupation of Italy in 1943-1947.

His account of the events of these years commands confidence. In a few places, to be sure, his judgement of men's motives may have been affected by his personal relations with them, and there are a few points at which he seems to have overlooked the possibility of alternative explanations. For example, he makes no allowance for the possibility that in July, 1943, King Victor Emmanuel may have received secret assurances from Anglo-American sources, and, like the ill-fated Marshall Pétain, have been so naïf as to believe them. The author's reluctant conclusion that treason on the part of Italian officers in Supermarina is a *necessary* inference from certain incidents in the naval war in the Mediterranean would, I think, be modified by a careful reading of the published memoirs of the British commanders.

For most Americans the major importance of this book lies in the fact that it is the first fairly complete report in English on what happened in Italy while it was occupied by our army. What happened was that in Italy, as elsewhere, we used our military victory to further the advance of Communism. American ships brought to Italy experienced and vicious Communist organizers, including the notorious Palmiro Togliatti, who, on our demand, was given a place in the Italian cabinet. The most influential newspaper in Italy was handed over to another notorious Communist, and the Italian news agency was permitted to resume operations only on the condition that Communists be placed in control. In many areas we gave orders "to appoint no labor officer who was not recommended by the Communist Party." And the Italian courts were so packed with Communists that it is estimated that there are now four hundred judges who are Party members. But the real horror lies in the fact that we armed and financed the gangs of Communist terrorists who, under our protection and after the war was over, proceeded to murder between fifty and one hundred thousand Italians.

I should suppose that every American who has gone to Italy since the war with an open mind and a fair knowledge of Italian will, if he lived for any length of time among the Italian people, find nothing astonishing in this report. He will have known men and women of culture and integrity whose relatives and friends were murdered by the Communists during the "liberation." He will have heard from responsible sources circumstantial accounts which corroborate this part of Dr. Villari's narrative.

Many Americans who have never left the United States can supply confirmatory details unknown to the Italian author. They will remember having seen in the newspapers a few years ago the disclosure that a major in the American army while on duty in Italy in 1944 had been murdered by two of his subordinate officers, who were Communist agents. Or, if they were in Washington during the war, they may remember that in informed circles the extent of Communist penetration of our supersecret and supernumerary intelligence agency, the O. S. S., was so well known that the initials were sardonically interpreted, with only pardonable hyperbole, as meaning Office of Soviet Stooges.

It is yet too early to attempt a comprehensive and critical history of the strange war that we fought to make the world safe for Communism. But little by little the materials for that history are accumulating, here and there some parts of the pattern are being revealed with pitiless clarity, and in the end Clio will be served. In the meantime, of course, the revisionist historians will be under continuous attack, and the light brigades of the "Liberal intellectuals" will be sent in desperate charges against each new bastion of established fact.

Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to rant and lie.

Next month Dr. Oliver will review Wm. F. Buckley's UP FROM LIBERALISM.

Light Verse, And Worse

by

RODNEY GILBERT

The honor guest at the pacifists' ball
Was wishing he hadn't accepted at all.
"I scrub 'em and scrub 'em," Nikita said
As he looked at his hands, "but they're still bloody red."

"Peace and Friendship," Nixon declaimed in Moscow, Novosibirsk, and sundry way stations. By a happy coincidence, "Peace and Friendship" was the *leitmotif* of the Communist Youth Festival in Vienna. "Peace and Friendship" is the banner under which the thug, Khrushchev, is now invading our country. And nobody is talking about "peace" through wiping out the despotism of the Red gangsters, nor "friendship" with their victims. The peace contemplated is that of the slave with his chains, and the friendship suggested is with those who enslave him.

Not that the "liberals" aren't doing alright, even without Nikita to Khrushify us. For years they have been holding our nation on a course where some of the progressive signboards read: Social Security, Welfarism, Cryto-Socialism, Socialism, Bureaucratic Absolutism, Gangster Despotism. And the kind of ideological terrain we have already reached can be readily surmised from the croaking chants which we hear along the way. Such as the following popular number at our present stage.

"I wanna be kept, I'm gonna be kept,"
The unwed mother cries,
"But not by any old bum of a man
Through stuffy old marital ties.
I want my modern American right
To be kept at the public expense;
And for every new brat I produce, I demand
A government handout in dollars and cents."

But Khrushchev's visit will certainly help, as will be made clear on his return in a colloquy between himself and the ghost of Lenin.

Nikita, Nikita, and where hast thou been?
"I've been with the sheep where it's lush, rich, and green."
And didst thou go goofy and bleat with the flock?
"I sure bleated and bleated around the damn clock;
But *baa's* not the *bleat* in those luscious domains,
It's *peace* and more *peace* till it curdles your brains."
And what peace didst thou bleat, tovarish so tender?
"The peace of the grave, or else total surrender."
Bully boy, said the ghost as it faded away.
The seed that I sowed yields a good crop today.

HOW COMMUNISM REMADE THE WORLD
DURING AND AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR

THE LIBERATION OF ITALY

by

Luigi Villari, Jur. D.

The dean of Italian publicists and diplomatic historians, Dr. Villari has written the sequel to his authoritative work on *Italian Foreign Policy under Mussolini* (Devin-Adair). Of this definitive book, the reviewer in *Current History* wrote:

"Mr. Villari, who saw and interpreted the events of this period, does not throw any bouquets at the Italian Foreign Office with which he was associated, but tells the story from the Italian's point of view, presenting his facts with organized precision and offering an interesting picture of the political scene during this controversial period."

The Liberation of Italy brings the story down to date with the same "organized precision" in presenting the facts. Dr. Villari was an almost uniquely equipped and experienced eye-witness of the Allied "liberation" of Italy, and his whole book is entitled to rank as a documentary source for the period.

While the volume is devoted mainly to the Allied "liberation" of Italy following the deposition of Mussolini in July, 1943, it has much wider significance in that it presents the Italian experience against the broad background of world events and policies from 1939 to 1947.

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The book shows how the very term "Liberation" was derived from Communist propaganda and had been devised to disguise and ennoble Communist aggression in China, Spain, eastern Poland, Finland, the Baltic region, and the Balkans *before* June 22, 1941.

It reveals how Communist policies and demands dominated the "Summit Conferences" during the War and its aftermath, thus creating the Cold War and the threat of world-wide nuclear extermination which now hangs over the world.

Publicly announced by the Allied victors as a benevolent crusade to deliver oppressed peoples from tyranny, the actual "liberation" imposed a far more drastic tyranny over hundreds of millions who had previously been free from Axis dominion. It led to the wholesale massacre of hundreds of thousands of helpless and patriotic citizens of Germany, Italy, France, Poland, the Baltic area and the Balkans. Fifteen million Germans were expelled from their ancient homelands, some five million of them perishing as a result of murder, starvation and exposure. Millions of Japanese were driven out of Asia back into their already overcrowded island homeland.

In Italy, the "liberation" episode produced the revival of Communist power, with the special support of the United States, which later spent billions of dollars to bring Italian Communism under temporary and incomplete control. It also led to the freeing of the *Mafia*, whose agents were thus enabled to revive and extend their organized criminality on an international scale.

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An Informal Review
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

December 1, 1959

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

Gentlemen:

A Mr. Karl Prussian, Box 396, Los Altos, California has applied for a job with us, and expresses a great deal of zeal for our anti-Communist efforts.

Mr. Prussian states that for approximately twelve years he worked within the Communist Party, as an informant for the F. B. I., and publicly revealed this fact on August 12, 1959, then severing all connection with the Communist Party.

If it is permissible for you to tell us, we should like very much to have a confirmation or denial from you of Mr. Prussian's claim, and the favor would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch Jr.

Robert Welch

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Mr. Robert Welch
"American Opinion"
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Welch:

Your letter dated December 1, 1959, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussian furnished information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. He was, however, never a Special Agent of this Bureau.

This information should not be construed as a recommendation, clearance or nonclearance of Mr. Prussian by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SACs, Boston and San Francisco

Enclosed is one copy of correspondent's communication.

Karl Prussian is former SF 1740-S who was discontinued July 20, 1958, after disclosing his informant status to a newspaperman. He publicly disclosed himself as a former informant of the FBI while giving a speech before the Lions Club, Oakland, California, on August 12, 1959.

Information concerning Robert Welch is contained in Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13.

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Mr. Robert Welch

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises Karl Prussian has applied for a position with him. Prussian has claimed he worked within the Communist Party for 12 years as an informant for the FBI, publicly revealing this fact on 8-12-59. Correspondent requests that if it is permissible to do so the Bureau furnish him confirmation or denial of Prussian's claim.

Robert Welch is a wealthy candy manufacturer in Belmont, Massachusetts, who is allegedly very anticommunistic and who has been traveling throughout the country meeting with other industrialists to create organizations to fight communism. He is also editor and publisher of "American Opinion," a magazine which frequently contains anticommunist articles. Above SAC Letter alerted the field to the activities of Welch.

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Mr. Tom Glasgow
Post Office Box 3365
Charlotte 3, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Glasgow:

Your letter dated December 1, 1959, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information concerning the organization and individual you mention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, CHARLOTTE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication.

Bufiles reveal that correspondent was formerly chairman of the Civil Service Board in Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina, and in 1939 and 1940 wrote numerous letters to the Bureau concerning the position of chief of police of the rural police. The Bureau at that time made several recommendations and prepared the examination which was given for this position. Since 1940 correspondent has directed

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Mr. Tom Glasgow

NOTE TO CHARLOTTE, CONTINUED:

numerous letters to the Bureau similar in nature to his current request and because of the confidential nature of Bufiles, no information could be disclosed to him. In the past he has been most complimentary in his remarks concerning the Director and the Bureau and correspondence with him has been of a cordial nature. (See search slip attached.)

Robert Welch is a wealthy candy manufacturer in Belmont, Massachusetts, who allegedly is very anticommunistic and has been traveling throughout the country meeting with other industrialists to create organizations to fight communism. One of these organizations is the John Birch Society which was founded by Welch at a meeting in Indianapolis on December 9, 1958. It had local working chapters in six states in July, 1959, and had a goal of 1500 working chapters. Its long-range objective is "less Government, more responsibility and a better world." It is self-described as an organization of Americans voluntarily joined together to combat more effectively the evil forces that threaten our country, our lives and our civilization.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advised that Welch has requested him to join Welch and others in the John Birch Society which is an organization with an alleged objective to expose and discredit communist infiltration in Government, unions and our social order generally. Correspondent feels such an organization is ~~well~~ long past due and does not know of any agency except the FBI which is really working on this matter. He stated he is hopeful that the FBI with its wide range of information can furnish him some basic information concerning this organization and individual.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am turning to you in the hopes that you may be able to give me some information on the following subject.

A Mr. Robert Welch, of Belmont 78, Massachusetts, has communicated with me with regard to joining with him and others in what seems to be an incorporated organization known as "The John Birch Society, Incorporated".

This Society was organized -- apparently as a memorial to one "John Birch" -- in order to secure members, nationally, who are interested in participating in, and locally helping with, the Society's basic objective which is to expose and discredit Communist infiltration into Government, in both the Executive and Legislative branches; in unions and in our social order generally.

I feel that such an organization, with real size and strength, has been long past due for the protection of this Nation from the insedious infiltration of Communist philosophy and objectives. Excepting your eternal vigilance, I do not know of any adequate agency really working on this vital matter.

I am hopeful that with the wide range of information of yourself and your associates that you may be able to give me some basic information with regard thereto. Should such be the case, I shall be most grateful indeed. The dues of the organization seem to be $24.00 a year to the local Chapter (if any) and $24.00 a year to the National Organization. Beyond this, interested people of means are invited, at their election, to make such contributions as they care to. Mr. Welch advises that the organization at the present time is well financed. I received a "Blue Book" of some 170 pages setting forth the details of his proposed Organization -- which organization seems to already be "in being" and in operation on a limited scale. It also seems that the Society issues a monthly bulletin -- accompanying his letter and the Book was a "November Bulletin" of some 12 to 14 pages.

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Your reply and the courtesy of any information that you can give will be very much appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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Tom Glasgow

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FULTON LEWIS JR. SAYS:

J. Edgar Hoover Authors Primer On Red Menace

MR. J. EDGAR Hoover has delivered himself of a 22-page treatise, privately distributed to a selected mailing list, which I think should have much wider circulation.

The title is not particularly definitive. He calls it "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality." But it carries an important message: that the fight against the Communist conspiracy must have its foundation at the grass roots in the local community.

It is, in effect, a primer for alert Americans at that level. And its importance lies in the fact that too often, there is a tendency toward embarrassment on the part of the individual citizen in bethinking himself about such matters, let alone indulging in any activity.

The self-styled liberals, for their own good reasons, have seen to it that active anti-Communism on the part of an ordinary citizen carries a connotation of extremism and crackpottery. Mr. Hoover suggests that that is part of the conspiracy.

ON MY OWN responsibility, I have persuaded him that the document should be mailed out to anyone who takes the trouble to write in for it. It will be worth your while to do so.

The natural leaders for Americanism programs are already established, he says, in most communities. They are business and labor groups, religious leaders, professional people, veterans' organizations.

Local action, in each case, must be tailored to local conditions. "All that is required," he says, "is imagination, resourcefulness and some personal sacrifice, coupled with a will to inspire positive action." He cites specific examples where the course already has been charted.

In New York City, the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsors an annual Loyalty Day parade to offset the Communist Party's May Day demonstrations. The all-faith Foundation for Religious Action of Washington, D.C. organizes [illegible] forums to stress religion as a moving force against atheistic communism.

Throughout Florida, the State Bar Association sends out specially trained attorneys to lecture to high school students on the advantages of democracy over communism.

Such acts of local initiative, in Mr. Hoover's judgment, should be expanded and coordinated.

MR. HOOVER thinks we are now entered on the crucial phase of the global struggle between freedom and Communist slavery. For the first time in history, the Kremlin leaders feel the balance of power has swung their way. They act as men who think they can deal from a position of arrogant power.

The propaganda onslaught is "substantial," Mr. Hoover thinks, because of its subtlety, diversity, and vigor. The Reds continue the time-tested tactic of front-group action and diplomatic maneuvers, but add a new ingredient—economic aid to backward nations and cultural exchanges with the West.

Mr. Hoover reminds us that it is we who enjoy the real superiority, material and spiritual. But he cautions against belittling Red capabilities, explaining that the new Kremlin offensive is "'adroitly cloaked under saccharine slogans" to lull the free world into a false sense of security.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Robert H. W. Welch Jr
John Birch

Dear Mr Hoover,

A new unit of the John Birch Society was organized here last evening Escondido Calif for the purpose of resisting communism at the grass roots.

I saw Fulton Lewis' announcement of your treatise "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" in the morning paper (San Diego Union) and would very much like to have a copy. I am sure each of the twenty members of the unit would like one if you have that many to share. We are in dead earnest and all set to go.

Sincerely Yours

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(Mrs) Edith Richardson
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Mrs. Edith G. Richardson
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Dear Mrs. Richardson:

Your letter of December 3, 1959, and enclosure have been received.

The interest prompting your writing me is appreciated, and I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, twenty copies of "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is a comparatively new organization created by Robert Welch, and [redacted] is currently attempting to secure additional information concerning it. It is apparently strongly anti-communist. Welch is a candy manufacturer who has been traveling throughout the country meeting with other wealthy industrialists to create organizations to fight communism. (62-104401-16)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 12/22/59

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
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Rebulet dated 12/16/59.

On 12/21/59, accompanied by SA [redacted] I interviewed Mr. ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. at the office of "American Opinion," 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts. I explained to Mr. WELCH that it had come to our attention that a tape of a speech by him which was played at a meeting of the John Birch Society at Knoxville, Tennessee, on 10/21/59, reportedly contained a statement that "he had access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a lifetime friend who was acting as an advisor to the Bureau." Mr. WELCH immediately denied this, stating he was sorry but there was apparently a misunderstanding and under no circumstances did he make such a statement as it would be completely erroneous.

Mr. WELCH suggested that in all probability the information received by the FBI pertained to a statement he had made concerning his association with J. B. MATTHEWS as contained on pages 160 and 161 in his book entitled, "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society." Mr. WELCH furnished a copy of this book which is forwarded herewith as an enclosure. The statement in question, which starts with the last sentence on page 160, reads as follows:

> "And while of course I can make mistakes too, I know from the way my opinion of various characters, formed entirely independently, has then proved to coincide with the opinion of J. B. Matthews, time after time when I have had a chance to check with him, that I have a fairly sensitive and accurate nose in this area.

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"And of course I also have the benefit of J. B.'s files, almost incredible memory, and judgment built out of long experience, to lean on whenever I wish."

Mr. WELCH advised that the information as contained in "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society" had been recorded by him and copies of these recordings had been played in various parts of the country in connection with the activity of the John Birch Society. A copy of the pertinent tape was played back and the wording contained in the tape was identical with that in "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society." Mr. WELCH said that on occasions he also has referred to "J.B." (MATTHEWS) as a "life-long friend."

Mr. WELCH said that at the present time there are John Birch chapters in fifteen different states. He said he is probably looked upon as being "odd" as he has given up a good business to work on a project in which he firmly believes with no compensation. Mr. WELCH said he had considered having Mr. J. HOWARD PEW arrange for a meeting between the Director and himself but, knowing of Mr. HOOVER's many responsibilities, has not made such an attempt as he felt the Director is too busy with his many duties. No comment of any nature was made to Mr. WELCH in this connection.

For the information of the Bureau, the office of "American Opinion," of which Mr. WELCH is editor and director, is located on the first floor of an insurance building near Belmont Square, Belmont, Massachusetts. Eight persons, both male and female, appeared to be engaged in typing in this room. Mr. WELCH also has the use of a shipping room in the basement which contained a considerable amount of pamphlet material. Three employees were working in the shipping room. Two additional employees were also observed in another office room which is apparently used for the purpose of interviews and also to record the talks of Mr. WELCH.

Since Mr. WELCH has specifically denied making any statement indicating access to records of the FBI either in person or by tape recording, no further action is contemplated in this matter.

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Dec. 29, 1959

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have been approached by a small group called The John Birch Society whose main organ seems to be a booklet entitled American Opinion edited by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

I am interested to know if this group is subversive or extremist in any way. The local leaders of this group have also headed several other "hate" organizations which are, in my mind, definitely anti-American.

Please send any information to [redacted], [redacted], Lakeland, Fla. Thank you very much.

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Sincerely

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Lakeland, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated December 29, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

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I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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ATTENTION: SAC, MIAMI

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Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

NOTE TO MIAMI, CONTINUED

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society is an organization which was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, a wealthy candy manufacturer, as part of an anticommunist campaign he has been carrying on for several years. This organization has for its long-range objective "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of investigation by the Bureau. Information concerning Welch is contained in Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

While we have not investigated the John Birch Society, such advice to the correspondent may imply that the Bureau has "cleared" this organization. In view of the activities of Welch, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

AMERICAN OPINION

An Informal Review

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. McGuire
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December 22, 1959

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Under separate cover today I am mailing you a copy of the Blue Book of The John Birch Society.

While the presentation in this printed form, of the background, methods, and purposes of the Society is not as effective as when I am able to give it personally, to selected small groups in a full two-day meeting, nor as effective probably as the tape recordings of this same presentation, the Blue Book will at least make clear to you what we are trying to do, and how, and why. And since we now have working chapters in some fifteen states (instead of the six states mentioned in the foreword, written on July 4, 1959, to the current edition of the Blue Book), and Home Chapter members in about forty states, and since your office is probably now receiving occasional inquiries about us, I thought I should send this material to you for your files.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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Robert Welch

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P. S. And in order to have the Blue Book reach you without undue delay because of the Christmas load at the post offices, we are sending it by first class mail. RW

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Memo Baumgardner to Belmont 12/28/59 re: above lit not in ack.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS

To A Good American:

The salutation is not general, but specific. We have definite reasons for believing that you are a patriotic citizen, of good character and of good will towards other men and women who deserve it, or you would not be receiving this message. But to what extent you are willing to take action, to save for our children and their children some semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited, we do not know.

The John Birch Society is composed of people like yourself. It was founded on December 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, by this writer and a small group of outstanding men who had come from various parts of the country at my invitation for a two-day meeting. You have probably heard nothing about the Society, because we avoid publicity as well as we can. This is not because there is anything at all secret about our activities, but because our whole purpose is to build strength and understanding rather than create noise.

But we now have full-time paid staff men, called Coordinators, and local working chapters formed and supervised by these Coordinators, in nine states. We also have a Home Chapter, which maintains contact with its members and coordinates their activities entirely by mail. There

are already members of this Home Chapter in about twenty states, and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in our country.

A word about our name is in order. John Birch was a young Christian missionary, from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when we entered World War II. He joined Chennault's forces as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the United States Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. Ten days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful and official mission for our government, he was brutally murdered in cold blood by our "allies," the Chinese Communists. You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. We believe that his short by outstanding and memorable life so typifies the best of America that we have named our organization in his memory.

Basically, The John Birch Society is a group of Americans who have voluntarily joined together: (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives, and our civilization; (2) to prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before;

and (3), to restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

We are digging far more deeply into the problems we face, however, and building far more solidly in our coordinated effort to overcome the destructive forces around us, than can be indicated in this letter. In order to explain, fully and clearly, the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society, we have been holding two-day meetings of small groups of leading business men, professional men, and conservative scholars, from all over the United States, regularly since last December. The presentation made at Indianapolis, and repeated at these meetings, has also been put on tape recordings, which are now being played back by our Coordinators to small local groups in many areas.

But this same presentation is now available in a printed book, brought out quietly by ourselves because we have not wanted the publicity of commercial publication. In this presentation we have attempted: (1) To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization; (2) to evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world

history and the rise of western civilization; (3) to set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination; (4) to offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful; and (5), to describe in detail the organization, function, and procedures of The John Birch Society.

The cost to ourselves for each of these books we mail out is approximately two dollars. And although we are not in the book-selling business, we believe that the financial solvency and soundness of our Society (which is incorporated as a non-profit educational corporation under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts) is a basic requirement for progress. While the Blue Book of The John Birch Society is not for sale in any general sense, therefore, it will be sent postpaid for two dollars to anybody who is invited to become interested in what we are trying to do, and how, and why. And we shall be glad to have you consider this letter as such an invitation to yourself.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

To All Members:

We are aware that this bulletin is long. But we are not offering it for entertainment, and nobody is in The John Birch Society for pleasure. And we believe that the contents of the bulletin are of sufficient interest and importance to justify your reading carefully every paragraph. We may not be concise, but you will have to admit we are earnest!

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

October 31, 1959
Bulletin For November
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Foreword

"Gloucester, 'tis true that we are in great danger.
The greater, therefore, should our courage be."

Many people have written us that they were afraid to sign our petitions against a summit conference, for fear of retribution by the Communists. To them we would say that their caution is understandable but futile. You don't have to do anything to get on the Communists' purge lists. By failure to oppose Communist plans at every turn these people merely hasten the day of Communist retribution for their very thoughts.

A few former warriors of renown in this life-and-death struggle, overcome by pessimism, have recently laid down their arms (or their pens or microphones, as the case may be). They feel that we are so "surrounded" as to make resistance hopeless, and that the only course left is to die with dignity. To them we would say that there is no dignity even in death, for those of us who are aware of what is happening to our country, unless we die fighting against its enslavement.

But to members of The John Birch Society we simply say: Join us in The Hymn Of Defiance. You will find the words, and the familiar music to which they are to be sung, on the last page of this bulletin. At all of our chapter meetings during November where Coordinators are present, they will have tape recordings of the singing of The Hymn Of Defiance. These recordings are home-made, by non-professionals, and without even background music -- on purpose. Their sole objective is to help you to associate the words with the tune, and our Home Chapter members will have to arrive at this concordance without even that much help.

We hope, however, that the mere words will express the attitude of us all. The men and women in The John Birch Society realize full well

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that our danger is great. But they are resolved that their courage, their determination, and their effort will all be greater. They have no thought of any course but unceasing battle with the Communist ghouls, until the whole bestial conspiracy is utterly destroyed. At the cost of whatever dedication and sacrifice may be required, the members of The John Birch Society expect to lead, and to win, this fight against the Communists. And, going on from there, they intend to do all they can to bring about an era of less government and more responsibility in a better world.

A Brief Report

All members who have heard our basic presentation know that we consider letter-writing -- when used like a rifle instead of like a blunderbuss -- as one of the Society's most effective weapons. We now have hundreds of new members, however, who know nothing at all of our previous letter-writing campaigns. A quick look at one or two small successes, for which we can take at least some credit, may therefore be worth while.

About a year ago, for instance, WNAC in Boston started a fifteen-minute radio program called Dangers Of Apathy, for every Sunday night at 10:45. They expected to run it for thirteen weeks. Actually it ran for thirty-nine weeks last season. It was advertised and boosted on an excellent thirty-minute television show over WNAC-TV in June. It will almost certainly run all of this winter. It will be supported by two different half-hour TV programs during the next few months. And we are sure that the two separate barrages of mail which our members in the Greater Boston area poured in on WNAC last spring had something to do with encouraging them to this continuation and expansion of Dangers Of Apathy. For ordinarily a radio station or TV station, which does have the patriotism and fortitude to run an anti-Communist program, receives plenty of brickbats from the Left but never a word of applause from the Right.

One of our other campaigns was directed at blocking, wherever we could, the organized dirve of the oneworlders to have department stores substitute UN insignia this December for conventional Christmas decorations. We believe that this drive -- whether many of its supporters recognize the fact or not -- is merely a part of a long-range Communist plan to take all religious significance out of Easter and Christmas and all patriotic spirit out of our present nationalist holidays. We believe it is quite important to oppose, as forcefully as possible, every cunning step planned in that direction. And even as small as The John Birch Society was when we embarked on this campaign, our members already hold letters signed by the presidents of all of the largest department stores in Boston, and by the heads of many department stores in other cities, stating that those stores will stick completely to conventional

Christmas decorations during the holiday season now approaching. And by the next Christmas, with our gathering strength, we expect to be able to make it very uncomfortable indeed for any department store that tries to prostitute the spirit of Christmas into a means of promoting the Communist-controlled United Nations.

But out of our many letter-writing efforts, the one of which we have been most proud was the small flurry of praise and encouragement forwarded to Jacques Soustelle. For Soustelle had been mercilessly smeared by Look, Life, the New York Times, and the whole "liberal" pack -- for no other reason than that, next to Adenauer, he has now become the firmest and most important anti-Communist statesman in Western Europe. So Soustelle was amazed and vastly encouraged to find that there were plenty of Americans who understood what was really happening in Algeria; who were bitterly opposed to the underhanded support by our Government of the Communists there and in Guinea and in Laos and even in France itself; and who were willing to take the trouble to tell him so. Your Founder had a very nice visit with Jacques Soustelle in New York just two or three weeks ago, when comparatively few people even knew he was in this country. And we are sure that the letters of approval written him had had palpable influence on the side of French firmness, in those scales where the immediate future of Western Europe now hangs in the balance.

In many little ways besides letter writing, however, and some not so little, our members have been making their determination and their efforts count. In a report received just today, for instance, from our Coordinator in Tennessee, occurs this paragraph:

> "You'll be delighted to hear that the little nine-man chapter in Gatlinburg, headed by John Morell, broke the hold of the four dedicated World Federalists in town over the City Council, and that there will be no United Nations Day celebration. Instead, yesterday the schools had a program celebrating United States Day. This should help our growth there."

As to more ambitious undertakings by the Society as a whole, we note with pleasure the report in this week's papers that the East-West Summit Conference is now being talked about for sometime in the spring, with the French Government having considerable to say about the whole affair. This is a far cry from what was visibly planned last April, or from what was practically announced as to the East-West Summit this fall when the Khrushchev-Eisenhower exchange of visits was sprung on the American public. And our Committee Against Summit Entanglements, both through its original petitions and later through its newspaper advertisements, sparked and inspired a great deal of the mounting opposition

which brought about these various postponements. But we covered that activity in some detail in our bulletin for October, so shall refrain from repetition here.

Our effectiveness in quite varied areas of effort, however, and the esprit de corps of our Society, are steadily increasing. Our total combined efforts still amount to only a tiny drop, against the huge flood of continuing Communist successes. But they show what can be done when we have the numbers and the strength that are just waiting to be recruited.

Let's Write Some More Letters

Reprinted near the end of this bulletin is a recent editorial by the incomparable Tom Anderson, in Farm and Ranch. It is in the form of a letter to Nikita Khrushchev, and it is pretty rough. But for a publication with a circulation of 1,300,000, and an advertising revenue running into hundreds of thousands of dollars, this piece of Straight Talk took a lot of courage. And its outspokenness serves to crystallize and encourage the resentment of a lot of good Americans against what is happening in Washington.

We have inserted the editorial in this bulletin partly because we thought you would enjoy reading it, whether or not you have Victorian qualms against some of the language used. But also because it supports our argument that, in this struggle against the collectivists of all hues, there are occasions when we really have to play rough too -- the same as they do all of the time. This is no pillow fight in which we are engaged.

The above paragraph is prelude to the sample letters suggested below.

(1)

Mr. Edgar F. Kaiser
Chairman Of The Board, Kaiser Steel Corporation
Kaiser Building
Oakland 12, California

Sir:

There is no point in my using more than a few lines of this page. Neither on the rest of it, nor on a dozen pages like it, could I even begin to express all of my contempt for yourself and the Kaiser Steel Corporation. And if you do not understand the reason for this contempt, there is nothing to be gained by my attempting any explanation.

Sincerely,

John Blank

And probably no explanation is needed by our members. But I personally have always doubted that Henry J. Kaiser himself, the fairhaired "tycoon" of the Roosevelt administration, could ever have run a peanut stand successfully without government furnishing him the capital and then buying the peanuts. But the Kaiser "industries" spawned by the newdeal and subsequent favors have posed as members of the free-enterprise business community. And it would not be too far-fetched to imagine that the Roosevelt-Truman-Eisenhower socialist administrations had pampered the Kaiser dynasty for the very purpose of developing a Judas goat that could go on and on, leading the real business interests of this country to the slaughter.

At any rate, the recent action of the Kaiser Steel Corporation, in double-crossing the rest of the steel firms and running interference for David McDonald, was true to form. It is by no means the first time a Kaiser company has helped the United States Government to break down business resistance to completely unreasonable and deliberately inflationary pressures of power-drunk labor bosses. And this Kaiser crowd keeps getting away with it largely because such a huge majority of American business management is too "gentlemanly" to tell them off.

So now we see pictures on the front pages, of Mr. Edgar Kaiser and Mr. David McDonald, with their hands locked in fraternal comradeship and their faces wreathed in the smiles of a happy communion of spirits. They are gloating over Kaiser's having let down his fellow steel producers, and having come to the rescue of a suffering McDonald -- whom even the hypocritical manipulations of this administration had not yet been able to save from the shameful mess he had created. And of course they are basking in the expected glow of Eisenhower's warm approval. Our letter is well justified.

(2)

Mr. Malcolm Muir
Editor, NEWSWEEK
444 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Muir:

The Red Hand, as your issue of October 12 (Page 48) correctly stated, is the French Intelligence Group, trying to break up the arms supply from Communist countries to the Communist-supported FLN terrorists in Algeria. Since France is at war with these Communist-led deadly assassins, your correspondent's making out of these dedicated French patriots to be "professional killers" seems to be a questionable appraisal.

What is not questionable, however, is the failure of your correspondent even to mention that this same FLN gang, in an effort to force the appearance of popular support for their Communist-guerrilla uprising, has been perpetrating an average of twenty atrocities per day on innocent fellow Moslems in Algeria over the past two years. Your correspondent's indignation over the Red Hand's prevention of arms and explosives being shipped from Communist East Germany and Communist Czechoslovakia to the FLN, to make these atrocities possible, without even mentioning what the arms are being used for, is in my opinion simply dishonest reporting.

Informed Americans have all become so accustomed by now, however, to having the news in their large-circulation press slanted in favor of the Communists, that I am hardly surprised to find something which certainly looks like the same distortion creeping into the pages of so excellent a publication as NEWSWEEK. What does surprise me is the brazenness of one of the omissions. The Si Mustapha whom your correspondent glorifies at the end of the article (without the slightest indication that Si Mustapha is not in fact a North African "idealist") is a well-known German Communist whose real name is Muller. If your correspondent did not know this you ought to send him back to kindergarten. If he did know it, and deliberately left out so salient a fact, you ought to ask him just what he is trying to do.

Sincerely,

John Blank

(3)

Mr. Henry R. Luce
Editor-in-Chief, LIFE
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Luce:

There is a huge and easily recognized pattern of purpose at work, through the mass media of communication in our country, to: (1) shrug off all questions of morality or integrity in connection with the "success" or "position" of individuals, and thus break down our whole sense of values; (2) glorify all "liberals" and leftwingers by all possible favorable publicity; and (3) make it clear to everybody that "the road to promotion and pay," and to protection against earned approbrium for one's misdeeds, is the road to the Left.

We would be interested in knowing just which parts of this pattern your editors were following when they put Charles Van Doren's picture

on the front cover of the October 26 Life, and gave some twelve pages to praising the Van Doren clan as "the most distinguished literary family in the United States." Charles Van Doren, it seems clear, not only participated (for very high pay) in a fraudulent deception of the public as to his intellectual prowess, but apparently lied under oath to a district attorney engaged in trying to investigate this very practice. But of course Mr. Van Doren comes from a great "liberal" family, and even worked himself as an editor for that most "liberal" of publishing houses, Harper and Brothers. So it would be both silly and unkind to consider integrity as anything a liberal so certified even needed, for his high position in that glittering world of the intellectual Left.

As for that "distinguished family," their "fame" rests primarily on the long association of at least two of its members with The Nation, a publication which has during that whole association always been about as far left as you could go without landing in Red Square. I don't believe you can find one man in a hundred who can name, or that even you yourself can name, one single thing the most distinguished patriarch, Mark Van Doren, of this "most distinguished" literary family, ever wrote. But we "liberals" do have to look out for each other, don't we, Mr. Luce? Otherwise, we might not get invited to the right dinners, or the sale of our magazines might suffer.

Of course a few years ago we put ourselves in right with the Left, by giving Stalin's hatchet man, Tito, the greatest favorable publicity build-up, throughout several issues of Life, that any human being has ever received. And that massive, vicious, unfair, and even untruthful attack on the great patriot, Senator McCarthy, in Time! That really did things for us for a long while, didn't it, Mr. Luce? But the effect of such splurges does wear off. The glow of our "liberalism" needs recharging. So, when we can exalt the Van Doren family (just when they need it most), show our disdain for oldfashioned morality, eulogize George Catlett Marshall as a "noble soldier," and editorially advocate repeal of the Connally Amendment, all in one issue, we should be able to count on a whole new halo from the Liberal Establishment, shouldn't we, Mr. Luce?

Of course it does all leave one problem, Mr. Luce, or maybe two. How in heck can you sleep nights, or look at yourself in a mirror? It's true that in the circles to which you have now so happily become accustomed, you probably hear nothing but flattery and applause. But in this country, Mr. Luce, there are still millions of good Americans, with an oldfashioned and solid sense of values, who have been watching you and your magazines with increasing disgust for years. They don't like what you are doing through the power of your magazines to the country they inherited. And you know something, Mr. Luce? It is just possible that there is a strong and swift tide of their kind of sentiment setting in right now. Maybe you ought to have some of your bright boys make a survey, Mr. Luce; and not on Madison Avenue, New York, but in Milwaukee and Houston and Richmond and Wichita and Memphis and Phoenix and Indianapolis and a

few hundred other places I could name. It might be good for your soul, for your magazines, and for your country.

Sincerely,

John Blank

Of course it is too late for Letter No. 1 to do any good in the present steel strike. But we believe that a thousand letters like it would have an eye-opening impact which might serve the cause of American free-enterprise well in some future situation which could be muddied by a Kaiser. And timeliness is not of the essence in letters Nos. 2 and 3.

The best handling of each letter would be for every member to write his own version in his own language, using the above samples simply as guides. But there would inevitably be enough similarity in enough letters for a connection to be obvious. And we don't think it matters. In fact, if any member (or a lot of members) finds it easier simply to copy any one of these letters verbatim -- they have been carefully worded -- and mail it with a personal note prefixed, we think the effectiveness may be just as great. For instance:

> Dear Mr. Luce: Enclosed (or the following) is an exact copy of a letter sent to you by a friend of mine. And I am forwarding this copy because I want you to know that I agree wholeheartedly with its sentiments. We need you on the Americanist side, Mr. Luce, where you belong. What about it?
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Tom Jones

You have only to read the current newspapers and magazines (like the October 26 Life) to see how surely and aggressively and rapidly the Communist line is now being rammed down the throats of the American people from every side, and under every conceivable disguise. The above letters represent an attempt to start fighting against this comprehensive and smothering attack, in ways that may be more effective for the very reason that they are unexpected. With both courage and energy equal to the occasion, let's pour all three of these letters into their respective destinations.

And Another Letter

The No. 7 issue of ONE MAN'S OPINION, published in May, 1957, con-

sisted entirely of a short biography of Chiang Kai-shek. Dr. Hollington Tong, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States and himself the best known biographer of Chiang, purchased two thousand copies of this issue, and said it was the best short life of Chiang Kai-shek he had ever read. We do not quote this statement for the sake of vanity, I assure you, but simply to reassure you that the history is dependable. For enough copies have been mailed to each Chapter Leader so that every member may pick up one at the November meeting; and a single copy is being mailed herewith to every Home Chapter member. (In fact, so that nobody will think we are wasteful in sending this by first-class mail to the Home Chapter members, perhaps we should explain that there would be no saving, and much delay, if we sent the magazine by third class in a separate envelope from the bulletin.)

Chiang Kai-shek, far from being the dictator which his Communist enemies have charged, has always had the establishment of a truly republican form of government for all of China as his greatest ambition. Consequently, twice already during his long and extremely able career, he has voluntarily stepped completely down from his position of power and leadership, to avoid the possibility of even any appearance of being a dictator; and in the hope that somebody else could do a better job for his country under the then current circumstances. Both times the results were disastrous for China and for the anti-Communist cause in Asia.

Taking advantage of this idealistic attitude of Chiang Kai-shek, and using all of the heavy pressures that are available, our Government is now engaged in an attempt to "persuade" Chiang to retire "for the good of his country." The Chinese Communists, having failed in all efforts to eliminate Chiang in any other way, are now counting on Washington to do it for them. Of course Washington is glad to oblige. And if our Government holds out promises for the future, of advantages to Formosa and perhaps to all of China, that seem attractive enough; and if, at the same time, it paints a black enough picture of what is going to happen unless Chiang does yield to this sugar-coated threat; under the combined pressures of this cajolery and blackmail Chiang might actually give in once again, and withdraw. It is entirely possible he could be convinced that, under today's conditions, somebody not so controversial as himself would be better for the Republic of China as its president.

Any such development would be a catastrophe of the first magnitude. Chiang Kai-shek personally is the one strong rallying point for all of the anti-Communist strength and sentiment in all of eastern Asia. His highly successful government on Formosa, and the prosperity and personal rights of the ten million Chinese on the island, make it a showplace and a symbol of freedom, in striking contrast to the starvation and

tyranny under Communism. And so long as Chiang personally heads the government on Formosa, just the possibility of his return to the mainland remains a constant nightmare to the murderers in Peking, and an asset of inestimable value to the whole anti-Communist cause.

So this is an urgent request that every member write a letter to President Chiang. In order to make that letter as intelligent and convincing as possible, you may need to study, carefully, the short biography in ONE MAN'S OPINION. That is why we have sent it to you. And we hope you will not shy away from the work involved, for this is important. Your objective, of course, is to let Chiang know that there are a vast number of Americans, of whom you are one, who admire him greatly for many things (specify whatever you may wish); that these millions of Americans not only have confidence in him as a leader of the anti-Communist forces in eastern Asia, but hope very much to see him eventually return to the mainland and become the President, de facto as well as de jure, of a united republican China; and that, since he has never been to America, some of us have decided it would be a good idea to write and tell him of our esteem and admiration.

It will probably be better if you say nothing of any rumored effort of our government to persuade him to step down. Use the positive approach instead. Just let him know how much a lot of patriotic Americans are counting on him to continue to lead the fight against the Communists, in his part of the world, with ever-increasing effectiveness. And I can give you a tip as to one thing to put in your letter which he will like. It is that your greatest concern, naturally, is over the ultimate danger to your own country, the United States, from the enemy that is trying to destroy him. You will find this thought explained more fully in the first long paragraph on Page 11 of the ONE MAN'S OPINION we have sent you.

Your letter should be addressed to:

The Honorable Chiang Kai-shek
President, The Republic of China
Taipei, Taiwan
Republic of China

The salutation can be Dear Mr. President, or Dear President Chiang, or can take any other form that sounds friendly and respectful. Send your letter by airmail, as regular first-class mail might take as much as two months. The postage will be 25¢ (regular American stamps) for anything up to the first half ounce, and then 25¢ for each half ounce thereafter. Go to it, and make it a good letter. Chiang Kai-shek is a great patriot, a great human being, and during the war years remained a great friend and ally of our country at tremendous known cost to him-

self. Patriotic Americans owe him tremendous gratitude and support. But above all of that, he is fighting our battle for us today, against the dirtiest of enemies and the heaviest of odds. His interests and purposes are identical with our own.

At Last We Come To The Agenda

Of course the letter-writing discussed above is a part of our requests for the month. Of course we want each member to read one book, out of those in his chapter materials or on our approved list, which he has not read. (We repeat once again that we are an army fighting with facts as our most important weapon, and that to be better informed is to be better armed.) Of course we want our members (both of local chapters and of our Home Chapter) to engage in recruiting for new members. Use the Blue Book to help you wherever it seems advisable. And of course we want every member, for whom it is practicable, to check with his local library about certain conservative books and insist that they be on hand. The specific books with which we ask you to be concerned during November are:

Buckley: UP FROM LIBERALISM
Schlamm: GERMANY AND THE EAST-WEST CRISIS
Kulski: PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE
LaPierre: THE FREUDIAN ETHIC
Chodorov: THE RISE AND FALL OF SOCIETY

These are all good books. They are also new books, which have all been reviewed recently in AMERICAN OPINION. Every library should stock them all -- and will do so if enough people insist.

But we are not going into the above requests in any more detail, because this bulletin is already getting so long. And we still have two most important items to cover. They both have to do with growth. For while we are growing quite rapidly right now, we have barely started to gather the real strength and numbers we shall need.

And we have found the Blue Book tremendously effective, not only for bringing in Home Chapter members, but for reaching outstanding patriots who are willing to become Chapter Leaders, or to join and help to build new chapters under other leadership. We have also found that our "invitation letter," To A Good American, inviting the recipient to send two dollars for the Blue Book, has brought splendid results when mailed to the names on a good enough list. And this method enables us to get the Blue Book into a lot of excellent hands without a prohibitive cost to ourselves.

So what we are looking for now is top-quality lists of prospective members, of the unquestionable moral character and strong patriotic purpose which we want in The John Birch Society. And where better to turn for such lists than to our present members? We are hereby asking each member, as one of the "assignments" for the month, to make up a suitable list and send it to us as promptly as is practicable.

Your list should be of relatives, neighbors, friends, business associates and acquaintances; or even people you have merely heard about but do not know personally, provided you know enough about them. But please remember: We are not, at this stage or in this operation, looking for anybody to convert. We are seeking now to gather, into one national group, conservatives who are already aware of our danger and determined to turn back the Communist advance. We offer coordination and direction to make their efforts immensely more effective. A conversion or awakening of honest "liberals" is something which we can undertake at other times and in other ways. Our present goal is to find, and reach with our message, good Americans who are ready and waiting to join The John Birch Society as soon as they have enough understanding of its background, methods, and purposes.

Your list can contain one name, ten names, a hundred names, or a thousand, provided it is made up with sufficient care. Be sure to spell all names correctly, give the proper initials or first names correctly, and give the exact address (preferably but not necessarily home address) against each name. We shall check every list against the cards we keep on Blue Books already mailed out, before sending even an "invitation letter," so you do not have to worry about possible duplications. We believe we can keep the total cost of all handling and mailing (including postage) down to about twelve cents per name. If you send us good enough names, and enough of them, your help will enable us to make another large step forward.

About Another Kind Of Growth

As we have explained in the original presentation, and on many other occasions, dues from our members will barely cover the costs of our record keeping, correspondence, monthly bulletins, and other contacts with members and coordination of their activities. They were set that way on purpose. For other "fronts" and services we have to have other funds. So we always need money.

Now please don't misunderstand us. We are not at all short of money for operating purposes, and this is no hand-to-mouth organization. Because we have always cut both the daily suit of our activities and the

"Sunday" suit of expansion to the cloth of our resources, The John Birch Society has always been quite comfortable financially from the very day it was founded. We have kept a healthy cash balance in the bank at all times, and have added to our staff only as we could see our way clear for months ahead. An unquestionable solvency and comfortable cash position are absolutely necessary to efficiency, and we do not want to waste any of your money simply through not having enough of it -- nor do we intend to do so.

But we can see so many things to be done in this fight, for which the need is both urgent and important. Just for one small illustration, we are bombarded by requests from our members and Coordinators for information and material on UNICEF, or Fluoridation, or METRO Government, or dozens of other topics, which help is needed for some local battle in which our members are engaged. Actually we have most of the material wanted, which I have accumulated in my own extensive files over the past eight years -- and am still accumulating. But keeping it organized and digging out what fits and taking care of the requests in a really helpful manner is utterly beyond us in a situation where -- as right this minute -- we have three days' mail nobody has been able to get at (even though we have about fifteen people in the two offices) and I myself have not even been home at all two nights out of the past six.

So we should like to set up right here a Research Department (which is a high-sounding name for one man and one girl) specifically to provide such requested information and assistance to our members -- and to keep our material in shape so that Verifax copies can be made of the pertinent items for forwarding without delay. We should also like to add more paid Coordinators in the field, to speed up our growth. We should like to establish many more "fronts," like the WOMEN FOR LAW AND ORDER which we have already started. And frankly I should like to have a really able administrative assistant to take some of the load off my shoulders; not for my personal comfort, because I would work just as hard anyway, but so as to have more time to think more clearly and plan further ahead.

Now if you will pardon me for what seems to be a hairsplitting distinction but really is not, we have never asked anybody for money for The John Birch Society. We have explained what we were trying to do, and how, and why. This explanation of course made clear our need for money to carry out our plans and purposes. As a consequence patriotic (and practical) men and women, who have believed in those purposes and in ourselves, have -- entirely on their own initiative except in one single instance -- supplied the money which has enabled us to make the progress we have. But far from ever passing a hat or soliciting contributions, we have not even wanted anybody to join The John Birch Society or to supply money to the Society in any other way, unless he himself really wished

to do so, as a result of his own thoughts and convictions, on his own initiative, and without any prodding from us.

And exactly those same considerations hold here. Not only are we not asking our members for money, but we don't want any member to feel that there is the slightest urging on our part that he do anything more -- financially -- than simply pay his dues. But we have taken the trouble to explain some of our needs, because of a very encouraging development which has come about without our planning or expecting it. A few of our members have recently started -- entirely on their own and independently of each other -- to send us monthly checks which have nothing to do with their dues, but as contributions which they advise us we can count on receiving regularly every month. It is a grand, much appreciated, and most encouraging form of support and demonstration of confidence. We have felt it would be entirely proper for us to tell all of our members about it. For with enough such amounts of anywhere from five dollars to a thousand dollars each, coming in every month from those who feel they can afford it or really want to make that sacrifice, there is no question about how much more rapidly we would be able to move -- or to acquire the size and strength that would make us a decisive factor in this struggle to save our families, our country, and our civilization.

Miscellaneous

There are many other things which should go in this bulletin, but we can exhaust your patience no further. There is one news item which must be included. Mr. Willis Carto never was able completely to sever his connection with, or responsibility for, some of his own earlier endeavors -- as it had been thoroughly understood he would, when he came to work for us in June. So two weeks ago we parted company on an entirely friendly basis, and we wish for him every success and increasing effectiveness in all of his patriotic efforts.

Our honorable mention this month goes to Chapter 29, of which Mrs. Harmon L. Brown is the Chapter Leader, in Midland, Michigan. Mrs. Brown, many of her members individually, and the chapter as a whole, have all been extremely active in forwarding many different purposes to which our Society is dedicated. We wish to thank, and to congratulate, them all.

As we herewith thank every member who has joined in our great undertaking, and send to each and all of you my very kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE from

Straight Talk

FARM AND RANCH 318 Murfreesboro Road Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Nikita S. Khrushchev,
Guest of Honor at Large, United States of America

Dear Mr. Khrushchev:

Welcome to the land of opportunity! The land where anybody who wants to get out, can! So nice of you to come. With the U.S. Honor Guard mothering you, you're safer than an American scab trying to cross a Perfect Circle or Kohler picket line. He gets no government protection.

This is history-making! Never before has the opposing conquerer been wined and dined by the enemy during the war unless surrender negotiations were under way.

The main reason given for your being here is that you will learn about America. Our great leaders told us all during World War II that all you fellas in the Kremlin needed to do was "understand us." Vyshinsky, Molotov, Gromyko, Mikoyan, Kozlov and others have spent much time among us and look how much good that's done.

Kozlov toured our country and was immediately converted: He announced that we would turn Red.

Gen. Eisenhower, you know, is our greatest compromising General. He compromised Berlin in the first place, so naturally he's the logical one for you to settle it with. Whatever you do, don't go near the Waldorf Towers. A real, honest-to-goodness fighting General named MacArthur lives there, and that might undermine the effect of your whole trip.

In 1955 you told us: "If anyone thinks that our smiles mean the abandonment of the teachings of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, he is deceiving himself cruelly. Those who expect this to happen might just as well wait for a shrimp to learn to whistle."

You have announced: "We must recognize that we cannot coexist eternally. One of us must go to the grave. We do not want to go to the grave. They (the West) do not want to go to the grave, either. So what must be done? We must push them to their graves." And just recently you declared: "We will bury you!" That made us turn as pale as an undertaker's apprentice. You know why our President invited you? He was afraid not to! We've decided we'd rather live on our belly than die on our feet.

We now have a balance of terror. "An atmosphere in which," Ike says, "new attitudes might be developed." Ike is, he says, "conducting conversations, exploring Mr. Khrushchev's mind," and he hopes to "melt a little ice." He will—like spitting on a glacier; like Sir Neville Chamberlain melted at Munich 21 years ago.

This Big Two meeting could well "liquidate the greatest danger to peace—American military bases." Since we now have good will and brotherhood there is no need for all these expensive American "security" programs, U.S. overseas bases, armaments. We can now spend all that money on welfare, more TVA's, the Soil Bank and Reclamation.

Please, Mr. K., go easy on us. Remember what we've done for you. We paved the way for your teacher, Stalin, by eliminating Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo. Our great humanitarian President, F.D.R., "recognized," rescued, revitalized Soviet Russia. We gave you $11 billion (that'd be $24 billion today) in aid to keep you in the war against our enemy.

Roosevelt and Hopkins were shrewd traders: They bought an enemy for $11 billion that's worth today many times that. We did it because we were both in a war to make the world safe for democracy. For 25 years we've known you were our friends and needed only to understand us.

We understand you want to buy from us, with our money, as is customary. What do you want mostly, chains? strychnine? iron curtains?

Lenin once said, "The American businessman will sell the rope to hang himself with if he can make a profit on it." You can do business with our leading rope salesman, Cyrus Eaton. But some reactionaries hope there's only one American you'll do business with: an undertaker.

Your boys are shooting up Laos in Indo-China, getting more real estate for you while you're here. That first night you stayed in the Blair House I can see you now down on your knees with your chubby hands clasped sweetly over a glass of vodka, saying your little prayer: "Now I Laos down to sleep, I flay thee, Ike, my Seoul to keep; if I should die before I Wake, I play the Bomb my goal to take."

Your diplomacy has gained you Communists an empire of 900 million people whom you have saved from having to make their own decisions: the Ukraine, Georgia, Caucasia, Siberia, Turkestan, Estonia, Latvia, Armenia, Poland, Lithuania, Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Albania, Crotia, Slovenia, Tibet, North Korea, Mongolia, North Viet Nam, East Germany and China. Can we have a summit with all of them, please?

Don't be offended by the few crackpots here who've given you trouble. Just remember that Congressman Walter of the House Un-American Activities Committee has reported that "The Kremlin has succeeded in enlisting, at a conservative estimate, more than a million Americans . . . There are at this moment the equivalent of some 20 combat divisions of enemy troops stationed on American soil . . . troops that are loyal only to the Soviet." You have, according to Congressman Scherer of Ohio, "at least 2,000 Communist agents and saboteurs stationed in vital defense plants here."

You've unmasked America. We are grateful. The enslaved of the world are grateful. You've kept them from holding false dreams. Our own murderers, most of whom are in jail, are grateful. You've downgraded murder to where maybe we'll turn loose all those who've just committed one or two.

You *already* understand the assembly line, of course. When you fellows first started coexisting with the Ukraine you *personally* demonstrated your understanding of the mass production system by: your planned starvation of five million Ukrainians; by the graves you dug at Vinnitsa for 12,000 corpses and near-corpses, men, women and children, fully dressed, many still alive and gasping for breath when you sent them to their eternal peace, shot in the back of the neck; by the 400,000 murders of men, women and children you produced in 1938 alone.

You bloody, conniving, double-dealing, atheistic butcher, I assume you have a mother. When you get home, do me a favor, please: unleash her and toss her a bone.

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Tom Anderson

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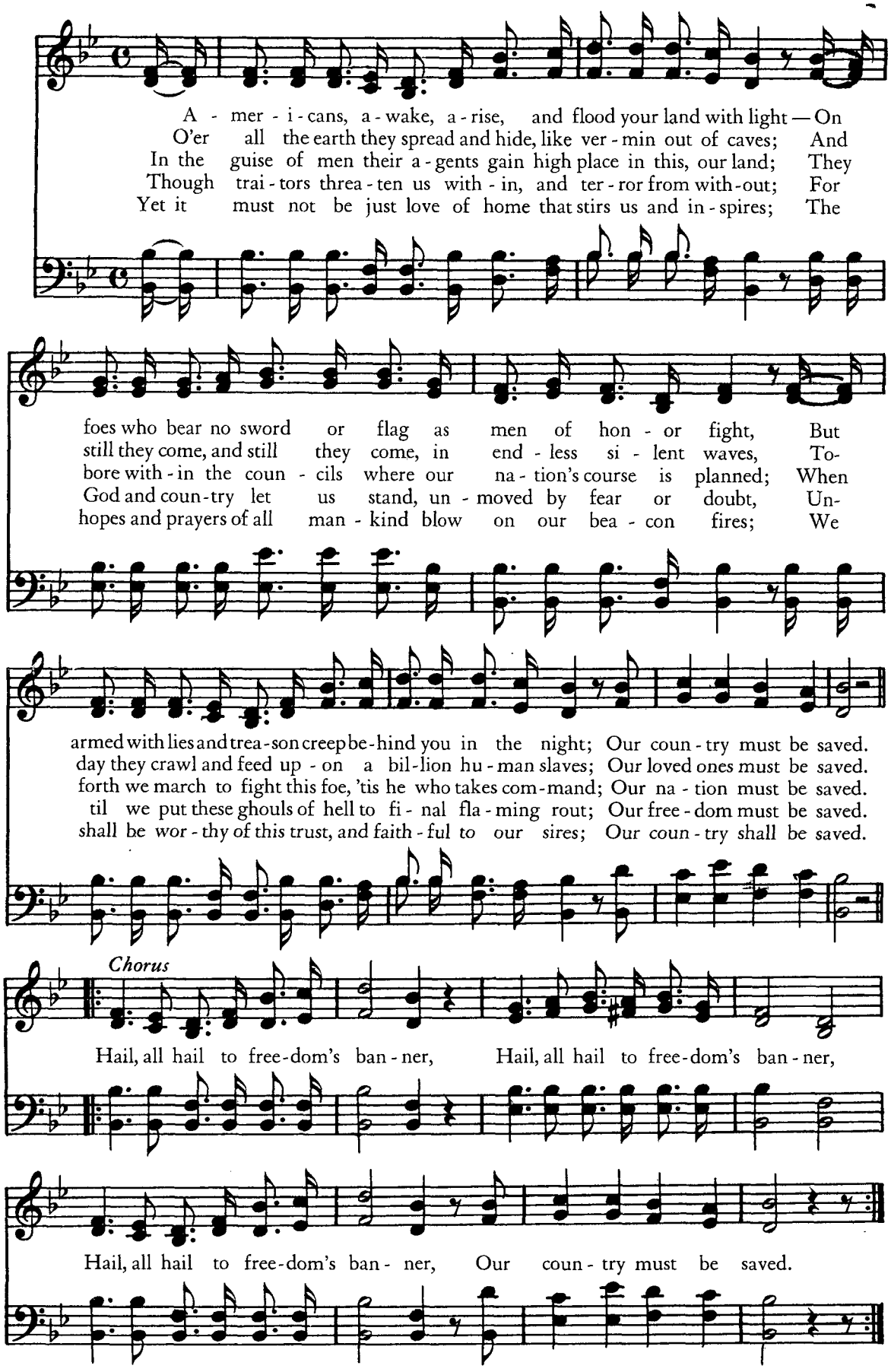

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Mr. W. E. Reyerson
Reyerson & Comer
Attorneys at Law
Citizens Bank Building
Hutchinson, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Reyerson:

I have received your letter dated December 28, 1959, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

Your letter is being made a part of the files of this Bureau in the same manner as have other communications we have received concerning the John Birch Society. However, the information received to date does not form a basis for active investigation within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

For your information, material distributed by the John Birch Society indicates it was created in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, by Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, who claims it is part of an anticommunist campaign. The organization asserts its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

I trust the above information may be of assistance to you; however, it should not be interpreted as an evaluation, clearance or recommendation of the John Birch Society by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. W. E. Reyerson

ATTENTION: SACs, MINNEAPOLIS, HOUSTON AND BOSTON

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's letter. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of investigation by the Bureau. Information concerning Welch is contained in Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advised that his daughter, living in Houston, Texas, has been exposed to talk and a campaign by her husband's business associate that this country will be taken over by the communists by 1965; that the President is communist, and that top officials of the United States sold out to Khrushchev during his recent visit. This talk has been allegedly instigated by the John Birch Society. Correspondent stated he has tried to read the "blue book" put out by the society but it was filled with unsupported statements and he did not put much stock in it. He stated he has heard of a "black book," only 11 of which have been printed. Correspondent pointed out the possibility that the communists may be promoting this organization in order to discredit the leaders of this country. He requested to be advised if we can check on the organization and furnish him information concerning its activities.

Above SAC Letter alerted field to alleged plans of Welch to establish ostensible communist front groups which would in reality be anticommunist groups.

Welch has also issued and has made a very limited distribution of a booklet entitled "The Politician" which is primarily an attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. One chapter is a violent attack on the President and by innuendoes alludes to the President as being procommunist. This may possibly be the "black book" referred to by correspondent.

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

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Dear Sir:-

It is possible that I am barking up the wrong tree in writing you about the matter hereinafter set forth, but I am going to impose on someone in your department, hoping they will read this letter and then answer it in some way.

As back-ground material, I am a U. S. Citizen, born in Minnesota in 1897, served in the Air Corps as a 2nd Lt. in World War I and then enlisted and put in around three years in World War II as a Major in Combat Intelligence, being assigned to the 82nd Fighter Group in North Africa and Italy. I am married, have two daughters, the younger one married, lived in Cody, Wyoming, and within the past year moved to Houston, Texas. She has two boys and one girl, is of the "worrying" type, worried about the welfare of her children, what the future holds for them, whether our Democratic form of government will survive or whether the Commies will take over.

My daughter's husband is working in the house construction business in Houston, is associated with a man named Lupton, I believe, who has been in the construction business for some time in and around Houston but who has recently moved either to San Antonio or Austin.

It seems that ever since my daughter and her husband have been in Houston they have been exposed to talk and a campaign by this man Lupton to show that this country is being sold down the river, that the Commies will take over without question by 1965, that President Eisenhower is a communist along with all the top officials in the country, that they have sold out to Khrushchev at Camp David, and in general talking a campaign of "fear" so that it has gotten my daughter down. She is home here for the holidays, and after some discussions I suggested she call your office in Houston and get the low down on the situation there.

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It seems this is all brought about by an organization known as "The John Birch Society", founded in the name of some man who worked against the Commies in China, was later killed by the Commies. This Society has published a "blue book", which I tried to read, but it was filled

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with statements for which I could find no factual backing, hence I did not put much stock in it. Then when my daughter came home I found out how serious this book was being taken, what views were held as to our top officials and leaders in this country. Now I am told they have put out a "black book", only eleven of them printed. When I try to pin her down as to why all of this is not exposed in the newspapers and magazines I am told they are all "red" and will not print the truth.

My impression of this is a little like that of what Goebels did psychologically with the German people prior to the outbreak of World War II, tell a big enough lie often enough and people will believe it. Frankly this whole matter smells to me of the possibility that the Commies are promoting this to discredit our leaders, including the President, that they deliberately are trying to instill "fear" in the hearts of Americans that by 1965 the Commies are going to take over, that it is inevitable, and try and stampede people in to giving up.

Can you check the "John Birch Society", or do you have any information on all this activity where our top men are branded as being Communists? I realize that this may sound like the ramblings of a person who has lost most of his marbles, but I assure you I would like to pin down some of this talk, then get my daughter straightened out so she will not lose her mind worrying about what is going to happen by 1965. What worries me too is the fact that this could be a line of action, psychologically, that would hit its mark, for these members of the "John Birch Society" protest too loudly, I believe, that they are against Communism and that they cannot get their views across to the people generally because the press, etc. is "red" and will not disseminate the information.

I shall be only too happy to hear from someone in your department in answer to this letter.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Reyerson

W. E. Reyerson

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

John Birch Society

I have enclosed a letter from "the John Birch Society", an organization which I have never heard of. The letter was sent to an address which I left 2 1/2 years ago.

The letter sounds as if it may be from a Communist-front organization. Could these people have received my name from a mailing list of some kind?

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Sincerely,

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS

To A Good American:

The salutation is not general, but specific. We have definite reasons for believing that you are a patriotic citizen, of good character and of good will towards other men and women who deserve it, or you would not be receiving this message. But to what extent you are willing to take action, to save for our children and their children some semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited, we do not know.

The John Birch Society is composed of people like yourself. It was founded on December 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, by this writer and a small group of outstanding men who had come from various parts of the country at my invitation for a two-day meeting. You have probably heard nothing about the Society, because we avoid publicity as well as we can. This is not because there is anything at all secret about our activities, but because our whole purpose is to build strength and understanding rather than create noise.

But we now have full-time paid staff men, called Coordinators, and local working chapters formed and supervised by these Coordinators, in nine states. We also have a Home Chapter, which maintains contact with its members and coordinates their activities entirely by mail. There

are already members of this Home Chapter in about twenty states, and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in our country.

A word about our name is in order. John Birch was a young Christian missionary, from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when we entered World War II. He joined Chennault's forces as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the United States Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. Ten days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful and official mission for our government, he was brutally murdered in cold blood by our "allies," the Chinese Communists. You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. We believe that his short by outstanding and memorable life so typifies the best of America that we have named our organization in his memory.

Basically, The John Birch Society is a group of Americans who have voluntarily joined together: (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives, and our civilization; (2) to prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before;

and (3), to restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

We are digging far more deeply into the problems we face, however, and building far more solidly in our coordinated effort to overcome the destructive forces around us, than can be indicated in this letter. In order to explain, fully and clearly, the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society, we have been holding two-day meetings of small groups of leading business men, professional men, and conservative scholars, from all over the United States, regularly since last December. The presentation made at Indianapolis, and repeated at these meetings, has also been put on tape recordings, which are now being played back by our Coordinators to small local groups in many areas.

But this same presentation is now available in a printed book, brought out quietly by ourselves because we have not wanted the publicity of commercial publication. In this presentation we have attempted: (1) To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization; (2) to evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world

history and the rise of western civilization; (3) to set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination; (4) to offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful; and (5), to describe in detail the organization, function, and procedures of The John Birch Society.

The cost to ourselves for each of these books we mail out is approximately two dollars. And although we are not in the book-selling business, we believe that the financial solvency and soundness of our Society (which is incorporated as a non-profit educational corporation under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts) is a basic requirement for progress. While the Blue Book of The John Birch Society is not for sale in any general sense, therefore, it will be sent postpaid for two dollars to anybody who is invited to become interested in what we are trying to do, and how, and why. And we shall be glad to have you consider this letter as such an invitation to yourself.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

1 - Mr. Simpson

January 15, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]

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LaVale, Maryland

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated January 9, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received, and your interest and courtesy in furnishing this material to me are indeed appreciated.

In the event you receive any additional data which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Baltimore Office located at 408 United States Post Office Building, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, BALTIMORE

Correspondent enclosed a form letter from the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, soliciting membership in the organization, and the envelope in which it had been mailed. This envelope was addressed to Mr. [redacted] Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and mailed to his current address. Correspondent stated he had never heard of the organization and the letter

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had been sent to an address from which he had moved 2½ years ago. He advised that the letter "sounds as if it may be from a communist-front organization."

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society was created in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly a part of an anticommunist campaign. The organization claims its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning this organization.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent's only inquiry was whether the above organization could have obtained his name from a mailing list of some kind. This appears to be more of an observation than an inquiry to which he expects a reply.

Bulet addressed per correspondent's signature.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have enclosed a letter from "the John Birch Society", an organization which I have never heard of. The letter was sent to an address which I left 2½ year ago.

The letter sounds as if it may be from a communist-front organization. Could these people have received my name from a mailing list of some kind?

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

LaVale, Maryland

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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~~DIRECTOR, FBI~~ DATE: ~~1/13/60~~

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: ~~ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.~~
~~INFORMATION CONCERNING~~
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re SAC Letter 59-38 (F) captioned as above.

On 1/8/60 Dr. [redacted] with offices at [redacted], San Diego, California, brought to the San Diego Office a copy of a book entitled, "The Politician". This book, which consists of 287 pages, was apparently authored by ROBERT WELCH and bears his signature on the Forward of the book. This Forward, addressed "Dear Reader:", states, "This is not a book. It has not been published. It has not been offered for publication, nor intended for private publication by the writer." The fact remains it is a well-printed, well prepared volume with a plain black cover and plastic spiral binding. This copy which [redacted] furnished is No. b4. WELCH further requests in this Forward that the book be treated strictly confidential and every precaution be made to keep the "manuscript" in the possession of the person to whom issued.

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A review of "The Politician" reflects that it is a well written attack against President EISENHOWER and the main theme seems to be that everything EISENHOWER does or has done has been for the benefit of the Soviet Union. In the Introduction WELCH states in part, "It simply was not possible to lose so much ground, so rapidly, to an enemy so inferior, by chance or by stupidity. The explanation calls for a very sinister and hated word, but one which is by no means new in the history of governments or of nations. The word is treason. It is the province of this treatise to show the part played in these treasonous developments, however unwittingly or unwillingly, by Dwight Eisenhower; and how, as the most completely opportunistic and unprincipled politician America has ever raised to high office, he was so supremely fitted for the part."

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[redacted] advised this book came to his attention through an organization known as the John Birch Society. [redacted] advised he became interested in this group because of their avowed anti-communist sympathies and intention of trying to do something actively to fight communism. However, when he saw "The Politician" he became alarmed that the group was too extreme and apparently misguided. b6 b7C

On 1/11/60 [redacted] furnished a copy of another similarly printed and bound book entitled, "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society". The Flyleaf of this book indicates it was copywrited in 1959 by ROBERT WELCH. This book, consisting of 179 pages, is an attack against the current administration. Submitted along with the book was the December, 1959 bulletin by the John Birch Society, Inc. A verifax copy of this bulletin is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

San Diego indices contain no reference to either WELCH or the John Birch Society other than referenced SAC Letter, however [redacted] advised that there are several small chapters of the John Birch Society in the San Diego area. He identified one [redacted] as being particularly active. b6 b7C

The copies of the "Blue Book" and "The Politician" furnished by [redacted] have been returned to him as he merely had them on loan.

No further action is being taken in this case UACB.

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12/59 Bulletin of John Birch Society.

RE: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

November 30, 1959
Bulletin For December
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Foreword

"The animals had met to disarm. The lion, looking sidewise at the bull, declared: 'Horns must be abolished.' The eagle, looking at the tiger, said: 'Paws and especially claws must be abolished.' The bear, in his turn, said: 'All arms must be abolished: all that is necessary is a universal embrace.'"

Salvador de Madariaga, in 1922

The embrace of the bear now becomes more nearly universal, and tighter for those within it, almost daily. Recently snuffed out by that embrace, right on American soil, have been Manning Johnson (who knew more about the Communist treason at work within our Negro population than any other anti-Communist) and Povl Bang-Jensen, who had so bravely defied the Communists by withholding from them secret information which they wanted. The names of these courageous men must now be added to the long list of opponents of the Communist conspiracy, whose deaths were more than passing strange.

We don't know whether the peculiar cancer of which Bob Taft died was induced by a radium tube planted in the upholstery of his Senate seat, as has been so widely rumored. We don't know whether Joe McCarthy met with foul play, either before or after he went to the hospital. We don't know whether John Peurifoy was actually so reckless a driver that he met his death as a result, on a little-traveled road in Siam. We don't even know that James Forrestal did not commit suicide. But we do know something about the law of probability, when applied to so many unusual fatalities. We also know that there will be no proper investigation of even the most recent of these mysterious deaths, under the present Communist-infested administration. And we also know that there are no limits to either Communist bestiality or to the deceptiveness of their cunning.

We deal in these sad reflections here for a specific reason. It is to remind our members that nowhere in America today is there any cohesive purposeful force, acting under disciplined control, with enough strength

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to stand effectively against the Communist advance at any point, or against Communist savagery of any kind. Other groups, even the larger and stronger ones, are fighting the Communists on those genteel and academic levels which the Communists have inveigled or coerced them into choosing. Only The John Birch Society offers any chance of becoming a phalanx of tens of thousands of spears, which can be hurled simultaneously as one mighty weapon against any vulnerable spot in the Communist line. And there is massive recruiting, a widespread deepening of contagious dedication, and an unprecedented concentration of voluntary effort into directed channels, all to be accomplished before this opportunity can be fulfilled.

On December 9, 1959, The John Birch Society will be one year old. We now have seven full-time paid Coordinators, and five Volunteer Coordinators, at work in different parts of our country. We have from one to twelve local working chapters in each of the following states: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, California, Washington, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan. About ten percent of these chapters range from being just shells to being actually functioning chapters but still small, weak, and uncertain of their future. About ninety percent of these chapters are solid, flourishing, effective, and -- in many instances -- growing so that they repeatedly have to split into two chapters and then be split again. The difference lies almost entirely in the extent to which the Chapter Leaders and chapter members are willing to concentrate their thinking and their efforts on what can be accomplished through The John Birch Society, and on what they as individuals can do to increase its size and strength and cohesiveness and reach.

We now also have Home Chapter members in about twenty-five states, and this membership includes scores of the best known, most highly regarded, and most influential conservatives in our country. But for the fact that the rolls of the Society are not published and will not be so long as the Communist threat remains, this list would give much encouragement to all of our members -- as it does to us. Yet, with the excellent progress made during this first year, in the establishment of local chapters, in the strength of our Home Chapter, and in the work done by both, we have barely scratched the surface in building The John Birch Society. We are just now beginning to grow, to fight, and to become a force of dependable impact. And we have a future of unlimited accomplishment and influence ahead of us.

We can become a power which will make the murder of a Bang-Jensen in our country -- or the seizure and beating of an American sergeant, while he was on duty and in uniform, by Chinese Communists in India -- some-

thing which the Communists will not risk and which our pusillanimous government will not dare permit. How fast we become such a force depends on the work our members do and the money that is made available to us. And time is of the essence.

A Brief Report On Specific Matters

The first letter called for by the November bulletin was to Edgar F. Kaiser, and the sample we offered was pretty strong. While Mr. Kaiser never answered my personally written letter at all, the letters from some of our members drew copies of such "releases" and "statements" as to indicate that Kaiser had been carefully prepared for the storm of criticism that he knew would erupt. Just in case any of our members were "softened" by the "reasoning" of Mr. Kaiser, and may have thought we were a bit harsh about his motives, we should like to submit the following revealing paragraph from the hearings of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee Hearings on Military Procurement, held July 13-31, 1959 with Senator Strom Thurmond as Chairman. This committee was primarily concerned with the treatment, by our government, of "small firms" which did their best to fill Defense Department contracts and deliver the goods, and who were so frequently left holding empty bags after spending hundreds of thousands of dollars which they could not collect, on contracts cancelled without warning "for Government convenience"; and with the far different treatment accorded firms like Kaiser. The Senate Subcommittee said:

"Double Standard" In Action

When Congress investigated Air Force's contracts with Kaiser and charged that: (a) John McCone, Under Secretary of Air Force, had "arranged" the contracts and that McCone was formerly associated with Kaiser in shipbuilding during World War II and was President of Bechtel — McCone Corporation in which Bechtel was a large Kaiser stockholder; (b) Kaiser firms had received over $6-1/2 Billion in Government contracts, over $219 Million in RFC loans, and $409 Million in Tax Amortizations; (c) Air Force was paying Kaiser $1,339,140 each for the same C-119 aircraft bought from Fairchild for $265,067; (d) Kaiser had "improperly allocated" 35% of its auto manufacturing costs to Government contracts (in one instance $4,200,000 was "improperly allocated"); Air Force had paid Kaiser millions of dollars to build 150 C-123 aircraft, but after two years not one plane was built --- Air Force stoutly defended Kaiser. When public pressure forced the Air Force to cancel Kaiser's defaulted contracts, they did so "for Government convenience" and paid

Kaiser over eighty-three million dollars ($83,128,950.76) for its C-123 claim alone, only 2-1/2 months after submitted, and on the last day of the fiscal year. But some of the small C-123 contractors who delivered are still unpaid, over six years later.

In our last bulletin we suggested that the Roosevelt-Truman-Eisenhower socialist administrations had pampered the Kaiser dynasty for the very purpose of developing a Judas goat that could go on and on, leading the real business interests of this country to the slaughter. We now have a clipping from a Paris newspaper of an article describing Kaiser as the Judas of the American steel men. (It's amazing how far afield you have to go these days to get the truth!) And we approve and applaud the action of the Midwest business firm which cancelled a hundred-thousand-dollar order for aluminum it was just sending Kaiser, gave up its Kaiser franchise, and placed the business elsewhere. But more contemptible than Kaiser himself in this whole situation is the White House-Defense Department clique, engaged in supporting the power-building schemes of the tyrannical Labor bosses. Having bought and paid for Mr. Kaiser, they had President Eisenhower publicly and effusively thank him for carrying the socialist ball around left end at exactly the right time.

We stand completely behind what we said about Kaiser in our last bulletin, and the letters to him which we requested. And while we cannot take the time here to discuss in the same way some of the arguments advanced, in replies to letters from our members to other people about other matters, we stand equally firmly behind the facts we gave in support of those letters and the fairness of our requests.

Turning to an entirely different matter, we wish to thank all of those members who sent us lists of names to which we could mail "invitation letters" to order the Blue Book. Some of the lists were splendid, and they were all appreciated -- as will be others still to come.

We have found that the greatest obstacle to an ordering of the Blue Book, or to joining the Society after having read the Blue Book, is the lack of knowledge about the Founder personally. So, despite my extreme aversion to anything resembling personal advertising (I have never put my picture nor even anything about myself in American Opinion), I now feel compelled to forget this reluctance, "for the good of the cause." In all Blue Books sent out henceforth there will be inserted a duplicated copy of the page of biographical notes which my secretary usually sends to program chairmen who inflict me on their organizations as a speaker. And in the next printing of the Blue Book this page will be included.

Some of our members have been concerned about infiltration into our ranks which might result from a too wide distribution of the Blue Book.

We agree. And it was so that we would have at least ultimate control over that distribution that we refused even to consider having the Blue Book brought out by any of the commercial publishing houses. But we do not think that consideration should keep us from trying to put the Blue Book into the hands of as many thousands and tens of thousands of good patriots as possible, for three reasons:

(1) Avoiding infiltration completely is too unrealistic a goal even to be thought of as a practical possibility. You can be sure that we have Communists in The John Birch Society right now. Our aim must be to keep such traitors to a minimum; to recognize them if they begin to act like Communists inside the Society and put them out before they make serious trouble; and to keep in mind at all times, and counteract so far as we can, what they may do outside of the Society to lessen our effectiveness. We must not refuse to face the truth, no matter how ugly it may be, if we are ever to get anywhere in fighting this war. And Communist infiltration into any sizable group of Americanists today is an unpreventible certainty which it would be folly to ignore.

(2) Buying or reading the Blue Book does not make anybody a member of the Society. Members of a local chapter have to be passed on by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter have to be approved at the Home Office, and sponsorship by somebody we trust will be increasingly required. We do not believe any larger percentage of infiltrators will be brought into the Society through reading the Blue Book than through hearing the tapes or seeing the films when they are ready.

(3) Although it is embarrassing for me to say so, I honestly believe that an extensive enough reading of the Blue Books by patriotic Americans would do a lot of good, aside from whatever membership gains might result. For we hope that its factual presentation of our danger, its analysis of our weaknesses, and its constructive approach to our needs will help to mold opinion in the right direction even when it does not inspire the specific action -- applying for membership in The John Birch Society -- which is suggested.

So let's continue to be selective in those to whom the Blue Book is sent, directly by our members or by ourselves on orders from our members; and also in those lists of names to which we are to send "invitation letters" to buy the Blue Book. But, while being selective, let's still reach just as many good citizens, with the information in the Blue Book, as we can, as rapidly as we can. It is imperative that we have a million good Americans know of the desperate need for The John Birch Society, as well as of its functions and purposes, at as early a date as our combined work can make possible. Let's not handicap that work too much by our fear that some enemy here and there may be alerted and activated at the same time as our friends. The enemies we face are already

alert, fully informed, and unceasingly active. But we outnumber them ten to one, if we can just pull together and stir into concerted unified action the fighters on our side.

Letters For December

Reaching more of the American people, with the truth about what is happening, is and for the foreseeable future will remain the most important of our many tasks. As a part of that effort we are asking every member to write and mail his own version of the sample letter below.

Mr. C. R. Smith
President, American Airlines
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is concerned with the reading matter supplied your customers aboard American's planes. Since you will probably be receiving a considerable number of similar letters, let me say at the outset that my writing of this one was suggested by a friend, who is making the same suggestion to other friends, with the request that we in turn ask other friends of our own to do the same. But I should not be writing you at all if I personally did not believe, and feel, the sentiment expressed.

No responsible man would expect the American Airlines, through the magazine racks in its planes, to become a propaganda agency for any "cause"; not even, under today's sad circumstances, for the cause of Americanism. All we can ask is that your racks present a well-rounded assortment of reading matter, appealing to as many legitimate tastes of recognizable importance as possible. That on the whole you are trying to do this is indicated by the presence in your racks, besides the better-known weekly and monthly periodicals, of magazines appealing to those who are interested in sports, or women's clothes, or homes and gardens, or to those with other especial interests. But there seems to us to be a striking omission of one part in this whole.

We refer to "conservative" periodicals which present the truth of what is really happening today, from the Americanist point of view. There are tens of thousands of travelers on your planes, for instance, who detest Time as being incredibly slanted on behalf of a socialist internationalism. (Just how strong is the sentiment against that point of view may be surmised from the spontaneous flood of letters which caused

United Air Lines to remove the U.N. insignia from their planes.) But we do not even suggest the removal of Time from your racks. What we are asking, Mr. Smith, is that you make some provision of reading material for those like myself -- and I can assure you there are a lot of us, and the number is increasing -- who want to turn to publications which we feel we can trust to give the truth about events and personalities of the current scene. In order to avoid confusion I'll mention just one (as will most of the others who write you), out of several well edited and factually dependable periodicals in this field, which are steadily becoming more and more important as the mass-circulation publications become steadily less trustworthy.

It is HUMAN EVENTS, a weekly of usually about eight pages, published at 408 First Street, S. E., Washington 3, D. C. Edited by Frank Hanighen, HUMAN EVENTS now has a paid subscription list of about forty thousand. Unless you are already familiar with this weekly, the quality of its readership and caliber of the men in American public life who prefer it to all other news-weeklies might greatly surprise you. Primarily, they are among the very leaders, in American business and the professions, who use your planes most regularly and often. They largely depend on HUMAN EVENTS for an objective reporting -- which they no longer feel they can get from an increasingly left-slanted general press -- of current developments each week of both national and international importance. And we are sure that HUMAN EVENTS (which has had no part in planning or inspiring this spate of letters), can prove to you -- on request -- the accuracy of everything we have said in this paragraph about them and their readership. This periodical deserves a place on your racks, and we hope you will soon put it there. Its availability will please a lot of your best customers, enlighten many others, and help to complete that orthodox rounding out of your offering of reading matter which we are sure you intend.

Sincerely,

John Blank

It was my first thought to commend and recommend NATIONAL REVIEW in this same letter. But as much as I should like to see NATIONAL REVIEW on the planes, I feel we have a better chance of making this campaign successful by concentrating on just one publication. Later, if and after we have helped to get HUMAN EVENTS into the racks, we can undertake to do the same for NATIONAL REVIEW.

Also, let's concentrate on just three major airlines in the beginning. If we can break in there, it should be easy to get most of the others to fall

in line. Reword the letter above in any way you wish, so long as it sticks to the specific purpose of encouraging American Airlines to put the specific publication, HUMAN EVENTS, on its planes. Then write the same or practically the same letter to:

Mr. W. A. Patterson
President, United Air Lines, Inc.
5959 South Cicero Avenue
Chicago 38, Illinois

Captain Edward V. Richenbacker
Chairman of the Board, Eastern Air Lines, Inc.
10 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

(Please note in passing that "Airlines" is one word in the name of "American," but two words in the name of "United" or "Eastern.")

These three letters are (except for a postcard further along) the only ones we are asking you to write during December. They are important. Don't leave them for "other members" to write. And in the case of those members (of either local chapters or the Home Chapter) who travel any of these three airlines, make it a point -- besides writing the letters -- to ask for HUMAN EVENTS on the planes and to let the stewardess know, on every trip, that you are looking for HUMAN EVENTS to read. Breaking through (at any tiny point) the blanket of obfuscation being increasingly spread by the mass media of communications in America will be well worth all of the conscientious effort required.

Other Agenda For December

Enclosed with this bulletin for each member of the Home Chapter, and already mailed in bulk to Chapter Leaders for each member of their respective chapters, is a copy of the DAN SMOOT REPORT of September 28, 1959, on Fluoridation. It is the best succinct presentation in short compass of the case against Fluoridation that we have seen. We do not know in which areas where we have chapters the fight over fluoridation may be hot at the moment. We do know that the general fight goes on all of the time. We hope that our additional distribution of this DAN SMOOT REPORT will be of help in both the specific battles and the whole war. (For those who need more long-range ammunition we recommend the book, The American Fluoridation Experiment, by Waldbott and Exner, available through The Bookmailer at $3.75.) And we know that our members should oppose fluoridation of water supplies at every opportunity. It is a

foul program in itself, and even worse in its significance as a precedent.

It may surprise many of you that you will find nothing about cranberries in this bulletin (except this paragraph). It is not because the dirty and destructive attack on a whole industry by Arthur Flemming does not deserve our attention and our most vigorous condemnation. Au contraire. It is because this maneuver was, in our opinion, a carefully planned and deliberate part of a very extensive program to make all American business more fearful of government power, more subservient to bureaucratic tyranny, and more completely under political control. For that reason we are going to deal more in detail with this whole plan (and the incredibly brazen and huge steps already taken to carry it out) in an early issue of American Opinion and also in an early one of these bulletins. So it seems better not to jump part way into that water at this time.

Whether, technically, Povl Bang-Jensen was murdered or actually committed suicide we shall probably never know. But there is no slightest doubt that his death was caused, directly or indirectly, by Communist pressures and harassment, due to his having been unwilling to surrender to Dag Hammarskjoeld the names of the eighty-one Hungarian rebels who had given his committee true facts about the Russian part in the Hungarian revolt. Nor does that leave any doubt about the ultimate responsibility of Dag Hammarskjoeld for Bang-Jensen's death. And the question arises as to how long we are going to allow this nauseating hypocrite and toady of the Kremlin (as his father was before him) to keep on strutting his stuff in our country. (The language is not emotional, but deliberate. We have simply got to start calling some spades by their right names in this situation, and showing some indignation, or we lose the whole war by fighting with powder puffs while the enemy uses stink bombs.) We suggest, therefore, that every member of the Society buy a government postcard, address it to Dag Hammarskjoeld, The United Nations, New York City, and write on the other side simply: Who murdered Bang-Jensen?

Sign your name to the card or not, as you prefer. Ordinarily we have no interest in anonymous communications, but in this case we don't think it makes a particle of difference. We are not going to cause the Dag to change a particle in his subservience to international socialism. But making some of our resentment articulate and visible is not only worth while; enough such protest will put a brake on some of the things being done, or planned, to wipe out American sovereignty.

Next, we think the time has come, in some areas at least, for our members to start studying where and how they might set up actual reading rooms, open to the public -- such as we have projected from the very

beginning of the Society. We stress that these are to be reading rooms, not libraries. We shall not, in the beginning anyway, start these reading rooms off with any large quantity of books. We shall supply a nucleus of the best anti-Communist and Americanist books, and subscriptions to several of the leading Americanist periodicals. We'll undoubtedly have other materials supplied us, by such groups as Foundation For Economic Education, and American Economic Foundation; and our books will undoubtedly be steadily increased by private donations.

But vital to the success of these small reading rooms will be the patience, the restrained fervor, and the unswerving determination of the volunteers in attendance. It will be their helpfulness, in giving people who drop in -- or who are sent in by other members of the Society -- the right things to read, and convincing answers to the questions raised, which will make these reading rooms serve our purposes effectively. Those purposes are: (1) to wake up good Americans to the seriousness of the dangers we face, and (2), gradually to bring these newly alarmed or more seriously alarmed patriots actively into the work of The John Birch Society.

Although there will be a certain amount of free material to be passed out to those who are definitely interested, these reading rooms -- in the beginning, anyway -- will not be either "free" libraries or rental libraries. Neither periodicals nor books are to be taken from the premises, although our attendants should be of all possible help in telling visitors where or how they may obtain books on which they have become interested while reading in our rooms. In case of the Blue Book, The Life Of John Birch, and certain other directly related materials, it may prove wise to keep a small stock actually on hand for immediate sales.

It is obvious, therefore, that the right setting -- dignified and serious [illegible] and unpretentious -- and, as we said above, the ch[illegible] and zeal of our volunteer attendants, are the two most important fac[illegible] making these reading rooms become increasingly helpful to our cau[illegible] The choice of a location, the determination of hours during which a reading room is to be kept open, and the scheduling of volunteers to be on hand during all of those hours, will have to be worked out by a chapter, or two or more chapters cooperating for that purpose, in each community or city where such a reading room is established. We do not expect many of these reading rooms to be opened over night. But setting them up is an extremely worth while objective towards which we should now like to see many of our chapters moving "with all deliberate speed."

Our honorable mention for this month goes to Chapter No. 8, in Milton, Massachusetts, of which Mary Knight is Chapter Leader. Never spectacular, but always steady, they do a grand job every month!

A Merry Christmas to every member, and many more to follow!

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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January 21, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Sevierville, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated January 15, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to furnish the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Knoxville

ATTENTION: SAC, KNOXVILLE

Correspondent advised he recently received an invitation to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society and asked if the Bureau could tell him anything about the society.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent. The John Birch Society is an organization which was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana,

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE TO KNOXVILLE, CONTINUED

on December 9, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly a part of an anticommunist campaign. The organization claims its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning this organization, and information concerning Welch is contained in Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13.

This is furnished for your information.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

SAC Letter 59-13 furnished background information concerning Welch and alerted the field to promptly report to the Bureau any additional information concerning his activities. We are in the process of sending another SAC Letter alerting the field to the John Birch Society and instructing the field to furnish any information received that this organization may be engaged in subversive activities.

P. O. Box [redacted]
Sevierville, Tennessee

January 15, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Robert H. W. Welch

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I recently received a letter via the mails inviting me to attend a meeting to be conducted by the John Birch Society. The letter states the Society "is incorporated as a non-profit, non-political, educational corporation under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts." Can you tell me anything about the Society, its aims, objectives, worthwhileness, etc.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC, HONOLULU 062248

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR., -- INFORMATION CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY. RE SAC LETTER 59-13, MARCH 10 LAST. LAWRENCE JUDD, DIRECTOR OF HAWAII RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL ANTI COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION, HAS RECEIVED ADVANCED MANUSCRIPT OF "THE POLITICIAN" WRITTEN BY SUBJECT. THIS IS REPORTEDLY 37TH COPY AND NUMBERS 287 PAGES. ENTIRE BOOK DEVOTED TO ATTACK ON PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, BOTH AS AN ARMY OFFICER AND AS PRESIDENT, AND ALSO OF JOHN FOSTER DULLES AND ALLEN W. DULLES. BOOK REPORTS EISENHOWER PLANTED AS PRESIDENT BY THE COMMUNISTS FOR "THROWING THE GAME." BOTH JOHN AND ALLEN DULLES ACCUSED OF BEING SUPPORTERS OF COMMUNISM. ON PAGE 268 EISENHOWER SAID TO BE A COMMUNIST AND THAT HE IS THUS GUILTY OF TREASON. IF BUREAU NOT ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF BOOK, AND SO DESIRES, THIS COPY CAN BE OBTAINED FOR PHOTOGRAPHING ON THE PHOTO RECORD CAMERA. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN THIS MATTER PENDING BUREAU REQUEST.

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No reply made, as Bureau already in possession of copy of "The Politician" [illegible]

Memo Baumgardner to Belmont, 1/14/60, re protest SA [illegible] 1/15/60 [illegible]

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12 JAN 25 1960

Mr. Belmont

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Training & Inspection Div.
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 14, 1960

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/2/84 BY

By Robert H. Welch Jr.

SAC Letter 59-13 (F), 3/10/59, set forth background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. Welch has written manuscript "The Politician," which is vicious attack on political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Manuscript not published, but Welch has had limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals he believed would be interested in its contents. In 12/58 Welch organized "The John Birch Society" in Indianapolis, Indiana, the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." Chapters of this Society have come into existence in various parts of the country and recently the Bureau has had several inquiries concerning it. We have furnished White House and Attorney General with background data concerning Welch, "The Politician," and The John Birch Society.

By radiogram 1/6/60 Honolulu advised a copy of "The Politician" had been brought to its attention and stated it could be obtained and photographed if the Bureau so desired but that it was taking no action pending a Bureau request. It appears Welch is beginning to give widespread distribution to "The Politician" and in view of the fact The John Birch Society is expanding its activities, it is believed we should furnish this data to the field in the form of an SAC letter, advising the field we have a copy of the manuscript of "The Politician," therefore, no copies need be sent the Bureau; that we have a copy of "The Blue Book" of The John Birch Society; that the above is furnished for information; and in event a chapter of the Society is organized in a particular territory, the Bureau should be notified but no investigation conducted.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that attached SAC letter be approved and referred to the Training and Inspection Division for preparation and transmittal to the field. No Handbook or Manual changes necessary.

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January 25, 1960

Honorable Estes Kefauver
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 5/2/84 BY SP6 BJA/MJW

Dear Senator:

Your communication dated January 19, 1960, with a letter from Mr. [redacted] and enclosures, has been received.

In answer to Mr. [redacted] inquiry, The John Birch Society has not been investigated by the FBI. Material distributed by this group indicates it was created in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, by Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, who claims it is part of an anticommunist campaign. The organization asserts its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

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I trust the above information may be of assistance to you; however, it should not be interpreted as an evaluation, clearance or recommendation of The John Birch Society by the FBI.

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As you requested, I am returning Mr. Barnes' letter and enclosures to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

NOTE: Above information has previously been disseminated in response to inquiries concerning The John Birch Society which is the subject of Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13 which alerted field to alleged plans of Welch to establish ostensible communist front groups which would in reality be anticommunist groups. (62-104401) Inasmuch as [redacted] letter and enclosures concern merely The John Birch Society and add nothing to our files, it is not believed necessary to retain a copy of them. [redacted] not identifiable in Bufiles.

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United States Senate

January 19, 1960

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

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

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By direction of

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3 ENCLOSURE (c-enc.)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/22/60

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-0)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

REC-61

Re SAC Letter 59-13(F), which sets forth information concerning captioned individual and the "American Opinion" publication which he publishes, requesting field offices to promptly report to Bureau any information concerning further activity by WELCH.

The 11th District Office of OSI, Tinker Air Force Base (TAFB), Oklahoma City, furnished the Oklahoma City Office with a report dated 1/7/60 prepared by OSI Special Agent [redacted] under caption "Unknown Subject(s), Unsolicited Receipt through Mail of Subversive Propaganda by USAF Civilian Employee, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, 2 January, 1960." This report states that [redacted] civilian, Police Branch, Base Security Division, TAFB, on 1/2/60 reported to Base Security Division that he had received at his residence through the regular mails several unsolicited items which he considered to be subversive propaganda. According to the OSI report, some of these items were received by [redacted] in an envelope addressed to him which bore postmark of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 12/31/59. It was not specified which items received by [redacted] were enclosed in this Oklahoma City mailing.

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According to the OSI report, among the items received by [redacted] was a mimeographed letter signed by Mrs. [redacted], New York 22, New York, which is dated 7/31/59. This letter refers to an enclosure described as a circular captioned "There Goes Christmas," and solicits purchases of the circular at three cents per copy. The leaflet enclosed is attributed to a Committee for Christian Action. The leaflet claims to be a

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2 - Oklahoma City
(1 - 44-275)(SCHOOL INTEGRATION MATTERS)

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reprint of an article titled "There Goes Christmas?!" by HUBERT KREGELOH, reprinted with permission of "American Opinion." The leaflet decries an alleged Communist conspiracy to replace the traditional Christmas decorations with United Nations symbols and emblems in department store displays. The leaflet encourages mailing of protest letters to department store executives and prints a sample protest letter. The other items mentioned in the OSI report which were considered by [redacted] to possibly be subversive were as follows:

> Leaflet captioned "Poisoning of these United States," reprint from "American Mercury" publication (item tends to be anti-Semitic and is anti-U.N.) plus anti-Negro and/or anti-Semitic articles and publications from the "Georgia Tribune," Columbus, Georgia; the "National Citizens Protective Association," St. Louis, Missouri; and the "American Nationalist," Inglewood, California.

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The OSI report indicates [redacted] probably received this mailing as a result of an article appearing in the 12/30/59 "Daily Oklahoman" newspaper setting forth [redacted] name and address in connection with his actions in circulating a petition protesting the annexation of the Starr-Spencer School District to the Oklahoma City School District. [redacted] informed OSI that (although newspaper article makes no mention of it) one of the reasons he and others were opposing the annexation of the Starr-Spencer School District by the Oklahoma City School District was the fact the merger might require that children residing in his neighborhood attend schools where Negro children are enrolled.

One copy of this letter is furnished the New York Office for information in view of data reflecting that [redacted] New York City, is apparently mailing out items from "American Opinion," mentioned in referenced SAC Letter.

Above is furnished Bureau for information as requested by referenced SAC Letter.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/2/60

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-0-26862)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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DATE 5/3/84 BY SP6BJAlmre

Re SAC Letter 60-5, 1/26/60, concerning captioned individual and the creation by him of "The John Birch Society" at Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958.

For the information of the Bureau, Miss [redacted] Pittsburgh 32, Pa., by letter dated 1/9/60, furnished this office with a leaflet captioned "The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts," bearing printed signature of ROBERT WELCH, which she had received a few days previously in the mails. This leaflet contained a typed note on its last page (page four) which stated that the leaflet had been sent to Miss [redacted] at the suggestion of Mrs. E. M. PAYNE. Miss [redacted] letter, which was acknowledged by this office on 1/13/60, advised that she did not know Mrs. E. M. PAYNE.

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The above-mentioned leaflet was addressed "To a Good American" and was to the effect that The John Birch Society had been founded on 12/9/58 in Indianapolis by WELCH and a small group of outstanding men who had come from various parts of the country at WELCH's invitation for a two-day meeting; that the society avoided publicity as much as possible, not because there was anything secret about its activities but because its whole purpose was to build strength and understanding rather than create noise. The leaflet stated that the society then had a full-time paid staff called Coordinators with local working chapters in nine states. The society also has a home chapter which maintains contact with its members and coordinates their activities entirely by mail.

The leaflet continued that the society was named after JOHN BIRCH, a young Christian missionary from the vicinity of Macon, Georgia, who was in China when the United States entered World War II;

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that BIRCH rose to the rank of Captain in the United States Army but that ten days after V-J Day while still in uniform and while on a peaceful and official mission for the American government, was murdered by the Chinese Communists. The leaflet continued, "You have probably never heard of JOHN BIRCH, simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way."

The leaflet also set forth that, "Basically, The John Birch Society is a group of Americans who have voluntarily joined together: (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives, and our civilization; (2) to prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before; and (3), to restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

The leaflet then went on to state that The John Birch Society had been holding two-day meetings of small groups of business men, professional men, and conservative scholars from all over the United States since the time of its formation, and that the "presentation" made at Indianapolis is repeated at these meetings, had also been put on tape recordings, and was now being played back by the Society Coordinators to small local groups in many areas; that the "presentation" is now available in a printed book known as the Blue Book of The John Birch Society which was being offered to the recipient of the leaflet at a cost of two dollars. b6 b7C

It is noted that the files of the Pittsburgh Office contain no previous record for [redacted] With regard to Mrs. E. M. PAYNE, the Pittsburgh files reflect that Mrs. EDSON M. PAYNE, 6548 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, made two nonspecific complaints to this office in 1952, during the course of which she indicated she was affiliated with "The Minute Women of the U.S.A., Inc." In 1957, information was received by this office that Mrs. E. M. PAYNE was secretary of the "For America, Western Pennsylvania Council" and in 1959, a name check request was received from the State Department representative at Pittsburgh concerning Mrs. E. M. PAYNE, 6548 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, who was listed by the State Department as Chairman of the "Christians for Action."

The current Pittsburgh city directory reflects that EDSON M. PAYNE (TESSIE E.) resides at 6548 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, and that Mr. PAYNE is employed by the Standard Boiler Repair Company. The files of this office contain no information indicating that any of the organizations with which Mrs. PAYNE is affiliated is known to be subversive in character.

The above-mentioned leaflet concerning The John Birch Society was furnished to the Boston Office by Pittsburgh letter dated 1/19/60.

In view of the instructions set forth in referenced SAC Letter, this information is being forwarded to the Bureau but no further action is being taken by this office at this time inasmuch as there is no indication that a chapter of The John Birch Society has been organized in the Pittsburgh territory.

AUTOMOTIVE BODY DIVISION

CHRYSLER CORPORATION

DETROIT 31, MICHIGAN

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P. O. BOX ~~1318~~

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir,

I expect to retire in June 1961, and I wish to devote as much time as I possibly can actively fighting Communism. Is there any work in your dept, or the State dept. that a man 65, in good health can do to combat this horrible system that seems to be creeping ever stronger over the entire world. I am writing to dept of Documents for the names and prices of 56 booklets on Red conspiracy mentioned recently in the Detroit Times.

Is there any information or advice that you can give me to prepare for such activity.

Yours ~~Sincerely~~
Hugh Lee Thomas
16110 Archdale
Detroit (35) Mich.

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P.S. What is your opinion of the work of "The John Birch Society of Texas."

5/2/84

1 - Mr. Simpson

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EX 105 62-104401-45

February 3, 1960

Mr. Hiram Fee Thomas
16110 Archdale
Detroit 35, Michigan

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Your letter postmarked January 27, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In view of the contents of your communication, I am instructing the Special Agent in Charge of our Detroit Office to have an Agent contact you in the near future. I am, however, enclosing some literature available for general distribution by this Bureau which may be of interest to you.

Since your letter may also be of interest to the Department of State, I have taken the liberty of furnishing that Department a copy of your letter.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8)

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Mr. Hiram Fee Thomas

ATTENTION: SAC, DETROIT

Enclosed are two copies of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

You are instructed to have an Agent promptly contact the correspondent to determine the type of activity he has in mind in combating communism. If he contemplates any investigative activity in this field, he should be advised of the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities and that such investigations can best be conducted by trained investigators having access to information on a nationwide basis. If his activity is limited to what a citizen may do to assist in combating communism, he can be advised he can render valuable assistance by promptly reporting to your office any suspicious activities concerning such matters which may come to his attention. It should be carefully explained to the correspondent that the Bureau cannot recommend a course of action he should follow in his contemplated fight against communism.

While his inquiry concerning working for the FBI may be merely an offer of cooperation, if it appears he is interested in employment he should be advised of the age limitations for the position of Special Agent and that the only possible employment with the Bureau would be in a clerical capacity in entrance grade of GS-2.

Concerning correspondent's inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, your attention is directed to SAC Letter 60-5. Correspondent should be furnished no information concerning this organization but advised only that the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not furnish recommendations, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

The results of this inquiry must be promptly submitted to the Bureau under appropriate caption with reference made to this communication.

NOTE TO DETROIT, CONTINUED, PAGE THREE

Mr. Hiram Fee Thomas

NOTE TO DETROIT, CONTINUED

The following enclosures were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement of the Director Concerning the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA., December 10-13, 1959.
2. Address of the Director before the National Convention of the American Legion, Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 19, 1957.
3. "Red Infiltration of Labor Unions."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "What You can do to fight Communism and Preserve America."
6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
7. "How to Beat Communism."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent expects to retire in June, 1961, and wants to devote his time to fighting communism. He inquired if there is any work a man of 65 can do for the FBI or the State Department to combat communism. He stated he is writing to the Superintendent of Documents for booklets on the Red conspiracy. He inquired if there was any information or advice we can furnish to prepare him for his contemplated activities. In a postscript he requests the Bureau's opinion of the John Birch Society of Massachusetts.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Above SAC Letter called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information concerning the activities of this organization should be promptly furnished the Bureau. It is not the subject of a current investigation.

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AUTOMOTIVE BODY DIVISION
CHRYSLER CORPORATION
DETROIT 31, MICHIGAN

P.O. Box 2717

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir,

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Is there any information or advice that you can give me to prepare for such activity.

Yours Sincerely

/s/ Hiram Fee Thomas
16110 Archdale
Detroit 35 Mich.

P.S. What is your opinion of the work of "The John Birch Society of Mass."

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DATE 5-2-84 BY [illegible]

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1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Simpson

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EX 105

Date: February 3, 1960

To: Office of Security
Department of State

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/2/84 BY SP6BJR/mlc

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: HIRAM FEE THOMAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

There is enclosed one copy of a letter postmarked January 27, 1960, at Detroit, Michigan, addressed to this Bureau from Hiram Fee Thomas, 16110 Archdale, Detroit 35, Michigan.

The files of this Bureau contain no identifiable information concerning Mr. Thomas. The receipt of his letter has been acknowledged, and he has been advised of this referral.

For your information, the John Birch Society is an organization which was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly a part of an anticommunist campaign. The organization claims its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." It has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI.

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This data is furnished for your information and any action deemed warranted.

Enclosure

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THIS LETTER ACCOMPANIES BULET TO ~~MR. HI~~RAM ~~FEE T~~HOMAS, 16110 ARCHDALE, DETROIT 35, MICHIGAN, SAME DATE, RDS:pw.

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Villanova, Penn.
Jan. 29, 1960

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

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/2/84 BY SP6BJA/mkc

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In December of 1958 an organization called the "John Birch Society" was founded. Its purpose is to fight and destroy communism in the free-world. As far as I can see it is a perfectly good organization. I think it passes your twelve tests for recognizing communist front organizations outlined in your book "Masters of Deceit". I want to make sure about it though. Do you have any information on it? Do you think it is a good organization to join?

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Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

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1 - Mr. Simpson

February 4, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Villanova, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated January 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comment upon the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Philadelphia (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated he believes the John Birch Society passes the test set forth in "Masters of Deceit" for recognizing communist front organizations. Wanting to be certain, however, he inquired if the Bureau has any information about the organization and whether it is a good organization to join.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Above SAC Letter called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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Box [redacted]
Villanova, Penn.
Jan. 29, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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In December of 1958 an organization called the "John Birch Society" was founded. Its purpose is to fight and destroy communism in the free-world. As far as I can see it is a perfectly good organization. I think it passes your twelve tests for recognizing communist front organizations outlined in your book "Masters of Deceit." I want to make sure about it though. Do you have any information on it? Do you think it is a good organization to join?

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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(C) ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Welch, a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign, Bufile 62-104401. Welch has written a manuscript entitled "The Politician," which is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. The Bureau is in possession of a copy of it. Therefore, if the manuscript is offered to you for reproduction purposes, it will not be necessary to send copies to the Bureau.

Welch also created an organization in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." Chapters of this Society are coming into existence in various parts of the country. The Bureau has received several inquiries concerning the Society and is in possession of a copy of "The Blue Book," which sets forth information on the Society.

The above is furnished for information purposes. In the event a chapter of The John Birch Society is organized in your territory, the Bureau should be notified promptly and furnished a resume of the chapter's activities. The Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. No investigation should be conducted.

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/3/60

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re SAC Letter 60-5(C).

On 2/1/60 Mrs. [redacted] Riverside, California, advised that about a week ago she attended a luncheon at which the forming of a chapter of the captioned society was discussed. She stated that [redacted] [redacted] from Berkeley, California, was present and discussed the aims and background of the society. Mrs. [redacted] related data about the society much the same as set out in referenced SAC Letter. She stated that Mr. [redacted] is due to return to Riverside towards the latter part of February, at which time further discussion on a chapter formation will be held. At the present time there are no definite plans for a chapter in Riverside.

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The foregoing is for the Bureau's information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED [redacted] VERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2/5/60

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-0)

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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
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Re SAC Letter 60-5 (C), 1/26/60
New Haven letter to Bureau, 7/21/59, entitled, "[redacted] PANEL SOURCE".
Bureau letter to [redacted] The Wire Mold Company, Hartford 10, Conn., 5/8/59, copy to New Haven.
New Haven letter to Bureau, 7/21/59, entitled [redacted] The Wire Mold Company, Hartford, Conn., INFORMATION CONCERNING".

Enclosed herewith are the following items:

1. A pamphlet captioned "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 78, Massachusetts," dated December 31, 1959.

2. A printed page issued by the "College Graduates Against Educating Traitors at Government Expense.

The above enclosures were furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted], a Panel Source in the New Haven Office, on January 14, 1960. [redacted] advised that a Hartford, Connecticut Chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had been formed in November, 1959. He added that [redacted], ROBERT WELCH, of Belmont, Massachusetts, had approved the establishing of an "anti-Communist front" organization to be entitled "College Graduates Against Educating Traitors at Government Expense". [redacted] has been corresponding with several "well known opponents of Communism across the country" asking them to be members of the committee.

On page 9 of the above mentioned pamphlet and in item 2, the objectives of the "front" organization are set forth. Also, item 2 contains [redacted]

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At present there is no indication that any subversive elements have attempted to dominate or use the Hartford Chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

Referenced Bureau letter to [redacted] dated May 8, 1959, thanked [redacted] for his support during the smear campaign against the Director and the FBI. Enclosed with this letter was a copy of a letter which [redacted] had sent to the Director expressing his, [redacted], feelings concerning the smear campaign.

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Referenced New Haven letter to the Bureau dated July 21, 1959, refers to activities on the part of [redacted] including his dealings with ROBERT WELCH as furnished by [redacted] West Hartford, Connecticut, who was fearful that unscrupulous persons might be attempting to take financial advantage of [redacted]

The "Hartford Times" which is published daily in Hartford, Connecticut, in its edition of December 17, 1955, carried an article which reflected that OWEN D. LATTIMORE of John Hopkins University, spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Hartford Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union on the night of December 16, 1955, at the First Methodist Church in Hartford, Connecticut. The article stated that LATTIMORE was charged by the United States Justice Department with perjury before a Senate Committee investigating Communism and added that recently a United States District Court dismissed most of the charges against him and the Justice Department declined to prosecute him on the remaining ones. The article went on to state that Mrs. ALOISE BUCKLEY HEATH of West Hartford, a member of the Committee for Discrimination in Giving, distributed literature outside the church claiming that Reverend LLOYD F. WORLEY, Minister of the First Methodist Church "has been deeply involved in the Pro-Communist Movement."

ALOISE BUCKLEY HEATH

[redacted] has been the subject of a Security Matter - C investigation by the New Haven Office. He has been [redacted] the Methodist Federation for Social Action, (MFSA). b6 b7C

The MFSA has been cited as follows:

> "With an eye to religious groups, the Communists have formed religious fronts such as the Methodist Federation for Social Action.
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> (Internal Security Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, 4/23/56, p. 91.)

The New Haven Office will conduct no investigation concerning the Hartford Chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and will continue to receive any information furnished voluntarily concerning it by [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (62-0_

RE: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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ENCLOSURES 2

1. Pamphlet captioned, "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY" Belmont, Mass. 12/31/59.

2. Printed page issued by the "College Graduates Against Educating Traitors at Government Expense!

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

December 31, 1959
Bulletin For January
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Foreword

"Freedom has a thousand charms to show,
That slaves, how e'er contented, never know."
William Cowper

On Tuesday evening, December 8, your Founder spoke on LOOK AT THE SCORE, to an audience of about twelve hundred, at The Freedom Club in Los Angeles. The lines above had been quoted by Dr. Lewis Alesen, Director of The Freedom Club, at the top of the printed bulletin announcing my speech. They seemed quite appropriate for that bulletin, and for this one.

Of course, the kind of slavery now borne by so many millions, and with which we ourselves are threatened, is far worse than anything Cowper dreamed of in the eighteenth century. For there is no possibility of any contentment under Communist masters. There is only the cowed resignation to a spiritless existence, and the constant fear of the worse suffering each day may bring. An image of the future, if and when the Communist tyrants succeed in taking over the whole planet and consolidating their power, has been well painted by George Orwell. He pictures that future as a booted heel trampling on a human face -- forever. A prerequisite to the building of a

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truly better world than man has ever achieved before, which is the long-range purpose of The John Birch Society, is the defeat and elimination of those who now conspire to trample on all mankind with their booted heels. This cannot be done by any grand sweep or magic formula, but only by the cumulative effect of all the "little things" which men and women of good will can do to counterbalance these evil forces. We ask our members to remember this all-important strategy behind our efforts, in connection with the increasing number of separate labors -- each apparently of very limited significance in itself -- which we ask you to undertake.

General Comments

Your Founder has received quite a flood of Christmas cards from our members. Many of the cards bear handwritten personal messages in addition to the formal greetings. I wish I could have sent a personal message, or at least a card, to every member of our Society. The pressure of work made any such indulgence impossible, and it was more important to our aims that I do the work. Regretfully, I did not send a Christmas card this year to a single soul, within our Society or without. But I do want those who sent me cards to know that your kind thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Originally these bulletins were turned out on a spirit duplicator, right in our office. When the number became too large for that, they were printed by offset from electric typewriter composition prepared in our office, and the total bulletin was assembled by us from the separate sheets delivered by the printer. While the copy will still be typed in our office, for an indefinite time in the future,

beginning with this bulletin the separate sheets will be collated and saddle-wire stitched into pamphlet format by the printer. This will save both time and money, in getting out the quantity of bulletins which are now mailed each month.

Also, originally the envelopes for the bulletins were simply typed from the card file of our members. As we outgrew that procedure, and the envelopes were addressed from stencils, we began to receive suggestions that we could save postage, when both a husband and wife are members, by sending the bulletin to only one of the two. For various good reasons, however, we would not dare leave the stencil for any member out of its proper drawer. And -- as any magazine man will tell you -- it would actually cost us more to follow through on the special cases, and see that only one envelope was mailed in those cases, than the postage involved. But we wish to assure all of these friends that we are not wasteful, and that we do appreciate their suggestions.

Chapter meetings are sometimes scheduled so early in a month that the members have no opportunity to receive and read the current bulletin in advance. We think this is unfortunate, and a mistake. Our schedule henceforth will call for the bulletin to go out (by first class mail but not by airmail) on the last day of the preceding month. And while we agree in wanting all chapter meetings to be held as early each month as is practicable, we ask that the date of probable arrival of the bulletins be kept in mind.

It is obvious that our Chapter Leaders are going to be increasingly offered books as gifts, to be added to the chapter materials. This will be even more true for the reading rooms we hope soon to be

Newsweek

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December 16, 1959

Mr. Robert Welch
43 Fletcher Road
Belmont 78, Mass.

Dear Mr. Welch:

Please forgive our delay in replying to your letter of November 12. Our editors have been checking closely with intelligence and all other available sources into the story to which you objected. And, because Newsweek prides itself on the balance and accuracy of its stories, it is with real embarrassment and concern that I must agree that we were off line with this one.

For one thing, there is no question but that Si Mustapha is indeed, as you wrote, the German Winfried Muller, widely believed to be or to have been a Communist leader. The other facts in our story stand up under the most rigorous checking. The members of the Red Hand do actually boast of, rather than deny, the nature of their activities. As Red Hander Christian Durieux said recently in a signed article, he and his colleagues "don't merely admit these acts of violence, we claim the honor of having put an end to certain arms dealers."

Our re-write editor in New York assigned to this story failed, however, to attribute to pro-Arab West German officials and business men, the reports sent by correspondents from that country. Furthermore, additional dispatches sent us by our Paris bureau did not arrive in time to be included in the story. Part of the latter dispatches read: "Red Hand members are... Nationalistic Frenchmen who harbour extremely patriotic feelings.(They) are sincere believers in France's mission in Algeria and...feel they are doing a sacred duty. A French official who has reason to know says, 'Although their methods may appear brutal, I do not question their motives.'"

In all events, I can assure you that our editors were not taking the side of the FLN. They are fully aware that it is a terrorist organization. Newsweek is in the business of news reporting and its stories do not "glorify" any group, least of all Communists or those with Communistic tendencies.

Thank you for your interest and for your letter. Like every other responsible publication, we have never pretended to be infallible and we will use this new information and insight into the situation in any future story.

Sincerely,

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For the Editors

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opening. We welcome the donation of any and all serious books that are not obscene, even books that promote the Communist line. For on many occasions our more active members may need to study certain pro-Communist books, in order better to refute Communist arguments or to defeat pro-Communist proposals in local situations -- or simply to understand the Communist line better. We ourselves, from time to time, may supply to our chapters or reading rooms books by "liberal" authors, for this same reason. But we must take precautions to put our members on guard against the subtle propaganda which some of these books will contain.

We are preparing immediately, therefore, two sets of stickers. One will be printed in blue, will state that the book is the property of The John Birch Society and that it has been approved. The other sticker will be printed in red, will also state that the book to which it is attached is the property of The John Birch Society, but will carry a line to show that it has not been approved. Books marked "not approved" will not necessarily be pro-Communist, in whole or even in part. The label will mean no more than it says; that The John Birch Society, simply by owning the book, does not thereby vouch for its ideological purpose. Sufficient blue labels will be mailed all present Chapter Leaders during January to enable them to put one such sticker in each book already on hand. A few red labels will also be mailed to each Chapter Leader.

Our previous insistence that all gift books be checked with the Home Office, before being made a part of chapter materials, still holds. But we are now making it normal for "liberal" books to be accepted, within limits, and merely designated as no part of our approved "steps to the truth." And as each new

chapter is formed, this procedure will be explained in the special bulletin covering the first shipment of books as a core of chapter materials.

We are receiving more and more requests from our members for materials to be used in local battles over UNICEF, or school curricula, or fluoridation, or dozens of other issues. We have a large and constantly growing amount of useful material for these purposes. But we simply are not able, as yet, to keep it organized properly and to be able to put our hands on what is needed when it is needed. We expect by February, however, to have one good man and a girl assistant (whom we shall glorify by calling them our "Research Department"), who will have service of this kind to our members as one of their major and specific jobs. Please be as patient with us in the meantime as you can. It frequently takes two hours or more for me personally to dig out of our huge mass of printed material (already carried under nearly fifteen hundred index headings) something that one of our good friends wants in a hurry. And I just don't have an hour, nor usually a minute, that is not needed for a dozen other demands.

On Page 4 of this bulletin we reproduce a letter from Newsweek, quite similar to one received by a great many of our members. We are sure that all of you will derive much satisfaction, as we do, from this happy ending to the episode. When Newsweek first began to receive the letters called for by our November bulletin, pointing out that the article on the Red Hand in their October 12 issue was dishonest reporting slanted against French patriots and in favor of the FLN Communists in Algeria, their editors were quite argumentative about it. According to their earlier letters, the whole article had been carefully checked for accuracy -- as we are sure

they thought it had, but who checked the checkers? -- before it had been published. And they were especially emphatic that the Si Mustapha whom their correspondent had glorified could not possibly be an East German Communist whose real name was Muller.

But enough of our members were sure enough that we had known what we were talking about or we would not have asked them to write Newsweek in the first place. They insisted that the editors look deeper, and this the Newsweek editors were willing to do. (Even from the beginning their whole reaction had been quite different from that manifested by Life, which simply mailed out a lot of canned tripe in answer to our letters about the Van Doren glorification.) The final results of this further investigation by Newsweek, in both Germany and France, proved that we had been right in every particular. Their editors have gone about as far in magnanimously admitting this, and in confessing their own errors of both fact and slant, as anybody could expect. So much so that I think all of us should now regard Newsweek more favorably instead of less favorably than in the past. And I think we can all take some pride in the whole affair. For punching holes in the incredibly approving build-up of the FLN Communists, which is now going on in the misguided American press, is badly needed and of considerable importance. We are sure that Newsweek will be somewhat more careful in the future in accepting pro-Communist claptrap about the "Algerian rebels." And as we gather strength we can become far more effective watchdogs over some of the most pronounced misreporting in other publications.

Agenda For January

1. Please read, during the month, at least one of the books on our approved list which you have not read before. To simplify matters we are making a part of this bulletin an initial list of approved books. We shall add to that list regularly, as trustworthy new books appear, and from those already published.

We have put this request at the very top of our agenda for January, because of its importance. We repeat once again that we are an army fighting with facts; and for us to be better informed is to be better armed.

2. Check with the public libraries in your respective areas as to whether they actually have in stock and readily available for their readers the books listed below. If not, create a demand -- and keep it up -- until these books are available.

Weaver: The Mainspring Of Human Progress
Crocker: Roosevelt's Road To Russia
Widener: Behind The U. N. Front
Workman: The Case For The South
(Official Publication Date: January 21, 1960
Cvetic: The Big Decision
(Published by the author, P. O. Box 2789, Hollywood 28, California)

Some of these books are old, some new. None of them are out of print. All of them are revealing "steps to the truth." It is up to us to do our part to see that the public at least has a chance to read them. And in the course of doing this checking on five specific books, which we request in alternate months, our members may become more familiar with their local public libraries, better known to the personnel there, more observant of what goes on, and able to

exercise a more permanent and more general influence on what those libraries have to offer. The Communists and their socialist allies crept into this field of influencing public opinion long ago. They have been allowed, practically by default, to keep their hands on the rudder which determines the ideological slant of these libraries. Members of The John Birch Society must get their hands on the rudder too.

3. We are in the process of setting up another one of our comparatively small fronts. This one is aimed at making more articulate and more visible the opposition to the attitude recently taken by Pusey of Harvard, Griswold of Yale, and other college presidents, with regard to the loyalty oath requirement for students borrowing government money. It is called COLLEGE GRADUATES AGAINST EDUCATING TRAITORS AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. We know that this is "negative" in its approach, but so is a physician "negative" in being against diptheria, or in trying to get a poison virus out of the bloodstream. There are times when it is important and wise to be against something, when that very "destructiveness" is part of a larger constructive purpose to restore health to the American nation.

This committee is headed by Mr. Harold C. Bailey, 274 Steele Road, Hartford, Connecticut. He would welcome correspondence from the college alumni in our Society who feel strongly on this matter. And if he asks any of our members to go on the committee, we urge you to do so. No such activity is going to set the conservative world on fire, nor -- probably -- even slow down the progress of a Pusey towards pusillanimous appeasement of pro-Communists among his brother "educators." But we repeat that it is only the sum total of all these separate "little"

efforts, each made as effective as possible, which can bring us victory in the long run.

4. We have received many excellent lists for our mailing of the "invitation letter" concerning the Blue Book. Because we thought having these letters arrive in the midst of the Christmas mail would greatly decrease the attention given them and the percentage of replies, we have been getting the envelopes ready on all names supplied us since early in December, but have held up the actual mailing until January 4. So we shall have several thousand more of these letters going forward on that day; and we greatly appreciate the excellent lists which have made this and earlier mailings possible. But not even one-third of our members have yet sent us any lists at all. So we are hereby repeating our request.

If you have not already done so, please give us the names, and exact addresses, of friends and acquaintances whom you believe to be good Americanists. We shall type on Page 4 of the letter that it is being sent to the recipient at your suggestion -- unless you prefer otherwise. In the latter case please just advise us, for any of the names or all of the names you send, and your own name will not be used in any way. But we do want lists, carefully selective lists, but a lot of them. And we want all of the other help you can give us in distribution of the Blue Book, and in getting it more widely read by patriotic Americans. Its impact, even when the readers do not immediately apply for membership in The John Birch Society, will certainly be helpful to our cause.

5. The Summit Conference has now been announced for about the last of April. Please remember that it was first "announced" last spring for about the first of July, and that then both Eisenhower and

Macmillan made it clear that they expected and intended the "Summit" to be reached in November at the very latest. And there could still be many a slip before the appeasers arrive at the Summit. We must certainly do everything we possibly can to have postponement follow postponement. For as a former Prime Minister of France has so accurately stated, these Khrushchev-Eisenhower exchanges of visits and the proposed Summit Conference are clearly the beginning of the surrender of the West. The Summit is a precipice at which the appeasement-minded leaders of the remaining free world will be pushed over the edge. Beyond that precipice there can be only a cataclysmic tumbling into the abyss of a one-world socialist government. And stopping that fall or breaking its impact will be far more difficult even than preventing the march to the Summit in the first place.

We think the most effective thing that members of The John Birch Society can do, under the circumstances, is to publicize in every conceivable way the slogan and warning that "The summit leads to disaster!" It is short, easy to remember and to repeat, condenses a lot of meaning and argument into its five words, and we believe packs a considerable wallop. We should like to have our members write to the newspapers, to their congressmen, to anybody and everybody whose opinion or opinion-molding counts in this matter, using just as few or just as many arguments against a summit conference as they wish; but making the core or the conclusion of the argument in every case that specific and exact statement: "The summit leads to disaster!" We do not have the three hundred thousand agents and sympathizers -- many of them in key positions in the newspaper-radio-television world -- which the Communists probably had when they made a house-

hold phrase out of "I like Taft but he can't win." But we should never fail to do our best with what we do have, nevertheless -- and we shall outnumber them in time.

6. Recruit suitable members for both our local chapters and our Home Chapter. Help to form new chapters. This is no casual undertaking in which we are engaged. We are out to save -- or to do our full and conscientious part in saving -- a country and a civilization. With enough numbers and enough strength in The John Birch Society we can become the decisive factor in the final outcome. And the numbers and strength are both right at hand, just waiting to be found and enlisted. We need the help of every member to do justice to the opportunity and the need.

Specific Letters For The Month

Many of you will remember the newspaper accounts a few years ago of the running battle between Mr. Paul C. Fisher, President of the Fisher Pen Company, and Internal Revenue agents, over his refusal to give them information about his payroll to which he did not think they were entitled. Like Stanley Yankus, Vivian Kellems, Bracken Lee, Mary Cain, and many other American patriots, who sought at considerable cost to themselves to dramatize the increasing unreasonableness of our Federal tax laws and government regulations, Paul Fisher went to jail for twelve days rather than yield the right against unreasonable searches and seizures guaranteed to him by our Constitution.

While in jail Mr. Fisher conceived the idea of a Freedom Pen, as a weapon in our fight against the increasing centralization of power in the Federal

Government. He has been manufacturing that pen, as a part of his line, ever since. It is an excellent ball-point pen, which sells at retail for $1.95. At the considerable expense which you can see is involved, Mr. Fisher is supplying The John Birch Society enough of those pens, free, for us to be able to give one to every member. One such pen, for each member of our Home Chapter, will be mailed directly to that member. In order to save mailing costs, however, for members in our local chapters enough Freedom Pens will be sent by us to each Chapter Leader for that distribution. We hope that the package will reach most Chapter Leaders in time for the January meeting. If not, the pens for individual members will be there and available at the time of the February meeting.

These are good ball-point pens. (I personally have been using one for the past four months.) And we all know that "the pen is mightier than the sword." In fact, if we had to worry only about the progress the Kremlin has made directly with guns and tanks and bombs, instead of with words, we could get on at once with the constructive side of our program of building a better world. It is up to us to use this mightiest weapon even more effectively than do the Communists.

A. We know that a lot of our members have written the three airlines as requested, urging them to put HUMAN EVENTS in their reading racks. But there is a tendency, during all of the rush of the Christmas season, to put off duties which otherwise would be promptly performed -- even though our enemies never slow down or let up for a minute, at Christmas or any other time. So just this once we are repeating a request. Will those members who have not already done so please write individual letters to each of the

three men listed below. Point out that each airline has tens of thousands of American conservatives among its customers who would like to find on its planes at least one publication which they consider fully trustworthy in that publication's selection and interpretation of the news; and that HUMAN EVENTS would probably more nearly satisfy all of these customers, in this respect, than any other magazine or paper.

If and after we get HUMAN EVENTS on the planes, we can try to do the same for NATIONAL REVIEW, and we can also go after the railroads to the same end. But it is important to break in, and we believe that your full support will do it. Address your letters to:

Mr. C. R. Smith
President, American Airlines
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Mr. W. A. Patterson
President, United Air Lines, Inc.
5959 South Cicero Avenue
Chicago 38, Illinois

Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker
Chairman of the Board, Eastern Air Lines, Inc.
10 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

And do it now.

B. Two or three months ago Senator Stephen M. Young, Democrat of Ohio, accepted an invitation to speak on December 15 at a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which has

been officially declared a Communist front by two different Congressional Committees. The Hamilton (Ohio) County Council of the American Legion (consisting of constituents of Senator Young) passed a resolution censuring Young for agreeing to speak for this group. Whereupon Senator Young wrote to Mr. Neil E. Wetterman, Americanism chairman of this legion group, as follows:

> "I repudiate your resolution, Buster, and your pompous, self-righteous, holier-than-thou title of 'Americanism chairman.' If, in your press release, you asserted or implied that I am likely to become a tool of the Communist apparatus, you are a liar." He then went on to refer to the legionnaires as "puffed-up patriots."

This writer unhesitatingly asserts, here and now, that Senator Young, in associating his name in this way with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, and whether he knew it or not, had already become a tool, and a very useful tool, of the Communist apparatus. Nor will his calling me names, nor any display of the superciliousness to which his left-wing arrogance leads him, change that fact a particle. But this is merely an aside.

For Martin B. McKneally, National Commander of the American Legion, came out strongly in support of the Hamilton Council of the Legion, and accused Senator Young of using "offensively intemperate language." In the meantime Young's office was claiming that he had received about thirty telegrams and twelve telephone calls congratulating him on his reply, and no telegrams or telephone calls of disapproval. (One of the congratulatory messages of which Young seemed so proud was from identified Communist Corliss Lamont.) So we believe that the balance of messages, however inaccurately

reported, ought to be rectified. But we think it is more important still to give some praise and moral support to the National Commander of the Legion for speaking out as he did. We are asking all of our members, therefore, to write a brief letter to Mr. McKneally, congratulating him on, and expressing agreement with, his support of the Hamilton Council. And there is nothing wrong with making your contempt for Stephen Young entirely plain in that letter, without resorting to his kind of phraseology. Then send a carbon copy of that letter, without any additional comment, to Senator Young himself. The addresses are:

Mr. Martin B. McKneally
National Commander, American Legion
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Hon. Stephen M. Young
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

The American Legion, despite letting itself be swept off its feet at its annual convention this fall by Nixon's pleading on behalf of the Khrushchev visit, still remains one of the most firmly and actively anti-Communist organizations in the United States. It is important for us to support this attitude, and to offset the constant pressures to "soften" it, in every way we can. Even fifteen hundred letters, most of them of course from non-legionnaires, will certainly encourage Commander McKneally to keep on backing up vigorously those thousands of good Americans within the Legion who are aggressively fighting the Communists. And the copies are likely to make Young and his ilk think a second time, on many future occasions, before so brazenly taking a stand on the side of a Communist front and against

patriotic Americans.

(Incidentally, if you use a typewriter, so much the better, and the matter of carbon copies presents no problem. But if not, here is where your new Fisher pen -- or any good ball-point -- will come in handy. For using a ball-point, with carbon paper that is fairly new or in good condition, you can write a letter with no more than the usual casual pressure on your pen, and the carbon copy will come out much clearer and sharper than the original itself.)

C. Our campaign to keep department stores from substituting UN insignia, and other one-world propaganda pieces, for conventional Christmas decorations, spread into many groups and sparked many helping drives. And this total effort clearly put strong brakes on the Communist-backed movement to convert Christmas into some kind of atheistic, United Nations, "one-world" celebration.

Several of our members have suggested that now we should write nice letters of thanks and congratulations to those department stores which emphasized the spiritual and religious significance of Christmas in their window displays and in their decorations elsewhere. We heartily agree. Writing letters of praise is a lot more fun than writing letters of censure or of warning. And if every member will praise the department stores in his area for doing a good job of keeping Christmas Christmas -- if they did -- then there will be far less chance of those same stores looking like branches of the "Revolution On East River" next fall.

D. Probably the most cruel atrocities ever perpetrated by the Communists on a widespread scale

were inflicted by Mao Tse-tung's guerillas on the peasants of Hopei Province, China, in about 1931. The objective was so to terrorize the peasants as to drive them into supporting his insurrection and thus giving it the appearance and standing of a civil war. And Mao was posing, to the non-Communist world, as a "democrat" and an "agrarian reformer," completely independent of Moscow. This was despite the fact that the very core of his small guerilla force was a thousand hoodlums who had been trained in Moscow and sent to him for the rebuilding of his "army," after Chiang Kai-shek had destroyed and scattered that "army" in Kwangtung.

For the past few years we have had an exact parallel of that Communist operation, in Algeria. The FLN rebels have claimed to be simply democratic Algerians seeking independence from France. Helped by the Communist-influenced press in America and elsewhere (and by the apathetic ignorance and indifference of the rest of the press), exactly as was Mao, these FLN cutthroats have been largely accepted in non-Communist public opinion throughout the world as the glorious and idealistic revolutionaries against "colonialism" which they claim to be. This despite the admission that their flyers are being trained by Communist China, their money is coming largely from Communist Czechoslovakia and other satellites, their wounded are sent to hospitals in Communist East Germany, some of their guerilla leaders are being trained in Soviet Russia itself, and their arms -- although frequently supplied indirectly by the United States Government -- have to pass through Communist hands to reach them. The plain facts to show that the FLN is a Communist outfit from top to bottom are just as clear, for anybody who is really willing to look, as were the facts about Mao Tse-tung.

But the parallel goes much further. For at least ninety percent of the eight million Moslem natives of Algeria want no part of this insurrection. And, in order to terrorize these natives, not into remaining neutral or passive, but into actively supporting the FLN so as to give its murderous drive the appearance and standing of a "civil war," these guerillas of Ferhat Abbas have been perpetrating atrocities, on the innocent Moslems, of the same incredibly cruel character as used by Mao on the Chinese peasants.

About two years ago the French government, at the cost of some lives and much time and money, prepared a booklet, in English, meticulously documenting these cruelties. Not realizing or believing the extent to which our own government was influenced by Communists to favor and support the FLN, the French Government thought that it could get some of the truth of what was happening over to the American press, Congressmen, and perhaps even the public. But the French were doomed to disappointment. Our government didn't quite dare to prohibit the shipment of this booklet by the French Government into America. It merely achieved an adequate embargo <u>by request</u> -- a request which the French Government, under all of the circumstances, did not feel it could thwart. So the booklet did little good. And we believe that, after the first small run had been dribbled out, mostly in France itself, the thin volume was allowed to go "out of print."

I have had a copy of this booklet for at least a year, however, and have even been able to obtain a few additional individual copies for friends. It is called TRUE ASPECTS OF THE ALGERIAN REVOLT. Its dependability is convincingly evident, and it is a horrifying document. Many of the pictures will,

literally, make you sick in your stomach. But the Communist deeds which these pictures prove and portray cannot be brushed aside by merely closing the book.

Of course another book has since been put out by the Communists, describing the "French atrocities" in Algeria. With their usual exact reversal of the truth, the Communists have used pictures of the horrible results of their own tortures and murders, to "document" their charges against the French -- exactly as the Soviets charged the Germans with the Katyn Forest massacre which they themselves had perpetrated. And although this book is written by a known and admitted Communist, of course our government has put nothing in the way of its wide distribution in this country. And it has even had glowingly favorable reviews in such newspapers as the Boston Herald. But anybody who believes a Communist, anytime, about anything, ought to have his head examined. And most of the American public still instinctively knows this, even if many of our newspaper editors and publishers do not.

At any rate, we have for the last two months had a friend of ours in France "scrounging around" to obtain, accumulate, and ship us, a sizable quantity of the TRUE ASPECTS. He has done so. The books are now in this country. And unless our government finds some way to prevent the normal delivery to us of those books -- that is, of a shipment made by one private American citizen to another private American citizen, of books published by a government of which we are supposedly close allies! -- we shall have them by the time this bulletin is mailed. If so, we shall send a copy to each Home Chapter member at once. And we shall send at least two copies to each Chapter Leader, to add to his chapter materials, and with

regret that we shall not have enough copies to send a separate one for every member.

We are sure that you will find this booklet quite revealing. We have obtained these copies for you, and have written all of the explanation above, because it is so very important to have as many of the American people as possible understand what is really happening in, and with regard to, Algeria. It is perhaps as important as it would have been for the American public to understand what was really happening in China, when our government was selling out that country in the 1945-1950 period. (If you are interested in some of the ways by which our present government is similarly and right now selling out Algeria to the Communists, we cover in the February issue of AMERICAN OPINION a recent and most important doublecross of De Gaulle and Soustelle, by our government, in favor of the FLN. The facts are amazing, but unquestionable.) For saving Algeria from the Communists is now the only hope of keeping the whole top of Africa from becoming a strategically vital part of the Communist encirclement of Western Europe. Look at your map.

So. What we are asking every member to do, in this connection, is this. As soon as you have seen and studied this booklet yourself -- and if you are convinced as to its authenticity, as we are sure you will be -- start telling others what are the "true aspects" of the Algerian revolt. And by others we mean newspaper editors, newspaper readers, your Congressmen and Senators, your local radio news commentators -- as well as friends and neighbors. Do it by word of mouth or by telephone when you have the opportunity, but do it mainly by letters -- and by carefully written letters in many cases, for the goal is well worth the effort. If we can make

enough of our legislators, opinion-molders, and plain fellow citizens aware of the truth, we can slow down this surrender of Algeria to the Communists, which is now literally being forced on De Gaulle, and maybe eventually prevent it altogether. It will require a Herculean effort of talking and letter-writing on the part of all of our members. But that is what The John Birch Society is here for; it is the kind of dedicated labor we count on when we say that we do mean business every step of the way.

In Conclusion

The COUNCIL of The John Birch Society was set up during December, and will hold its first meeting in January. Although we carefully waited one year to establish the COUNCIL, its purposes and functions will be exactly as planned when the Society was founded a year ago. It will consist of a small group of outstanding American conservative leaders, most of whose names are well known to most of our members. And we'll tell you more about both the membership and the responsibilities of the COUNCIL in our bulletin for February.

One of our persuasive correspondents argues that membership in The John Birch Society should have some very practical advantages, business-wise and with regard to one's personal financial affairs, in these rapidly changing times and conditions, through the greater and clearer understanding of developments which is acquired by our members. He even translates this general feeling into a specific request, in connection with the disastrous inflation of our money, which is steadily growing worse. He wants us to urge hedges against this inflation, and even to recommend companies in Canada or elsewhere

through which gold may now be legally purchased with American dollars, and stored in Canada or elsewhere for the account of the purchaser.

Of course we have no right to offer, and do not offer, any such investment counsel. We make no claim to any knowledge which would justify such counsel, even if we had the right. It is with reluctance and trepidation that, for the sake of honesty is this discussion, we even confess our own personal course in the circumstances. Quite some time ago we broke open our piggy bank, and put all of the pennies we could find there and elsewhere into common stocks which seemed to us best for our needs and purposes. So far the continuing increase in the value of these stocks has been sufficient to offset the continuing decrease in the value of the dollars invested, and the stocks have paid satisfactory dividends besides. (Which is quite important in the case of your founder, because of course I draw no income whatsoever from the magazine or The John Birch Society.)

Who knows, however, whether this investment course is really wise? We certainly do not. But as a service to our members, in this connection, we'd like to tell the following story.

In 1919 an elderly German was sent to an insane asylum. Of course he knew nothing of the astronomical and disastrous inflation of the German currency which was to occur over the next few years. Early in 1923 the doctors decided that this man was cured. They turned him loose and told him to take a taxicab to the home of his brother, which he did.

His total money consisted of a few coins that had been in his pocket when he was committed. Arriving

at his destination, he asked the cab driver how much was his fare, and was told that it was two hundred thousand marks. The passenger, horrified, explained that he did not have that much and could not possibly pay any such amount. "Let me see what you do have," the cab driver suggested. The old man took the coins out of his pocket and held them in the open palm of his hand. Whereupon the cab driver picked out one of the coins for his fare, and gave his passenger a million marks as change. "Son," the old man remarked sadly, "you might as well take me back to the hospital. I'm not cured yet, at all."

We do not vouch for the truth or the accuracy of the story, but we do vouch for the validity of the point it makes. And we'll venture one more comment, which is merely a repetition of what we said in print in AMERICAN OPINION many months ago. We can imagine few things more unpatriotic for a good American citizen today then to own United States Government bonds, thus making it easier for a profligate and financially criminal government to continue its embezzlement from the American people. This embezzlement is deliberately perpetrated through the dilution of our money by the issuance of more and more government bonds. And we can imagine few long-range investments for the individual American that are less sound than the bonds of a government which makes no pretense of living within its income, and which visibly has no real intention of ever doing so again.

Our honorable mention last month was given to Chapter No. 8, in Milton, Massachusetts, of which Mary Knight is Chapter Leader. But we cut our accolade to fit the space we had left at the bottom of a page, rather than make the bulletin one sheet

or two whole pages longer. And Mary and her members deserved far better. So please let us repeat here our praise for the steadiness, regularity, determination, and energy with which this chapter, one of the very earliest established, has lived up to its duties from the time of its very first meeting. And our earnest thanks for such loyalty.

Our honorable mention this month goes to Chapter 48, of Pasadena, California, of which Mrs. Gertrude Bale is Chapter Leader. And this is not only because of the remarkable enthusiasm for, and devotion to, The John Birch Society and its purposes, which Chapter 48 has already demonstrated. There is another reason, which involves your Founder taking a personal privilege.

For on the evening of December 9, while I was in Los Angeles for speeches and meetings, Mrs. Bale gave a dinner for me at her home, and Chapter 48 gave a reception for me afterwards, attended by over a hundred members and prospective members of chapters in the area. (The reception was actually at the beautiful home of Mrs. Vernon Jensen, who is now in Chapter 66. But we'll mention Chapter 66, of which Col. A. Vincent Wilson is Chapter Leader, some other time, and would not think of doing so here.)

For, unknown to both Mrs. Bale and Mrs. Jensen, Wednesday, December 9 was the first anniversary of the founding of The John Birch Society. And they discovered it that very morning through a congratulatory telegram which was sent to me, in care of Mrs. Bale, by one of our eastern chapters. So both the dinner and the reception were converted into a birthday party, even with a cake and a large single candle and all the appropriate spirit of an anniversary

celebration. Which we think deserves not only our personal gratitude, but an official acknowledgement and bow of appreciation as well.

We do not promise that all future monthly bulletins will be this long. But we don't promise that they will not. For The John Birch Society is now a lusty infant, determined to emulate Hercules in his crib in making its strength felt, and also determined to gain a lot more strength and size and effectiveness in 1960. This will not be done by any of the "short-form" approaches that have been the curse of the conservative movement in America for twenty years. Nor will we build any tightly-knit and powerful body, that can turn back our Communist enemies, by going through half-idle motions, or by letting our members follow the pattern of we'll-save-the-country-from-Communism-next-week-if-we-have-time-after-we-have-taken-care-of-everything-else. We have one of the greatest and most important opportunities in all human history. To do full justice to that opportunity will require a heavy measure of reading and writing and thinking and planning and working and fighting on the part of every member. Our demands will bear a realistic relationship to this need and this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Initial List Of Approved Books

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Barron: *Inside the State Department* $3.00
Bastiat: *The Law* ..... .65
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The Loyalty Oaths must NOT be repealed

The National Defense Education Act (NDEA) is granting $90 millions of tax-payers' money to college students to fit them better to help defend our country against the gravest peril in our history. It prudently requires a sworn statement by each recipient-student that he is not supporting any organization seeking the overthrow of our Government by force or violence or illegal or unconstitutional methods. Obviously this "disclaimer" bars Communists from legally getting hold of these funds.

Yet self-styled "liberals" from church, academic and other circles have mobilized in force to get this disclaimer oath repealed. The National Council of Churches, the AAUP and certain colleges are in the fight. Diversionary tactics under irrelevant smoke-screens are usually employed in the press and in the lobbies. Some are dragging the very idea of national loyalty in the dirt. The Congressional debate thus far has largely reflected this general point of view. (Congressional Record, July 22-3, 1959) Read it.

To counter such advocacy this nation-wide committee of American citizens has been formed. It seeks to do two things 1. to keep the disclaimer oath from being repealed, 2. to help restore the concept of loyalty to country to its traditional dignity.

Letters to the President, to your Congressmen and to the press should stress both these points. Make all letters purely personal, short and direct. Write especially to Senators Karl Mundt, Richard B. Russell and Styles Bridges -- Senate leaders for such safguards. They will be heartened by support in volume. Keep all partisan politics out -- this issue transcends party lines.

Ask friends to write these letters too. Alert your local American Legion post and other opinion-forming bodies. If the Communists and their friends can, as they boast, have 50,000 letters in Washington on 72 hours' notice, we can have more provided we get going fast and hard. It is now our privilege to strike a counter-blow for the United States and the free world.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/9/60

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (105-298)

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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR
Belmont, Massachusetts
The John Birch Society
Belmont, Massachusetts
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On February 4, 1960 [redacted] a plant informant who is employed at [redacted], Tennessee, advised that on [redacted] he attended an organizational meeting of captioned organization in which [redacted] of Knoxville, Tennessee made an attempt to interest residents of the West Hills Subdivision, Knoxville, in forming a new chapter of this organization.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] for the John Birch Society in Tennessee, and that [redacted] is on the organization's national committee. He advised that this national committee is composed of eleven individuals. [redacted] stated that there were only eleven persons present at this meeting, that [redacted] discussed the background of the organization, which included playing a recorded talk by ROBERT WELCH which lasted for approximately one and one-half hours. [redacted] further advised that of those present who are known to him, all are, to the best of his knowledge, loyal citizens and most are in a professional type of occupation. He further advised that, to the best of his knowledge, none of those present are affiliated with any subversive organization.

[redacted] stated that his interest in the organization is only that of determining its purposes, and voluntarily offered to furnish the Knoxville Office with whatever information comes into his possession. He further stated that he intends to become a member of this group in order to obtain such information, and, as the information is developed, he will voluntarily make it available to the Knoxville Office.

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: 2/9/60

FROM SAC, New Orleans (105-0)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re SAC Letter 60-5, 1/26/60, particularly Paragraph C, entitled "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING, IS," Bufile #62-104401.

On 1/29/60, [redacted], residence [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana, contacted SA THURMAN P. KELLEY and confidentially advised that about a week or ten days ago he was contacted by Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, former professor of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, who wanted [redacted] to meet with ten or twelve other men and discuss "The John Birch Society" and what it stands for and make some plans for an organizational meeting. EVANS had been talking to [redacted] and who is a close friend to [redacted] EVANS indicated that he wanted influential men in the meeting but appeared to want to keep the meeting very quiet. He had wanted [redacted] to make space available at [redacted] so that it would not be public knowledge that a meeting was to take place.

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[redacted] was of the impression the organization is supposedly for "good government" and possibly a patriotic organization; however, he had no further details.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] is a very fine but young [redacted] has contacted him regarding the matter and they are unable to understand why there should be anything secretive about the organization or the meeting. He is confident that [redacted] will not have anything to do if he, [redacted] does not.

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[redacted] doubts that the Society will be organized at Shreveport at the present time and he is not going to have anything to do with it and he is sure that [redacted] will not join it or have anything further to do with it because of the fact that Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, organizer, was dismissed from his position at the College and because of the semi-secret nature of trying to organize instant society.

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[redacted] has no further information regarding EVANS except he still resides at Natchitoches, Louisiana, but is of the opinion [redacted] was a student at Northwestern State College when EVANS was an instructor there.

The files of the New Orleans Office reflect that Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, a former professor at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, was a strong supporter of segregation and states rights. In a newspaper article appearing in the "Shreveport Journal," April 1, 1959 edition, MEDFORD stated to the press that he believed that he had been fired from Northwestern State College because of outside pressure from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The article stated that EVANS was a graduate of Yale University and had been on the faculty of Northwestern State College since 1955. He indicated that he had been employed by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission as Chief of the Security Training Division for eight years. The article states that EVANS wrote a book entitled "The Secret War for the A-Bomb," which charged that laxity in American security had allowed the Russians to steal enough processed Uranium to make forty or fifty A-bombs.

"The Shreveport Journal" issue of April 13, 1959, indicated that EVANS was scheduled to address the Plain Dealing, Louisiana Citizens' Council on April 14, 1959.

The Bureau will be advised concerning any further efforts to organize The John Birch Society in Shreveport, Louisiana.

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[redacted] Informant

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Madison 4, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information concerning the organization you mentioned or comment upon the accuracy of statements issued by that organization.

I am enclosing some literature available for distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Milwaukee (enclosure)
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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, MILWAUKEE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The enclosures being sent to the correspondent are:

1. Statement of the Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.

2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent is alarmed over the alleged communist control in this country and has been searching the possibilities of preventing their taking over the country. He has learned of the John Birch Society and inquired if it is a recommended organization for one to join to combat communism. He also inquired if our Government is so infiltrated with communists that it cannot be remedied by our men in office. Further, he inquired if the "Communist government" has definite plans for controlling the United States by 1973.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Above SAC Letter called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

Questions posed by correspondent are based upon literature distributed by the John Birch Society and it is not believed we should comment upon these statements.

[redacted]
Madison 4, Wisconsin
February 3, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

With the alarming condition of Communist control in this country, I've been looking into the possibilities of preventing their taking over complete control of this country. In my searchings, I've come across an organization called the John Birch Society, organized by a Mr. Robert Welch, with an office at Belmont 78, Massachusetts. Is this society a recommended organization for a person to join as a method of combating Communist agression?

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Is our government so infiltrated with Communists that the present situation cannot be remedied by our men in office?

Also, does the Communist government have definite plans for controlling the United States by 1973?

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office M[redacted]m · UNITI[redacted]ERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (62-1[redacted]4[redacted]1) DATE: 2/11/6[redacted]

FROM SAC, ATLANTA (1[redacted]2-0)

SUBJECT ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re SAC letter 60-5

On 1/30/60 Mr. [redacted] a representative of the Dupont Chemical Company, 1101 Valencia Drive, Dalton, Georgia, advised SA DAVID R. GALLAGHER that he had received literature in connection with the John Birch Society which advocates anti-communism and better government. [redacted] advised that he also has "The Blue Book" which is referred to in SAC letter 60-5.

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[redacted] advised that there is no chapter of the above society in North Georgia, to the best of his knowledge and that the nearest chapter is located at Sevierville, Tennessee which is headed by Mr. [redacted], Cherokee Textile Mill.

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A copy of this letter is being designated Knoxville for information purposes.

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1 - Knoxville (Info)
1 - Atlanta
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 2/12/60

FROM : J. F. Malone

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

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DATE 5/2/74 BY

Re SAC Letter 59-13, paragraph (F), dated 3/10/59.

I recently had a letter from a relative of mine, [redacted] who is a retired admiral of the U. S. Navy living at the small country town of Dundaff, Pennsylvania. He advised that recently a Dr. (FNU) [redacted] a burgess and leading physician of Forest City, Pennsylvania, about six miles from Dundaff, called upon him at his home. b6 b7C

He stated that Dr. [redacted] left with him a book to read entitled "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society," copyrighted 1959 by a Robert Welch. Dr. [redacted] said the book was given to him by a Frank Gaydosh of Uniondale, Pennsylvania, a small town triangularly located approximately six miles from Dundaff and Forest City.

[redacted] describes Gaydosh as being approximately 45 years of age and as being sort of a "boy wonder" businesswise. He owned several super markets and recently sold one. He told Dr. [redacted] that he is going to retire. He wants to spend his time fighting communism, and so he asked Dr. [redacted] to get ten good citizens to meet at Gaydosh's home on April 1 after they have read the "Blue Book."

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It is understood that Gaydosh got ~~his financial start~~ by selling black market meat during the war.

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RECOMMENDATION: This information is being furnished ~~in~~ accordance with referenced SAC letter for whatever action desired by Domestic Intelligence Division. The towns mentioned above are located in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, covered by the Philadelphia field office. It is therefore recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

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Deleted Copy Sent Gaydosh
by Letter Dated 2-25-77
Per FOIPA Request

1 - Mr. Parsons
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1 - Mr. D. Donohue
1 - Mr. Leinkauf

SAC, New Haven [redacted]

February 18, 1960

Director, FBI [redacted]

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Reurlet 2/5/60 captioned "Robert H. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning (Internal Security)." Urlet states that [redacted], a panel source of your office, made available a pamphlet captioned "The John Birch Society," published by Welch, and a leaflet issued by the "College Graduates Against Educating Traitors at Government Expense." Urlet further advises that [redacted] has advised that [redacted] Welch approved the establishment of an "anticommunist front" known as the "College Graduates Against Educating Traitors at Government Expense" and that [redacted] has been corresponding with several well-known opponents of communism across the country asking them to be members of this group.

In view of [redacted] anticommunist activities, it would appear that his value to your office as a panel source [redacted], there would be no objection on the part of the Bureau in your utilizing him in that regard or receiving any information which he might develop. In view of the above, it appears that he should more logically be considered a source of information of your office than a panel source. You are instructed to review this matter and advise the Bureau of your views in this regard.

A review of Bufile concerning [redacted] does not indicate that he has been or is being paid for any information which he has furnished to your office. You are being cautioned that no payments whatsoever should be

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Letter to SAC, New Haven
Re: [redacted]
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made to him for any information which he furnishes, or for any expenses involved in securing such information, relating to Welch or The John Birch Society. In view of the fact that the Bureau is not conducting any investigation concerning The John Birch Society, information concerning the Society or Welch should not be solicited from [redacted]

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/16/60

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (100-0)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN OPINION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re SAC Letter 59-13(F).

There is enclosed one autostat copy of a card headed, "Stay Away - U.S.A., The Summit Leads to Disaster!". This card indicates it was copyrighted in 1960 by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and that they would be supplied at twelve for $1.00.

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This card was furnished to this Office by Mrs. [redacted] of the Waterman School, a boarding school at 724 Oak Street, Cincinnati 6, Ohio. Mrs. [redacted] frequently refers matters to this Office which she receives by reason of [redacted] of this school. Mrs. [redacted] did not know who caused her to receive this card or how she came to be on the mailing list of the American Opinion.

The original card has been returned to Mrs. [redacted] as she requested.

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RE: AMERICAN OPINION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM CINCINNATI (100-0)

Autostat copy of card entitled, "Stay Away - U.S.A., The Summit Leads to Disaster!", copyrighted by American Opinion

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ENCLOSURE

Stay Away — U. S. A.

The Summit Leads To Disaster!

As Louis Budenz so brilliantly pointed out and prophesied, years ago, "the cry is peace."

There is already peace, of course, in Estonia and Latvia and Lithuania, and Armenia and Byelorussia, and Georgia and the Ukraine. And not just peace for the dead millions that have been murdered, but peace for the living millions that have been enslaved.

There is already peace in Poland and Hungary; in Albania and Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia; in Romania and Bulgaria and East Germany; and of course in Russia itself. Even such resistance as existed in any of those countries has been provoked into showing itself prematurely—so that it could be destroyed, and a more deadly peace bestowed on the remainder of the population.

Except for a few million Chinese here and there, engaged in desperately suicidal rebellion on behalf of freedom, there is peace on all the mainland of China. There is the same peace in North Korea, and North Vietnam, and Cuba, and Guinea, and Ghana. With guns and bayonets and clubs, and with more refined instruments of terror and of torture where necessary, the henchmen of unspeakable Communist murderers like Achmed Sukarno in Indonesia, Juan Lechin in Bolivia, Karim el-Kassem in Iraq, and Fidel Castro in Cuba are bringing more and more peace to their respective countries.

Peace has many faces. There is the *morning* peace of the grave, for those who during the night have died of hunger and despair, the *evening* peace of the slaughter house, when the day's slaughtering is done, and the timeless peace of the escapeless prison, after a hopeless revolt has been subdued. The Communist peace (the Cold Peace to which the Cold War leads) is compounded of all three. And the conspirators now expect, after a few more rounds of fraternizing visits and one or two more summit conferences, to be able to impose that peace on the rest of a rapidly surrendering world.

Stay Away — U. S. A.

The Summit Leads To Disaster!

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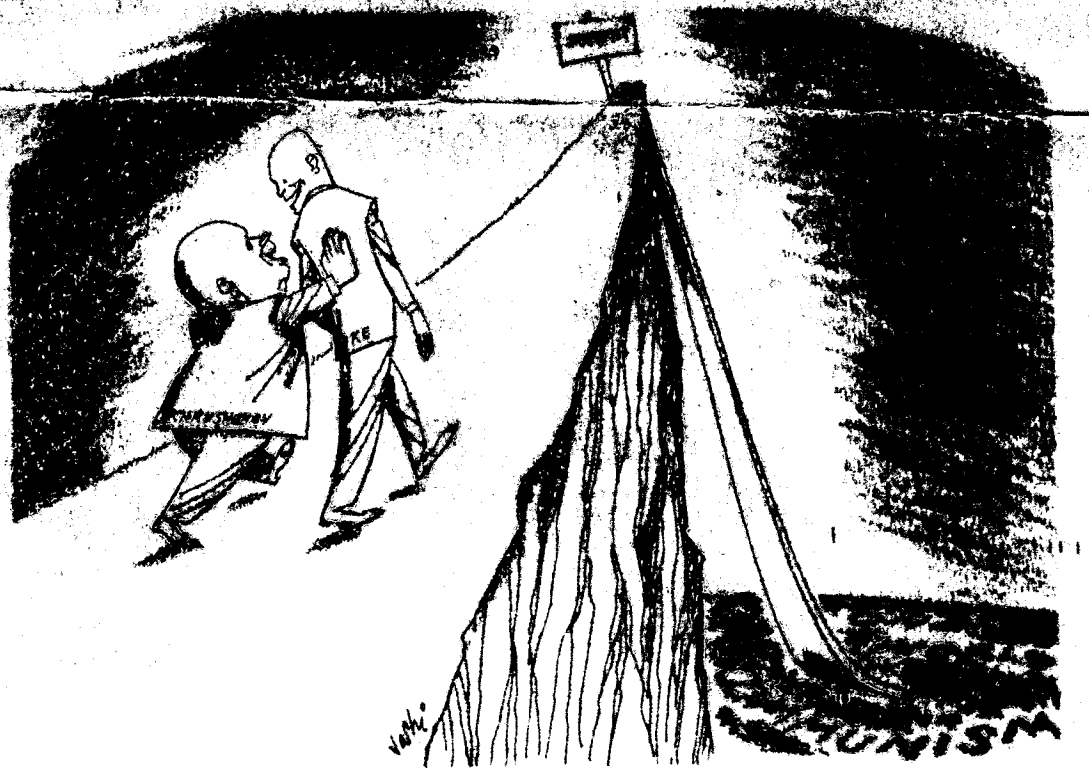

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 16, 1960

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-27934)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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66-04-2925

Re SAC letter number 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60, which sets forth certain information regarding ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.

The Bureau advised that any activity of the John Birch Society should be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

On November 23, 1959, [redacted] Dearborn, Michigan, telephonically contacted the Detroit Office to advise that he had been invited to a meeting in the home of one [redacted], Dearborn, Mich. of the J. Birch Society. [redacted] said that the meeting was for the ostensible purpose of fighting Communism with ROBERT WELCH as speaker. Mr. [redacted] said that he was furnishing the above for the information of the FBI and said that he planned to attend this meeting and if it appeared to him that the organization had subversive motives he would recontact this office. However, no further information was received from [redacted]

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On December 2, 1959, Mr. [redacted] Staff Writer, Detroit News, contacted the Detroit Office to advise that he had attended a meeting of the John Birch Society in Detroit and had been furnished a considerable amount of literature. He said that he was desirous of knowing whether the organization had been cited by the Attorney General and whether it was under investigation by the FBI. The Bureau's policy in such matters was fully explained to [redacted] then volunteered the information that he was preparing an article for the Detroit News on the captioned group. He added, however, that he did not plan to make any reference to the FBI in the article. [redacted] said that the group claims to be an anti-Communist organization that originated in Massachusetts. He said it appeared to him to be the type of group that would attract certain "fanatics and crack pots." [redacted] continued that he himself had done some research

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and had learned that JOHN BIRCH was an American missionary who was born in Georgia. At the time of the General DOOLITTLE raid on Japan one of the bomber crews that landed in China was cared for by BIRCH. Later BIRCH was reported to have become a Captain in the military intelligence, was caught by the Chinese Communists, tortured and killed. [redacted] did not furnish the source of this latter information, but did remark that it took aconsiderable amount of research before he was able to identify BIRCH.

On February 11, 1960, it was learned from [redacted] that the article he had prepared for publication by the Detroit News on the John Birch Society was held up by the Editor and has never been published. He said this action no doubt came about because of the fact that ROBERT WELCH had spoken before the Economic Club in Detroit at the time the Detroit News planned to run this article.

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On December 7, 1959, Mrs. [redacted], Grosse Ile, Michigan, advised that on the previous day, December 6, 1959, her husband had attended a meeting of the John Birch Society held at the Grosse Ile Community Center. At this meeting tape recordings of Mr. WELCH, described as the former owner of the Welch Candy Company, were played. Mrs. [redacted] continued that the ostensible purpose of the organization was to trace the activities of Communists and also the organization stood for private enterprise and decentralization of Government. She said that the organization was interested in forming chapters throughout the United States. According to Mrs. [redacted] three persons were required to start a chapter of the Birch Society.

The Detroit Office will be alert for any activities by the John Birch Society particularly any indication of efforts by subversive elements to utilize the organization. No active investigation will be conducted and this matter is being closed by the Detroit Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/26/60

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-NEW)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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RE: SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated 3/10/59 and
SAC Letter # 60-5 (C), dated 1/26/60.

On February 16, 1960, Mr. [redacted], [redacted], Houston, Texas, advised that he attended a meeting of a group in the home of [redacted], Houston, Texas. He stated that he learned that this was a meeting to organize a chapter of "The John Birch Society". He stated that the meeting consisted of listening to a tape recording approximately 2½ hours in length which was narrated by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. He stated that the leader and instigator of the meeting appeared to be one [redacted] from Huntsville, Texas. He advised that he was unable to obtain the names of all in attendance but estimated there were ten or twelve individuals present which included [redacted]

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On February 18, 1960, [redacted], an established source of information of the Houston Office, and a close personal friend of SA GRAHAM W. KITCHEL, advised that he attended a meeting of individuals in the home of [redacted] on the night of [redacted], 1960. He stated that this was apparently an organizational meeting for a chapter of "The John Birch Society" which was being organized apparently by [redacted] from Huntsville, Texas, both of whom are close associates of [redacted] He stated that the meeting consisted of listening to a tape recording narrated by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. which appeared to him to be simply a reading of "The Blue Book" a copy of which was sold to him at this meeting. [redacted] stated that he did not know to what extent "The John Birch Society" was active in the Houston area and pointed out that he felt this was the first such meeting.

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[redacted] did not comment as to whether he would continue meeting with this organization or whether or not he actually joined it. However, due to his close personal association with SA GRAHAM W. KITCHEL it is felt that any information the Bureau desired regarding this matter could be obtained through [redacted]

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No further action is being taken in this matter.

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February 26, 1960

Mr. & [redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 19, 1960, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to answer your request for information regarding the organization you mentioned or comment upon its claims.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention Communist Party

NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record of correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont, Massachusetts, in Dec., 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. SAC letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau. The New Orleans Division has reported activity to institute a unit of this society at Shreveport, Louisiana.

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

February 19, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

Last evening, my husband and I attended a meeting of The John Birch Society here in Shreveport. They are attempting to organize a group or groups here in Shreveport.

Our question to you Mr. Hoover, is what is your opinion of The John Birch Society? From all that we have read and from what we could gather from last nights meeting, it seems to be just what it claims to be, i.e., an organization to fight communism. If that is actually what this organization is, then we want to join, and we would appreciate your opinion as we consider you and your organization our strongest bulwark against communism.

We will appreciate hearing from you in regard to the above.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-0) DATE: February 24, 1960

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY"
"AMERICAN OPINION"
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Enclosed for the Bureau and Boston are autostat copies of a postcard captioned "STAY AWAY - U.S.A. - The Summit Leads to Disaster," which was furnished to this office by [redacted] of the Hartford, Connecticut, Better Business Bureau, it being noted that this card was postmarked at Hartford, Connecticut, and addressed to Miss [redacted] an employee of the Better Business Bureau. As will be noted, this card indicates it is copyrighted 1960 by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

As the Bureau has been previously advised, a chapter of The John Birch Society exists in Hartford, Conn., and it appears that this mailing may have been handled by the Hartford chapter.

This is for the information of the Bureau and the Boston Office.

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1 - New Haven (62-0)
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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU

Re Autostat of Postcard
captioned "STAY AWAY -
U.S.A.-The Summit Leads
to Disaster."
New Haven File 62-0

"THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY"
"AMERICAN OPINION"

The Cold Peace To Which The Cold War Leads

HOPE FOR HEARTS
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Miss [redacted]

C/o BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 3, 1960

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-27934)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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62-104401-55

Re Detroit letter to Bureau, February 16, 1960, and SAC Letter 60-5(c), January 26, 1960.

The following additional information regarding captioned Society has come to the attention of the Detroit Office.

Mr. [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, appeared at the Detroit Office on February 23, 1960, and advised that he had written a letter to the captioned Society at Belmont, Massachusetts, on November 24, 1959, requesting a copy of the "Blue Book" published by the Society. He said that on November 27, 1959, he received the "Blue Book" along with a letter signed by [redacted] thanking [redacted] for his inquiry. The letter from [redacted] also told [redacted] that there were two local chapters of the John Birch Society in Detroit and that [redacted] was the Michigan [redacted] for the Society. One copy of [redacted] letter was designated for [redacted] at Detroit.

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[redacted] continued that he was subsequently contacted at his home by [redacted] Detroit, Mich. [redacted] stated that he was a representative of Chapter Number 60, a local chapter of the captioned Society. [redacted] told [redacted] that one of the main objectives of the Society was to act as a pressure group to oppose the enactment of federal legislation opposed to the opinions and beliefs of the Society. [redacted] said that he first told [redacted] that he would like to join and paid the $2.00 membership fee which was for one year. However, as [redacted] continued to talk with him at greater length, he changed his mind about the Society and [redacted] returned his $2.00 membership fee. [redacted] said that the more [redacted] spoke to him about the Society, his suspicions of the aims of the Society were aroused and he began to feel that it was perhaps a Communist front organization. It was this latter fear that caused him to change his thought about joining the Society.

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[redacted] recalled that in his discussion with [redacted] he was told that Chapter Number 60 meets at [redacted] residence on Sundays, although he did not know the frequency of these meetings. He also added that he had initially written to the Society because of literature that he had received from the "American Opinion" which commented upon the Society and which address is identical with the Society address in Belmont, Massachusetts. [redacted] explained that he is a retired employee of the Board of Education. He said that in thinking back about the Society it was, he felt, his duty to bring this information to the attention of the FBI.

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The Indices of the Detroit Office indicate that Mrs. [redacted] who was a Source of Information of the Detroit Office until she was discontinued in [redacted], because of the non pertinent nature of the information she could furnish and the lack of regular contacts by her with sources who could furnish more valuable information. She is [redacted] was developed as a Source of Information because of her voluntary contact with the Detroit Office in August, 1956. At that time she told the interviewing Agent that she had been a member of the [redacted] but had quit because she believed the organization was a "leftist group". She also indicated to the interviewing Agent that she was strongly anti-Communist in her feelings.

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The Detroit Office also interviewed Mr. [redacted] Detroit, on February 18, 1960. [redacted] had written to the Director volunteering his services and indicating his concern over the threat of Communism to the US. He also inquired in the letter for the Bureau's opinion of the John Birch Society. During the interview with [redacted] he stated that he had attended one meeting of the Society in Detroit held at the home of [redacted] Detroit. [redacted] is an acquaintance of [redacted]. He said that literature was distributed at this meeting and a speech delivered which was very anti-Communist in nature as was the literature. However, [redacted] said that he did not join the John Birch Society and has not attended any further meetings of the Society because he was not certain as to the ultimate aims of the group.

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One copy of this letter is being designated for the Boston Office in view of the information furnished by [redacted] regarding his correspondence with the Society's headquarters. b6 b7C

Detroit will furnish the Bureau any other pertinent information received regarding the Society.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 1, 1960

FROM: SAC, DETROIT [redacted]

SUBJECT: CHANGED [redacted] aka.
Detroit, Michigan
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The name [redacted] has been added as Mr. [redacted] when interviewed on February 18, 1960, advised he is commonly known as [redacted]

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Re Bureau letter to Mr. [redacted] dated February 3, 1960, with cc to Detroit.

On February 18, 1960, Mr. [redacted] Detroit, was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] advised he expects to retire in [redacted] and would like to do something to help mankind after his retirement. He related he had devoted his life almost primarily to the purpose of providing for his family and feels he has done very little for the advancement of mankind. He continued that he believes the expansion of Communism is a very great threat not only to the United States but the entire world and thought perhaps he might do something to help control this menace. Mr. [redacted] was asked what he had in mind and if he contemplates any investigative activity in this regard. He replied he knows the Bureau investigates Communists and he thought it might have some type of work he could perform. Agent qualifications were explained to him, including the age limits. He was informed of clerical type positions which might be available. He stated he would not be interested in clerical employment, continuing young men should be given that experience with the thought of advancing in the future.

Mr. [redacted] advised he had in his letter to Mr. HOOVER asked what the Bureau's opinion of the work of the John Birch Society was, because he had just prior to his letter attended a meeting of that society in Detroit. This meeting

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was held at the home of [redacted] Detroit, an acquaintance of [redacted] He stated literature was distributed and a male individual (name not recalled) spoke at this meeting. He explained that both the literature and the speech was anti-Communist. He had no further information regarding the John Birch Society other than it was started in Massachusetts and he interpreted it to be anti-Communist.

Mr. [redacted] was respectfully advised the FBI is a fact-gathering agency and can not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any publication or organization. The Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities were explained to him regarding the internal security of the United States and that investigations encompassing Communists can best be conducted by trained investigators having access to information on a nation-wide basis.

Mr. [redacted] advised that he has never had any contact with the Communist Party or Communist organizations and does not know of the existence of any subversive activity. Mr. [redacted] was advised he could render valuable assistance in combating Communism by promptly reporting to the FBI Office in Detroit any suspicious activity concerning such matters which may come to his attention. It was explained to him that the Bureau can not recommend or guide him in any action that he might contemplate in this regard. b6 b7C b7D

Mr. [redacted] expressed personal admiration for Mr. HOOVER and the manner in which he had developed the FBI. He further expressed gratification and reflected with elation that Mr. HOOVER would personally have an agent contact him. Mr. [redacted] was advised that Mr. HOOVER, aware of Communism and its ramifications, takes a personal interest to insure that public-spirited citizens are promptly contacted regarding any problems or questions they might have which would aid in the Bureau's investigative work.

Since Mr. [redacted] is to retire in [redacted], this case will be closed at this time and set on a 12 month tickler, at which time it will be reopened. Consideration will then be given to the advisability of conducting investigation to include Mr. [redacted] as a Panel Source.

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Mr. Frank W. Gaydosh B. APPROX. 1915
Route 2
Union Dale, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mr. Gaydosh:

Your letter of March 2, 1960, in which you requested a representative from this Bureau to speak to your group on April 5, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated. I am pleased to learn that you share my views concerning the menace of communism.

While I wish it were possible for me to give you a favorable reply, I regret I am unable to do so. The heavy work load of the Philadelphia Office precludes me from designating a speaker for your meeting. I know you can understand my position in this matter. I am pleased to enclose some material which I hope you will find of value.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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ATTENTION SAC: In the event Mr. Gaydosh should contact your office requesting a speaker, you should respectfully decline inasmuch as it appears his group consists of ten persons who will meet in his home.

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FRANK W. GAYDOSH

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Uniondale, Pa.

March 2, 1960

John Birch Society

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have a group of dedicated men in Northeastern Pennsylvania that are very much alarmed about the inroads made by the Communists into all walks of American life.

We would appreciate it very much if you could recommend someone from your organization as a speaker for a meeting that will be held in Uniondale, Pa. on Tuesday, April 5th.

We would like someone who could advise us on how best we could fight this Communist threat here in America.

This group of men are patriotic and dedicated Americans who love their country and are willing to do something about it.

Respectfully yours,

Frank W. Gaydosh

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What you Can Do To Fight Communism
17th National Convention, CP, USA

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Mr. Frank W. Gaydosh is 45 years of age, and is described as being sort of a "boy wonder," business wise. He has distributed a book entitled "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society" in his area, and he indicated that he wanted to get ten good citizens to meet in his home on April 1, 1960, after they had read the book. It is understood that Gaydosh got his start, financial, by selling black market meat during the war. This information is set out in a Malone to Mohr memo dated 2-12-60. (Bufile 62-104401-53) It is felt that in view of the size of the group and its meeting place that this invitation should be declined.

Spelling of Union Dale verified in Postal Guide and check in Pennsylvania telephone directory.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)(RM) DATE: 3/8/60

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FROM: SAC, DALLAS (62-0)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
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Re SAC Letter 60-5(C)

On 2/23/60, MR. [redacted] Texas, advised SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., that on the previous evening he had attended a meeting at the home of some friends of his. This meeting was presided over by an individual [redacted] reportedly from Dallas, Texas, who stated that he was a full time paid coordinator for ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., in organizing the "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY." MR. [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated that he had four part time volunteer helpers and that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is now organized in fifteen states. MR. [redacted] the paid organizer, told the TEXAS assembled group that he had previously attended Southern Methodist University (SMU), however, quit SMU because he considered it to be Communist controlled, and it was after this that he went to work for ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. This meeting consisted of playing four thirty minute recorded tapes setting forth the aims and purposes of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which is allegedly anti-Communist in nature. MR. [redacted] the complainant in this matter, stated that it appeared to him that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY considers anyone even slightly liberal to be a Communist and he does not believe that any of the individuals present at this meeting will join the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. It appears that they wish to organize the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY into groups of eight to ten persons who will meet in residences, the main purpose being to organize as many persons as possible to bring pressure on Congress to enact what they allege to be anti-Communist legislation.

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TO : Mr. McGuire

DATE: 3-15-60

FROM : W. G. Eames

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We have, therefore, made arrangements with the original publishers to bring it out in this format, as the quickest and most practical way of making a new supply available.

Because of its length, the price for this reprint, *as a pamphlet* or extra copy, will have to be one dollar — as noted on the cover. But we are sending it to all subscribers simply as the March issue of AMERICAN OPINION. For any subscriber who, already having a copy of the book, is not happy with this arrangement, we shall be glad to extend his subscription for an extra month. A postcard request to that effect will be appreciated.

The April issue will be an entirely normal one again — and, we believe, an excellent one besides.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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In the story of one American boy, the ordeal of his age

by

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For

JOHN T. BROWN

with admiration
and kindest regards

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Saturday Evening Post
Editorial, January 22, 1955,
based on this book.

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John de Courcy
Intelligence Digest, London

FOREWORD

"But on one man's soul it hath broken,
A light that doth not depart;
And his look, or a word he hath spoken
Wrought flame in another man's heart."

UNTIL a little more than a year ago I had never heard of John Birch. And the links of transmission, through which the impact of this young man reached me, were thin and strained. A more tenuous chain of influence could hardly have been imagined by O'Shaughnessy while writing the above lines of his great ode.

All alone, in a committee room of the Senate Office Building in Washington, I was reading the dry typewritten pages in an unpublished report of an almost forgotten congressional committee hearing. Suddenly I was brought up sharp by a quotation of some words an army captain had spoken on the day of his death eight years before. Interest in the quotation soon led me to the incident with which the following narrative begins. From then on the light of John Birch's actions gradually became greater than the light of his words, and neither would depart. With regard to both, I had to learn all I could of their source and their circumstances. This small book is the result of my search.

Somewhere in Goethe's thousands of pages appears the beautiful line: *Alle menschliche Gebrechen sühnet reine Menschlichkeit.* Pure humanity atones for all human crimes and weaknesses. As of today this may be too optimistic a balance sheet. The debit side of the ledger is heavy with mass murders and inhuman tortures, with blasphemy and treason and felonies and cruelties, so despicable in degree and so widespread in practice as to prompt a feeling of despair. Even the purity of character and nobility of purpose of a John Birch can atone for only a small part of so much human vileness.

But there is strong encouragement in finding so firm an entry on the credit side. For the fact that cultural traditions and ethical forces still at work can produce one such man is clear proof that they are still producing others like him. Of the slowly built hereditary and environmental molds, into which such youth were poured, many have now been smashed altogether, and many more have their sidewalls badly cracked; but many still remain unreached by the stresses of political tyranny and the erosion of moral anarchy around us. The output of these molds can still save our civilization.

It is no accident that you also, who now read these lines, have probably never heard of John Birch before. That small victory of our Communist enemies, in consigning him to temporary oblivion, cannot now be un-

done. But even with my plodding skill bogging down my bounding purpose, I believe that you will long remember him after finishing these short chapters ahead. And his memory will add, in some small measure, to your hope and your inspiration.

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.

Belmont, Massachusetts
February 22, 1954

The Life of John Birch

I

The Rescue of Colonel Doolittle

The time is an evening in April, 1942. We have been at war with Japan four and one-half months. Colonel Doolittle's flyers have just startled themselves, the Japanese, and the world with their token bombing of Tokyo. But the planes have no place to land within their fuel range. For China has been at war with Japan *four and one-half years*. The coastal provinces of China are full of occupation troops, which at this very time are beginning new advances inland. The three airfields most counted on have all been bombed, whether through a leak in Washington as suspected by General Stilwell or solely by the accidents of war. At any rate, Doolittle and his fellow pilots simply fly their planes to the Chinese mainland, and over it as long as their gasoline holds out. They then come down with a crash landing, or by parachute.

The place is a cheap restaurant in a village by a river, near the western boundary of Chekiang Province. One of the customers is a young American. He is dressed in cheap native clothes, and speaks the native dialect. He is eating the cheapest native food, by habit as well as by thrifty instinct. For while, at the minute, he has a little more money than usual, he has been living on two dollars per month for the past several months. (Later this ability, gained by hard experience, to subsist on bamboo shoots and the cheapest red rice, is to prove of great value when he becomes the first American ever to live and work *in the field* with a Chinese army. Later, he is to prove his remarkable proficiency at disguising himself and melting away undiscoverably into the native population. But tonight he knows nothing of this future.) Fortunately, while not conspicuous, he is making no attempt to hide his own nationality.

The other patrons of the restaurant are all Chinese. One of them, on his way out after a brief meal, brushes against the stranger as if by accident, and manages to whisper, in Chinese: "If you are an American, please follow me." The stranger, as soon as he dares, also rises and leaves. The incident goes unnoticed by the other diners.

Outside, the American is taken by his self-appointed guide to a small covered riverboat, casually and inconspicuously laid up alongside the river's bank. In that boat he finds Colonel James H. Doolittle, who has been hidden and brought this far by Chinese patriots. This is the first American Doolittle has seen since his raid. The young man is able not only to get Colonel Doolittle safely into free China, but is instrumental in rounding up and saving a number of the men from several of the other planes. Without him it is doubtful that any of these flyers, or their commander himself, would have escaped capture and torture by the Japanese.

I ran across this very small but un-

usual pebble on the beach of history while looking for some larger and entirely different rocks. It puzzled me, and prompted several questions. (1) Who was this young American? (2) How did he happen to be where he was at this exact and opportune time? (3) What happened to him afterwards? As I dug for the answers they soon led me to more important questions: (4) Why was so heroic, brilliant, and consecrated a patriot so completely unknown in America? And (5) What was the significance of his life — and death? What I found out on all five points is outlined, in part, below. But it is the last two questions that give weight to the whole inquiry. For, as Senator Knowland has stated publicly, if the story of this young man had been known and understood, it could have made a huge difference in our attitude and the circumstances that led to our engagement in Korea.

II

An American Childhood

His name was John Birch. He was twenty-three years old, and from a farm near Macon, Georgia. A direct descendant of John Alden, John Birch was as American as Calvin Coolidge and "Buffalo Bill" Cody, to both of whom he was related. For although John was proud of the fact that his mother's ancestry had been traced back, clearly and unmistakably, to the time of William the Conqueror; and that three members of that ancestry had been knighted in England, his family on both sides had been deeprooted in America for generations.

It is worth while thus stressing this matter of lineage because of the rather strange coincidence that John Birch, as fine a young man as America has ever produced, was born in Asia and also died in Asia. Perhaps the fact is symbolic of the greater interest America was already and must now continue to take in that continent.

His parents, George S. Birch and Ethel Ellis Birch, were—and still are—deeply religious people. For three years of their lives immediately after marriage they were both missionaries in India. Or at least they were so classified by the Mission Headquarters which had sent them to Asia. But Mr. Birch, who had a B.S. Degree in Agriculture from the University of Georgia, actually taught Agriculture at Ewing Christian College in Allahabad, India; ran the college dairy; and then worked with men's Bible classes in all his spare time. Mrs. Birch, who held a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, tutored English at Ewing Christian College and worked with women's Bible classes in as wide an area as she could reach. Their first child, John Morrison Birch, was born on May 28, 1918, in Landaur, India. But when he was two and one-half years old, the family returned to America—primarily because of his father's persistent illness in the Indian climate.

They settled first in his mother's home town, Vineland, New Jersey. George Birch became a partner with his father-in-law in a successful fruit-growing business, Blue Spruce Farms. And there the boy, John Birch, went through grammar school, leading his class. Then, in 1930, Mr. Birch was asked to come back to the Mt. Berry School in Rome, Georgia, where both he and Mrs. Birch had taught before they were married, and where they had first met

each other. He accepted, Mrs. Birch and the children—there were now seven—followed a year later, and all but one of John's remaining years in America were spent in Georgia.

For the Birch family of nine the depression decade was a jumble of teaching (on the part of both parents), of farming, of poverty, of the pain of being separated by the available work, of the pleasure of regrouping; of the growing strength of family ties and the sustaining strength of a fundamental faith that made every hardship seem merely a test of character. There was one stretch when the family did not have more than five dollars of actual cash income for three months; there was more than one period of months at a time when they lived almost exclusively on milk toast made from stale "penny" bread. For even when Mr. and Mrs. Birch were both teaching, clothes of some kind had to be bought and other necessities provided for themselves and seven growing children.

Next to the education, religion, and character of his parents, the greatest single influence on John Birch, undoubtedly, was his life at Birchwood, a farm which had belonged to Mr. Birch's father. It consisted of several hundred acres, mostly wooded but part in cultivation, with a large but dilapidated house that had originally been built for the superintendent of a granite quarry, now long since abandoned. This house, a mile up a winding lane from any highway or any neighbor, sat in a beautiful and completely casual growth of trees and vines and shrubs, on a hill that slopes down in a few hundred yards to the steep bank of the Ocmulgee River. Perhaps this writer is prejudiced by similar personal experience, but there is some substance to the feeling that only those who have lived without money on ancestral acres in the South can fully understand the strange mixture of poverty and pride, the attitudes, aspirations, and sense of values generated by such an environment. The hope of some day "fixing up" Birchwood as a worthy home for his parents and the other children remained one of John Birch's freely admitted concessions to human vanity even during all of his years in China, while he was planning a far more ascetic and dedicated career for himself. And when the house at Birchwood burned in September, 1943, without insurance, due to sparks from a railroad locomotive carried to the property by a high wind while the whole family was absent, John's immediate reaction to news of the disaster was to write his parents that—whatever else they did—they should not sell any of their land.

In 1934 Mrs. Birch and the children had been living on a rented farm in Floyd County, Georgia, near where Mr. Birch was teaching Agriculture, and where Mrs. Birch had also been teaching English for the preceding two years. When they decided to go to Birchwood it was a year before Mr. Birch could leave his job to join them. To John, as the oldest child, now sixteen years old, fell most of the responsibility for moving their limited but heterogeneous possessions more than a hundred miles. It was an undertaking, and an adventure, never to be forgotten. He and his brother Ellis went ahead, in a little Model T Ford pick-up truck, to build a small corral in which to keep the cattle temporarily. There were thirty-one head, and when they arrived

in a huge trailer truck a few days later, the two resourceful boys had the enclosure finished. After that the cattle had to be put out to graze daily, and "minded" by the younger children, until the older boys could get some fences built. But even every chicken was moved successfully without loss, and every member of the family plunged into the work of making Birchwood really a home. When Mr. Birch did arrive the next summer one "extra" accomplishment they could proudly show him was that they had fenced four hundred acres of the land.

During all these years of moving, of poverty, and of unceasing farm chores, neither John nor any of the children old enough to go to school ever missed a year, or a month. Secular education for their children in the institutions available, religious education in the Sunday Schools and church services nearby, and both secular and a religious education continuously at home, constituted together a "must" to which Mr. and Mrs. Birch were willing to sacrifice almost all other considerations—and frequently did. John graduated from Gore High School in Chattooga County, at the head of his class. One year after the family settled at Birchwood John entered Mercer University in Macon, where he led his class, and from which he received his B.A. Degree in 1939, *magna cum laude*. He then went to the Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where he did two years work in one year and still graduated at the head of his class. His impact on that school while he was there, as much as the small part of his fabulous later record which did seep through, is responsible for the fact that one of their buildings was later named John Birch Hall. And his graduation from the Seminary, in June, 1940, brings us up to the second question in our series of five.

III

Early Months in China

John had volunteered for missionary work in China while he was still a senior at Mercer. He had already been accepted by the World's Fundamentalist Baptist Missionary Fellowship when he went to Fort Worth. He sailed for China in July, 1940, and never returned.

The first six months, in addition to performing missionary duties of which he was capable, he attended a language school in Shanghai. To a natural genius for languages he added determination and an unceasing desire to continue learning, from every source, after this formal initiation into Chinese. Eventually he acquired a fluency possessed by few Americans. By early in 1941 he could speak the native tongue well enough to be sent to Hangchow, where he taught at a Chinese school for boys, conducted services, and worked with the Chinese ministers in the small churches of a wide area. Here was a preacher, burning with zeal, who really intended to preach. He went out regularly through the Japanese occupation lines to see rural congregations, and visited many villages where no American had been seen since fighting had first reached that area three and one-half years before. He was the only missionary in Hangchow who continued excursions to the country during all the "gathering gloom" (his own phrase) of 1941. And by the time Pearl Harbor came he had so incurred the wrath of the Japanese that the very first day of

official war with America they sent a detachment to arrest John Birch. But he escaped, and fled to Shangjao in Kiangsi Province. There, with funds completely cut off, he and four native preachers sustained and encouraged the little congregations of converts to the best of their abilities—and made more converts. Despite every handicap, one earnest group, blessed by John's guidance and enthusiasm, actually built one small new church during these hectic months.

Not only was John without money, except for the very little he had saved out of his salary of fifty dollars per month, but most of these small savings were in traveler's checks which, after Pearl Harbor, no bank in Kiangsi would cash. Communications with America were impossible. In January there arrived at Shangjao, after a precarious journey from Shanghai through occupied territory, a baptized native who brought a message from missionaries stranded in that city. They asked John to get word to headquarters in Chicago that all funds, any funds, for them, should be sent through John Birch in Shangjao. This was only in part because Shangjao was still in "Free China." It was because John was so inevitably a leader of men, on whom others leaned in time of trouble. Despite his own desperate shortage he relayed this message by radio, cable, and air mail, but no answer came.

One of the native preachers gave up and went to his small home in another province. And by April 15 John was completely destitute. But the turning point was at hand. On April 18, the very day of Doolittle's raid, the Chinese Army Headquarters in Hangchow cashed traveler's checks which the banks had rejected. John's first thought was of his desperate "brothers" in the North. The native "brother" was still in Shangjao. John gave this man all of the funds he could possibly spare, and set out at once in a small borrowed boat to conduct him down the river into Chekiang Province, to see that he got started as safely as possible on the perilous journey back to Shanghai. Accompanying this emissary as far as Sing Teng, John even visited several of the country churches in that area. Then he returned alone up the river, through the dangerous no-man's land towards Shangjao. It was on this return trip that he stopped to eat in the restaurant where he was accosted by the native who took him to Colonel Doolittle.

IV

The Missionary Becomes a Soldier

By April, 1942, John Birch was aware that the Japanese would soon overrun Shangjao. He had already written the American Military Mission in Chungking, asking to join the army as a chaplain, as a private, or in whatever capacity he could be most useful. After his encounter with Colonel Doolittle events moved very rapidly, both as to the general developments in that part of China and as to John's own life in the midst of these developments.

At Lanchi he and Colonel Doolittle separated, the Colonel going on to Chungking and John taking the train back to Shangjao. The day he reached that city, April 27, two telegrams arrived. One was money from the Fellowship office in Chicago. The other was from Chungking, ordering him to duty at Ch'u Chou Airbase, and then to go to the capital city when his work at the

airbase was finish. On May 4 he wrote his parents a long letter from Ch'u Chou, concerning his recent activities, and ending with these lines: "This week I have been serving as chaplain to the flyers who bombed Tokyo; now most of them have gone on to Chungking, and when the dead and wounded shall have been cared for, I shall go on, too. Needless to say, please pray. The Japs are bombing here daily now." That last admonition seems to have been well justified. For on the very day John left Ch'u Chou, four and one-half weeks later, the Japanese bombed the headquarters where he had been living, killing four people.

In the meantime, amazingly and unexpectedly, he had received from his parents a cashable draft for one hundred and ten American "gold" dollars. Nobody knew and appreciated more than John himself how much sacrifice on their part this represented. But it came just in time to help him and the Chinese preachers evacuate before the advancing Japs, who soon captured their mission in Shangjao and overran Ch'u Chou as well.

On May 28, his twenty-fourth birthday, with his chaplain's work in Ch'u Chou finished, John headed for Chungking. Transportation was hard to find, because of the proximity and fierceness of the fighting, the rapidity of the Japanese advance, and the resulting mass evacuation. But with the help of some Chinese officers John finally caught a gasoline truck bound for southern Kiangsi Province. They were held up by floods, washed-out bridges, impassable ferry crossings, and other obstacles, time and time again, but at last reached Heng Yang, in Hunan Province, on June 10. There John got the night train to Kweilin, in Kwangsi Province, where by a miracle of coincidence, he bumped into General Claire Chennault, Commander of the famous American Volunteer Group. General Chennault gave John a ride in an Army transport plane — his first in any plane — to Chungking, which they reached on June 16. For the next three weeks he served as assistant chaplain to the A.V.G. And on July 4, 1942, he was inducted as a 2nd Lieutenant into the China Air Task Force of the American Army. This unit, which on that very day superseded the simultaneously dissolved American Volunteer Group, remained under the command of General Chennault, and the following March became the 14th Air Force.

Colonel Doolittle, still in Chungking at this time, was very much interested in Chinese aviation. One of John's early but incidental jobs was serving as interpreter for the colonel in conversations with the Chinese flight commanders. This was undoubtedly the hardest language test that John ever faced, for he himself confessed wryly that most of Doolittle's technical terms were not even known to him in English. But he handled the assignment with great satisfaction to everybody concerned, until Colonel Doolittle left China.

It cannot be guessed now whether John Birch, Baptist missionary, would ever have been assigned to Intelligence but for his accidental experience as helper and interpreter for Colonel Doolittle. Certainly John himself had not even thought of this as a possibility, as his letters clearly reveal. But hindsight makes it evident that few men have ever been better equipped for the work by training, or better suited to it by character. He had many assets for the

purpose in addition to those which have already been mentioned.

One of the most important and useful of these assets was his elementary but adequate knowledge of radio, plus a natural mechanical aptitude. At Birchwood, when John was sixteen years old and the family was too poor to buy a radio, he and Ellis had built their own. Now, during the next three years, he was to become a technical expert, at installing, repairing, and operating radio equipment, in all kinds of places and under the most adverse conditions.

For about eight months John worked directly under and very close to General Chennault, as an Intelligence Officer, in Chungking and then in Kunming. Not too much is known of his activities during this period, but some light is thrown on them by a letter written by Chennault in November, 1942. Dated at Kunming, on stationery of Headquarters, China Air Task Force, it is addressed to 2nd Lt. John M. Birch, 23rd Fighter Group, and reads as follows:

> 1. Your recent secret mission in relation to intelligence matters, which led you extremely close to enemy territory, has been invaluable to the China Air Task Force. The successful accomplishment of this hazardous mission required fortitude, courage, and devotion to duty. The excellent manner in which you have carried out this difficult duty is highly commended.
>
> 2. A copy of this letter will be placed in your 201 file.
>
> C. L. Chennault
> Brigadier General,
> A.U.S. Commanding

It is also known that, without previous training, John arranged the organization and correction of maps, records, and incoming information, and practically established the Intelligence Headquarters of the newly created China Air Task Force.

Then, in March, 1943, when this group became the 14th Air Force, and was augmented in strength by the 308th Bomb Group, John was sent to Changsha, as Liaison and Intelligence Officer with Marshal Hsueh Yo, Commander of the Chinese Ninth War Area. He soon won the complete confidence and lasting respect of this general; and with extremely limited facilities was able to set up a steady flow of intelligence information back to headquarters. The result was that, for the first time, air support of the Chinese troops by the 14th Air Force was made possible by knowledge of where these troops were and what they were trying to do. But all of John's excellent achievements in this more routine work were completely overshadowed by his exploits in the field. There are many reports, some couched in much more official language, concerning these activities of John Birch, from both American and Chinese sources—and there are probably some in the Japanese archives, too, if they could be uncovered. But perhaps the best is a very short and informal statement by Colonel Wilfred Smith, which reads in part as follows:

> "—About the time of John's arrival in Changsha, the Japanese were preparing another offensive. John gave us early warning of enemy intentions and made it possible for us to bomb supply columns as they were forming, as well as supply dumps. As soon as

the offensive gained momentum John, with a portable radio set, accompanied Chinese troops to the front line and observed the hour-to-hour shifts in the enemy attack. During the whole campaign John kept the 14th Air Force Headquarters advised by radio of the enemy attack. He had not had any formal training in the operation of a radio but soon learned to master the technique and was on the air constantly talking to pilots as they attacked. He would say 'White Pontiac, do you see my white panels?' John would have huge strips of cloth on the ground with arrow pointing to the target. The pilot would say 'Roger, boy, Roger.' Then John would say, 'There is a howitzer over there about a quarter of a mile northeast of that pagoda.' The answer would come back 'Roger.' Then John would say, 'Hold it, you are shooting over,' and then he would say, 'Bring it down, that's it, you got it that time.'

"We called that kind of work 'air-ground liaison.' John would be in sight of these targets he was calling. The pilots used to talk about how much help it was, and often it was like being led by the hand to the target. John spent about six weeks with the Chinese troops in the 1943 Tungting Lake campaign, and we called him the eyes of the 14th Air Force. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that Chinese troops ever knew what efficient air support could do, and the experience certainly heightened the morale of the Chinese troops immeasurably. General Hsueh said that if he had fifty teams like the one John handled he could lick the Japs himself singlehanded. But we just didn't have radios and men. If John should break a tube it would be all my life was worth just to get one tube."

There were many incidental or additional benefits to the American-Chinese allies, from this one-man intelligence offensive, which are not covered in these paragraphs from Colonel Smith's report. For one thing it was, as General Chennault had said, the first time any American — even a war correspondent — had ever been able to stay *in the field* with a Chinese Army, and live. John Birch proved to his fellow Americans that it could be done, and many other brave and hardy souls — mostly ex-missionaries — followed his example and carried out similar tasks. But what was equally important, was proving this fact to the Chinese. They thought that Americans were so accustomed to living in the lap of luxury — which they were by Chinese standards — that they could not really be very good ground soldiers. John Birch proved that he could get along on exactly the same rations, and live continuously under the same conditions, that they did, and still fight and work twenty hours a day. By his own stamina and character John so improved relations of the Americans with the Chinese in the Ninth War Area that he was able to arrange an effective rescue system for American pilots shot down behind the Japanese lines. Colonel Smith says further along: "John set that up himself. I could conservatively estimate that about fifty American pilots were saved by the system which John organized in 1943-44." And General Chennault said, in 1945, that about ninety per cent of his downed flyers had been saved by John's

rescue arrangements — the highest percentage in any war theatre.

In the long official commendation of John Birch by Major General Charles B. Stone, one other significant result of these field activities is recorded. "Early in 1944, in the Hunan combat area, he organized and conducted a school for Chinese Army radio operators and cryptographers for ground-air coordination parties, training well over a hundred of these critically needed individuals." Further along General Stone adds: "During all of these phases he sent back to Fourteenth Air Force Headquarters by radio a constant stream of invaluable combat and political intelligence."

And the final word on John's services in Hunan can appropriately be given to General Hsueh Yo himself. On December 14, 1943, he sent an official communication to "Major General C. L. Chennault, C.C., 14th U.S. Air Force" on the subject "Tribute paid to 1st Lieutenant John M. Birch." It read, in translation, as follows:

> "During the whole of this Changteh campaign, the diligent and efficient service of 1st Lt. John M. Birch, liaison and intelligence officer of the 14th U.S. Air Force on detached service in this war zone, who has worked continuously day and night without taking rest, contributed greatly to the close cooperation of the ground and air troops and to the happy conclusion of the said campaign. It is requested that he be given high merits for his brilliant service."
>
> General Hsueh Yo
> Commanding General
> Ninth War Zone

This message was forwarded to John by General Chennault, with an extremely commendatory message of his own. It ended: "Your successes will play an important part in finally driving the Japanese from China."

They did.

V

An Expedition to the Yangtze

Years later Chennault, in his autobiographical history, *The Way Of A Fighter,* was to write: "John Birch was the pioneer of our field-intelligence net." Applications of the word "pioneer" to John Birch recur so frequently in comments concerning his career, from all sources, that we shall be unable ourselves to avoid repeating the term without omitting material and quotations needed for other purposes. To be the pioneer, and chart both purpose and course, under the prevailing circumstances, however, required endowments of a superior order. A physical and mental imperviousness to privation and hardship, even for long periods of time, was one of John's assets for intelligence work that we have already glanced at in passing. It deserves a longer look.

Since it is not the custom of Intelligence men to do much talking about their exploits, and since John Birch was, according to all reports, about the least loquacious of this reticent lot, there are many of his trips, and many months of his life, about which we have almost no information. We know, for instance, that at some time and for some purpose he made the difficult journey to Tibet — nothing more. We know that he once rode a Mongolian pony sixty miles through a snowstorm over rough terrain, in one

day — but not when or why. Nevertheless the known facts were sufficient to make his hardihood a legend.

Part of this ability came from mental attitude and determination. But part of it came from a splendid youthful physique, with tremendous recuperative powers, and with a camel-like ability to refuel for long stretches whenever the opportunity offered. During John's months in Chungking, after his arrival there in June, 1942, his appetite had been regarded with amazement by everybody. Headquarters of Chennault's A.V.G., and of the Task Force which succeeded it, were at Peishiyi Air Base, actually some thirty miles out of Chungking, and the food provided this group by the Chinese at this time was excellent and plentiful. But John would eat a large dinner, which filled everybody else up, and then turn right around and eat a second dinner, just like the first, starting with soup and straight on through dessert. His system was recovering strength and substance after those long months on bamboo shoots and rice; and was automatically, if without conscious intention, preparing for even more months ahead when it would have to get along exclusively on similar sustenance again.

In August, 1943, during a lull between the two Changteh campaigns, John left Changsha with two Chinese radio operators and six coolies. All he took with him was one case of D rations, a tommy gun, and a .45 pistol; and some scant bedding and several radios which were carried by the coolies. His mission was to contact General Shuen Yoh who commanded, in the Hankow-Wuning-Wienning triangle, a hard-hitting guerilla outfit known euphemistically as the 2nd Group Brigade. In between were mountains, areas of scorching semi-tropical heat, and the enemy. The only beverage to be drunk with safety was boiled water, or tea; and about the only food available behind the lines was "red rice with rocks in it." John himself had sufficient respect for the danger involved to have left in Changsha this message: "If anything should happen to me please tell my family I am deeply grateful for my Christian home and upbringing." But he and his little troupe walked the three hundred miles, averaging thirty miles per day — and back again. Although he had completely worn out two pairs of Army shoes, and actually reached Changsha in Chinese cloth sandals, John returned safely in October, "lean, deeply sunburned, but in splendid condition, and greatly inspired with the success of his mission."

He had found the Chinese guerillas completely cooperative and helpful. "While on the Yangtze," General Chennault reports, "Birch discovered the Japanese were much more dependent on the Shihweiyao iron mines and smelter than we had suspected. He sent us detailed information that enabled us to cripple the blast furnaces and docks by bombing."

On this same mission John learned through his guerilla friends that the Japanese were using a suburb near Hankow to conceal a big munitions dump from air attacks on that city. After this information was transmitted by radio relays to headquarters the bombers were still unable to locate the target. So John himself filtered back through the lines far enough to be picked up by a plane, and rode in the nose of the lead B-25 to pin-point the exact spot for the bombardier. When

the first bombs hit, munitions started exploding, and soon the whole seemingly deserted town erupted into a volcano of smoke and fire. John's Chinese friends, who had tipped him off to this secret, were watching from a nearby hill, and were greatly impressed by what he had been able to accomplish. When he later made his way forward to that area once more, to continue his expedition, they told him that the dump had been completely destroyed.

Most important result of the whole mission, however, was John's establishment of tiny radio stations overlooking the main river ports, including one such station on a small island right in the Yangtze. "From this station," 1st Lt. Arthur H. Hopkins, Jr., who was carrying on John's radio mission in Changsha while he was gone, has written, "the Chinese radio operators sent into the 14th Air Force reports of Japanese shipping along the most important waterways, and daily weather reports." This station and others John set up "worked back to him" in Changsha; from where he translated and relayed the information to 14th Air Force Headquarters. And as Colonel Wilfred Smith put it, through John's placing those sets on the river, from then on "the Japs never moved a ship on the Yangtze without our knowledge."

Hopkins wrote further: "John was a pioneer in this type of work, and completed many missions of this nature. Some of the time he disguised himself as a Chinese coolie, even carrying a load from a bamboo pole across his shoulders. He spoke Chinese so perfectly that the natives all thought he was a Chinese from another province." Very few Americans could get away with this, and, as we have already remarked, it was a tremendously valuable accomplishment to have such a command of the language; but probably even fewer Americans could survive the work and the living conditions, required to be convincing as a Chinese coolie, for any worthwhile length of time.

In October John Birch and Arthur Hopkins together set up a new and much larger radio station in Changsha, John having gone to Kunming for the personnel and equipment immediately on his return from the Yangtze expedition. Hopkins was transferred early in November, and John personally handled most of the liaison work during the battle for Changteh in November and December. Once again, while this battle lasted, he worked twenty hours a day for a stretch of several weeks.

In February, 1944, John went to Kunming again for more supplies. He spent the month of March further improving the operation in Changsha, and then the station was taken over by Captain Malcolm Rosholt. For the 14th Air Force was now ready to start extending its operations further north. And John Birch, because of both his skill and enthusiasm as a trail blazer, was sent to pioneer the intelligence and liaison work north of the Yangtze Kiang. His usefulness, and the importance of his work, were to increase greatly in this new theatre of the war.

VI

Settling Down in Anhwei

Now solid experience, and the complete confidence of his superiors and fellow officers, helped to make more valuable one asset which he had possessed from the beginning. That was an extremely practical approach to the

total job to be done. For John Birch intelligence and liaison work was never a matter of going through certain motions or prescribed procedures, or a thing apart for him to do as his particular duty and for somebody else to make effective. The idea was to drive the Japs out of China. John saw anything and everything that might contribute to that end as a part of his own job.

Major General Stone, in his official commendation of John Birch for the Distinguished Service Cross, from which we have already quoted, summarized a part of John's activities for about twelve months in one paragraph as follows:

> "Having participated until mid-1944 in the early stages of the final North-South Japanese drive, and having organized a highly successful supply-dropping operation for the hard-pressed Chinese ground troops, he was designated to go on a political mission into the Japanese-held northern province of Shantung. But on his way there a strategic situation having developed in the intermediate province of Anhwei, and receiving orders to assist the Chinese Army Commander there, he spent several months until spring, 1945, developing intelligence in the area and, during the course of his stay, organized the construction of two secret airfields adjacent to Japanese-held territory, from which a number of forced-down air personnel were rescued, and successfully took off again, key supplies for forward Chinese units and important undercover agents were landed at a saving of many weeks of otherwise unavoidable ground travel. These fields were used on several occasions as refueling points on extended combat missions."

This paragraph, accurate and completely appropriate for its purpose, is nevertheless suggestive of the condensation, by the Persian scholars in Anatole France's story, of the history of the whole human race into "They were born, they suffered, they died." Since ours is not an official report, we can afford to look at a little of the detail behind this condensation.

Actually, the mission to the north was decided on at a conference in Kunming between Colonel Jesse Williams and Colonel Wilfred Smith in which John participated. The idea was to have John do in North China what he had already done so successfully in South China; establish widespread and useful liaison and intelligence in the field. The fact that almost everything north of the Yangtze was enemy-held territory, and that there were at this time three million Japanese in China, approximately one-half of them in the armed forces, does not seem to have discouraged either John or his superiors in the least.

The operation was planned to begin with three men: First Lt. (later Captain) William Drummond, Sergeant Eichenberry (a good radio man), and John — now Captain — Birch. Captain Birch was to be in charge, and Colonel Williams issued the final order on March 17. Drummond and Eichenberry went ahead with supplies, John went back to Changsha to wind things up there, and they met at Lao Ho Kow on May 17, 1944.

At that time the Japs were starting their campaign along the Pinghan Railway, having already taken Loyang and

occupied the old right of way with their troops. Perhaps this had something to do with the orders John received to stop in Anhwei instead of going on to Shantung Province. At any rate he and Drummond and Eichenberry stayed at Lao Ho Kow until May 26, and then took off with one Chinese officer in the direction of Fowyang. Proceeding by foot they arrived on June 6th at the small town of Shenchiu, and decided that this was it. They set up their radio station in Shenchiu.

From June 6 through September 6 one of the party was always at Shenchiu, and this was their central point of contact. During the first part of this period, or about June 15, the first B-29 raid on Japan occurred. The planes flew right over Shenchiu that night and then early in the morning flew back over Shenchiu in the opposite direction. Their fate was unknown to John or his crew for some time. But the flight had been a great help, nevertheless. For the Chinese in that area had not been able to see how the Americans and their radio station could possibly do any good there. This visible evidence of the reach of American airpower changed their minds and made the mission considerably easier.

In the meantime, immediately on arrival and entirely on his own initiative, John had started looking for possible locations for emergency airfields. He found two promising spots, the nearest one about fifty miles away. With Chinese officers and the aid of Chinese engineers, all of whom he had to persuade that the project was worth while, he went out himself and laid out the rough dimensions and plans for the field. (One summer back in Georgia, between college years, John had worked on a surveying crew. The experience probably helped a little now, simply in giving him a better understanding of the task.) Then the Chinese did the job of actual construction, entirely by hand labor, and the whole field did not cost the U. S. Air Force a penny. The same was true of the second field built. John was able to get almost incredible cooperation and enthusiastic support from both the Chinese armed forces and Chinese civilians, because he knew how to deal with them diplomatically in their own language and because his sincere friendship for the Chinese and devotion to their cause were so unmistakable. For a few weeks there were literally thousands of coolies working on this field, building the strips by the most primitive labor methods known.

Then a very ill wind for one of his crew was converted by John into a very good wind for his general purpose. Sergeant Eichenberry came down sick, very sick. The Chinese physician identified the disease as cholera. John got a radio message through to Kunming recommending that they send a plane out there to evacuate Eichenberry. It was always hard to get the Air Force to use a temporary field. So John's idea was not only to get Eichenberry out, but also to force the issue by getting a plane in and thus breaking the ice for the use of his new field. And so, on July 19, only six weeks after John Birch had first reached Shenchiu, the Chinese American Composite Wing sent a B-25 bomber and eight P-40's as an escort to this field which his Chinese friends had built. They picked up Eichenberry and took him out. They dropped a few supplies, the first John's mission had had, except what they brought with

them. And the new field was in business; established as a forward base which saved about half the distance for normal operations and enabled the 14th Air Force to extend their striking range several hundred miles.

Birch and Drummond went back then to Shenchiu and worked together there for about four weeks. Then on August 13 John got himself picked up at one of his "temporary" fields and taken back to Kunming. But he had arranged that the same plane which took him out brought in Sergeant Lee, an American-born Chinese radio operator, so that Drummond and Lee could maintain effective radio headquarters at Shenchiu while he was gone.

The purpose of John's trip was to report to headquarters, to discuss the prospects of using his Shenchiu mission and the two airfields for forward air bases and as a central source of intelligence for North China and Manchuria — and to obtain supplies and equipment. He was successful in all particulars, even and especially in convincing headquarters of the value of the enterprise. He arrived back at one of the airfields on October 18, in a transport, accompanied by a C-47 loaded with freight. Altogether he brought back between five and six thousand pounds of radio equipment and supplies. He also brought back Lt. Lu, one of his old radio operators from the Changsha station. The two Americans, Captain Birch and Lt. Drummond, and the two Chinese, Lt. Lu and Sergeant Lee, then worked together at Shenchiu until November 2. They were justifiably proud of the fact that, at the end of the longest supply line in the world, which was the China theatre, they were at the end of the longest branch in that area — 850 miles by air from Kunming — and were functioning so well.

As soon as they had all of the additional equipment properly nailed down, both Birch and Drummond agreed they should split off and reach out for new contacts. They both left Shenchiu on November 2. But before Drummond got too far word reached him that postponed these excursions. It might be well to quote Lt. Drummond's own report here for a while.

"We got information that flyers from the B-20 raid back in June had been downed near Nanking and that they were being directed out of the Communist area. I headed off toward the temporary airfield, and the (first) flyers pulled in there on November 4. I contacted John and asked him to come down to this airfield so we could get the plane to evacuate these men, which he did. John came down by bicycle and horseback . . . bringing with him radio supplies. We finally made arrangements to have a transport flown in to pick up these men. Incidentally, they were pretty glad to see us, as we were the first Americans they had seen since they were forced down.

"A curious thing occurred the day the plane was to be flown in, November 15. It started to rain early in the morning, so we sent the word in, figuring that there was no chance the plane would come in that day. At noon that day the Chinese planned a special feast for us. We were eating goat meat. Although it was raining, we were supposed to go out to make contact every hour until ordered by headquarters to secure, but it was raining so hard we figured no plane

would come. But John said since it was near the hour, and no orders had come, he would go out anyway to see. So he went out there and he hadn't been gone more than three quarters of an hour when we heard engine noise. Well, everybody broke for the door and the airfield, through the knee-deep mud. I took off on foot, but never made it at all. These 20th Air Force boys (the downed flyers) went on Chinese ponies and outdistanced me. None of the flyers knew how to ride and one riderless pony came by, and the riders went staggering on in the mud. But all got to the plane, though they left their stuff behind.

"There was no escort (for the transport plane) and it surely was bad weather. John was up at the other end of the field with the radio. The field itself was 3,500 feet long. I got down there and John was standing watching the plane take off. He was absolutely dazed and it was five minutes before I could get the story out of him. What had happened was, he had gone out to the field, taking with him a portable direction finder; and while he was tuning in the radio he thought he heard engine noise, but couldn't see anything, the rain was driving so hard. Incidentally, the wind had blown the roof off the temporary radio hut out there, and the rain was coming down on the radio equipment. It was lucky he had brought the finder along (engine noise under rain conditions doesn't give accurate direction), and got a fix on the plane and gave the pilot enough instructions to be able to make a landing. Without these instructions the pilot could not have found the strip and would have had to return without landing.

"When I got there John was standing, soaked to the skin, holding a carton of cigarettes in one hand and the portable direction finder in the other. He said to me 'You can have these. I don't smoke and the pilot says this is his last trip to China, he won't need them.'

"Ordinarily the operation of landing a plane in this field under these circumstances would require at least three men; one to operate the hand-driven generator, one to operate the large transmitter and receiver, and the third to stand outside the hut to give directions to those inside, and to talk the plane in. Actually what John did was to operate the transmitter and generator on the large radio in the rain until the plane was within range of the portable direction finder, and then talk the plane in with this portable outfit. While the plane was landing he had to run on foot to a spot on the field near enough to the plane so the pilot could see him as he served as transient guide, so the plane could taxi to an appropriate spot for unloading and loading. He then had to run ahead of the take-off as the pilot knew nothing of the field.

"It is always dangerous business to bring a plane in, in a temporary field, because radio silence has to be broken and any Jap planes in the area could locate the field and might destroy the plane. Also the plane had to carry enough fuel for the return trip (fuel was as valuable as blood at that time and it took more than eight hundred gallons just for one way), and the plane could waste no time on the ground. With the rain and every

condition against him, the split-minute efficiency left John unnerved. He could hardly believe the plane had come and gone when it was all over."

It's no wonder that another one of John Birch's associates in the war, in sending his wife a photograph of John, inscribed on it: "Keep this picture; I can tell you endless stories of him!" And perhaps the quality or asset of John Birch which we should have stressed most was dependability; an unceasing attention to duty at whatever infinite pains might be required. For a failure to contact that rescue plane and bring it in and get it off with every flyer — however excusable and understandable such a failure could have been under the circumstances — might have given John's whole Shenchiu operation a black eye, and caused a loss of absolute confidence back at headquarters, which would have greatly reduced the importance and effectiveness of the mission and of John's further enterprising efforts in the future.

VII

A Christmas Party

John Birch had many characteristics which might not have been assets, for an intelligence-liaison job, in everybody, but which certainly were for him. For one thing, he neither drank, nor smoked, nor swore. But he avoided all the possible bad effects of this almost fanatical personal asceticism by a complete tolerance of the habits of others, by a constant deprecation of any possible claims to virtue on his part, and by a rollicking humor. His favorite remark, by radio or in person, to anybody who was not coming through promptly enough or fully enough with the cooperation he thought called for, was: "What's the matter, don't you want to win this war?" John himself was an unswervingly fundamentalist Baptist. But he once wrote his parents of his delight on the arrival at his station of an officer who was an ardent Christian of another denomination — and then added slyly: "Of course, I do hope he gets a good immersion sometime soon." And one of his perennial jokes was about the way the Chinese managed to grow so many rocks in their rice.

Perhaps humor is not the word to describe the trait in John Birch about which we are talking, but human-ness. He once told Arthur Hopkins that he considered PX supplies a "frivolous luxury which saps the morale of an army." And yet he was notorious for buying PX supplies for enlisted men under him, on the basis of loans whenever they were short of money, and then never allowing the loans to be repaid. John fully appreciated the dramatic incongruities which were a frequent part of the incidents of war. As when 1st Lt. T. J. Gribbs parachuted to earth, in what he thought was an extremely rural and remote part of China—which it was—and almost immediately found himself in the midst of a large party, of Americans and Chinese, singing Christmas carols and enjoying the usual Christmas festivities — (even including a Santa Claus, who was a Chinese dressed for the part) — with an active radio station at hand to take care of such emergencies as his own.

This was at Linchuan, a small town near Shenchiu, in December, 1944. At the airfield some fifty miles away, living under the most crowded conditions imaginable, and even then only through the limitless hospitality of the

self-sacrificing Chinese neighbors, were a large number of both destitute missionaries and "lost" flyers, waiting to be evacuated. But snow had made the field unusable, and finally had got so deep that the field couldn't even be found or recognized under the fourteen-inch blanket. At the time, Lt. Drummond was there with these charges, while John was working at Linchuan. The Chinese commander for this whole area, General Wang, had taken a great liking to John, understood what John and the mission were trying to accomplish, and did everything he possibly could to be helpful. The Christmas party was arranged by General Wang. John sent a message to the field. Lt. Drummond explained to the missionaries, most of whom were quite elderly, that absolutely nothing could be done for a few days anyway, and he and the flyers made Linchuan in two and one-half days on horseback. The Chinese exerted every effort to see that all of the Americans had a good time, and the whole interlude was a wonderful break.

In the meantime Tom Gribbs, of the 32nd Fighter Squadron of the 14th Air Force, had been compelled by a leak in his gas line to drop out of a formation in which he was flying a P-40. Not knowing where he was, he had picked out a spot about ten miles from Linchuan and come down to attempt a landing. Finding that he couldn't make it, he had taken his plane back up and bailed out. He was picked up by Chinese guerillas and taken into Linchuan — to find this Christmas party in full swing. He probably hasn't fully recovered from his amazement yet.

The pilotless plane nose-dived to earth not too far away. One week later a long line of coolies pulled up to the house at which John and Lt. Drummond were staying in Linchuan. John went out to ask them what they were doing, and they said, "Here's your plane." And with a tremendous crash they dropped it in the courtyard. One hundred and twenty of them had lifted the tangled wreck out of the earth and bodily carried it across country to Linchuan.

As badly mangled as it was, John and his associates thought that, under these circumstances, they certainly ought to salvage something from the remains. So he and Drummond and Gribbs rummaged through it thoroughly; but the best they could come up with was the rubber-tired tail wheel, which they used as the foundation for a new wheelbarrow. Or so they thought, but General Wang had a better idea. He got the Americans to melt down the aluminum fuselage, and out of it he had his metal smith make two bathtubs, which he presented to John and Lt. Drummond. If they could only have stayed at Linchuan long enough they could have been living in luxury.

There was one other result of this plane crash which was much more amusing to John. In all of the efforts of Drummond and himself, they were passively opposed by an old-style Chinese general in the area, who never could understand what they were doing, and who had no faith in any modern gadgets or scientific improvements. This General Chow was friendly enough, but just unconvinced. He made a visit to the house where John and Drummond were staying to see how they were getting along. John took him out back to see Gribb's plane. General Chow looked at this tangled mass of scrap, scratched his head, and

said: "This airplane business, it still hasn't been perfected." Then he wanted to know how badly the pilot was hurt in landing it. Suddenly it dawned on John that not only had the general probably never heard of a parachute, but that obviously he thought this was the normal result of landing any plane whenever one came down. So John, without enlightening him, solemnly explained that the pilot, who knew his "airplane business" quite well, had not been hurt at all; and then took great delight in introducing the evidently unharmed Gribbs to the astounded general. Months later John Birch was still chuckling over, and enjoying telling friends about, General Chow's obvious mystification.

The missionaries at the airfield were themselves just one episode of a war-long story. From the beginning John had felt a personal responsibility for helping the stranded missionaries, of all denominations. Colonel Wilfred Smith has written, of the earlier — South China — period: "No one will ever know exactly how many missionaries were aided in their evacuation by John. . . . He would stick his neck out. When he was with me he would get an airplane and evacuate them. But John always sent back (with the missionaries) an important packet of military information, which justified his asking for the plane."

This particular lot at the airfield in December, 1944, were China Inland Mission people who had been stranded in the Tenth War Area. They had received orders to leave and report to Chungking, but couldn't get back. John had been in touch with some of them on his own initiative, and had got the word spread around as to where they were to rendezvous. At the time, Lt. Drummond, who had started earlier for Chinese Tenth War Area headquarters at Lihuang, had been obliged to go back to the airbase with more American flyers he had gathered up and others who were coming in. It was an unusually cold winter, rivers were frozen, there was a lot of snow, traveling was miserable, the field was useless, and there was no place at first for even Drummond and the flyers to live except in the tiny quarters at the field. Then about December 20 these missionaries — American, British, and Dutch women, almost all of them over sixty — began to arrive. John had already made arrangements with the Air Force to include these people on the next plane that came in to evacuate flyers. (Lt. Drummond says: "I don't think the missionaries ever realized what a favor this was that John took upon himself — it was difficult to accomplish.") But Drummond, who had himself barely got back to the field with flyers who had been brought to him by guerillas at Kushi, knew nothing of these arrangements. The missionaries enlightened him. They wanted to know if he was Lieutenant Drummond, and if this was the place to which they had been directed for evacuation by instructions of Captain Birch. Drummond decided that undoubtedly the answer to both questions was yes, but what to do with these women had him stumped. His report to John on the radio was a masterpiece. "Harvey's Restaurant," he said, "is absolutely jammed. I hope you are not sending any more customers." The day was saved by a Chinese family, with a fairly large house, moving out of whole sections of it and turning these parts over

to Drummond's refugees. Even then food and fuel was a tough problem.

On January 4 Drummond and the flyers left Linchuan and returned to the airfield — arriving in the midst of another snowstorm. When the snow stopped and the weather cleared, it turned even colder, and he and John were becoming pretty desperate to get their charges out. So, at the rather terrible risk of Japanese attack, from exposing the bare black strip of the airfield in such a wide expanse of white, they made the field usable by the most fundamental expedient. All it required was incredible cooperation from the native inhabitants of the area, such as only men like William Drummond and John Birch could obtain. Working against the danger of a thaw, which would make their work a waste and the field useless for another month, between 750 and 800 Chinese went out with hand shovels, day after day in the bitter cold, and simply carried the snow off the field. John got a plane in, early on the morning of January 14. All of the flyers, and all of the missionaries but one, a man, were able to get aboard. He got out on the next plane, one month later.

VIII

The O.S.S. Comes to China

Bill Drummond described John Birch as "absolutely fearless, completely unselfish, never thinking of his personal discomfort or danger." This expresses the amazingly unanimous appraisal of everybody who knew him in China. But it is not to be supposed, from this consecrated attitude toward his work, that John was by any means an automaton; or that he was devoid of normal human ambitions and emotions, simply because he kept them so firmly in check.

For one thing, there was a stubbornness about John Birch, when he felt sure he was right, that was a tough obstacle for anybody who needed to break it down. This streak showed up most emphatically, in the form of his personal loyalty to General Chennault, when the Office of Strategic Services began taking over intelligence and liaison work in China late in 1944. John thought the change was both unfair and unwise. He wasn't having any. And he stated publicly, and officially, that he had rather work as a private for Chennault than as a colonel for the O.S.S.

This was not in the least because he put his personal preferences over a sense of duty. For during all these hard thirty months, or more, what John had wanted most was to become a fighter pilot. Somehow, in the midst of everything else, he had learned to fly, had flown some of the small training ships the Chinese had available, and had passed the physical requirements to enter an Army flying school back in the States. As Arthur Hopkins puts it, "he did not feel that he was doing enough, walking around behind enemy lines, but he wanted to be in there shooting." He had been promised the opportunity, and pleaded more than once to have it fulfilled. But the opportunity never materialized, simply because John was too valuable as a liaison officer. By his work in the field he made himself, in the eyes of Chennault and many others, "more valuable than a dozen pilots." Edwin James used to say frequently, on pointing John out to his fellow officers, "There goes the most important *one* man in our China operations." Exag-

gerated though this may have been, the appraisal of Captain Birch's superiors was too nearly the same for him to be spared. So John was denied his request each time, and went on making himself more valuable as an intelligence and liaison officer.

But John, and others like him, starting from scratch in a country overrun by the enemy, had built up an intelligence and liaison service that was practical, efficient, sparked by unshakable confidence of its members in each other, and increasingly successful. To have men from the European front, who knew nothing of China or the Chinese people, coming in and taking over, through the simple leverage of having all the money allotted to them by Washington, was a bitter pill for a lot of people besides John Birch. Also, John was entirely too intelligent, and by this time too experienced, not to recognize some of the undercurrents that were already starting to cut the ground out from under our Chinese allies, with whom he and the rest of Chennault's forces had been working in marvelously close unison for years.

The result was that his superiors let the matter ride for quite a while, and John was carried for some months as a member of the 14th Air Force after the rest of the intelligence crew had been assigned to O.S.S. But regardless of the wisdom of the course, or the reasons behind it, the O.S.S. did take over. General Chennault has said, "In the spring of 1945 I was ordered to transfer my Intelligence Service — my entire Intelligence organization — to O.S.S. In order to continue to get intelligence, I had to leave my men in the O.S.S., but they still gave me intelligence reports and still rescued my men." John's anomalous position finally became too embarrassing to maintain. Colonel Wilfred Smith argued with him at great length, and General Chennault himself radioed John to come to Kunming for a talk. Chennault pointed out how dependent he and the 14th Air Force still were on their former intelligence team, even though the members of that team had to work now for the O.S.S. It was arranged that Captain Birch would serve as officially "on loan" to the O.S.S., rather than being formally transferred. And it was on this "detached service" basis that John operated under O.S.S. orders, from May, 1945 for the remainder of the war — and of his life. The fact that he received no further promotions in rank may have been due to his peculiar status. For the newcomers to China in the O.S.S. came rapidly to share the universal admiration for him as a man and as an officer, and a continued dependence on him for the most difficult missions.

John had clearly foreseen the basic significance of some of the moves taking place, including the intention to brush Chennault aside; and had contributed his own one-man fight against it as a matter of principle in which he deeply believed. But during these very months when the protracted argument was going on, he had been doing his most important work of the war to date. In February he had gone to headquarters in Kunming for further plans and orders. Thereafter, he was all over China for a while, on various coordination tasks. In March he was back in Linchuan once more, to help establish an actual base there. Then, with a permanent team of about ten men, and more men drawn from the 10th Chinese Air Force as needed, he was constantly

establishing new bases, and bringing in personnel to man them. Again referring to Major General Stone's official summary, we find that "in April, 1945, he (John) supervised the placement of ten American air-ground coordination units out of Sian in North China which, operating with the Chinese Army in conjunction with 14th Air Force units, were largely instrumental in containing the Japanese drive from Honan Province towards Sian."

It was apparently at the end of these particular efforts that John caught plane rides a thousand miles to Kunming — the official version is that he "hitch-hiked" — for his conversation with General Chennault that led to his "temporary" attachment to O.S.S. in May. His continuous job, from then on until the end of the war in August, was the organizing of undercover intelligence activities in North China.

In the three years from May, 1942, when John Birch headed across Kiangsi Province for Chungking, expecting to be a chaplain, to May, 1945, when he joined O.S.S., John had matured a great deal. He himself, in a letter written during March, 1944, expressing his humble regret that he had not been living up to his high evangelical Christian purpose with all the unremitting zeal of which he felt he should have been capable, found one consoling thought for himself and for the equally devout aunt to whom he poured out his faith and his meditations. (This aunt, Miss May Cosman, a much loved teacher in the public schools of Landis Township, New Jersey, had first taught John to read when he was four years old, while the family was living in Vineland. Really his great-aunt — his mother's aunt —, she had contributed to his support while in college, helped him in many other ways, and exerted a strong influence over his whole life. John was a very loyal and grateful nephew.) "Meantime," he wrote, as though in self defense, "I am growing (in the arm of flesh) in ability to organize and handle men in the achievement of difficult tasks. So these years of violence are not entirely wasted." He then added a strikingly prophetic line: *"I believe that this war and the ensuing federations will set the world stage, as never before, for the rise of anti-Christ!"* And he closed by declaring what a privilege it would be, in that day, to fight on the Christian side.

Unfortunately, agents of the very anti-Christ, whose rise John foresaw, also recognized what a dangerous antagonist John Birch would be. For it was his firm intention, often announced, to remain in China and resume his missionary activities once the war was over. He had even given as one reason for learning to fly that with a small plane he would be able to multiply many fold his efforts in organizing new missions and churches and in keeping them strong and growing. His consecration to this dream was so great and so positive that for it he made, of his own free will, what must have been an extremely heavy sacrifice.

IX
The One Romance

Somehow, during these three years, John Birch had also found time to fall in love and become engaged. Contrary to what might be surmised from the puritan rigor of his existence and his assured self-discipline, John had an intensely romantic outlook on everything about life, including love. On success-

fully reaching the Yangtze Kiang at the end of his three hundred mile expedition through enemy territory in 1943, John had been so excited and pleased that he had reached down and scooped up some of the water with his hands and drunk it (even though he well knew the danger and did not usually take any needless risk of his life or his health). And he himself had said that he felt very much like Balboa discovering the Pacific. This was the same John Birch who, ever since he had been on the Army payroll, had been sending $150 per month back to his parents in Georgia, with instructions to use one-half of it themselves, towards making their lives a little easier, but to use the other seventy-five dollars per month to buy trees and plant them on any part of the family land which John might be able to call his own — or on land purchased for the purpose. Growing trees for the future not only represented to John a sound investment but, more important, a gesture to the adventure of life through the increase in living things. (Incidentally, his family followed his instructions faithfully and exactly. In order to make John's money go as far as possible, his father and mother and brothers and sisters planted all the seedlings themselves, and those trees are still growing on land around Macon today.)

John's fiancée was a Red Cross nurse at the Yale-in-China hospital in Changsha. She was a devoted Christian, was well aware that John was all chaplain inside of his temporarily assumed warrior's shell, and was apparently content with the prospect of being a missionary's wife. For a little while John's letters home revealed some of the happiness he felt in telling about the girl he was going to marry when the war was over. In the first of these, a letter to his sister Betty, dated March 7, 1944, he wrote:

> Don't tell anybody else, because it's still a bit early, but I have found the girl I expect to make my wife. Her name is Audrey, a lovely Scotch girl in the British Red Cross, daughter of a Baptist missionary in the C.I.M. in North China. I think she loves me, and I *know* I love her.
>
> I love you, too!
>
> John

But on May 16 he wrote Betty again, a long letter about many things, containing this paragraph:

> It's awfully nice of you to want to write Audrey a letter, and of course it wasn't "too early." Now, however, it is possibly a little late, since I have "busted" things up pretty thoroughly. She is a splendid capable girl, and I think both of you would be happy to have each other's friendship.

In letters to his parents he had already explained more fully, and with the pain showing more clearly between the lines. In one place he writes:

> Sorry for your sakes that Audrey's and my engagement is coming to naught, but I feel that it was contrary to the Lord's will to go on with it. I feel called to do some pioneer work in Central Asia after the war (he had long talked of extending his missionary work to West China and even to Chinese Turkestan) and it will be no place for a woman, . . . It seems now that she entered so deeply into my heart that I'll never care for another

woman, so I guess I'll return to my old creed. I Cor. 7!!

And in another letter:

> Father, I am grateful to you, sir, for your wise and kind advice on marriage, happiness, and unselfishness. God has been very good to me, along with all your children, in giving me parents who love the right and the truth, and who have given us a knowledge of these, rather than treasures of silver and gold. Just now I feel especially unworthy and unprofitable as a son of such parents, since I have disappointed Audrey, and you as well. Now I can only ask Him who knows the innermost thoughts of our hearts, and yet loves us, to forgive my wavering. . . .

There are several more paragraphs about the broken engagement, in the two letters, mostly defending and praising Audrey. But they also make clear that no inner sacrifice or outside force is going to stand in the way of a determination to do his part towards offering Christianity, Christian ideals and Christian brotherhood to the people of China.

X

The Preacher Inside

Because John's religious convictions were so deep, so simple, and so real, his attitude towards his own achievements and powers was a mixture of unusual modesty and of equally unusual assurance. He took little credit to himself for anything he accomplished, and always discounted its importance. But he put no limit to the possibilities of what a Divine Being might do through John Birch as one of that Being's worthy agents. To those of us whose religion is less fundamentalist in nature, it might seem that John gave too little credit to himself and too much to a Holy Spirit. But the distinction is of little importance. For John believed completely in free will, and even by his own understanding of the relationship of man to God, he had to be worthy in order to be chosen as one of God's instruments on earth.

He was entirely too human to be impervious to praise or gratitude. But he viewed both the deeds that brought on these rewards, and the rewards themselves, against too broad a background to let himself be deceived as to their significance. As he picked up commendations and honors, both Chinese and American, for his exploits in the field, he paused for the required moment to show his appreciation and pleasure at the recognition, and then turned his eyes resolutely ahead again. With regard to the Legion of Merit, awarded him on July 17, 1944, "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service," he wrote his mother at the end of a letter dated August 8:

> A message from headquarters said that as soon as I return to the office the General is going to pin the Legion Of Merit medal on me. I think it's for a very ordinary job I did last fall which happened to attract the notice of my superiors. They ought not to cheapen the decoration by giving it when a man merely does his duty. I shall feel guilty in accepting this one. . . . Love, John.

And on September 22, he wrote her again:

> The General pinned the Legion Of Merit medal on me yesterday. The public relations officers took some pictures; I shall try to get a print for you. I don't deserve the decoration, but since they were foolish enough to give it to me I want you to have the pleasure of knowing I have it. . . . Love, John.

This belittling of the honor probably contains about the normal quota of politeness and modesty. But the picture taken of John, as the medal is being pinned on him by General Chennault, is that of an "angry saint" concerned with the future, and not that of a pleased and flattered youngster gloating over the past.

With regard to his post-war plans, however, John felt a huge and inspired confidence — and a great longing to have the war over so that he could get on with the job. There was no doubt about his persuasiveness in the pulpit, or on any podium that might temporarily serve as a pulpit. For Second Lieutenant, then First Lieutenant, then Captain John M. Birch, Intelligence Officer, had never stopped preaching. There have been many stories written of fighting preachers, but John Birch presents the first clear-cut case I know about of the preaching fighter. While his military duties always came first, and the preaching always had to be both incidental and additional to military activities and movements, it is extremely doubtful if any full-time chaplain in China conducted more religious services or preached more sermons than John Birch during the three years John wore an army uniform.

This extra-curricular activity was carried on with not only the knowledge but the full approval of John's superior officers. He substituted for chaplains when requested, or took on assignments for which there were no chaplains available. He held services on Sundays, at Christmas, at Easter, and at all other proper occasions; in officers' quarters, in enlisted men's barracks, in official chapels or rented halls. He preached to the Chinese, civilian or military or both, whenever and wherever there was an opportunity. He preached repeatedly to audiences of many hundreds, and with equal earnestness to gatherings of a dozen or less.

Colonel Wilfred Smith has pretty well summed up the official attitude towards the missionary side, as distinguished from the more normal and obviously acceptable "chaplain" side, of those continued clerical activities.

> "I think John's work as a missionary and the testimony he gave, a testimony which was not only a preaching but a living testimony, influenced the lives of more Chinese than he would have been able to reach if he had continued his normal missionary activities. . . . He was all over Central China. That one trip of three hundred miles (the same trek on foot to the Yangtze, to which we have referred before) John told me himself that he 'witnessed' in village after village. I told John he could, for I believed it would help his morale and it didn't hurt the work. . . . The fact that he had the freedom to give out the Gospel (tracts which John took with him whenever he could) made him more valuable in his military work. . . . The

fact that John was a member of the Army and the Chinese knew he had been a missionary added to his prestige and gave him greater influence with the Chinese."

John himself was well aware of, and in full accord with, that last point. As he wrote his parents, the fact that he had been a missionary gave the Chinese more respect for him as an officer; but, more important, the fact that he was now a soldier and an officer, and was not being paid or supported in any way for his preaching, gave them greatly increased respect for his obviously voluntary missionary efforts. As the war wore on and on, the pressure and strain of his army duties became ever greater, and John himself inevitably became more fatigued throughout every fibre of mind and body, he felt for a while that he was losing some of his appeal and earnestness as a minister, and frequently condemned himself for failure to seize or make opportunities to preach the gospel. This seems to have been especially — and naturally — true at about the time he was breaking up his engagement. In his letter of May 7, 1944, to his parents, he writes: "I hope that God will give me yet further time to live for Him fruitfully here on this earth. I've wasted so much of His time already, living for self, that I really feel ashamed to ask for more!" But then he writes this paragraph:

> One thing encourages me, however. When I was last in the Central China city where I met Audrey (this was after she went to India), Rev. Sunberg, of the Evangelical Mission, asked me to preach in Chinese at his Young People's Service. I felt pretty low and unfit to help others spiritually, but agreed to anyway. The Lord graciously answered my prayer, and the service and message seemed definitely led and applied by the Holy Spirit. My own faith was renewed, too. I spoke on the 15th Chapter of I Corinthians, as it was soon after Easter.
>
> Your loving son,
>
> John

This seems to have been the turning point, in renewal both of faith in himself and of evangelical purpose. In a letter written to his sister sometime later, John summed up his intentions and his hopes, as to the part he would play in calling men to a Christian life "during the lust-ridden years which will follow this war." His fervor and his assurance both stand out in the following lines:

> . . . Often in these days, I feel that those barren years are my apprenticeship, God-given, and that a message is being formed, by Him, within me, that will one day burn its way out and across man's barriers, into the souls of many men.
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> I know that God is preparing me (has prepared, in some respects) to stand privation, pain, isolation, fatigue and physical danger. To what end? That I trust Him to show me in His own time.

XI

Commendations Without End

There is a strong and universal tendency among human beings — among all races of human beings — to

dislike the goody-good character. That John Birch was able completely to avoid this reaction is one of the most weighty items of evidence as to his strength and his promise. I have in my possession, today, official reports and letters and informal reports and transcriptions of verbal statements, literally dozens of them thousands of words long, from almost every American associated with him for as much as even a few weeks, during his whole five years in China. Many of these statements or reports were made long before John Birch's death, and without the remotest idea that they would ever serve as reference material for a biographical sketch of their subject. And yet nowhere is there the slightest suggestion or suspicion of distaste, because of John Birch's religious proclivity — or for any other reason. There is only universal liking and unrestrained admiration, at every turn. And the reason was that, as Napoleon said of Goethe, "here was a *man!*" Even those who did not share John's religious faith or enthusiasm (of whom there were several) were unstinted in their friendship, their cooperation, and their praise.

Many specific commendations of John Birch have been written or spoken by General Chennault. On one occasion he said that John was " . . . outstanding in devotion to duty. On several occasions he continued his duties in spite of serious illness. I learned on one occasion he was sick with malaria and I ordered him back to Kunming for treatment and rest. A sudden emergency occurred, he learned of it and came into my office. Though over the malaria he was still weak and should have had a month longer to recuperate, but he came and volunteered to go back into the area in Honan and establish communications again. It was when it looked as though the enemy would break through."

At another time Chennault wrote: " . . . John did a magnificent job with me. I always felt that he would do any job I gave him to do well and that he could be depended on to see things through. His loyalty to me personally and his devotion to duty was beyond anything that was expected of him. I cannot praise his work sufficiently." But Chennault really summed up all of the many great things he said elsewhere in one line he wrote about John Birch: "I have always felt towards him as a father might feel towards a son."

Colonel Wilfred J. Smith wrote officially of John Birch, on June 26, 1947: "At all times his courage, perseverance, and unflinching loyalty was an inspiration to American and Chinese personnel alike." On September 25, 1945, Major General Charles B. Stone sent a communication to the Chief of Staff in Washington, recommending John Birch for the Distinguished Service Cross. This communication, three typewritten pages, single spaced, was a carefully itemized and chronologically presented record of John's war service, from which we have already quoted. But it seems worth quoting further a typical summary paragraph, this one concerning the earlier part of the war:

> "Without any previous training in ground-air coordination, and with practically no guide materials or instruction, Birch, over a period of two years, during which he was almost continually in the field, living under the most primitive conditions and constantly in close proximity to the enemy, achieved phenomenal success."

On April 16, 1946, Brigadier General F. W. Evans wrote a long official letter to General Bissell concerning the military service of John Birch. From that letter let's also extract a typical paragraph, but this one concerning a much later period of the war:

> "From 25 May 1944 until the end of the war Captain Birch operated almost exclusively behind the lines. His duty was at all times extremely hazardous. Due to his outstanding ability in gathering intelligence and organizing intelligence nets he was an extremely valuable member of the Allied Forces and he contributed immeasurably in bringing the war in China to a successful conclusion."

More revealing than these official and semi-official eulogies of John's superiors, however, are many comments of his fellow officers. Captain James H. Hart, who served with Captain Birch behind Japanese lines in Anhwei Province, has written: "Where brave men were common, John was the bravest man I knew. . . . In civilian life I was a newspaper man and met many people but John Birch is the most notable person I ever had the pleasure to meet." Lt. Arthur Hopkins wrote of John Birch: "Without reservation I will say that he was the most brilliant, finest, most able, bravest officer I ever met." And another fellow officer, Edwin James, whom we have already quoted once, said simply of John: "I must confess he is the only living man on earth I ever worshipped." There are so many other similar experiences of affection and admiration that to catalogue them would simply wear out the patience of the reader.

Perhaps most important of all, however, was what the Chinese thought of this American in their midst. And we can gather unmistakable evidence in this respect from both 14th Air Force personnel and the Chinese themselves. Brigadier General Evans stated one reason that John Birch was such an outstanding intelligence officer was that he had so many Chinese friends behind the lines. That these were *earned* friends is clear from all sources. Captain Hart, in commenting on his own official recommendation of John Birch for the Congressional Medal of Honor, says: "John, however, erected his own monument in the hearts of the Chinese people. . . . Somehow, I feel that he is still walking the dike paths in China and still helping China's 'small person.' His name is legion there now, and I am sure will be ever green."

Colonel J. C. Williams has said that "no other American in China had a higher opinion of the Chinese, for whom he had done so much over the war years." And Captain Bryan P. Glass wrote: "John was a great favorite with the Chinese. Many of his Chinese friends, I am sure, would have been willing to have taken his place when the Communists assassinated him. John was a part of the great tradition established by the 14th Air Force and many Chinese, when hearing the name of the great force will think not only of Chennault, of whom they had heard, but of Pai Shang-wei whom they knew and loved."

Illustrative of the spirit of comradeship and the never-failing kindliness which won for John Birch this esteem of his Asiatic friends, and of the depth of their gratitude and friendship, are the following two letters. They have

been copied verbatim, with no change in language, spelling, or punctuation.

Captain P. C. Wu,
Chinese Detachment,
AAFNS., SMAAF.,
San Marcos, Texas,
May 2, 1944

Mrs. George S. Birch,
R. F. D. No. 1
Macon, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Birch,

Inclosed please find a Postal Money Order of $104.00 U. S., which I owed to your son, Captain J. M. Birch.

I had the pleasure to know Captain J. M. Birch back in Kunming, China. In fact, we worked together much of the time until I was assigned to United States sometime last year.

On February, I asked the favor of Captain J. M. Birch to send some money to my mother somewhere in the China southeastern seacoast owing to the fact that I could not send the money through the bank. Yesterday, I received his letter of April 21 saying that the money been remitted to my mother on April 20, and asking me to return the sum by sending you the equivalent amount.

I like to thank you for the kindness shown to me by your son, Captain J. M. Birch. He has been in China for long period, and always been good friend to Chinese people, and knows how to help them most. Had it not been for his obliging assistance, the transaction would not be possible. My mother and I owe much to you and to him. Thank you.

Your most sincerely,
[signed] Pochen Wu
Captain, CAF.

Shanghai, China
January 9th, 1946

My dear Mrs. Birch:

I am a Korean who, in the past, has been a very best friend of your brave son late Capt. Birch on the battle field. I am now writing a few line accross the Pacific Ocean to the mother of a great soldier Birch. At the beginning of a year I am once more to recollect my old memories.

Without an exaggeration your good son was a benefactor of Korea and China. Some time last February I had an opportunity of knowing him at Kumming while both of us were busy for the war activities. Soon after our meeting we became a pal. Through his good offices I had a great honor of meeting the Great General Chennault. Also I had a constant contact with OSS through his favor. His sacrificial help enabled us to have a successful independence movement of Korea against Japan. Not only among Koreans but also among Chinese the late Capt. Birch was so well known because his human elements which penetrated into the hearts of people. Even if our companionship was not so long, we shared tears and laughters together.

My dear Mrs. Birch, please don't feel so sad about your son's death. His sacrificial spirit helped to won the great war. Once more we are able to the world peace and security. Your good son fought not only for your great country but also for China and Korea. In other words he fought for the emancipation of the whole world from injustice and inhumanity. In commemoration of his deed the tomb stone was erected with the writings of "This is the tomb of U.S.A. Officer

Birch who gave away his life for the liberation of China." His activities in China gave us a vision of lively demonstration of Christianity.

Please accept my admiration and love in your thoughts of your brave son. You gave us your beloved son for the restoration of the democracy in the world. The great and heroic death of your son and his personality will shine among us like the polar star.

May God bless you and your family forever.

I am,
Your son, late Capt. Birch's
best Korean friend
[signed] Gen. Kim Hak Kyu

These Chinese (and Koreans) who knew and loved John Birch were not only thousands in number. They were geographically spread over hundreds of miles, from Kunming to Peiping, and they ranged from the lowliest coolies to the highest officials. Not General Chennault alone, but General Hsueh Yo and General Wang of the Chinese armies also clearly felt for John Birch the affection of a father for a son. And more inportant, perhaps, than the posthumous award to John of the *Order Of Cloud And Banner* by the Republic of China was the fact that the townspeople of Hsuchow dedicated a special cemetery for his above-ground vault, on a hill overlooking their city.

There was something about John Birch which inspired almost everybody to speak of him in poetic terms. One friend wrote: "The men of Chennault will tell you that, in Valhalla, the rafters rang when John walked in." A man who thought in terms of a pagan Valhalla was sure its slain heroes would still welcome and honor this fundamentalist preacher, who was so unflinching in his missionary zeal. So fully had John Birch lived up to all the standards of those heroes during his term on earth.

That term was pathetically short. This young patriot first put on the American Army uniform on July 4, 1942. He wore it with consummate distinction and consecration until the war was won and the Japanese surrendered on August 15, 1945. And only ten days later, while still wearing it, on an important, peaceful and official mission for his government, he was brutally murdered by the Chinese Communists.

XII

Captain Birch's Last Mission

It is doubtful if any nation ever had as much trouble in giving up in a war it had lost, in surrendering to the winner of that war on practically any terms the winner wanted, as did the Japanese with us. As far back as February, 1945, at the time of the Yalta Conference, it was already well known to our military leaders that Japan was ready to surrender. Long before the atomic bombs were even ready to be used, the Japanese were trying, through the Russian intermediaries in whom they put a tragically false trust, to reach the American government with overtures for peace. And before the bombs were actually exploded at Hiroshima and Nagasaki they were making frantic efforts to surrender. But not until August 15 were they allowed to do so. For every day that the war could be kept going meant further gains for the Communists on the mainland of China, and a Japan more demoralized and more vulnerable to Communist advances, thievery, and

infiltration. That the Communists were at that time exerting sufficient influence in the very top councils of our government to bring about such in incredible delay, and to use a barbaric means to further their ends, is now well established by incontrovertible revelations of the past several years. But few of the Japanese, who were then still officially allied with Communist Russia through the Molotov-Matsuoka Pact, and even fewer of the American people, had any knowledge of the way they were kept killing each other month after month in order to serve Stalin's imperial purposes.

When General MacArthur sent President Roosevelt before the Yalta meeting a memorandum stating that Japan was already collapsing, that the Japanese were already making unofficial peace overtures, and that it would be folly at this stage to bribe Russia or even allow Russia to come into the Pacific War as our ally, Roosevelt brushed it aside with the wisecrack that MacArthur was our best general and our poorest politician. When Jacob Malik pigeonholed the actual Japanese offer to discuss surrender steps for more than two months, nobody in the White House or the State Department let on that they even had the slightest suspicion Japan could be licked without dropping atom bombs on their cities. And when, after Hiroshima had been destroyed on August 6, and the cries of Japan to surrender had become too direct and too widely audible to be ignored any longer, the stalling was still sufficient to allow Russia to get comfortably under the wire as a participant — and to begin immediately her "rush for Asia." But finally, nevertheless, on August 15, 1945 (in China, August 14 in America), the surrender was arranged and accepted.

This surrender did not clear up the problems in China overnight, by any means. For one thing, there were at that time three million Japanese, half of them in uniform, on Chinese soil. And the state of disorganization was so great, after eight years of China's war with Japan, and with all of these forces of the conquered enemy trapped on the land of the country they had invaded as conquerors, that many difficult missions were necessary to untangle the mess. One such mission, headed by Captain John Birch, started from an American airfield near Fowyang, in northern Anhwei Province, for Tsingtao, on the Shantung Peninsula, where there was a known pocket of disturbance. In the words of Colonel Paul L. E. Helliwell, John Birch was selected for that "particular mission because of his familiarity with the country and the language, and because of his superbly excellent relations with Nationalist and guerilla units operating in that area. The assignment was one of importance and was one on which I sent by far the best officer available." And Brigadier General Evans says that John "was sent on this mission because he was the only officer in that area who had a sound knowledge of that section of China."

That John himself considered the mission important is clear from the fact that he volunteered to lead it. For after three years of dangerous and difficult service, without any let-up whatsoever, John himself had admitted that he was about at the end of his rope, and had asked for a furlough. How significant was this request can be seen from the fact that John had continuously refused all previous offers of leave, despite the pleading letters from several

members of his family in Georgia, and the pleas of even General Chennault himself. At one time, several months before, Chennault had insistently offered John thirty days leave in the States, with the customary free transportation provided both ways, and had kept the offer open for a long time. But John had turned this offer down, as he had several earlier opportunities, on the ground that his small service was still badly needed to help towards winning the war. Now he had actually asked for a leave, but then consented to have the request postponed until this one further mission, for which his special knowledge and abilities were so badly needed, should be completed.

Despite the fact that his commanding officers and John himself both considered the mission of great importance, however, its exact nature and purpose have never been revealed. For the War Department file on Captain Birch is still classified as secret, and the information in it is unavailable to me or to the public. The reasons why it was originally so classified, by the Pentagon brass under Truman's thumb in 1945, will become fairly obvious later. But its continued classification today is apparently due to nothing more than inertia on the part of so heavy a body as the U. S. Army, and the unwillingness of any component of that body to stick his individual neck out and remove the classification barrier. For I have been told by one trustworthy friend who was privileged to see it — but not to reveal to me its contents — that there is absolutely nothing in that file, in his opinion, which could today endanger the United States or help any enemy in the slightest.

However, despite this "classified" hocus-pocus, and despite the brazen misrepresentations perpetrated by the War Department in 1945 and its reports to John Birch's parents, and despite the deliberate obstacles raised to the uncovering of the exact circumstances of John Birch's death for years after that death occurred, the true facts with regard to all the main incidents of his last mission have now been well established. They are set forth below in reasonably full detail, but without any unnecessary elaboration.

When the party left Fowyang it consisted of Captain Grimes, Lt. Ogle, and Sergeant Meyers of the U. S. Army, Lt. Tung of the Chinese Army as liaison officer, five other Chinese and two Koreans, with Captain Birch as commanding officer. From the airfield near Fowyang they proceeded at first on horseback and then by boat, until they made contact, as arranged, with "puppet" authorities that had been working clandestinely for the Nationalist government. They then were taken by car to a village on the Lunghai Railroad, and stayed in this village from the evening of August 22 to the morning of August 24. At noon on the twenty-fourth they left by train, going eastward towards Hsuchow. At a point about fifty miles west of Hsuchow, where there was a station and a small Japanese garrison, they learned that there was a break in the track ahead. The engine went on, verified this break in the tracks, and came back. It was then agreed that John and his party would be taken by the engine and one coach up to the break, and be left there to proceed by foot towards their destination. This was done.

After the party got off the coach, Captain Birch and Lt. Ogle went into

a small village nearby and engaged some coolies to help to carry their baggage. In this village they met a Portuguese priest, in charge of a Canadian mission, who gave them their first confirmation of rumors that Communists were making trouble in the area. Communist guerilla units had entered the village the night before and, besides doing other damage, had seized and carried away the mission's small stock of medical supplies. But it seemed unthinkable to John and his men that, being Americans, they had anything to fear from these Communists, their allies in a war with Japan which had been brought to a victorious close only nine days before. Lt. Ogle has said, "we were feeling pretty good about the war being over"—undoubtedly a minor record-holder in understatements.

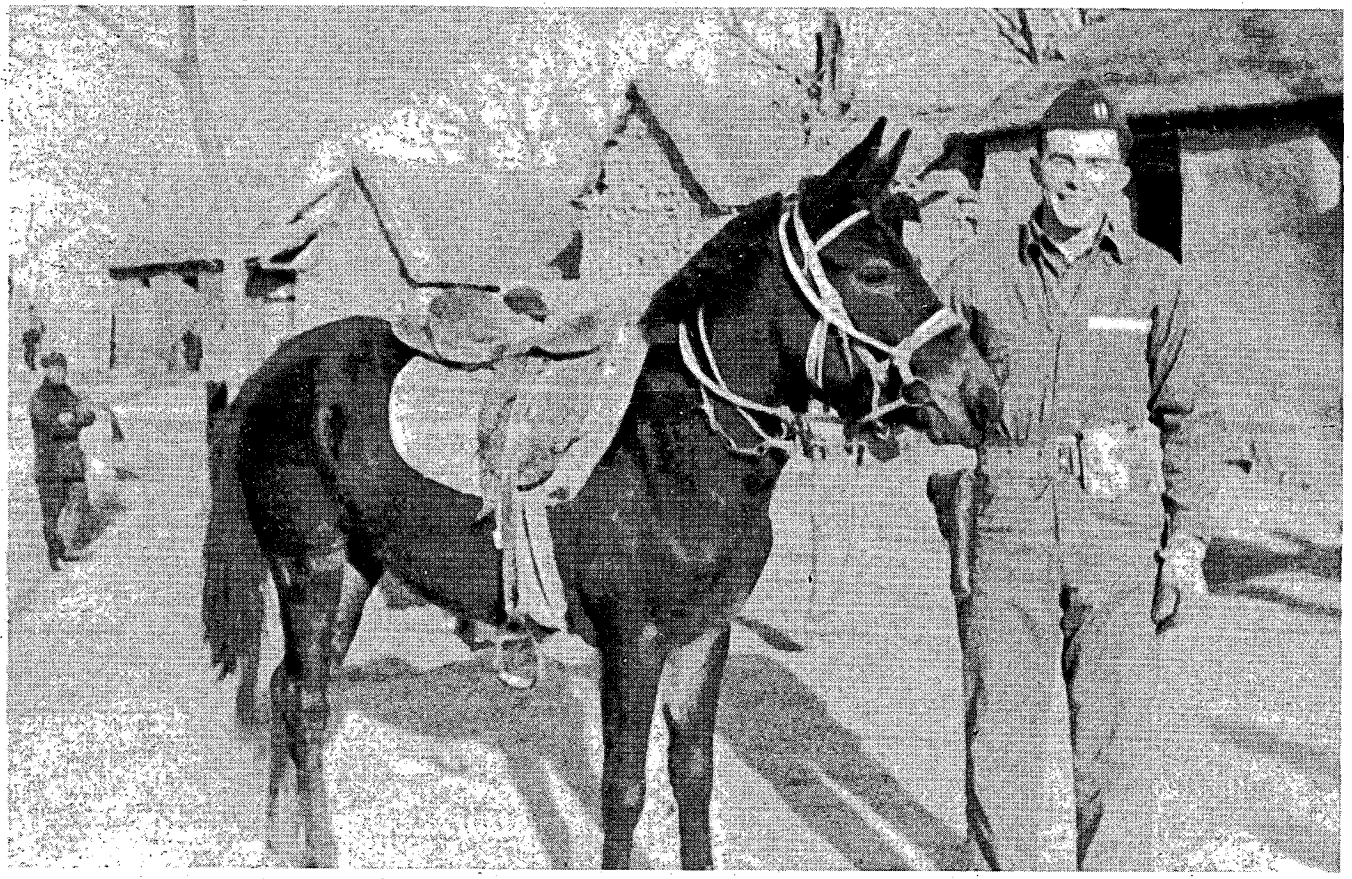
When Birch and Ogle went back, with this help they had rounded up, to the break in the railroad tracks, they found there, besides their own crew which had been left behind, a Japanese patrol which had been sent out to repair the line. This patrol supplied the American party with a handcar for its baggage. The party then proceeded a few hundred yards up the track, to another small station where there was a fairly large Japanese garrison. John made arrangements with them for his troupe to spend the night there. The Japanese were not inclined to fraternization, but showed a disciplined courtesy; and after routine explanations, they offered no objection to the Americans proceeding on their journey the next morning.

This was August 25, 1945. The party left the Japanese garrison about nine o'clock in the morning, various members taking turns pushing the handcar along the tracks. About noon they met up with a force of Communist guerillas, several hundred strong, some of whom were engaged in tearing down telephone wires. The guerillas identified themselves as attached to the 8th Route Army (the main armed body of Communists in China), but were not in any kind of military formation, although they were obviously taking orders from some leader.

The Communists, after stopping Captain Birch's troupe, also closed in on them from behind. But there were no wild shots, attempts to seize the baggage, nor threats of any kind. John went forward to talk to the man apparently in charge, and then went with him to see the chief commander. In about twenty minutes he came back, told his party that he had made arrangements for them to proceed, and the troupe went forward along the tracks again. As they did so, John told Lt. Ogle and his other subordinates of his conversations with the leaders of the Communist forces.

He had had considerable difficulty in seeing and identifying the officer in charge. (This unwillingness to disclose the source of top authority, in either their civilian or their military organizations, is an attitude so widely adopted by Communists everywhere as to be almost a reflex action with units of this size. The course serves not only to confuse and wear down anybody with whom they may be dealing, but renders any commitments that may be made more obviously non-binding and worthless as soon as they wish to disregard such commitments.) Either this officer or the second in command — John was not sure which — had demanded that the Americans turn over to the Com-

JOHN, TWO YEARS OLD, AT LANDOUR, INDIA, ON HIS FATHER'S SHOULDERS.



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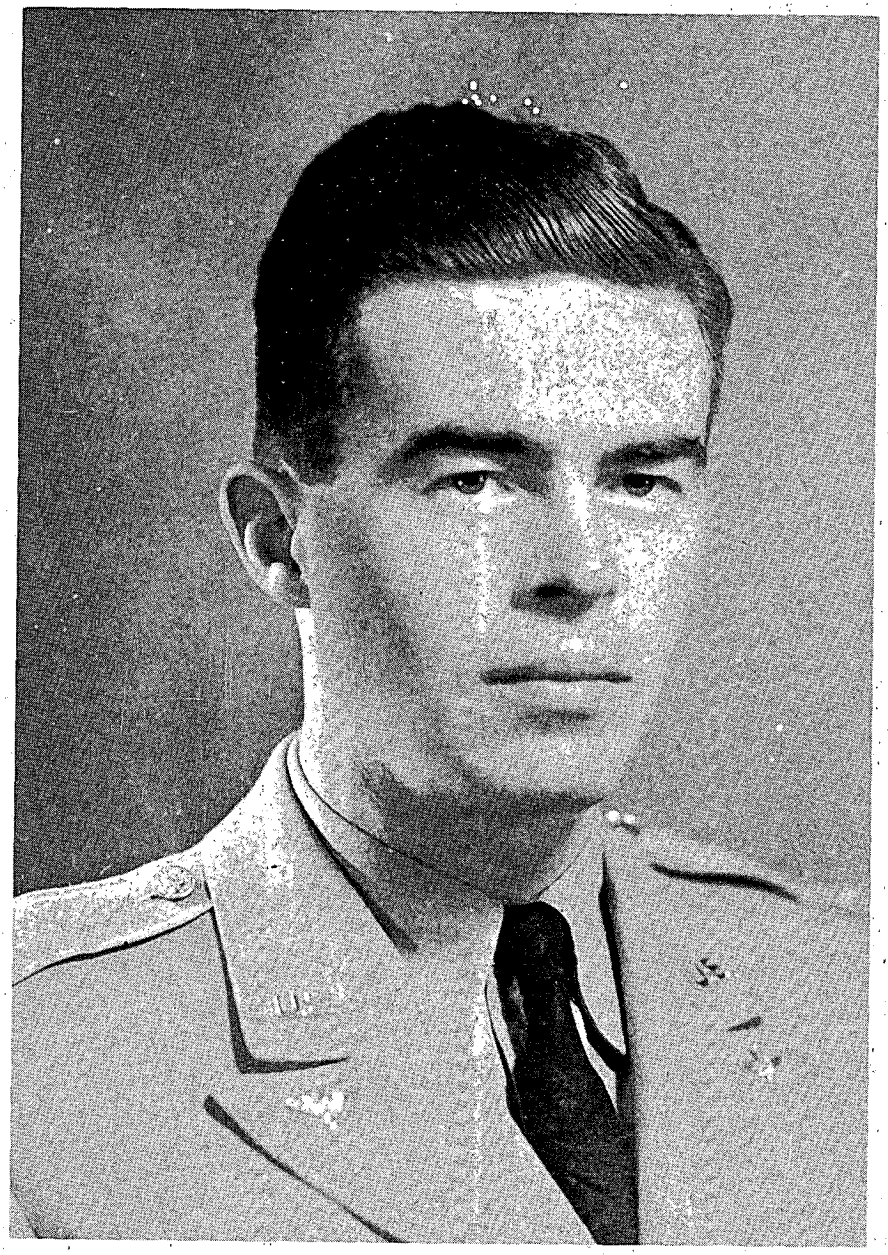
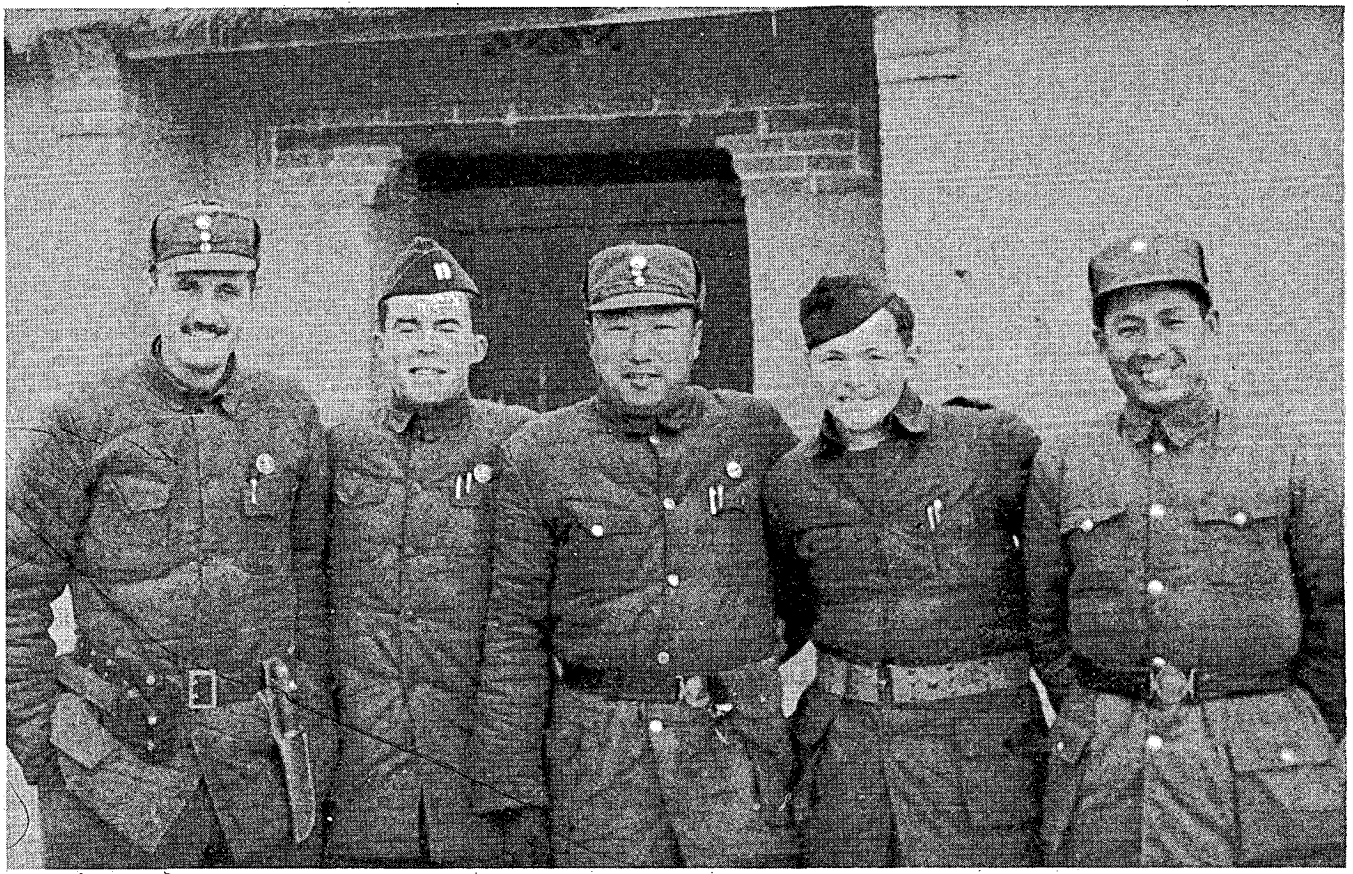


Captain John M. Birch, U.S.A.

At Changsha, 1944
Back row, left to right: Unknown, Sgt. Lassiter, Sgt. Hays, Sgt. Kane, Sgt. Eichenberry, Lt. Lu.
Front row, left to right: Unknown, Captain John Birch, Captain S. Su Tu, Lt. Drummond.

General Chennault pins Legion of Merit on Captain Birch.



John Birch (second from left) with Chinese and American comrades-in-arms.

Two days after the Japanese surrender and eight days before Captain Birch was murdered by the Communists. This photograph, taken at the "little outpost" mentioned in the text, contains the last known picture of Captain Birch. He is standing on the immediate left of the Chinese officer.

Burial of Captain Birch, with full military honors, on a hillside on the outskirts of Hsuchow.

munists all or part of their equipment. This John had refused point blank to do, explaining in plain language that his was a party of American soldiers on an official army mission, and in charge of American army equipment. His firmness had prevailed. Or so it seemed. What decision really had prevailed, and whether what happened later was on direct orders from the top leader of those Communist forces, will probably never be known and certainly can never be proved.

Captain Birch had been informed at the end of this conversation with the Communist leaders that there was another group further along the way, but that he would have no trouble with them. He was requested, however, to send Lt. Tung ahead, to explain the presence of the Americans, which was done. In a little over an hour the party met an outpost of this second Communist group. It consisted of only about half a dozen soldiers, behind a little raised place along the railroad tracks, who had the Americans covered with rifles and one machine gun when the party was ordered to halt. But Lt. Tung was right behind the soldiers, immediately stepped forward with two of them who may have been officers, and came forward to meet Captain Birch. Simultaneously, the soldiers fell out of their positions, and everybody felt obvious relief.

After a brief conversation between Captain Birch, Lt. Tung, and the two Communists, during which no sharp words or signs of unpleasantness were noted by the others, the four headed for the nearby village to talk to the officer in charge there. Before leaving, Captain Birch ordered Captain Grimes, Lt. Ogle, and the others all to remain with the baggage and the handcar. They pushed the car further up the track to a crossroad some fifty yards away. Sergeant Myers went ahead to a small station a little further on and brought back another handcar. Lt. Ogle went to a courtyard nearby, to see if he could get some boiled water. The others, being able to buy some fruit, sat down to eat it. Numerous Chinese children had gathered around, and had helped in the pushing of the cars.

All of this peaceful waiting lasted about forty minutes. Nobody was concerned or alarmed, because the simplest negotiations always took considerable time in China, and there was no indication that Captain Birch had run into any kind of trouble. Then suddenly a large group of Communist soldiers came out of the village, set up a machine gun, and covered the whole party with rifles from two points. The officer in charge gave orders for the Chinese children to get away, and there were many other orders and shouts.

Lt. Ogle was in the courtyard at the time. When he saw a few Chinese civilians at the doorway turn with obvious concern and hurry into their dwellings he suspected trouble. Going to the courtyard doorway and looking out he could see that Captain Grimes and Sergeant Meyers were being disarmed. He learned later, from Grimes, that one of the Chinese in the party, as soon as he realized what was up, had stepped forward and said: "Don't shoot! Don't shoot! We will talk." The Communists had then swarmed down on the group and had taken Grimes' and Meyers' weapons. Lt. Ogle came out just as this was happening, and two Communists immediately approached to disarm him also. This he

allowed them to do, on instructions shouted by Captain Grimes. Then the whole party was led into the village, lined up against a wall, and the hands of each man were tied behind his back. There were two Americans, eight Chinese, and two Koreans now left in the group.

In the meantime no word had come from, or about Captain Birch or Lt. Tung. But in about fifteen minutes, while all members of the party were kept lined up against the wall, were being stripped of their possessions, and were being forcibly restrained from talking to each other or to their captors, two shots were heard. Immediately after the shots it so happened that two American planes, P-51's, flew over the village. The Communists hastily led their captives northward out of the village, about a quarter of a mile, where they were kept for another fifteen minutes while the Communist detachment was apparently waiting for orders. Then the soldiers and their prisoners were marched away, in the direction of the Communist "capital" of Yenan, which they reached two months later. Eventually, the Americans had their possessions returned to them and were freed. Their deaths were not needed for propaganda purposes, and there was no point in tempting the supineness of the American government too far. The murder of Captain Birch, so widely known and loved all over Nationalist China, was sufficient.

XIII

A Hard Way to Die

When Captain Birch and Lt. Tung, with the two Communists, left the handcar to go into the village, Captain Grimes and Lt. Ogle both insisted that they also should go along as a safety measure. But John apparently thought it would show more confidence and friendliness if he went without them, and preferred to make the negotiations alone on that basis. His orders, therefore, were for the others to stay with the baggage, as stated above. But Lt. Tung evidently was greatly concerned by what he had overheard of conversations among the Communists where they had last been stopped. As he and John found themselves being given a run around, on entering the village, and as the Communists kept stalling about taking them to the commanding officer or identifying anybody in charge, Lt. Tung frankly warned Captain Birch to turn back as his life was in danger. John's reply, as later quoted verbatim by Lt. Tung was: "It doesn't make much difference what happens to me, but it is of utmost importance that my country learn now whether these people are friend or foe." He got a very clear answer to that question, which could have been of tremendous value to his country — and could have saved tens of thousands of other American boys, as well as literally millions of the Chinese whom he loved. He got it at the cost of an agonizing death. That his sacrifice was so completely in vain is one item of eternal disgrace to an administration which planned it that way.

We know that Captain Birch and Lt. Tung experienced approximately one hour of frustrating obstructionism, because that much time elapsed before the shots were heard. John argued continuously that he was in charge of an authorized mission of the United States Army, which the Communist forces, presumably our allies, should allow to proceed. Finally, in one group, which

clearly contained one of the higher Communist officers of the locality, and probably the commanding officer himself, the leader ordered John disarmed. John naturally and properly demanded to know by what authority an American officer was being disarmed. As this had no effect, and a soldier moved forward to comply with the order, Lt. Tung intervened. He asked, if Captain Birch were to be disarmed, that he be allowed to do it. But as he was reaching for John's pistol — the only weapon John carried — somebody shouted, "No, shoot him first!" Whether this was the ostensible officer in charge, or whoever really had top authority in the group, or somebody else entirely, Lt. Tung never knew.

Two shots were fired. One caught Lt. Tung in the leg, he was also bayonetted, and he fainted as he was being dragged away. He knew that John was hit by the other bullet, but did not know where. The last thing Lt. Tung remembers was John saying "Wo pu nêng tsou la," meaning "I cannot walk any more," when he was ordered to move, and the officer giving an order for them to be brought along anyway. Actually, John also had been shot in the leg; and that he really died of bayonet wounds was later established by the Chinese doctor who performed an autopsy between his two burials. The importance of this lies in the fact that, even if the shots had been fired by some excited soldier acting on his own wild impulse, such extensive bayonetting as John suffered could not have been inflicted without the direct orders or deliberate acquiescence of the officer in charge.

The Communist soldiers dragged the two wounded men, Captain Birch and Lt. Tung, to the side of an open pit on the edge of the village, and left them there to die, or as already dead. This was between two and three o'clock in the afternoon. Early that evening an old Chinese woman wandered past and said — to somebody, apparently a member of her family — "We had better bury these dead." Lt. Tung was just barely able to speak, and managed to get out: "I am not dead yet, please help me." The woman hurriedly told him to be quiet, as the Communists were still there. When they left, she said, she would come back and help. Later in the evening she did come back with help. They carried Lt. Tung to a shelter, and gave him what first aid they could.

The next morning a group of Japanese who came through the village recognized Lt. Tung as a member of the American party that had stayed with their detachment two nights before. They rushed him to a first aid station, and wired Hsuchow, giving all the information they had. Lt. Tung was then moved to a hospital in Hsuchow, and given the best treatment available in the command. Later he was transferred to the American Army Hospital in Chungking, for many months. Despite the loss of one eye and one leg his life was saved, and much of this account of the events of August 25 is taken verbatim from his testimony to various people.

When the old and kind Chinese woman came back with help late that evening, John Birch was already dead. Whether he had been dead when she first came near the bodies, or even when first left by the Communist soldiers, there is no way of knowing. Since he was beyond any help, he was buried

near where he was found, by some Chinese farmers.

As is almost always true in China, word of the projected trip of the American mission had preceded them to Hsuchow, and the Chinese Nationalist forces there had been expecting the party for several days. When news of what had happened reached Hsuchow they immediately sent Col. Mah and some troops to Huang-Ko to question the local people. The farmers and townspeople took Col. Mah to Captain Birch's temporary grave, and Col. Mah's forces brought the body back to Hsuchow.

The day they got back Lt. Miller, an American officer of the Air Ground Aid Service who had known John in the field, also arrived. He took charge of the funeral, and Captain Birch was buried with full military honors. His body was wrapped in white silk and placed in a Chinese coffin. Missionaries and Chinese pastors of all the Christian churches in Hsuchow took part in the ceremony. The high ranking officers of both the Chinese and Japanese forces attended, and a guard of honor of twenty Chinese and twenty Japanese soldiers marched with the procession. The whole city was put in mourning.

John Birch was buried in a raised mausoleum, on a hillside on the outskirts of Hsuchow, overlooking the city. The site had been selected by Lt. Miller. General Ho, one of the two ranking Chinese officers present at the burial, raised a stone there to John's memory, with the inscription: "He died for righteousness." General Ho and General Tong, the other ranking officer of the area, told an official American investigator a little later that not only did they feel as if each had lost a close personal friend, but that they knew all China and the Chinese people had lost a good friend and a great supporter. This investigator wrote that the sincerity of their feeling was unmistakable. And at last report, many years ago — before Chinese Communist conquest of the area made all reports impossible — the burial place, with the body of another 14th Air Force man, Flight Officer Samuel Evans, in a vault next to that of John Birch, had been made into a small park and was being beautifully cared for by the Chinese people of Hsuchow.

A Rupert Brooke might hopefully write that here was one small plateau on a hill in China which would remain forever American. Since desecration of the grave of such an American and such a symbol of America's great friendship for the Chinese people would be the most natural thing in the world for the Chinese Communists, that poetic hope is forlorn and unjustified. A more fitting epitaph from the poets, for this martyred hero who died so young, is the one already applied to him by Adeline Gray, a former instructor at Nankai University in China, who knew him well. She ended her own brief tribute to John Birch with these lines by Thomas Mordaunt, made famous by Sir Walter Scott:

"One crowded hour of glorious life
Is worth an age without a name."

XIV

The Hush, Hush Treatment

Contrary to the impression perhaps occasionally created by the enthusiasm of this biographer, John Birch did not win China's war and our war with Japan, on the mainland of Asia, single-

handed. Although outstanding, by almost every standard of appraisal, he was still just one American soldier, with only the rank of captain at the end. Why was his story kept so carefully and completely from the American people?

That there was deliberate suppression of the news there can be no doubt. The only inkling of the event to reach America was that which seeped through from private sources. Constantine Brown, in his column of November 15, 1945, in the *Washington Star,* stated: "Long despatches are reaching Washington from Chungking and other tender spots in China. They are all marked top secret, although they deal with what is happening to the American soldiers and sailors in that area. None has yet been officially informed about the murder of Captain John Birch by the Chinese Communists." On November 16, 1945, Adeline Gray, who was herself a newspaper woman as well as a former instructor at Nankai, wrote John's parents that "had not the truth been suppressed, Captain Birch's death would have headlined every newspaper in the United States." And she later informed Mr. W. T. Anderson, Editor of the Macon Telegraph in John's home town, that "the murder was kept a 'hush, hush' affair, and no China correspondents were able to send out the story."

Again, there can be no doubt as to the deliberate misrepresentations by the War Department to John Birch's parents, concerning the cause and manner of his death; nor any doubt as to further and continued deliberate measures to block every effort of his parents to learn the truth. The essential accuracy of the account I have given of Captain Birch's death is beyond question. The impact of his personality and character had been so great that several of those who had known him in China set out to write books about his life. Events moved so rapidly that not one of them ever finished the job, but I have been the heir to much of the results of their labors. My information was gathered through the efforts of many people — not including myself — over many years, and verified at many points by the agreement of independent reports from different informants who didn't even know of each other's statements. And at least as early as September 20, 1945, the War Department's own internal information was headed:

Birch, John M.—Serial No. AC, 0-889028
Killed by Chinese Communists on the Lunghai Railroad enroute to Hsuchow, China, on August 25, 1945.

But the War Department still persisted in its official report that Captain Birch had been killed by a stray bullet, without any mention of the Chinese Communists; and still found that it had "lost" or "misplaced" the addresses of officers who might be able to tell Mr. and Mrs. Birch the truth in or through Washington. It became obvious in time that the various underlings the Birches met were obeying orders or following a policy from above, the ultimate source of which these subordinates themselves probably did not know. The purposes of that policy, it became clear then, and is more unmistakably clear today, was to keep the fact that an American officer had been deliberately murdered by Chinese Communists from the American people.

Of course the truth was known all

over China. It was to the advantage of the Communists to have their contempt for Americans and their lack of fear of any American reprisals widely known. They were profuse in their belated "official" apologies and explanations, for even these were so fantastic as to cause Americans to lose face by receiving them. Mao Tse-tung himself, for instance, solemnly offered the ridiculous assertion that the Communist troops had believed Captain Birch and the other Americans in his party were *Japanese in disguise*. One tricky corollary suggestion, flowing from this insolent tongue-in-cheek "apology," to be implanted in the minds of all who might hear or read of it, was that of course the Americans would agree there would be nothing to be upset about if it had been a Japanese who had been killed — even though we had signed an armistice with Japan ten days before the event!

We have no way of knowing from how high a source came the order to kill John Birch. It may even be that, contrary to the fears of Lt. Tung, no such order preceded Captain Birch to his last meeting with the Communists, and that the actual murder, by shot and bayonet, was the direct responsibility of only the detachment at Huang-Ko and of its commanding officer. But the resolution of this point would make little difference. For it is clear that the specific act was in accord with general policy, established at the top and well understood throughout the Communist forces.

Until ten days before then the Chinese Communists had theoretically and supposedly been our allies, in our war against another nation. What our relationship toward them was to be now had become an entirely new and open question. The first tangible answer, on the part of the Communists themselves, as to what their attitude was, and what they intended the relationship to be, was given in the continuous pattern of murder, capture, and torture of uniformed Americans in China which began immediately. The deliberate and unjustified killing of John Birch, a captain in the American army on an official mission for our government, was — whether so intended or not — the first overt act that established this pattern. It is clear that the Communists, high and low, recognized John Birch as standing for America, for Christianity, and as the very embodiment of those qualities and forces which were in their way. Whether "high" Communists specifically designated him as an early victim matters little. For *some* Communists, high or low, unquestionably implementing the known attitude and desires of top leadership, liquidated this symbol of opposition and provided this shining example of their power to liquidate others who might oppose them.

As for punishing the individuals who committed the murder, there was never any slightest evidence offered of any such punishment having been effected — or intended. To have shown even any serious consideration of meting out punishment to the guilty parties would have weakened the propaganda value of the murder. Far from being punished, for all we know, or insisted on knowing, the perpetrators of the deed may have been given medals of honor. General Chennault has stated: "If I had still been in China, there would have been a squadron of B-25's blasting that Communist position with no fur-

ther questions asked." This would have been brutal retaliation. But it is and was absolutely the only kind of language for which the Communist murderers have the slightest respect; the only language that would have stopped them in their tracks and have prevented the *literally* millions of murders (about fourteen million according to authoritative estimates) that they have perpetrated since. And it was because Chennault understood this that he had been maneuvered out of the picture.

And so the net result was this tableau. The Chinese Communists murder in cold blood, without the slightest excuse, one of our most heroic officers; one of the best known and most widely loved by the Chinese people; and one of those most highly esteemed by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government — which even passed a decree of the Executive Yuan in his honor after his death. The Communists themselves don't care how widely it's known in Asia; they even keep the murdered man's companions, also Americans in the uniform of the American Army, as prisoners for several months, apparently to be sure that there can be no misunderstanding of their contemptuous attitude. But *we* go to extreme lengths to hush the whole thing up, for fear that it might "increase the instability in our relations with the Chinese Communists." As for an official demand from Washington that the murderers be punished, or be turned over to us for trial, or even that our captive soldiers be released, that couldn't be dreamed of — it might *really* annoy the Communists. The whole thing would be incredible, were it not so exactly of a piece with so many other acts and attitudes in our relations with these same Communists during this same period.

Why? The explanation becomes clear and convincing only when seen as just one manifestation of a broad purpose and powerful force sweeping almost all before it. The fourth of our five questions requires that our title be mentally amended to read: *The Life and Times of John Birch*. For it really hangs on the Times. To see this question, and its answer, in proper and revealing perspective, we have to look at least briefly at some related developments on the most sordid scene of American history.

XV

A Glance at the Times

John Birch died on August 25, 1945. Keeping that fixed point in mind as a central date, let's glance at what else was happening in and to America—a few of the things—within about two years on either side, or thus during about a five-year period altogether. It's not a pleasant task. For although every separate item to which we call attention on this scene has already been publicized many times, putting them together in one montage makes all of the pieces more shocking through their obvious relatedness to each other.

It was during these years that Lauchlin Currie sat in the White House as a confidential assistant to the President of the United States. Currie, a naturalized alien, has since been identified under oath as a Communist espionage agent. He denied this under oath, and then fled the country. That he consistently labored and schemed on behalf of Communists and Communist purposes is beyond question. And Currie had as *his* special assistant another alien, Michael Greenberg, a trained

Communist of long standing. Greenberg, who did not even attempt to get naturalization papers, worked with Currie for several years at the very center of American policy-making, especially on the Far East; and used White House stationery—as did Currie—to throw his weight around whenever it served his purpose.

It was during these years that another Communist, Harry Dexter White, prepared and put over the Morgenthau Plan for the savage destruction of Germany; successfully promoted our gift to Russia of our actual plates for printing occupation currency which we had to redeem; held many high places in our government where important day-to-day decisions were made, including at last the directorship of the International Monetary Fund; and—among his minor achievements — personally selected more than fifty of the appointees to positions of influence in our European occupation forces.

It was during these years that Harry Hopkins, the most intimate associate President Roosevelt had, used every ounce of his inside power and position, when necessary, to maintain a continuous secret shipment to Russia of all kinds of materials needed for an atomic bomb. This included 1465 pounds of uranium chemicals, most of which Hopkins helped the Russians to obtain from Canadian sources, and transship secretly through this country, when there were not one thousand pounds yet available for our own use in the whole United States.

But materials for experimentation and actual production of the bomb were not enough. Within this period Allan Nunn May and Klaus Fuchs and other spies turned over to their Communist masters all of our atomic secrets. And when Igor Gouzenko exposed to the Canadian authorities some startling glimpses of the incredible Soviet espionage activities on this continent, and McKenzie King went dutifully to Washington to alert our government, he was pooh-poohed into an embarrassed silence.

Within this period, in addition to the fantastic flow of supplies by air through Great Falls, Montana, we shipped eleven billion dollars worth of war matériel to Russia through the Red Sea route alone. But some sinister influences within the top echelon of our military hierarchy were powerful enough and clever enough to see that not even adequate ammunition reached either our forces or Chiang Kai-shek's forces in China. Even General Stilwell bitterly complained, "Bullets! My God, all we ask for is just bullets for our guns." (These same sinister forces were able to maintain this continued shortage of ammunition, even for our own troops, or for any troops in Asia that might use it against the Chinese Communists, right up to the time of General Van Fleet's complaint in the Korean War.) And, as we have seen, one of John Birch's superior officers explained that one reason John was so effective in the field was that he was able to repair radios and keep them going when nobody else could; when, if just a tube got broken, it was all this officer's life was worth to get another tube.

During this time Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, was browbeating Churchill, deluding Chiang Kai-shek, deliberately lying to Mikolajczyk, hoodwinking Congress, frequently deceiving even members of

his own cabinet, and making dupes of the American people, all on behalf of Stalin. Acting under the influence of Lauchlin Currie, Harry Hopkins, Alger Hiss, David Niles, his own vanity and an impulsive regard for his tragic "hunches," he gave Manchuria to the Communists, betrayed Poland into Soviet hands, and double-crossed fifty million European friends, who had fought with us faithfully against one tyranny, into the clutches of another one far worse. These are hard things to have to say about a president of our country. But such plain facts, completely proved, are both material and inescapably relevant to the theme of this biography.

(Also, the time has certainly come to stop pussyfooting around with ambiguous language about important truths of our recent history. It is not fun to point a finger at anybody. But when the evidence is beyond question, it's imperative now that we do point fingers at those who—whatever their misguided purposes or mistaken reasons—have helped to build up the power of our Soviet enemy in the past, are doing so at present, or seem clearly likely to do so in the future. In this particular case it is even more important that the facts be stated clearly, for the evidence is very strong that Franklin Roosevelt himself, in the final weeks before his death, came to realize what a dupe he had been, and what a danger he had created for his own country and other nations, by trying to satisfy Stalin's appetite at any cost, even of honor itself. It has taken us nearly ten years to catch up with what Roosevelt already probably knew, or at least surmised, on his deathbed. There is a procession of Soviet satellite states that now includes Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Roumania, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, China, North Korea, Tibet, and Guatemala. Already on the shaky edge of being Soviet controlled are Italy, France, Iran, and two more of our southern neighbors in this hemisphere. If we ourselves, in due course, are not to become one in the same procession, we had better stop describing pitch black as off-color gray, or letting the Communists and their dupes and allies buffalo us into a futile silence about the "by-gones" of past administrations.)

It was during this very year, of 1945, that there came into the presidency of the United States a man, Harry Truman, who had been selected for the job primarily through the influence of Sidney Hillman and of associates whom we now know to have been Communists. He had been first notified of his selection as the vice-presidential nominee, at a time when everybody except the American people knew Roosevelt was a dying man, by Sidney Hillman; at a breakfast-for-two arranged for that purpose. Properly to appraise the far-reaching effect of that development, it is necessary to remember how justifiably Mr. Truman boasts of extreme loyalty to his friends, without the slightest concern as to the character, background, or record of those friends. Truly and tragically, if Mr. Truman had literally taken orders from these original sponsors, and if they had in turn taken specific orders from Moscow, he could have done little more than he did anyway to block exposure of the Communists and their treasonous activities in our public life.

There are apologists for Harry Truman who try to distract attention from

the great help his administration gave to the world-wide progress of Moscow-controlled Communism, by pointing to various offensives against Communist aggression he is supposed to have initiated. This is a biography of a young American hero, martyred by the Communists, not a historical survey of America's seven years under Truman. We cannot stop here to analyze the fallacious disclaimers of Communist influence during those seven years. But since the atmosphere of the period during which John Birch fought and died is very much a part of his story, it is worth while pausing long enough to scrutinize at least one of the arguments that Truman opposed Communist purposes whenever circumstances forced him to a clear-cut decision. Let's look at the chief exhibit of these Truman supporters, the decision to fight back in Korea.

The best way we can do this is to list certain completely established facts, and let the reader form his own conclusions. First, for several months before the North Koreans crossed the 38th Parallel, in June, 1950, we put ourselves and the South Koreans in the worst possible position to defend the bottom half of the peninsula against that attack. We announced to the world that South Korea was beyond our perimeter of defense, and visibly followed Owen Lattimore's advice to let all of Korea fall to the Communists "without making it look like we had pushed it." With the Russians known to be organizing and training a comparatively huge army of North Korean Communists, we restricted all armed forces of the South Koreans to a police unit of some fifteen thousand men. Despite money actually appropriated by Congress for the purpose, the administration somehow found ways to stall and delay so that no military equipment — not even sufficient ammunition — was sent to help the South Koreans prepare any defense. And we ostentatiously withdrew almost all of our armed forces from that part of Korea supposedly under our influence, without the slightest suggestion, much less insistence, that the Russians do the same with their forces in the north.

Then we deliberately ignored the most obvious evidences, the most convincingly detailed intelligence reports, of Communist intentions. In 1947 the Wedemeyer Report warned of what was going to happen in Korea — of exactly what did happen in 1950. Between June, 1949 and June, 1950 our army general headquarters agency in Korea sent to Washington 1195 consecutive warning reports, an average of three a day, as to what was taking place just above the 38th Parallel. The North Korean build-up, and its purport, were both unmistakable. Yet, when the Communists did plunge across the line and invade South Korea, the administration claimed to be taken entirely by surprise. Actually, the only interested parties who were surprised, or at least who had any right to be surprised, were the American people.

Second, and more significant, was the supposed accident by which we got into this "police action." The United States did not declare war on Russia, or the Chinese Communists, or North Korea. *The United Nations* declared that Communist aggression in South Korea must be resisted, which was eventually translated into meaning that the United States should send the men,

matériel, and money to maintain well over ninety per cent of this United Nations resistance. But the United Nations could not take any such action except through the Security Council, in which each nation had one vote—and any one of five nations had a complete veto power over any such action. Communist Russia was, of course, a member of the Security Council, and had this veto power. How did it happen, if the Kremlin did not actually want us to be fighting its Communist stooges in Korea, that Russia did not veto the decision? It had never hesitated to use this veto before, for the most visibly selfish purposes. To the Communist masters of slippery strategy, this problem was simplicity itself. A few months before the invasion of South Korea, the Russian member of the Security Council got himself ostensibly and noisily into an angry huff, over some ridiculously flimsy excuse, and stalked angrily out of the proceedings. He conveniently "kept his mad on" until after the vote had been taken to resist in South Korea. Then, as soon as barely enough time had elapsed to keep the trick from being too obvious, he got unruffled and returned to his seat in the Council. From then on the Russian Communists were very much a part of the United Nations higher command, directing this war against themselves in Korea, and with individual Russian Communists placed in positions of considerable importance in the actual conduct of operations.

Now if there is any one thing the conferences, diplomatic maneuverings, and United Nations proceedings have taught us, over the past nine years, it is that the top agents of the Kremlin do not let their emotions interfere with their aims, or get piqued except by careful design for a definite purpose, or let any decision go against them by oversight or default. If our Army headquarters in Korea knew that the North Korean agents of the Kremlin were going to overrun South Korea—and they were shouting it to Washington at the top of their lungs—it is certain that Moscow's agent in the United Nations knew it. And to assume that he chose just that time, and that time only, to stay out of the Security Council, on an excuse that had been carefully contrived and was sheer poppycock, for any real reason except that Stalin wanted us to commit our armed forces to action in Korea, is to be naive to the point of absurdity.

Third, and most significant of all, we never did fight this war to win it, or allow our generals to do so. MacArthur, Van Fleet, Lt. General Almond, almost every general of importance who was in the operation, has stated unequivocally that on several different occasions, and despite the persistent hampering shortage of ammunition, we could have completely routed the enemy and won an overwhelming victory; and that on each occasion our forces were held back from doing so on specific orders from Washington. MacArthur, who wanted to win a war he was fighting or know how come, and who would have had enough prestige to force the issue, was removed from his command.

The Korean "police action" enabled the Communists to get a lot of experience in fighting American armed forces; to try out their planes and guns and other equipment in actual combat and familiarize themselves with ours; to use the peninsula as a rehearsal

ground for the greater conflict whenever it might come. It got the American people accustomed to having their sons fight under the command and direction of the United Nations, with their objectives being determined by political manipulation and deals among the many nations, all voting with equal power, in the Security Council. It showed all Asia what devastation and misery would be wreaked on any country like South Korea that dared oppose the Communists and depend on the United States for help. It allowed a lot of Communist agents and sympathizers in America to strengthen their hands by going through the motions of a phony opposition to Communism. It gave the Communists a chance to convince millions of Asiatics—who could not know that we were fighting this war with both hands tied behind our backs—that in a military struggle the United States couldn't even beat the Chinese Communists. It enhanced the prestige and strengthened the hands of the Chinese Communists immensely. It added billions of dollars to the taxation load and the public debt of the American people, and pushed us that much further along the Marxian road of spending ourselves into bankruptcy. It enabled the Communists, by lying propaganda, to convince half the world that we had resorted to germ warfare, so that the reaction to their using it when the time comes will not be so disturbing to neutrals or even their own satellites who might still have any conscience left. It accomplished many other objectives of the Kremlin. And it did so without the slightest danger of the Communists suffering any harmful results other than the loss of a few hundred thousand lives, which meant no more to them than the lives of so many insects. For Stalin, in a moment of either rare boastfulness or of carefully calculated design, had convincingly implied to the Czech diplomat, Arnhost Heidrich, in 1947, that he had controlling influence inside the American Government. This influence, now immensely increased through the machinery of the United Nations, was sufficient to bring the war to a close at any time the Communists deemed a phony truce desirable.

Whatever else the Korean action may have been, its appraisal as an effort on the part of the Truman administration to oppose the real interests and purposes of Moscow requires a gullibility, and a blindness to the plain facts, that is almost beyond comprehension. As to most of the other moves made by Mr. Truman to thwart Communist aims, a careful analysis will reveal equally fatal flaws in the arguments of his apologists. Many of the arguments will be about on a par with the one that, after the FBI had insistently informed him that Harry Dexter White was a Communist spy, he promoted White to a more influential position in order to keep an eye on him.

XVI

More about the Atmosphere

But let's return to our main theme. It was also during this same year of 1945, in fact during the very autumn of John Birch's death, that Patrick Hurley resigned as our Ambassador to China. Finding our embassy in Chungking completely dominated, and all of his efforts at helping Chiang Kai-shek hamstrung by Communist traitors and pro-Communist sympathizers among

the "career men" in our State Department, he came home and let out a blast that should have rocked the country. But the Communists and their dupes and allies were too high up in our government and too firmly in control. They were able to smother Hurley's on-the-spot report of our betrayal of China as effectively as they were the on-the-spot report of Ambassador Lane, of our betrayal of Poland, two years later.

(It is completely certain that a huge majority of our "career men" and all other employees of the State Department, past and present, have been and are completely loyal and patriotic American citizens. It is equally certain that the statements in the above paragraph are true, and that our course in Chungking and in post-war China generally was guided by a comparatively few traitors and their misguided dupes, who got themselves into sufficiently strategic positions to exercise enormous influence. But instead of worrying about the bad smell given the whole Department by traitors, and helping to have these traitors exposed and thrown out, the career men and other employees and alumni of the State Department have continuously "got their backs up" at every charge of treason, no matter from what source—Ambassador Hurley, Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane, Ambassador Hugh Gibson, just for instance — nor how convincingly documented. And this childish blindness and resentment, on the part of people who should know better, has been of infinite help to the traitors themselves in enabling them to keep on having their disastrous way in American Foreign Policy.)

It was during these years that George Catlett Marshall three times saved the Chinese Communist forces from probable annihilation by forcing three separate truces on Chiang Kai-shek; that he placed an embargo on the sale to the Chinese Nationalists of any military supplies, even bullets for their guns, at the very time when the Russians were arming the Chinese Communists out of the Japanese stockpiles seized in Manchuria—and boasted that he had disarmed thirty-nine anti-Communist divisions with a stroke of his pen; that he used his full influence to build the prestige of the Chinese Communists by repeatedly insisting—as spokesman for the United States—that Chiang accept and trust these murderers as partners in the government of China.

These were the years when the greatest American historian, Charles A. Beard, was disgracefully smeared into innocuous ineffectiveness, simply because he dared tell the carefully documented truth about what had been, and still was, taking place. When at least one editor of our official Army publication, "Stars and Stripes," in the Pacific Area, was a Communist agent. When a man born in Manchuria, educated in Soviet schools in Siberia, now using an assumed name, was caught with more than two hundred top-secret documents from Naval Intelligence and the State Department and other departments in his rooms—and was let off without even a fine. And when maps, blueprints, and miscellaneous documents of every kind, revealing in infinite detail every statistical, geographical, and physical fact of American life and power, went through Great Falls in a steady stream to Moscow, fifty black suitcases full at a time, under the cloak of diplomatic immunity.

These were the years when the magazine *Amerasia* was peddling the Communist falsehoods of T. A. Bisson and others like him as objective analyses. When the Institute of Pacific Relations, completely controlled and dominated by pro-Communists, was not only spewing its own malicious propaganda far and wide, but was serving as a tremendously effective employment agency for placing Communists and Communist sympathizers in our State Department. When UNRRA began channeling large shares of its huge funds through Communist agents in China, in Poland, and elsewhere. When we insisted that the supervision of our flow of Lend-Lease goods to Russia through the Middle East be handled by the very Communist agents who were stirring up hatred of the "American exploiters"; and when we ourselves thus supported the foundation of that Tudeh party in Iran which has made so much trouble for us—and for Iran—ever since.

It was during these years that the Office of War Information, under Elmer Davis as Director, became a veritable hotbed of Communists and Communist sympathizers. There was Lionel Canagata, calling himself Canada Lee, who became a radio narrator for OWI. There was Giuseppi Facci, who devoted most of his time to a Communist-front organization which was branded subversive by Attorney General Biddle. He was senior foreign-language information advisor for OWI. There was Raymond Juebzke, or Nicholas K. Ray, or whatever his real name was, who had actually been discharged from WPA, even in those easy-going days, for Communist activity. But this didn't deter Mr. Davis from making him one of the top press and radio program directors. There was David Stone Martin, an active Communist who solicited party memberships in his own home. He and his wife were both on the OWI staff. There was Rose Hanna, who had worked in Moscow, and was an active member of organizations officially cited by government agencies as subversive. *She was made chief researcher in charge of OWI's files on subversives!* There was Robin Kinkead, who would have been able to operate practically a whole Communist cell out of members of his own family. His wife, his mother, and his father were all active members of the Communist party. Mr. Kinkead's job was to help prepare OWI scripts. There was Paul Keri, murderer, and lieutenant of Bela Kun. *He was made the OWI's Hungarian expert.* There was Piroska Halsz, who had also been active in the Bela Kun terror. She was made a chief translator. There was Lazar Herrman, now calling himself Leo Lania, who had edited the Austrian Communist newspaper, *Red Flag;* and John Terebessy, known to have been a former Communist agent in the Balkans. They were both employed in the press and radio division. There were Chew Sih Hong and Dr. Kung Chuan Chi, whom Owen Lattimore (Mr. Davis' Pacific Area Director of OWI) insisted, over the protest of an alert legal advisor, that he wanted kept in the OWI even if they were Communists. There were Julia Bazer, later a Fifth Amendment case, and Adam Tarn, who has since voluntarily become a citizen of Communist-governed Poland. There were Herz, and Arksy, and Balinska, three prominent employees of the Polish branch of OWI, who later showed up

in the service of the Lublin Gang — Stalin's stooge government in Poland. There was Annabelle Bucar who, after the war, went to Moscow, renounced her American citizenship, and began writing scurrilous attacks on Americans. There were dozens and dozens more, of practically all nationalities. There were, as James Burnham has remarked, so many fellow travelers and "leftists" that the identifiable Communists, although plentiful, were almost invisible behind them. And of course, in the very top bracket, controlling the whole official flow of information about China to the United States and about the United States to China, was Owen Lattimore himself — with cooperation available, when needed, from his good friend Joseph Barnes, Deputy Director of OWI for the Atlantic Area.

During the years under discussion this crew and the whole OWI, acting under the cloak of war-time secrecy and urgency, did almost anything it wished. A fair example of these activities was the beaming to China of its broadcast of articles published in *Amerasia,* and its circulation in China of the articles most critical of China that were published in this Communist periodical; or its broadcasts to Poland, which were labeled by the wartime Polish ambassador to the United States as straight pro-Soviet propaganda.

It was during these years that the Office of Strategic Services, under Colonel (now Major General) William J. Donovan, so frequently threw the weight of American supplies, arms, money, and prestige behind the Communist terrorist organizations of Europe and Asia. Almost typical of the selections by Colonel Donovan of high-level personnel for this agency were the cases of Leonard Mins, Milton Wolff, and George Wuchinick. Mins, member of a well-known Communist family, himself trained in Moscow and in Communist-operated revolutionary schools elsewhere, a former officer in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which had been organized by the Soviet secret police to promote Communist terror in the so-called Spanish Civil War—this man was given the job of gathering and analyzing information on the Soviet Union for the OSS. Wolff had been a commanding officer of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade when it had been recruiting gullible young American idealists to fight in the Communist butcher unit without letting them know it was a Soviet police instrument. When some of these young American dupes found out the truth in Spain, and rebelled against the Communist leadership, they were summarily executed. Wolff has since refused to state under oath whether or not he took part in these executions of American boys. But as a member of OSS he served as one of the most influential and trusted representatives of the American government in Italy during the war years. Wuchinick, also a graduate of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, found the opportunity as a member of the OSS to work closely with Tito in Yugoslavia and with the Communists in China.

Then there was Maurice Halperin, who has been finally dropped in recent months, by a great and patient American university, for his preposterous juggling of the Fifth Amendment. He was chief of the Latin American Division of OSS. And there was Duncan Lee. Mr. Lee has denied under oath (in 1948) that he ever gave confidential information about the OSS to Commu-

nists or even knew that Elizabeth Bentley was a Communist. Miss Bentley has testified under oath that Duncan Lee had been a Communist party member who actually paid his party dues to her, and had been her most valuable source of secret information in the OSS. She stated substantially the same thing in her book, *Out of Bondage*. And J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, has officially stated: "All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proved correct. She has been subject to the most searching of cross examinations, her testimony has been evaluated by juries and reviewed by the courts and has been found to be accurate." The reader will have to do his own guessing about the loyalty of Mr. Lee, and where it lay. But about one thing he doesn't have to guess, and that is the extremely important part played by Lee in the OSS organization. For Duncan Lee came directly out of Colonel Donovan's own law office, and was made his special and confidential assistant in managing the world-wide operations of the Office of Strategic Services.

There was David Zablodowsky, an admitted worker in the Communist underground. There were Leo M. Drozdoff, Jack Sargeant Harris, J. Julius Joseph, Irving Fajans, Paul V. Martineau, Carl Aldo Marzani, Philip O. Keeney, Irving Goldman, Helen B. Tenney, and others who all later became Fifth Amendment Pleaders. They all had jobs, and most of them important jobs, in this extremely sensitive and important agency. And serving as head of the China section of Research and Analysis in this organization was Professor John K. Fairbank — who says he isn't a Communist. Since he has been identified under oath as a Communist, but has denied under oath that he was, we shall have to let the matter rest there. But in view of his past actions and writings, he certainly ought to do, so far as the Kremlin is concerned, until a Communist comes along.

It was during these years that Communists and close fellow travelers infiltrated every important government agency; and pushed, pulled, and edged each other to very near the top in many of them. It would be easy to fill several pages with names of government employees who have since been shown to have put the welfare of Communist Russia above the welfare of their own country. (In fact, James Burnham has done so, in his remarkably good book, *The Web of Subversion*.) And when the war came to an end, in 1945, and so many of the wartime agencies were gradually liquidated, there was a great migration of these Communists and Communist sympathizers to the old-line agencies, such as the State Department, many of which—especially the State Department — were already badly infiltrated.

And finally, it was during these years that Dean Acheson climbed steadily to the top of our State Department, pushing out anti-Communists right and left as he climbed. In their place he brought in, and so surrounded himself with, Communists and Communist sympathizers, that on June 10, 1947 a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee addressed this then confidential memorandum (from which most names have been deleted, and which has already been published many times before) to the then Secretary of State, George Marshall:

CONFIDENTIAL

June 10, 1947

FROM: SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

TO: SECRETARY OF STATE, GEORGE C. MARSHALL

It becomes necessary due to the gravity of the situation to call your attention to a condition that developed and still flourishes in the State Department under the administration of Dean Acheson.

It is evident that there is a deliberate, calculated program being carried out not only to protect Communist personnel in high places, but to reduce security and intelligence protection to a nullity.

Regarding the much-publicized MARZANI case, the evidence brought out at his trial was well known to State Department officers, who ignored it and refused to act for a full year.

MARZANI and several other Department officials, with full knowledge of the State Department, and with Government time and money, promoted a scheme called PRESENTATIONS, INC., which contracted with a Communist dominated organization to disseminate propaganda.

Security objections to these and other even more dangerous developments were rebuffed by high administration officials; and there followed the substitution of unqualified men for these competent, highly respected personnel who theretofore held the intelligence and security assignments in the Department. The new chief of controls is a man utterly devoid of background and experience for the job, who is and at the time of his appointment was known to those who appointed him to be, a cousin and close associate of a suspected Soviet espionage agent. The next development was the refusal of the FBI, G-2, ONI and other federal investigative agencies to continue the whole hearted cooperation they had for years extended to the State Department.

On file in the Department is a copy of a preliminary report of the FBI on Soviet espionage activities in the United States, which involves a large number of State Department employees, some in high official positions. This report has been challenged and ignored by those charged with the responsibility of administering the Department with the apparent tacit approval of Mr. Acheson. Should this case break before the State Department acts, it will be a national disgrace.

Voluminous files are on hand in the Department proving the connection of the State Department employees and officials with this Soviet espionage ring. Despite this, only two persons, one of whom is MARZANI, were released under the McCarran rider because of their subversive activity.

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are only a few of the hundreds now employed in varying capacities who are protected and allowed to remain despite the fact that their presence is an obvious hazard to national secu-

rity. There is also the extensive employment in highly classified positions of admitted homosexuals, who are historically known to be security risks.

The War and Navy Departments have been thwarted for a year in their efforts to carry out the German Scientist program. They are blocked by one man in the State Department, a protege of Acheson named ———, who is also the chief instrument in the subverting of the over-all security program.

This deplorable condition runs all the way up and down the line. Assistant Secretary ———— also surrounded himself with men like ———— and with ———— who has a notorious international reputation. The network also extends into the office of Assistant Secretary ——.

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And these were the years when a communication of such a nature, from such a source, brought absolutely no action, interest, nor even visible attention. The Communists, their dupes, and allies had been able to rise so high in our government, to become so influential, that they could brush off charges like this without even missing a stroke in their subversive activities.

XVII

How Did It Come About?

Time and room for a more complete delineation of the web of subversion would remove any surprise on the part of a reader that the story of John Birch had been carefully suppressed. The interlocking cooperation by Communists and their dupes and allies, to slant all efforts, actions, and information towards helping the Communist cause, and to eliminate or play down every item of unfavorable truth, was so widespread, so powerful, and so skillfully conducted behind the scenes, that getting the life and death of John Birch ignored was merely a minor chore. It was at this very time that this same conspiratorial group succeeded in convincing the American people, or enough of us to serve their needs, that Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai, and the other murdering tyrants in this particular advance troop of the Kremlin, were agrarian reformers and really good democrats at heart. And it was within the period we are talking about that they were powerful enough, and extended their fingers of control high enough in our government, to have the official report of General Wedemeyer on the true China situation completely suppressed, by the recommendation of George Catlett Marshall and the specific agreement of Harry Truman. In the midst of such epic achievements the little matter of keeping Captain Birch's murder out of the news was so easy and natural as almost to be automatic.

The real question then, even in a biography of John Birch, and in approaching all surrounding matters as the setting in which his purposeful life and tragic death occurred, is this: How did such a conspiratorial group of Communists, dupes, and allies ever get such tremendous direct power and far-reaching indirect influence in our government and throughout our nation?

To give the complete answer to that question we should have to go back to the days in the 1930's when it was fashionable for almost everybody in

Washington to express admiration for the "Soviet Experiment" and to vie with each other for the friendship of its representatives. When so personally foul a character as Oumansky, various parts of whose foulness from larceny to murder were public knowledge, could be and actually was treated with marked respect and even subservience by the most important representatives of this nation, because he was a Soviet "diplomat." When Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in the United States, had the run of the White House for years, and actually directed —from the White House—operations in 1938 to purge senators who had opposed the court-packing scheme in 1937. When both Franklin D. Roosevelt and John L. Lewis were sure they could "use" the Communists to support their own purposes and then discard them at will.

We should have to go back further. To 1934, when Frances Perkins and Henry Morgenthau and Henry Wallace persuaded President Roosevelt to have us join—and begin largely financing—that great organized conspiracy to socialize all the nations of the world, the (deliberately misnamed) International Labor Organization. To the hordes of ILO members, from Montreal and London and Geneva, who flocked to Washington, found themselves comfortable nests inside our government payroll, and began so energetically — and ably and slyly—creating a collectivist atmosphere in which communist doctrine could thrive. To 1933, when Henry Morgenthau and a young lawyer named Dean Acheson were so instrumental in getting the United States to officially recognize that government and establish diplomatic relations with Moscow. When the great influx of Communist propagandists, organizers, saboteurs, and spies began, before the ink was even dry on their solemn promise that they would not thus abuse our hospitality.

And further back, to 1921, and the transformation of the old Intercollegiate Socialist Society into the League for Industrial Democracy. This league, of which leading lights over the next decade were Robert Morss Lovett, Charles P. Steinmetz, Norman Thomas, Harry W. Laidler, Stuart Chase, Paul R. Porter, Paul Blanshard, Louis Budenz, and John Dewey, had one specific purpose and reason for existence. This was "education for a new social order based on production for use and not for profit." *Production for use and not for profit* is, of course, at the very center of Marxian doctrine, and the League carried out its educational program with considerable success. For in 1933, when Roosevelt looked around for the generals and colonels and corporals to lead his army of "social change," the League for Industrial Democracy had 5,652 members as the greatest single source of these administrators and advocates of the new order. (Roosevelt called it the "New Deal," but the German and British Socialists had called it by such names as the "New Order" or the "New Course"; and most of these converts were well aware, even if the American people were not, that it was exactly the same program.)

And yet further back. To 1905, when the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, which was later to become this League for Industrial Democracy, was itself formed, in a loft at 140 Fulton Street, New York. Among the sophomoric

young idealists who founded the society were Upton Sinclair, Clarence Darrow, Jack London, Morris Hillquit, and Owen R. Lovejoy. The organization of chapters began at once, and was carried on so energetically that by 1912 there were forty-four such chapters in that many different colleges. Among the early presidents of local chapters were Walter Lippmann at Harvard, David J. Saposs at Wisconsin, Frieda Kirchwey at Barnard, and Walter Reuther at Wayne. Prominently active in other chapters, in the years before the first World War, were Bruce Bliven at Stanford, Vida Scudder at Wellesley, Alexander Trachtenberg at Trinity, John Spargo at Amherst Agricultural, and Eugene V. Debs at Columbia. Other leaders in early stages of the movement included Ordway Tead, Alexander Meiklejohn, Isador Lubin, William Shirer, Paul H. Douglas, Vladimir Karapetoff, Heywood Broun, Lewis Gannett, and Broadus Mitchell. Among those acting as organizers, or as writers and lecturers to help the organization along, were Ella Reeves Bloor, Frances E. Perkins, Lincoln Steffens, Rose Pastor Stokes, Victor L. Berger, Bouck White, W.E.B. DuBois, Scott Nearing, John Haynes Holmes, Roger M. Baldwin, Frederick Vanderbilt Field, Felix Frankfurter, Joseph P. Lash, Max Lerner, J. B. Matthews, Nathaniel Peffer, Victor Reuther, Anna Louise Strong, Jerry Voorhis, and James A. Wechsler. Here are found many of the names of those who deliberately set out to make America over, into the pattern of a socialist-Marxist state, as had been envisaged for Germany by university students and professors, the radical theorists, and the class-hatred boys of Bismarck's day—and as their cousins in the Fabian Society of England were already doing for that nation half a generation ahead of them. Keeping in touch with the theories, methods, and successful experiences of the German and British leaders of socialist thought and action was a most important function of these American collegiate organizations.

And earlier still. To Germany of the 1880's when Bismarck and later William II were stealing the thunder of the rising Marxist storm, and cleverly using it to build a central government with more detailed power and minute controls over the lives of its subjects than had been seen since the time of Constantine. When Adolph Wagner and his associates were crystallizing the nebulous theories and generalities of socialism into its infinitely intricate and opportunistic legislative pieces. When the practical planners were proving that socialism, instead of being willingly and consciously assumed by the masses as a desirable condition of life, was something to be imposed on a people from the top; and were gradually accepting the inevitable corollary that a descending hierarchy of government agents, to force this socialistic organization of society on the people for their own good, was justified if necessary. When the pattern of *state socialism* was being set for all the world to follow for a hundred years.

And further back yet. To the fulminations of Karl Marx and the elucidations of Friedrich Engels. To the writings of John Stuart Mill and Jeremy Bentham and Robert Owen. To the widespread promulgation of that fundamental concept of all socialist idealism, "the greatest good of the greatest number." We should have to go back

to the very beginning — in modern times — of that incredible assurance, on the part of an increasing number of sociological geniuses and experts, that they *knew,* beyond all possibility of doubt or error, what was best for their more ignorant fellow-humans and what would actually result in "the greatest good of the greatest number." To the beginning of that militant determination on the part of these self-appointed demi-gods, basking in the delightful glow of their own infallibility, to use *any* means to force governments and peoples into the mold designed and being built by themselves. To the last beginning of this recurrent pathological cyst in the philogenetic case history of the human mind.

We should have to trace the gradual growth of this cyst, of omniscient tyrannical altruism, as it developed in three generations to the point that the noblest idealists have been willing — are still willing — to resort unhesitatingly to perjury and murder and treason to foist their ideas upon the world. To give the full story of the spread and deepening of this obsession we should have to write a hundred books of a thousand pages each. And that is obviously beyond our purpose, or ability.

We can point out, however, that these "infallibles" close their eyes to many easily discernible facts. One is that the institutions of civilized man, his sociological machinery, cannot long survive or function creatively when inundated by the flood of collectivism. Historical experience has proved this beyond question, with regard to human social units of every size and circumstance; from Robert Owen's New Harmony experiment on a fertile pioneer front, to the great Roman Empire of the West with all of its accumulated urban and commerical advantages, to the middle-sized city state of Sparta at the very height of its ascetic virility. But the disciples of Mill and Marx and MacDonald are afraid to look at this historical evidence. Even to glance at such ruins might cause the glittering mirage, on which they are focussing with such hypnotic concentration, to lose some of its brilliance or even to begin to fade away. On the beauty and the reality of this mirage they are willing to gamble high stakes indeed; to gamble on causing the starvation, torture, or prolonged suffering of still more hundreds of millions of their fellow human beings; to gamble on causing, or hastening, the suicide of a civilization; to gamble on two even more far-reaching catastrophes which we'll discuss in the final section of this book. To such people the murder of John Birch would have seemed an inconsequential trifle in this gamble for Elysium, even if they had known such a heroic individual—and opponent—ever existed.

XVIII
The Opposing Forces

Our fifth and last question was: What is the significance of the life and death of John Birch? That question involves deep and fundamental premises as to the significance of any individual human existence. But this is not a book of philosophy, and we cannot pause here for a study of man's relation to cosmological purpose. Keeping our inquiry, therefore, within the narrower limits that were intended and are appropriate, we might restate it this way: What is there about the life of John Birch, except for its human-interest value, that justifies a formal biography?

If the reader will bear with us, we'd like to approach this question along several different lines of thought. They all converge to place this young man at a focal point of a physical and ideological struggle far greater and more important than has ever yet been generally realized. And here, too, we can hope that the answer will gradually become both clear and convincing as we thus consider the forces which he so faithfully represented and those to which his whole outlook was so unalterably opposed.

For John Birch personified everything that the Communists hate. First, he was not only an American, he was one of the finest examples of Americanism, in all the traditional meaning and promise of that unique term. He lived and worked and fought and died, always literally giving the best that was in him, to strengthen those principles and beliefs which had brought human evolutionary and spiritual progress to its highwater mark in the America he inherited.

There was poverty in that America. Sometimes it was grueling and widespread poverty. John Birch had lived through it and knew it well. But John also knew, both intuitively and from actual observation, the difference between poverty in America and poverty in other lands. The ceaseless gnawing hunger accepted as commonplace in huge parts of China was rare indeed in this country, and actual famine completely unknown. Nor was hunger ever deliberately imposed on any segment of the American people, by government for its own ends. The brutal and literal starvation of three million Ukrainian kulaks by Stalin, on their self-sufficient land, and simply because they resisted collectivization of that land, occurred at the same time as the worst of our depression of the thirties. But the like of any such catastrophe in this country was so little to be feared, or even imagined, that this Kremlin-contrived mass murder could not even be believed until the evidence and revelations became overwhelmingly conclusive.

Poverty is something which the Communists everywhere try to exploit. But poverty in America produced no bitterness, in men like John Birch, towards their government or towards their fellow men. For there was always freedom to move, to try, to hope and plan, to pit oneself against economic rather than governmental forces; to struggle against poverty as an individual or family responsibility, rather than as something imposed by the errors or ambitions of a tyrannical state and thus beyond the power of the individual to do anything about. An individual could enter that struggle with a justified American assurance that work and self-denial and thrift would bring better days in time; that while the boat of his own destiny was sailing in temporarily rough waters, he was still, under God, the captain of that boat and the master of his own fate.

John Birch had been through all the experiences of America's worst economic travail, without losing any of his preference for the American economic and political system to those that other countries had to offer. He had not become in the slightest susceptible to the doctrine that it is either the duty of the state to order the lives of its citizens, or within the power of the state to provide for them better than they can do it for themselves. A "prose poem" which he wrote in April, 1945, con-

tained this sentence: "I want of government only protection against the violence and injustices of evil or selfish men." And this characteristic of Americanism is one which makes the Communists boil with frustrated rage.

There was pacifism in America, and internationalism, and distrust of the political purposes and honesty of our own government. These were attitudes which the Communists intended to exploit to the fullest. The freedom to criticize and disagree among ourselves had torn us widely apart. The Communists knew, better than anybody else, to what ends they would go and what means they would use to sow even greater dissension among us in the years after World War II. There could not be the slightest question, however, that John Birch would maintain an unshakable and heroic loyalty to America, in whatever cold wars or hot wars might arise with any foreign power. And a loyalty to one's own country, that cannot be weakened or divided even by allegiance to the noblest ideals of human brotherhood, much less by the phony parade of the shells of such ideals for the promotion of a tyrant's aims — such a loyalty, while still by no means exclusive to America, is another characteristic of classic Americanism which the Communists hate as a mole hates the daylight.

It is a tenet of Americanism that the right to own private property must not be abridged. It is a widely held conviction among Americans that their economic freedom is inseparably intertwined with their political freedom and their personal freedom in all other activities. They recognize, more by instinct from their pioneer past than by knowledge of how completely their feeling is supported by historical experience, that any chipping away of their economic freedoms, however insidiously done by governmental forces, means a surrender of other rights as well. The Communists, aware that economic freedoms are the most vulnerable of all to demagogic attack, and aware of the inevitable consequences of their destruction, have turned loose every propaganda device in their arsenal to batter down this characteristic of the American philosophy. But with John Birch they could never have made the slightest impression. In that same "prose poem" we have already quoted, John had his "war weary farmer" say: "I want some fields and hills, woodlands and streams, that I can call my own." Although determined on a career of ascetic dedication for himself, he had a fundamental American respect for the desire to own property, and for the proper place of this desire in a civilization of free individuals, that no amount of Communist sophistry would ever have been able to shake. A man who takes that half of his salary that he retains for himself, and invests it in barren land and in young trees to be planted on that land, to make it no longer barren — such a man is no prospect, not even a remote possibility, for the siren salesmen of Marxian revolution.

Next to the individual himself, the unit of responsibility and the basis of reciprocal dependence in America is the family. Our society is an organized purposeful entity, of which the millions of families are the sustaining cells. There is nothing unique to America in this characteristic. Extremely strong family ties have been a notable part of the pattern of social organization in

many countries. But this tremendously powerful family relationship between individuals is something which the Communists have been compelled to wear away by abrasion and practically to destroy altogether, before they could convert enough of the individuals of these families into willing slaves and worshippers of the state. Not only have the Communists debased both the ritual and the significance of marriage, in every country that they have controlled long enough; not only have they tried to make children at an early age look to the state, rather than to their parents, as the purveyor of necessities and the guardian of their well-being; not only have they deliberately torn families apart by the millions; they have committed a far greater crime than any of these, by overpowering, with their specious indoctrinations, one of the noblest and most deeprooted instincts of man. For the Communists have successfully achieved the willing betrayal of parents by their children, and of children by their parents, for nothing more reprehensible than a lack of enthusiasm for a slave state. They have done this on a widespread basis, always on the grounds of a starry-eyed idealism that cannot admit the possibility of its own error, and as an important part of the Communist means of stamping out all opposition to its régime, of the present or of the future.

But for Americans of John Birch's background, of his love for his parents that amounted almost to reverence, of his deep and glowing affection for his brothers and sisters that shines out so continuously in his many letters to them, of his memories of their poverty and struggles and pleasures and sorrows and proud moments together; for him any Communist effort to tear down this idyllic attachment to a family hearth would have been absurdly futile. A man who, wishing to own forested land for his own future security, still takes one-half of his officer's salary (the first appreciable income he had ever had) and sends it gladly every month to his parents for the remaining three years of his young life, to make their living a little easier — the persuasion of such a man to substitute loyalty to the parenthood of the state for loyalty to the human parents he revered and admired would have been beyond even the Communists' most clever and patient cunning. Sons like John Birch were, and would remain, insuperable stumbling blocks to the Communists' most insidious attacks on American family life.

Americanism is not completely definable, of course. And even of those prejudices, beliefs, and traits of character which most observers would accept as components of Americanism, there are many about which there would be strong differences of opinion as to whether they called for praise or censure. But when the doubtful or controversial characteristics are winnowed out, and only the noblest moral, political, and traditional values are left, out of that total environment for human life and human happiness which we inherited, we reach two parallel and irrefutable conclusions. One is, that John Birch embodies the best of these values. And the second is, those are exactly the values and ideals the Communists hate most, as obstacles to their conquest of America and enslavement of the world.

But there are *two* great bulwarks still in the way of this Communist

ambition. One is a political entity, the United States of America. Other countries are resisting Communism, of course. But it is the productive strength of America and the ideological strength of Americanism that form the core of this military and political resistance.

The other great bulwark is the organized power of the Christian religion. Here too, other religious faiths — the Jewish and the Moslem followings, in particular — are doing much to oppose the Communist advances. But it is the greater numerical and material strength of Christianity, and the complete irreconcilability of Christian ideals with Communist methods and purposes, that form the core of this spiritual resistance.

And so it happened that John Birch represented each of these anti-Communist forces with equal honor and faithfulness. To him Christianity was no vague obbligato of half-defined doctrines to which one paid lip service, and of discomforting moral precepts which merely kept an elastic conscience from stretching too far. It was a dynamic faith, which pointed the way through humility, brotherhood, and righteousness to a better world composed of more noble human beings.

Many of us today cannot share the simple and fundamental faith which moved John Birch to such a self-sacrificing life of service to his fellow-men, and caused him to project for himself an even more single-minded devotion to the service of his God and of humanity in the years to come. But those of us who have not lost all sense of gratitude to the saints and martyrs, the teachers and poets, the heroes and dreamers, the workers and inventors, the good men and wise, who slowly and painfully created for us that predominantly Christian civilization which we inherited — we do share with John Birch a number of cardinal beliefs which are ties that bind together men of good will throughout the world. And these are the very beliefs, of man about his spiritual nature, that the Communists know they must overcome before they can substitute therefore the pseudo-religion of Communism.

One is exactly that right, of any human being, to believe what he wishes about his own relations to God, and to worship any Divine Being to the extent and in the manner dictated by his own belief and his own conscience. We simplify this great principle by the word *tolerance*. And while almost all religious groups have practised cruel intolerance at some time in the past, we have all learned over the centuries — Jews, Christians, Moslems, and others alike — that tolerance is an important manifestation of a great spiritual tenet common to us all: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Today only the Communists have reverted to that principle, of the dark ages of religions and of civilizations: "Destroy your enemy's gods, and force him by the sword to worship yours."

It happens that John Birch, in the ardent certainty and fervor of his own early faith, had been guilty of intolerance — or of what might be so construed by many people. He was too kind and too civilized a Christian, even in those days, ever to have carried this intolerance to the point of cruelty to another human being or oppression of another faith. But he believed that a man who had been hired, by a particular group of a particular religious persuasion, to teach and preach their beliefs to their sons and daughters, had no right to use his

position to preach opposing doctrines. And at Mercer he had conducted quite a militant campaign in support of this point of view.

But it is doubtful if, by the time he reached China as a missionary, John would have felt that, in religious matters, even this course of action was justified or wise. He had learned to lean entirely on the power of persuasion, and on a sublime confidence that the truth as he saw it would ultimately prevail. Just how tolerant, in spirit as well as in action, John had become, is revealed by one development incidental to his war service. It is a development in the recital of which we must tread on tender ground. For in the southeastern states, where John was raised, there were almost no Catholics. For this reason a prejudice against Catholics, growing out of ancestral traditions and reasons that were themselves largely forgotten, had been transmitted and strengthened from generation to generation, through lack of any direct contact with objects of that bias which might soften it, until the prejudice had become both strong and almost universal. Just how strong the feeling was, at the very time John Birch was a growing boy in the South, became a matter of record when such staunchly Democratic states as North Carolina and Virginia went for Herbert Hoover in the 1928 presidential election, rather than accept the Catholic, Al Smith, as their candidate. There is no doubt that, to a fundamentalist Protestant like John Birch, it was actually much harder to see goodness in a Catholic than in a Jew or even a Moslem. The attitude of tolerance, friendship, and cooperation which John acquired towards Catholics, even Catholic priests, during his experiences in China, therefore, redounds greatly to his credit and to theirs.

There are many witnesses to this attitude, but one will suffice. Here are the exact words of Colonel Wilfred Smith, repetitious but revealing:

> "The thing I liked about John was that although he was a very fervent Christian, he was also a very fine soldier. He reconciled the work he was doing in the Army with his burning missionary zeal and a strong feeling that China would have to be freed from the Jap menace before missionary work could be started again. We had two or three Catholic officers. One day John came to me and said, 'I have learned something. I find I can respect the Catholics. I have learned they can be gentlemen. We do not have many Catholics down south, and I have learned something. I have learned from my experience that Christianity is something from the heart. When I was ordained and came out I did not think that was possible.' John matured in his Christian experience. I saw him develop and change from a rather naive approach to one of maturity. It was very evident in the tolerance which he was able to feel toward Christians of other denominations than his own. I first knew John as a Southern Baptist, but John said that Christian fellowship was possible with anyone from the heart and not from denomination. It used to amuse me but without any kidding or urging he volunteered that information. He changed from a boy to a man."

The Communists, in their war to the finish on all religion, as in all of their

other strategic drives, have left no tactical stone unturned in their conduct of that war. They have systematically stamped out religious observances and destroyed or taken over religious meeting places; they have consistently reviled, persecuted, and murdered religious leaders; and they have attempted to eliminate every religious hold on the mind of the young — except for always temporary concessions of a limited nature for the sake of expediency. And with the insidious cunning which is one of their most effective tools in every enterprise, they have succeeded in fomenting distrust by various Christian denominations of each other, and in promoting a jealous and suspicious division between and even within denominations, which everywhere lessens the strength of opposition to Communism on the part of any Christian group. John Birch was, and clearly would have remained, a militant enemy of their strategy and an unreachable exposer of their tactics, in all of these designs. His Christianity was not on the defensive, dissipating its strength in disproving calculated libels. He was a leader of a Christian offensive to carry a sense of Christian brotherhood and tolerance and justice to all the world. And at an early age he had already matured too much for the Communists to have been able to muddy his understanding, or to deflect him from his purpose, by any amount of their sophomoric mental poisons.

A second cardinal belief of Christianity, bitterly condemned by the Communists, is in the worth and importance of each individual human being. This belief John Birch exemplified in every word and deed. To the Communists fifteen million men suffering unending misery in slave labor camps are just so many pawns being used in a game, and not worth a second thought in connection with the winning of that game. To John Birch, driving the Japs from China was a lofty and overpowering cause, to which many lesser causes might properly be sacrificed. But not one single missionary was he willing to leave to die of starvation or mistreatment, even though the evacuation of some one missionary might cost heavily in plane time and fuel and human effort that otherwise would be devoted directly to winning the war. And not one Chinese child, Christian or non-Christian, was he willing to see suffer, when any practicable effort or sacrifice on his part could prevent it.

In some of the subtle Communist propaganda that has permeated every American medium of communication over the past many years, the suggestion has been carefully planted, for the gullible to dig out and proudly flaunt as their penetrating discovery, that the poor abused persecuted Communists are today's version of the early Christian martyrs. There are many things wrong with this insinuating and deceptive thesis, but one fallacy vitiates the whole body of the claim. That is, the true Christian martyr of the early centuries was willing himself to die for his belief, but he didn't want anybody else to die for it, not even his enemies. He was especially willing to die for it rather than lie about it. Your Communist, on the other hand, is very anxious that others — including, but by no means limited to, his enemies — shall die for his cause by the millions. But the Communists use every known means of blaming their actions on others, as in the case of the Katyn Massacre; of get-

ting others to fight their battles for them, as in the seduction of idealistic American innocents into the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade"; and of personally escaping, rather than suffering for, the consequences of their own crimes against society when caught. Sometimes they even have to drive their own soldiers, with guns at their backs more threatening than those in front, as at Stalingrad. As for individual Communists standing firm for their faith under stress, they are willing to do so at the cost of ranting in public, or of reviling or torturing other people; but lying about it, to escape the consequences of their worship of Communism, is a fundamental "virtue" of their cult.

We are told that in the twenties in Europe, and in the thirties in Asia, there were some Communists who preferred and accepted death rather than deny their faith. Certainly there have been Communists who would have been willing to do so. For retrogressive, cruel, stupid, and full of childishly incongruous monstrosities as this communist philosophy may be, it has caught with its deceptive mirages the mesmerized gaze and devotion of many noble men and sincere idealists. But the custom of martyrdom has been discouraged, and the martyrs forgotten, by the Communists themselves. And the reason for the complete difference between early Christianity and today's Communism in this respect lies in the principle we are discussing, that to the Communist the individual is of too little importance for any such deliberate self-sacrifice of the individual's life to make sense. Even when some few individuals, such as the Rosenbergs, have been executed according to the compulsions of the social organization which they were seeking to destroy, the Communists have made it clear that their interest in these executions, even for propaganda value, was as a means of more rapidly publicizing their own lies and distortions of fact. They seize such opportunities to break down confidence in the civilized procedures by which even a humane society tries to protect itself against those who would undermine it through criminal betrayal. They have no sentimental concern with the individuals executed.

To the Communist the individual is always expendable, for even the slightest contribution to the cause — or for the elimination of the slighest obstruction to the cause. To a Christian, even the lowliest individual is never expendable, either positively as a sacrifice to the cause of Christian civilization, or negatively for the vilest form of blasphemy against Christianity itself, without all the protection that the circumstances of war or peace will possibly permit, and even then with only the gravest anxiety and misgivings. According to official records, John Birch "stuck his neck out" more than any other man in China, during the whole three years he was engaged in the war there, to live up to this principle of Christian humanity. It was another principle, in the necessary dilution of which, and in the ultimate banishment of which from the minds and actions of men, the Communists found and would have continued to find John Birch their implacable enemy.

A third tenet of Christianity, which the Communists cannot allow to survive, is that there can be coexistence of temporal power and organized spiritual power in the same state at the same time. Christians have accepted this as

theory from the earliest days. They have observed it, with varying degrees of encroachment, throughout the centuries. The Communists have denied it, both in theory and in practice, from the very beginning of the Communist conspiracy.

The Christian, provided his freedom of worship, and of support of his church, is not denied or interfered with, is perfectly willing to pay the taxes, observe the laws, and support the sovereignty in temporal matters, of a duly constituted completely secular government. He does not see this as a divided allegiance, but as two separate non-conflicting allegiances. The Communists, being unwilling to allow any allegiance — to the family, to friends, to organizations, or to causes — other than allegiance to the Communist state, for fear that there might be conflict between this allegiance and some other, cannot even consider allowing organized religion to exert or possess any material strength or even unified spiritual influence. If the Christian thought like a Communist, he would have to destroy the *state*. Since a Communist thinks as he does, he must destroy not only religion, but the *church*. Since the Christian does not think this way, he can work for his church and patriotically support the state at the same time. And the Communists thus find this principle of social organization a reinforced bulwark against their making subservient satellites out of Christian nations.

John Birch understood this principle very well. He had been raised in a country where its soundness was taken completely for granted. Nothing in his more mature experience caused him to doubt its soundness in the least. His most evangelistic crusading on behalf of Christianity in the most pagan corners of Asia would not have given the temporal rulers of those corners the slightest reason to distrust his efforts from a civil point of view — unless they were Communists — or to put any obstacles in the way of his conversion of the natives to Christianity. But every such conversion would have meant one more cell of stronger resistance to the Communists when they came. How bitterly they hate Asiatic Christians, and the influence of the Christianity of John Birch and other missionaries among the Asiatics, is revealed by the recent report from inside Red China. They are temporarily permitting the resumption, under certain carefully humiliating restrictions, of Christian worship in some of the strongest Christian centers. Those who are ardent enough in their faith are innocently rushing like schools of fish to seize the tempting bait. And the Communist tyrants are already gloating that they will thus know who are the irreconcilables and stalwarts left among the population, to be liquidated in the next general purge. It is a cruel formula which the Communists have used many times before.

Last and most important of the philosophical and spiritual conflicts between Christianity and Communism, which we shall discuss here, is the Communist belief that the end justifies the means and the Christian conviction that this is one of Satan's most tempting lies. For this is, by ultimate analysis, the one firm foundation of our quarrel with the Communists and with the socialists who support them with this same rationalization. And the argument is tied to John Birch not only through his holding a belief contrary to the

Communist doctrine, but by his being a victim of that doctrine in its actual implementation.

None of us knows beyond all question that a socialist or communist organization of society, such as the Communists claim to desire, would not make for a happier world. We do not believe it, and there are sound reasons in historical experience, in philosophic reasoning, and in intuitive integration of the infinite guides to the pursuit of happiness, which support our contrary conviction and encourage our resistance. But we are willing to deny ourselves that claim to infallibility which we condemn so in the Communists. We are willing to grant that, conceivably, they could be right.

If the Communists and their socialist allies would depend, therefore, on persuasion rather than coercion, on an honest presentation of their arguments and blueprints rather than on opportunistic crimes of every nature, to advance their cause, we should have no right nor reason to condemn them. The men, for instance, who founded the Intercollegiate Socialist Society to which we referred above, were not criminals or scoundrels. On the contrary they were, almost without exception, idealistic young men motivated by the noblest aims. It was only as some of them, swept along by the encouragement of their fellows into a growing fanaticism about their own superior wisdom, joined the Communist criminal conspiracy or at least began to condone the use of any means to bring about a socialist society, that they lost the right to our admiration no matter how completely we disagreed with them. But over the years many of these "liberal" idealists, even those who claim that they hate Communism, acquired a blind spot, like that caused an automobile driver by the windshield support at either end, for the dirty tactics, all the way up to murder, of the Communists themselves, whenever they thought the Communists were advancing the cause of socialism. For condoning such tactics they deserve our contempt. For running interference for such tactics they deserve careful investigation. For actually participating in such tactics they deserve to be prosecuted with energy and justice, according to our civilized laws. For even good ends do not justify foul means. And a whole civilization — the best our poor fumbling, bungling race has yet arrived at — has been painfully built on the principle that the individual or the mob must be limited by law in the means chosen to achieve its ends. Neither the Communists, their fellow travelers, nor their philosophically kindred socialists, have any such prima facie case that they are right and we are wrong as to justify their reversion to barbarism to establish their desired form of social organization.

Your true Christian, like John Birch, will not even stand passively on the sidelines and allow crimes against the code of a Christian civilization to be perpetrated without protest and militant action. He had already sensed the beginning of sinister events in China before he died. During the last months of the war he wrote home that the American diplomats and leaders in China had much to answer for, and that when he returned to America he would have some surprising things to tell.

As Captain Birch, he willingly cooperated with the Chinese Communists

during the war whenever the occasion arose. And there is no doubt that, so long as his natural American ignorance of the nature and extent of the Communist conspiracy remained, and if the Communists appeared to exert their control according to civilized standards, he would have felt that the coexistence of a Nationalist Government and a Communist Government in China was not his concern. But as soon as the Communists began to reveal their true nature; to wreck every effort of the Nationalist Government to reestablish communications, industry, and the whole economy on a peaceful basis; to turn loose their flood of lies about Chiang Kai-shek, in America, and about Americans, in China; to murder, and pillage, and destroy, John Birch would not even have had to stop to commune with himself as to whether their philosophy and professed aims were good or bad. He would have used all the force of his convincing voice and determined energy, supported by a thorough personal knowledge of the Chinese scene, to deny their lies and to try to stop their destructiveness. When all the rest of humanity, except the Communists, were looking forward to peace and rehabilitation, ten days after the Japanese surrender, the very group that murdered John Birch, at that very time, were engaged in tearing up railroad tracks and tearing down telephone wires, for the specific purpose of causing misery and despair to the civilian population. And they were quite right in assuming that, whatever their ends, their means alone would have made John Birch a foe who could not be silenced except by death.

By one of those dramatic coincidences which the tempo of war makes common, it so happens that John Birch expressed himself on some of the Christian principles we have been discussing, in the last letter which he ever wrote. It was begun on August 13, 1945 (August 12 in America), to his parents in Georgia. Added to and continued off and on, according to habit, and obviously brought to a close on August 15 with forgivable abruptness, it did not reach Mr. and Mrs. Birch until after the news of their son's death. And it seems worth while, as a fitting end to this chapter, to incorporate that short letter here in full. To paraphrase one paragraph in it, John Birch wanted peace, for all people and for many reasons, with all his heart. But he would never have been willing to accept peace, even for a short time, when purchased by a tolerance of such evils as he would have seen the Communists spreading across China and the world.

China, August 13, 1945

Dear Folks:

Here at my little outpost we are all waiting for President Truman's word tonight concerning Japan's answer to the Allied qualification of the first surrender offer. Yesterday, Sunday morning, I held a service especially thanking God for bringing us to the eve of victory, and all my men voluntarily attended except one operator who had to stay by the transmitter. We have been holding Sunday morning services every week that I am here to lead them. This has been the case for several months now.

The C.I.M. have a splendid group of Christians at Fowyang, Anhwei; I preached to six hundred plus of them

there on Sunday morning not long ago, at the invitation of the pastor. It was the first time I have preached in Chinese since leaving Changsha.

Father, do not worry about my "turning back in the furrow." I may "make tents" in my own way; but as long as it pleases God to use my voice for preaching His Gospel, I expect to be doing that.

Please convey the following message to George Stanley, wherever he may be. Dear George S.: Congratulations on your marriage to as fine a person as I'm sure Alice is. I think often of you both, despite the evidence of my poor letter writing to the contrary. I do want to take issue with a statement you made — but surely cannot have meant — in a letter forwarded to me by Betty. You said: "At best this or any other war is just 'beating our heads against the wall' . . . all fighting and winning is temporary only." I will admit that much of what we rightly "render to Caesar" is of a temporary nature, because it is all in the present life. But many of these temporary things are of high importance and enjoined by God (as the execution of wrath upon evildoers by human governments). To me, it is of the utmost importance to gain the temporary opportunity to preach Christ's Gospel! Have you ever seen a humble Chinese brother, who was beheaded because he preached Christ rather than the Emperor of Japan? I have. To me it is of high importance that peace-loving Chinese peasants be allowed to live out their lives in peace!

Have you ever watched a Jap soldier steal the pitifully few grains of rice belonging to a large family of starving children? I have. Have you ever seen Chinese girls after the Japanese machine-gunned them? I have.

I want peace, but not that purchased by tolerance of such evils as I saw Japan spreading across this part of the world!

Without much military training or knowledge, excepting brief observation of fights between Japs and guerillas in Chekiang, I tried to volunteer as a private, but they made me a second lieutenant instead. Since that day I have tried, as wholeheartedly as I could, to serve the flag that had protected my life so far. If you had ever lived for one day under the shadow of the Jap secret police, you would thank God that America had enough "suckers," as you call them, to redden the sands of Tarawa or drop flaming to death through the China skies; that there were enough "suckers" to stop the Imperial Navy at Midway and the Jap bombers at Kunming.

Word has just come over the radio that Japan has unconditionally surrendered. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! No, brother of mine, we did not vainly beat our hands against a wall; we cut our hands smashing the teeth of a monstrous mouth that was devouring, and that rapidly, the lives, land, liberty, and happiness of poor helpless human beings in many parts of the world. And now that mouth, even though it be temporarily, is *closed!* Yes, George, liberty is worth its price!

Good night, and love to all.

John

XIX
The War Is Now

It is the purpose of this small book to ensure that John Birch did not die in vain. It is true that, at the time, we were deliberately denied the opportunity to know or to evaluate the circumstances, the forces, or the philosophy which his murder might have made more clear. As a consequence his sacrifice contributed nothing to our needed enlightenment, during the past nine years while the octopus of Communism was reaching its creepy tentacles ever more penetratingly over the whole planet. But even now his story may still serve to throw one more needed beam of light on the nature and the aims, the strategy and the tactics, of the conspiracy that will destroy us unless we expose and destroy it first. If so, one thing of which we can be gratefully certain is that John Birch would have considered his own life and death to have been very much worth while.

For it seems to me, and to many like me, that we now face, directly and with ominous nearness, the most transcendent crisis within not only the recorded and semi-recorded history of the human race, but within the biological history of the human species. We have already mentioned, among probabilities now threatening us, the enslavement of America and all other free nations, the destruction of a whole civilization that has been thousands of years in the building, and the ruthless substitution of the temporal religion of communism for all spiritual religions — the last danger including the extermination from the human tradition of those principles of morals, ethics, and humanity which have been common denominators of the great religions. To any human being who is not mentally blind, even to those who are proponents of communism for whatever cause, these are clear and present dangers.

But there are two more dangers, which reach beyond even these threats in their ultimate consequences. One is obvious. Through mishandling of celestial powers by little men, either for conquest or for defense, the explosive or radioactive forces of hydrogen or cobalt atoms in chain reaction may get out of hand and literally destroy the planet — or *all life on it.* Whether a similar catastrophe has happened once or billions of times before we have no way of knowing. The Persian poet wrote:

> And fear not lest Existence closing your
> Account, and mine, should know the like no more;
> The Eternal Sákí from that Bowl has poured
> Millions of Bubbles like us, and will pour.

It may well be — it is beyond our present knowledge to guess either way — that an Eternal Power has not only shaped millions of solar systems like our own, but has permitted the evolution of life on millions of planets within those systems. The surmise, however, is poor consolation to the heirs of a billion years of one such evolutionary climb, on the prospect of seeing themselves and their inheritance swept into nothingness.

The second possible catastrophe, of completely final import to the human race, is less obvious and slower in its operation, but no less conclusive in the long run. It derives from the fact that the communists and other socialists,

instead of being infallibly right in their belief as to what is best for the human race, may be — could be — completely, irreparably, and *fatally* wrong. The possibility is sufficiently ominous to justify deeply thoughtful attention for two or three painful paragraphs.

For civilization is evidently just one, of an infinite number, of the evolutionary contrivances of nature. It might be seized upon, by any dominant species of a necessary minimum intelligence, at a certain advanced stage in its struggle for survival and growth. And it is apt eventually to be over-used, to the dangerous detriment of the species, like any other physical or psychical adaptation to circumstances.

And civilization, or the progress of the species by means of and during civilization, depends on competition with members of other species being entirely supplanted by competition between individuals within the species. This competition, being between equals who were alike in physical endowments, has, in our own case, had far greater impact on man's mental growth than on his physical adaptation. The result has produced not only you and me, in our proud superiority to the other primates, but the opportunity for the development of a human being as far superior to ourselves, in mental stature, as we are to the apes.

But collectivism, then, is more than the tragic *sociological* mistake for civilized man which we have already discussed. Collectivism is a *biological* false path; not only a retrogressive tendency in any species which has reached any of the higher evolutionary stages, but one of Nature's perenially unsuccessful experimental tangents which always ultimately ends in a "blind alley." This fatal *cul de sac* quality of collectivism — and of its even darker tributary tangents, such as Communism and mass slavery — stands starkly revealed by a hundred million years of insect history.

If, therefore, the Communists or any of their philosophical descendants succeed in fastening the regimented non-competitive organization of life and of effort onto *all human beings, everywhere on the planet,* the growth of *homo sapiens* will have ended. If this ant-like system of non-competitive co-operation is established with sufficient rapidity and universality for only the few generations needed, to have it automatically (and after a while instinctively) accepted, as the natural pattern of human activity; and if there are no exceptions left anywhere on the planet to suggest otherwise; then the increasingly rare individuals who might wish to rebel against the system will have no more chance of flaunting the community conscience than would a lone ant that tried to hoard and hide some of the nest's honeydew for her own personal use.

Man, thereafter, in unhappy stagnation of intellect at its present level, will simply exist through the ensuing millenia until environmental changes occur, or outside competition arises, with which our species cannot cope. If the planet itself lasts long enough man will then disappear in time, as surely as will the ant, as surely as did the dinosaur, and for the same basic reason. This possible catastrophe is not fanciful, and is not one which man, at his present fortunate stage of understanding of himself and his universe, should be stupid enough to ignore.

But this has been, necessarily, too

slight an excursion into too deep a subject. This particular danger was included in our list only for the sake of an honest completeness; and we have no quarrel with any reader who wishes to discount it. The other dangers are too palpable, and too imminent.

For the Communists are rapidly proceeding right now, with visible daily progress on almost every front, towards the successful achievement of their total goals. And they are doing so, in the remaining free and semi-free nations of the globe, by use of exactly the same means that they have used for the capture of every sizable country, including Russia itself, since they first gained a foothold from which to operate. These means consist primarily of infiltration, deception, indoctrination, and the gradual seizure of power, *from within*. When any man tells you today that the danger of Communism, to America, is not from within our country, but from without, that we should stop worrying about the Communists and their sympathizers in our midst and worry only about their armies and their possessions outside, he is either a pro-Communist, completely uninformed, or naive beyond reason. For he is denying all experience, a huge total of very tragic experience indeed, with this unappeasable enemy. And what is true of America is true of every major country outside of the Iron Curtain.

Except in very weak adjacent states like Latvia and Finland, and in areas which were pre-conquered for them by Hitler or the Allies, like Poland and East Germany, the Russian Communists have not anywhere risked the direct use of their own armed forces. They have, when infiltration and treason have made the time ripe, maneuvered Spaniards (with volunteers from other nations) into fighting Spaniards, Yugoslavs into fighting Yugoslavs, Chinese into fighting Chinese, or North Koreans into fighting South Koreans. They have sent equipment and technicians and strategists into these frays, to help those fighting on the Communist side. But their technique has been to take over every country, when their infiltration and treason had gone far enough, by a peaceful coup if possible, or by bloody *internal civil* war if necessary; never by conquering arms from without. Guatemala has recently fallen to Communist control; Italy may fall at any time. But the Communists have never had *one regiment* of "foreign" soldiers in either Guatemala or Italy, nor even threatening their borders. They have now used this technique, continuously and successfully, in country after country, large and small, for decades. Except as noted above, they have never used any other. With it, in just the last ten years, they have added six hundred million people to their slave empire; and have reached the point that their threat is serious and immediate in half of the world that still remains unconquered. They are so obviously using the same technique in America, so confidently, patiently, and justifiably counting on its ultimate success, that only the willfully blind can honestly deny the growing menace any longer.

The truth is terrifying but inescapable. The pressure exerted on American public opinion, and directly within our government, by the Communists and their dupes and allies, is so subtle and insidious, so clever and well-planned, so invisible and unrecognized, and still so extensive and cumulatively over-

whelming, that it sweeps even our ablest and most patriotic diplomats and administrators down its patiently chosen path. The world-wide Communist hierarchy thrives on prestige and the aura of success, far more than on what it wins by bullets or by bombs. And yet we go on handing them one diplomatic victory, one prestige-building success, after another, practically on a silver platter. And the overall results prove conclusively, however much the infinite details and separate events may be argued about, that treason is the strongest force pulling the strings that guide us. For as James Forrestal so truthfully complained, if it were only stupidity that dictated our course in foreign affairs, some of the mistakes would be on our side.

There are probably not more than twenty-five thousand traitors in this country, today, in a population of one hundred and sixty million. But every single one of those twenty-five thousand is a fanatic. Almost every one has a warped but functionally brilliant mind, because it is to that kind of mentality that Communism most strongly appeals. Every one of the twenty-five thousand is committed, in his whole being and purpose, to the conquest of America by Communist doctrine and the eventual rule of America by Communist masters. This goal is not something additional to his private ambition, to be given the leavings of his energy. It is, to him, the reason for his existence, to which all other aims and efforts are contributory or merely incidental. He is determined to do his full part towards bringing about this Communist victory by any means, for the end is all that matters. He accepts the discipline of those who plan Communist strategy, fully aware that the reins of that discipline and that planning lead all the way back to Moscow. To further Communist strategy, even when he does not understand it, he will strive for positions of honor, and do his best to promote other Communists into similar positions. He will concoct policies that are two-edged, knowing that the edge which damages American interests is the one that will be pressed effectively. Disguised as a patriot, he will distort the aims of true patriots, and help to ruin their careers, while building up the prestige of other traitors like himself. He will lie and steal and even murder, if necessary, though he usually prefers to have the murder done remotely, if possible, through the effect of his policies, rather than by his own hands. If so ordered he will, by patient guile over the years, make himself a respected leader in labor or law or education or any field, without the slightest visible trace of any Communist connection, in order that he may work behind the scenes for Communist aims. Posing as a humanitarian liberal, he will multiply the reach of his own voice a hundred or a thousand fold by beguiling honest liberals to follow his bellowing like so many sheep. For the "egghead" that talks like a Communist is of small importance compared to the real Communist who pretends to be an egghead.

It was these traitors and their dupes and allies who kept the story of John Birch from the American people, most of them without ever having heard of John Birch themselves. It would be easier for us to write the final chapter of this book in a more restrained tone, and to hew more closely to the line of orthodox biography. But this would be

a betrayal of the aims for which John Birch gave his life. For the tremendous cumulative direct power and indirect influence of these same traitors, their further converts, their dupes and allies is still with us and still far-reaching.

And we are at a crossroads where their influence may be decisive; a crossroads not just of a nation, nor even just of a civilization, but of the human race itself. It is the first time since man began to spread over the planet that the fate of the whole race has been at stake in any struggle. One road leads easily and appealingly down, eventually to slavery, stagnation and increasing darkness. The other leads up the winding and difficult road to greater freedom, further growth and more enlightenment. And as if it were not enough temptation to the spirit of man to see the apparently easier road before him, there are charmers who would seduce and slavemasters who would drive him to make the leftward, downward turn.

We have built this sermon around John Birch, for in one blade of grass lies the key to all creation, could we only understand it; and in the forces that swirled around John Birch lay all the conflicts, of philosophy and of implementation, with which our whole world is now so imperatively concerned. *Therein lay the significance of his life and death.* Actually we must choose between the civilization, the form of society, and the expression of human life, as represented by John Birch, and their parallels as envisioned by Karl Marx and his spiritual successors. There is no middle ground, at least for the foreseeable future; not because no middle ground is philosophically possible, nor because intelligent and humane beings could not prefer some middle ground, but because the Communists will not permit it. The man who stands ideologically half way between John Birch and a young Malenkov or Vishinsky has no more chance of ultimate survival in a state once thoroughly subdued by the Communists than did Captain Birch himself. The Communists will use compromise, to serve their purpose; but will not permit compromise to stand, once that purpose has been carried out. Not only are you either with the Communists or against them. By their own determined and ruthless delineation, you are either with them *all the way,* without a shadow of a reservation, or you are one hundred per cent their enemy after you have served their purpose. This is a principle which those who would compromise with Communism, or with Communists, should learn well and never forget. It is far more literally true, in dealing with Communism, than it was in dealing with the evil Lowell had in mind, that "they enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin."

John Birch was a just an American farm boy who might have been your son or mine. But he was the first, or very nearly the first, casualty in American uniform, in a war still being waged against us nine years later; a relentless war of which there is no end in sight. John Birch was killed by typical Communist tactics, as a part of typical Communist strategy, in a typical Communist-style war—a continuous undeclared war which observes no rules of international law, of civilization, or of human decency. He commanded no armies, headed no government, converted no nations to his creed. His impact would have been of transient

memory and comparatively small importance, had not that impact occurred at a time and in a way to make it supply particulars from which momentous generalizations can properly be projected. *With his death and in his death the battle lines were drawn, in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed.*

As John lay dying during that last hour or two of agony, after he had been shot and bayonetted and his body tossed aside, he must have realized that the rise of anti-Christ, which he had foreseen, was already upon us. There is no way in which we can reach back, across the nine-year interval, and let him know that his death was not in vain. But what really matters, what would have mattered most to John Birch, is whether his sacrifice does in fact help to awaken his countrymen to their danger and their duty; and whether his career does help to inspire them to revere more sincerely, and to protect more devotedly, that hard-earned freedom, as a birthright of all men, for which he fought so well. If we rediscover some of our sounder spiritual values in the example of his life, recharge our determination from the spark of his courage, and learn essential truths about our enemy from the lesson of his murder, then his death at twenty-six ceases to be a tragedy. For in a full lifetime he could not have accomplished more.

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FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (62-1521)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

REC- 49

Re: Houston letter dated 2/26/60.

On 3/10/60, [redacted] of the Houston Post, who resides at [redacted] Houston, Texas, advised that he attended a meeting of the John Birch Society on 3/ 9/60.

He stated that the meeting was held at the North Shore Heating and Air-Conditioning office on Market Street Road, Greens Bayou, Texas.

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Mr. [redacted] advised that approximately 10 persons attended the meeting. The meeting was under the direction of [redacted] Houston, Texas. According to [redacted] is a contractor in the Houston area. The Houston indices contain no further information identifiable with [redacted]

No further action is being taken in this matter.

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Reurlet 3/17/60.

It is noted that the status of relet is listed as pending. Inasmuch as The John Birch Society is not under investigation by the Bureau and the field is merely required to furnish any information it may receive concerning it, the status of relet should be changed to closed and you should close this case in your office.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Memphis (100-3727)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC Letter No. 59-13, Section F, dated 3-10-59, and SAC Letter No. 60-5, Section C, dated 1-26-60.

Attached hereto are the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; INFORMATION CONCERNING." No dissemination is being made of this information, UACB, in view of the interpretation of referenced SAC Letters regarding the Bureau's interest in the John Birch Society. Also enclosed is a letterhead memo setting forth the reliability of the informant utilized in this memorandum.

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[redacted] mentioned in attached letterhead memo is [redacted] Agent in Charge of the Memphis Sub-Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service, who furnished information to SA [redacted] He requested his identity be protected. He stated that he was invited by [redacted] to go to a meeting at the home of [redacted] Memphis, on the evening of 3-3-60, and had no idea in advance of the nature of the meeting.

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It is anticipated that additional information will be forthcoming to this office regarding the John Birch Society from such people as [redacted] and the [redacted] of this office. Their cases are not currently pending.

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One copy of this letterhead memo, with the accompanying reliability memo, is being sent to Knoxville as it contains information about one [redacted] or [redacted]

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Memphis, Tennessee
March 17, 1960

Re: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On March 11, 1960, [redacted] b6 Per ICE b7C [redacted] advised that on the evening of March 3, 1960, a small group of fairly prominent Memphis, Tennessee citizens met in the home of [redacted] an eye specialist, and [redacted] Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Among those were: b6 b7C

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[redacted] seemed to be in charge of the meeting and stated he had [redacted] or [redacted] come to Memphis for the purpose of organizing a Memphis Chapter of The John Birch Society, a nation-wide organization dedicated to conservatism in all governmental affairs. b6 Per ICE b7C

[redacted] (phonetic) said The John Birch Society wanted to set up cells or units of fifteen to twenty-five persons in various areas of Memphis; that the group would not seek publicity; that as members were added new cells or units would

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be formed; that members of one unit would not necessarily know the identities of members of other units; that in this sense the John Birch Society would operate like the Communist Party. He emphasized, however, that the Society is very anti-Communist and that it hopes to appeal to and gain its support from the conservative intellects in the country. Dues will be $2.00 per month for each male member and $1.00 per month for each female member.

[redacted] stated that no officers were elected at this meeting; that it was merely an exploratory meeting to "sound out" those present as to their possibly being interested in membership. [redacted] got the impression that all those present were anxious to form a chapter or unit of The John Birch Society in Memphis.

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[redacted] left before the meeting ended and as of March 11, 1960, had learned of no further details.

[redacted] added that he personally knows [redacted] and [redacted] to be prominent and loyal United States citizens, and to be conservative and anti-Communist and anti-Socialistic in their respective views.

[redacted] gathered that The John Birch Society will be an educational action group, dedicated to educating its members and contacts to the menace of Communism and Statism; that it will not be an active political type group.

[redacted] added that there were about sixteen people present at the March 3, 1960 meeting, and that the above named were the only ones whose identities [redacted] could recall.

[redacted] added that [redacted] or [redacted] said nothing about any other chapters he has formed, including Tennessee.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Memphis, Tennessee
March 17, 1960

Re: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference memorandum captioned as above, dated March 17, 1960 at Memphis, Tennessee.

Memphis [redacted] mentioned therein has furnished reliable information in the past. b6 Per ICE b7C

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Mrs. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. Your office has previously reported activity to institute a unit of this Society at Shreveport, Louisiana.

The enclosures being sent to the correspondent are:

1. Statement by J. Edgar Hoover, Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, U.S.A., December 10-13, 1959.

2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent is interested in joining an organization to fight communism. She has learned of the John Birch Society and inquired as to whether the Bureau has any information or comments to make concerning that Society. Correspondent gave her thanks for the splendid quality of the work being done by the Director and the Bureau in establishing observance of law and love for our country.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. The above SAC Letter called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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Ruston, Louisiana
March 9, 1960

Robert O Welch

Dear Mr. Hoover,

There has been much talk between my friends about a new anti-communist organization called the John Birch Society whose President is Robert Welch of Belmont Massachusetts. Mr Welch proposes to form a national organization to fight Communism through pressure exerted by "front" organizations in politics and publicity factors. He has offered the first positive action for resisting Communism that I know about. I have tried to fight the socialistic and communistic trends in our goverment, Methodist Church and local social affairs by belonging to Public Actions, Louisiana Methodist Lay Association, and the

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Citizens Council, plus what personal attempts I can formulate. But all this action is only taken from a defensive position after the "opposition" has gained control or established a trend.

There is definite need for an offensive action against this socialism-communism taken by private citizens. What is it? This question has brought me to consideration of the John Birch Society as a possible course of action. However, Mr Welch clearly states there will be no "pro" or "con" about the actions taken — it will all be decided by him as to the course of action and policies to be followed. This sort of dictatorial leadership is contrary to my general beliefs, but where can I turn to help stop this danger to our country?

Any information or comments you have on this John Birch Society would be appreciated.

In closing, I would like to give you a most inadequate thanks for the splendid quality of work done by you and your organization in establishing observance of law and love for our Country.

Sincerely,

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Ruston Louisiana

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Ruston, Louisiana
March 9, 1960

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/s/ [redacted]
Ruston Louisiana

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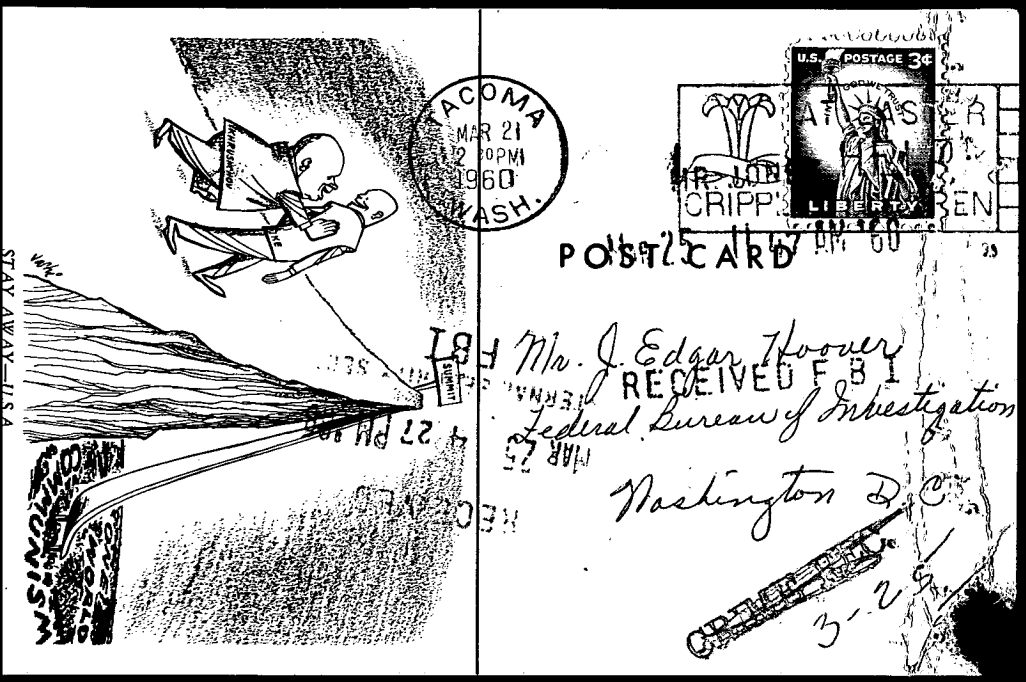
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As Louis Budenz so brilliantly pointed out and prophesied, years ago, "the cry is peace."

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There is already peace in Poland and Hungary; in Albania and Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia; in Romania and Bulgaria and East Germany; and of course in Russia itself. Even such resistance as existed in any of those countries has been provoked into showing itself prematurely—so that it could be destroyed, and a more deadly peace bestowed on the remainder of the population.

Except for a few million Chinese here and there, engaged in desperately suicidal rebellion on behalf of freedom, there is peace on all the mainland of China. There is the same peace in North Korea, and North Vietnam, and Guiana, and Guinea, and Ghana. With guns and bayonets and clubs, and with more refined instruments of terror and of torture where necessary, the henchmen of unspeakable Communist murderers like Achmed Sukarno in Indonesia, Juan Lechin in Bolivia, Karim el-Kassem in Iraq, and Fidel Castro in Cuba are bringing more and more peace to *their respective countries.*

Peace has many faces. There is the morning peace of the grave, for those who during the night have died of hunger and despair; the evening peace of the slaughter house, when the day's slaughtering is done; and the timeless peace of the escapeless prison, after a hopeless revolt has been subdued. The Communist peace (the Cold Peace to which the Cold War leads) is compounded of all three. And the conspirators now expect, after a few more rounds of fraternizing visits and one or two more summit conferences, to be able to impose that peace on the rest of a rapidly surrendering world.

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Honorable Howard H. Baker
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter dated March 21, 1960, enclosing a letter to you from Mrs. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., Knoxville, Tennessee.

As you may know, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and as such its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information desired by your constituent.

For your information, however, material distributed by the John Birch Society indicated it was created in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 9, 1958, by Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, who claims it is part of an anticommunist campaign. The organization asserts its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

I trust the above information will be of assistance to you in connection with your constituent's inquiry, and I am returning her letter for your files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure
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SEE MEMO BAUMGARDNER TO BELMONT, 3-24-60, CAPTIONED "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING, (INTERNAL SECURITY)," RDS:pw.
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Honorable Howard H. Baker

ATTENTION: SAC, KNOXVILLE

Enclosed for your information is one copy each of the Congressman's letter and the letter from his constituent. Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of investigation by the Bureau. Information concerning this individual and organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

Mrs. A. G. Heinsohn was one of the victims in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Theft of Jewelry Valued at Approximately $5,500 From Pine Crest Club, Avon Park, Florida, February 20, 1948, National Stolen Property Act, " Miami office of origin. Information concerning Heinsohn was contained in the report of SA Francis W. Norwood dated March 20, 1956, at Memphis, captioned "Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government, Internal Security - X" and Memphis letter dated February 7, 1958, captioned "Tennessee Independents - Affiliated with National Committee for Independent Political Action IS - X," copies of which were furnished your office.

For your information, the Bureau has had limited but cordial correspondence with Congressman Baker.

HOWARD H. BAKER
SECOND DIST., TENNESSEE

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

March 21, 1960

Encl.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed letter from Margaret L. Heinsohn, 3719 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee, is self-explanatory.

Mrs. Heinsohn and her husband are outstanding patriotic citizens of the District which I have the honor to represent in Congress.

I shall deeply appreciate your personal attention to Mrs. Heinsohn's inquiry with a reply to me at your early convenience.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker

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MRS. A. G. HEINSOHN, JR.
3719 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, Tenn.

The Honorable Howard Baker
House of Reprsentatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:-

You have always been so extremely kind to me that I hesitate to ask you still another favor. However, in view of the fact that it is for the good of our Country I am sure you will not mind.

Will you be good enough to ask Mr. J. Edgar Hoover the two following questions:-

1. Is the John Birch Society, headed by Robert Welch, Belmont, 78, Mass a subversive organization?

2. If not, is it an organization dedicated to the preservation of human rights and a return to the Constitution of the United States.

It would be most effective if I could have the questions and Mr. Hoover's replies on the same sheet in your letter to me.

With many thanks and all good wishes

Very sincerely,

/s/ Margaret L. Heinsohn

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 3-24-60

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Parsons
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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Congressman Howard H. Baker (Tennessee) by letter dated 3-21-60 requested information to enable him to reply to a constituent's inquiry. He enclosed a letter from Mrs. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., Knoxville, Tennessee, in which she requested the Congressman to inquire of Mr. Hoover whether the John Birch Society is a subversive organization or if it is dedicated to the preservation of human rights and a return to the Constitution of the United States. Bufiles reveal we have had limited but cordial correspondence with Congressman Baker. During investigation of a Kickback Racket Act case in 1954, information was received Baker may have received certain contributions. The allegation was not substantiated during the course of the investigation and Baker was not the principal subject of the investigation. (56-1313-21)

Bufiles reveal that the correspondent was in 1948 the victim of a jewelry theft case which was investigated by the Miami Office. In February, 1956, A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., was listed as a member of the Advisory Board of the Tennessee Federation for Constitutional Government, an organization whose principal activities were in opposition to desegregation in public schools. In January, 1958, A. G. Heinsohn of Sevierville, Tennessee, was listed as state chairman of the Tennessee Independents, a new political party described by newspapers as a conservative political action group with headquarters in Memphis. (98-9063, 105-40707, 105-67703)

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We have not investigated the John Birch Society; however, by SAC Letter 60-5 the field was instructed to furnish any information concerning local chapters of this organization to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Since the Congressman's constituent is requesting what in effect is a clearance or nonclearance of the organization, it is recommended we advise the Congressman that the Bureau does not furnish clearances, evaluations or comments concerning any organization and we are precluded from furnishing the information desired by his constituent. It is recommended, however, that we advise the Congressman that the organization claims to be an anticommunist organization. Attached is a suggested letter to the Congressman.

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1 - Mr. Shaw

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March 31, 1960

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Austin, Texas

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated March 22, 1960, addressed to me at New York, New York, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

With response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - San Antonio (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he has been approached to join the John Birch Society to help fight communism and desires to know if this organization is communistic. He lists the officers of the Society and inquires as to whether any of the officers have been connected with a communist front.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. The above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

Due to the lack of identifying data and the absence of any allegations of communist sympathies on the part of numerous individuals named by the correspondent, the names of these individuals were not searched in Bufiles.

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[redacted]

Austin, Texas

Phone GL-2-4488

March 22, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been approached to join the John Birch Society to help fight communism. Before I join any organization I would like to know if this organization is communistic controlled or infilterated. Will you please advise me. The following are the officers of the Society.

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Have any of the officers ever been connected with a communist front organization?

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Yours very truly,

/s/

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AUSTIN, TEXAS

PHONE GL-2-4488

March 22, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, N. Y.

The John Birch Society
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/30/60

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10360)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 1/25/60, Officer [redacted] Richland Hills Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, advised SA JOHN W. FAIN that [redacted], who attends Birdville School near Fort Worth, had turned in to his department on the previous day the following printed material, which [redacted] had found near the curb in the street of 3200 block of Kingsbury Street, Fort Worth, on 1/24/60, at about 7:30 P.M.:

(1) One copy of "THE BLUE BOOK OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY," copyright 1959, by ROBERT WELCH.

(2) One copy of a booklet by ROBERT WELCH titled "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont, 78, Massachusetts."

(3) Ten "Application For Membership" forms.

(4) Five booklets titled "THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH," by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., published by HENRY REGNERY COMPANY, Chicago, 1954.

(5) Six booklets titled "MAY GOD FORGIVE US," by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.

(6) Fourteen copies of "ONE MAN'S OPINION," a magazine published by ROBERT WELCH, INC., Belmont, 78, Massachusetts, including issues for February, April, July and November 1956, and issues for February-March, May, July-August, September (6 copies) and November, 1957.

(7) Twelve copies of "AMERICAN OPINION," a magazine published by ROBERT WELCH, INC., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, including issues for February, March, June, September, and December, 1958, and issues for January, March, June, September, October, November and December 1959.

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(8) One copy of a reprint from "ONE MAN'S OPINION," September 1956 issue, titled "A LETTER TO THE SOUTH ON SEGREGATION," published by ROBERT WELCH, INC., Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

(9) Five copies of a reprint from "AMERICAN OPINION," February 1958 issue, titled "WHY PEOPLE BECOME COMMUNISTS," published by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

Officer [redacted] advised that an address label found with this material reflected that the foregoing printed material had been mailed to MRS. KARA HART, Route 4, Box 221, Fort Worth, Texas, from THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. Same had been mailed from Boston, Massachusetts, on 1/19/60.

Officer [redacted] informed that [redacted] advised that he and companions [redacted] were riding around at the time they found this material, which in their opinion had been lost or discarded near the curb in the 3200 block of Kingsbury Street, Fort Worth.

On 3/28/60, Operator 61, Retail Merchants Association, Fort Worth, advised that THEODORE BERNARD HART (wife KARA), of 3535 East Rosedale Street, and Route 4, Box 221, Fort Worth, Texas, has been known to the files since July 1927, and was last checked 7/16/59. HART is currently retired, but was formerly self-employed in real estate and insurance. He was born 12/7/92, place not stated. Twelve retail accounts were reported, all of which were satisfactory. b6 b7C

On 3/28/60, the following advised they have no record on MR. and MRS. THEODORE BERNARD HART: [redacted] Identification Division, [redacted] Central Records Division, and [redacted] Identification Division, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, Fort Worth, Texas.

On 3/29/60, Dallas Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] who are familiar with some CP activities in the Fort Worth area, and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that THEODORE BERNARD HART and KARA HART are unknown to these informants. b7D

On 3/30/60, [redacted] Reference Librarian, Fort Worth Star Telegram, a daily newspaper, advised she was unable to locate any clippings or other references to any of the following: JOHN M. BIRCH and JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, KARA HART, b6 b7C

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THEODORE BERNARD HART and ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.

No investigation in this matter is contemplated and the foregoing is submitted for information purposes only.

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From [redacted]

To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Subject John Birch Society

Date 3-29-60

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have attended an organizational meeting of and have been asked to join the John Birch Society, ostensibly an anti-communist organization founded by Mr. Robert Welch, late of Welch Candy Company.

I believe that this group has a good purpose, but as a Reserve Officer in the Marine Corps, I want to be sure before joining that your office has no adverse information concerning the organization.

Thanking you for a quick reply

Sincerely,

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Mr. Shaw

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April 6, 1960

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Mutual Insurance Underwriters
1922 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

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The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Memphis (Enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, MEMPHIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were furnished correspondent:

1. Statement of the Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
7. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
8. "Communist 'New Look.'"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has been asked to join the John Birch Society. He believes this organization has a good purpose but prior to joining desires to ascertain if the FBI has any adverse information concerning it.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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From [redacted]

To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Subject John Burch Society

Date 3-29-60

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I have attended an organization meeting of and have been asked to join the John Burch Society, obstensibly an anti-communist organization founded by Mr. Robert Welch, late of Welch Candy Company.

I believe that this group has a good purpose, but as a Reserve Officer in the Marine Corps, I want to be sure before joining that your office has no adverse information concerning the organization

Thanking you for a quick reply,

I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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April 6, 1960

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Buffalo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated March 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 5
APR 6 - 1960
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8)

1 - San Antonio (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Buffiles contain no identifiable information [redacted] correspondent.

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE TO SAN ANTONIO, CONTINUED

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
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6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires as to whether the John Birch Society is a communist front or if it is really fighting communism.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

PARKER PHARMACY

P. O. BOX 218 - - - - BUFFALO, TEXAS

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March 28,1960.

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

Dear. Mr. Hoover:-

I would like some information about a society, which I do not know anything about, and would like to know.

I would appreciate your advising if the following society is a Communist Front organization, or if it is really fighting Communist.

The John Birch Society
Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont 78, Mass.

I want this for my own information.

I would appreciate your answer at your earliest convience.

Yours very truly

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1-San Antonio (Enclosure)
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 7, 1960

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-new)

SUBJECT: JACK BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS

Mrs. [redacted], Green Bay, Wis., advised on this date that she had received information of the formation of a "JACK BIRCH SOCIETY" in Green Bay. She said this group had been recommended to her as being anti-Communist in nature, and she had been invited to participate, but she did not "like organizations that don't come out into the light." Mrs. [redacted] inquired whether we could furnish her any information concerning the JACK BIRCH SOCIETY, and was appropriately advised. She was also advised an Agent would contact her in the very near future, as she requested, in order that she might furnish all the information known to her.

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It appears the JACK BIRCH SOCIETY at Green Bay is probably identical with "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY" referred to in SAC Letter 60-5 dated 1-26-60, Paragraph C, captioned, "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)" and the Bureau will therefore be further advised in this matter.

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1 - Mr. Shaw

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April 11, 1960

[redacted]
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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DATE 8/12/74 BY [illegible]

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated April 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the type of information you have requested and cannot recommend a course of action for your group to follow in this matter.

The fluoridation of water supplies is a legislative problem. I have never commented on this subject since it is a matter for the decision of local authorities and is not, as I have pointed out, within the scope of my authority as Director of the FBI.

Your kind personal comment concerning "Masters of Deceit" is most gratifying, and in view of the interest you have expressed in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (8)

1 - Milwaukee (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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ATTENTION: SAC, MILWAUKEE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

"American Opinion" is a publication of the John Birch Society. Information concerning this Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The Bureau has no information indicating that fluoridation of water supplies is a communist plot. Kenneth Goff, who claims to have been a member of the Communist Party prior to 1939, has written a number of articles on the fluoridation of water supplies in which he alleges this is part of the world-wide communist conspiracy and he has afforded this literature wide distribution. Goff has been described by the Denver Office as a borderline psychopath. (62-80382)

The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent:

1. Statement by Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
3. "Communist 'New Look,' A Study in Duplicity."
4. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
8. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he has read "Masters of Deceit" which he describes as an excellent book and indicates that after reading it, he has become very concerned about the problems of international communism. He states he represents a young enthusiastic group and has been delegated to ascertain if the Bureau would endorse the John Birch Society as being a good organization for the group to support. Correspondent

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED:

states he is a dentist and is concerned about the allegation set forth in a publication of the John Birch Society that fluoridation of municipal water supplies was promoted by and is part of the communist conspiracy. He inquires as to whether we can enlighten him in that regard.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

April 4, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

Having recently read your excellent book, Masters of Deceit, I have become very interested in and concerned about the problem of International Communism.

Representing a young, enthusiastic, and dedicated group, I have been delegated to ask your opinion on several matters. Since we are resolved to fight the conspiracy in the most effective manner, it is essential that we KNOW we are supporting a cause which has the best interests of the United States as its prime objective. We want to know, therefore, if you would endorse the "John Birch Society" as the best, or at least as a good organization to support. We want to know, if Robert Welch IS the patriot he claims to be or if he is motivated by other interests to deliberately misguide the efforts of many patriotic citizens who want to fight communism.

BELMONT, MASS.

Recently "American Opinion", edited and published by Mr. Welch, has claimed strongly that fluoridation of municipal water supplies was promoted by and is a part of the communist conspiracy. Since I am a dentist and have supported fluoridation strongly, I find this almost inconceivable. Can you throw some light on this matter, PLEASE.

If these questions seem foolish and unnecessary, I can only say that after reading your book and the "Blue Book of the John Birch Society," also by Mr. Welch, one hardly knows who to trust. We feel that with your endorsement we could give this organization our whole hearted support and be far more effective in encouraging others to do the same.

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Sincerely,

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Green Bay, Wisconsin

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
1 - Mr. Shaw

SAC, New Haven

April 13, 1960

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REC-25

Director, FBI

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed for your information is a Photostat of a letter dated 4-4-60, along with its enclosure, addressed to the Bureau and signed by [redacted], Warehouse Point, Connecticut. Albany is also being furnished for information a Photostat of this communication and its enclosure. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondents.

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Pursuant to correspondents' request, their letter has not been acknowledged.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5 and you should be guided by instructions contained therein.

Albany should note that correspondents' communication contains information that four individuals in Utica, New York, are doing work similar to that being done by correspondents.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Albany (Enclosures - 2)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondents are concerned about the menace of communism to this country. The enclosure to their letter consists of a form letter from the John Birch Society soliciting membership in that organization. They started a new chapter of this Society in Warehouse Point, Connecticut, and they go into great detail concerning their prescribed course of action to fight communism. Correspondents express their appreciation for the outstanding courage and persistence in duty on the part of the Director.

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to warn all who might see that the enemy had arrived.

I have sent a copy of this speech to the twenty-two conservative members of the Senate, and during this week plan to mail one to the almost 100 conservatives in the House. I will also send a copy to all those I have written about THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, and others who are on my list. By the way, the main drive of the society right now is to swamp Washington with pleas to the president, vice-president, secretary of state, and the Congress that we not be taken in by another Summit swindle, that we cease this talk of co-existence.

While in the Utica, N.Y. area during children's winter vacation in February, I learned of four individuals, who, through no organization, were doing similar work to mine. One was the past commander of the American Legion of Oneida County. He was making plans for Fr. Clancy of LeMoyne College to address a group of more than 150 persons; past commanders of neighboring veterans groups, clergymen, teachers, law enforcement officers, and especially parents were urged to come. A nurse who is also studying public speaking writes the publicity on these lectures in the form of letters to the editors of the two Utica daily papers. Fr. Clancy's talk on Communism received a standing ovation; veterans are urging that these programs become a regular monthly affair.

I talked, too, with the father of young children. He had been ready to resign as legislator of the Knights of St. John of St. Joseph's Church in Utica, when he saw a map which showed the plan of the Communist takeover of our beloved country about 1973, I think. His son will be 18 or so just about that time. He is still legislator and has a co-legislator who, he says, knows more of the Communist menace that he does. As legislator, he helps form policy for the Knights of St. John, a position of influence. In Oriskany, N.Y. there is another young man who is being invited to talk to various groups on this same subject.

If the foregoing is similar to what is happening over the whole of America, maybe we can have a bit of hope for our future. I don't think the battle will be an easy one. Communists and their helpers are too firmly entrenched in government, in defense plants, the U.N., everywhere. If the states can rescind the 16th amendment and also get the government out of business, and if a man of the stature of Barry Goldwater can be run for president, if a few men like Robert Morris of New Jersey can be elected, our job will be a bit lighter.

The foregoing, Mr. Hoover, while being all too wordy, has one purpose in mind: To let you know that many of us are vastly concerned for the welfare of our country. We need only a medium through which to work, and a means of informing the whole country of both sides of the picture, not just the liberal view of one world, world court, etc. My husband and I thought that your job must be very discouraging, especially when your findings are ignored or belittled. Thank you for your service to us and especially for such a shining example of courage and persistence in duty. God bless you and those dear to you, and our beloved country. Please do not answer this letter.

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[redacted], Warehouse Pt., Conn.

[redacted]

April 4, 1960

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Greetings to you and your unmatched staff who fight so valiantly to keep America free. Lately my husband and I have been wondering whether the American public is as apathetic as you have been led to believe. We are coming to the conclusion that they do not know the danger of Communism to our way of life and therefore do not fear it simply for one reason: They never read anything about it! Our newspapers simply fail to print this slant of the news. Perhaps it is as long as ten years ago, Bernie and I in listening to a radio address by the then Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen heard the remark, "I spend three minutes reading the daily paper: One minute on the weather and two minutes in the sports section. These are the only bits of news one can believe." I hope I am not misquoting but that is what I recall.

In December a friend lent me Robert Welch, Jr's(Belmont, Mass.) BLUE BOOK, the history of the spread of Communism from 1917 to the present, with a blue print for the future, and best of all THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., which conservative Americans could join in an effort to fight and defeat the spread of Communism. This organization is being developed on a national scale with local chapters where there are enough members and a home chapter in Belmont for others. The organization was formed in December 1958. When I wrote in December to say I would apply for membership in January, I was asked to meet the New England Coordinator with a view to starting a chapter here in Warehouse Point. I knew of three other ladies, not one of us joiners in the club woman sense of the word, who felt the same about the threat of Communism to American All of us met with [redacted] newly graduated from Boston College, to discuss forming a new chapter.

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I started ringing doorbells, persons I knew slightly and some I knew not at all. I talked and gave conservative periodicals and a few books like Life of Fulton Lewis, Jr., and Major George Racey Jordan's From Major Jordan's Diaries to about 15 or 20 different persons. One refused to read the material, but gave it to her father, who was interested. Our first meeting on February 10 netted eight members. Our chapter number was 104. By March 16 our chapters throughout the U.S. were numbering in the 130's which seemed a good increase to me. We also netted one new member. The others I am still giving literature to, some are concerned but already have too many activities. These I hope to get working through the monthly letters to members which suggest a prescribed course of action for members, and most of which can be done by letter at home.

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My main objective hasbeen to give material to the present commander of aaVFWrauxiliary. Together with the girl who will be installed this month, she is organizing a showing of Look At The Score from BLUE BOOK to be held in May intheir veterans' home which will seat 200 persons. Since the present commander is in charge of the Loyalty Day parade to be held in Hartford on May 1 and a regular project of the VFW, she plans to invite representatives from all posts to the program as well as local citizens. I hope this type of project will spread through veterans' groups all through the state and thence throughout the U.S. With the permission of these two ladies, I plan to have available "homework" in the form of conservative literature for each to take home: A copy of Mr. George B. Fowler's address before the American Institute in Milton, Mass., and a blueprint of the fall of the U.S. by 1973, a copy of Dr. Schwarz's testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee on The Communist Mind, and a copy of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN. I'll send under separate cover, a copyof Mr. Fowler's speech to you. He is an industrialist, a patriot, and the man who had the American flag flown upside down when Khrushchev was within our shores, the distress signal

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Let to New Haven (Encl.-2)
1-Albany (Encl.-2)
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., IS FOR AMERICANS WHO ARE CONCERNED OVER THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM TO AMERICA AND WHO WISH TO UNITE TO DEFEAT COMMUNISM HERE AND EVENTUALLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

My dear _____:

Are you familiar with THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., Belmont, 78, Mass., founded by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont? Mr. Welch retired from active work in the Welch Candy Co. to devote all his time and effort to the fight against communist inroads in our government. His BLUE BOOK outlines the spread of communism throughout the world since 1917; it states their objectives, and demonstrates only too vividly how successful these plans have been carried out. According to Mr. Welch's figures the plans are now 2/3rds complete, with America now the target. The government, our schools, all media of communication have been penetrated.

In order to learn the exact composition of measures before the Congress, one must read independently published periodicals like NATIONAL REVIEW, HUMAN EVENTS, DAN SMOOT REPORTS, INDEPENDENT AMERICAN, THE AMERICAN STATESMAN, AMERICAN MERCURY, AMERICAN OPINION, etc. Books like Robert Morris' NO WONDER WE ARE LOSING, Major George Racy Jordan's FROM MAJOR JORDAN'S DIARIES, etc., have to be purchased by the individual because they are not on the "best seller" list and so, as a rule, do not make the grade in our libraries. An exception is William F. Buckley, Jr's., UP FROM LIBERALISM. The larger chapters of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY are starting reading rooms with such books, as well as some which must be published by special publishers, like THE BOOKMAILER. They will have, too, conservative weeklies and periodicals. Another medium they employ is letter writing every month by each member. In some locales the commanders of veterans' organizations have joined the society as a definite means of implementing their views, and of fighting for the country they had fought to preserve so recently in the Korean and World War II conflicts.

One effort of the society was the formation of the COMMITTEE AGAINST SUMMIT ENTANGLEMENTS, which tried through full page news advertisements in about 75 newspapers across the nation to prevent the Khrushchev visit. About 100 smaller newspapers carried the full page advertisement at the expense of a local patriot or patriotic organizations with the cost running to as much as $600.00 for one page. Mr. Welch credits this ad, together with a few advertisements run by an industry, with partial success in the cool and hostile reception the American public gave Khrushchev until he reached San Francisco.

The fee for the BLUE BOOK is $2.00, from THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., Belmont 78, Mass. If you can spread the work of this group in any way, please do, possibly by referring this letter to any concerned person you may know. Thank you very much for your attention, and God bless your work.

Very truly yours,

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The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM SAC BOSTON 151330

ATTENTION CRIME RECORDS DIVISION. ROBERT H. WELCH JR, BELMONT MASS, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, BELMONT MASS, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY). BUFILE 62-104401. MRS. [redacted], WEST ROXBURY MASS, A BOSTON SCHOOL TEACHER, ON APRIL 14, 1960 APPEARED AT BOSTON OFFICE. SHE REQUESTED 125 COPIES OF DIRECTORS STATEMENT CONCERNING COMMUNISM, APPEARING IN MARCH 1960 FBI LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN WHICH WAS QUOTED IN CAMBRIDGE-SOMERVILLE, MASS EDITION OF BOSTON AMERICAN ON MARCH 23 LAST. MRS. [redacted] STATED SHE IS A MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BUT IS REQUESTING COPIES OF DIRECTORS STATEMENT AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG FELLOW TEACHERS AT THEIR REQUEST. WHEN ADVISED HER REQUEST WOULD BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU THROUGH THIS OFFICE, [redacted] STATED SHE HAD PREPARED WRITTEN REQUEST WHICH SHE INTENDED TO FORWARD BUREAU DIRECTLY IN EVENT COPIES NOT AVAILABLE AT BOSTON OFFICE. BOSTON INDICES NEGATIVE ON [redacted] SUBSEQUENTLY [redacted] EMPLOYED ON WELCHS PUBLICATION THE "AMERICAN OPINION" AT BELMONT MASS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BOSTON OFFICE APRIL 14, 1960 STATING HE THOUGHT DIRECTORS ARTICLE, WHICH APPEARED IN BOSTON AMERICAN, WOULD BE HELPFUL IN RECRUITING MEMBERS TO THEIR ORGANIZATION, NAMELY THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, WHICH ATTEMPTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM. [redacted] REQUESTED PERMISSION TO HAVE REPRINTS MADE OF THE ARTICLE, HE WAS TOLD HIS REQUEST WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND HE WOULD BE ADVISED. HE THEN SAID

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MR. DELOACH
Mr. Belmont

1 cc detached Corresp. & Tours - BOA

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THAT HE WOULD HOLD HIS REQUEST IN ABEYANCE SINCE MRS. [redacted] [redacted] A MEMBER OF THEIR ORGANIZATION WAS IN PROCESS OF WRITING TO WASHINGTON FOR COPIES OF THIS ARTICLE.

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CC--MR. BELMONT and
Mr. DeLoach

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Lancaster, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 31, 1960, and appreciate your very favorable remarks. It is most reassuring to know that you feel my book, "Masters of Deceit," merits reading by everyone.

While I would like to be of assistance to you regarding the organizations you mentioned, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances; therefore, I cannot be of service.

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In view of your concern about communism and also the obscene literature which is becoming more prevalent on all newsstands, I am enclosing some material which you might like to read.

Enclosures (6)
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3-1-60 " "
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Let's Wipe Out The Schoolyeard Sex Racket
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Statement re 17th National Convention, CP, USA

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The above SAC Letter 66-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau. The above type reply has been used as late as April 6, 1960, to inquiries re the John Birch Society. A reference in Bufiles indicates that Friendship House in Chicago was associated with the Committee on Racial Equality and the latter organization had communist members. Friendship House is a place where persons live until they can get settled and on their feet.

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. Belmont
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J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

DEAR SIR: Robert H. W. Welch Jr.

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR CONSTANT VIGILANCE AND ALERTNESS AND FOR YOUR MANY EDITORIALS AND WRITE-UPS IN NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT THE NATION - THAT POINT OUT TO AMERICANS THE EVILS OF COMMUNISM.

I AM ALMOST FINISHED READING YOUR BOOK "MASTERS OF DECEIT" AND BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO EVERY STUDENT, LABORER - TO EVERY AMERICAN (IT SHOULD BE AS WIDESPREAD AS THE BIBLE) SO THAT THEY MAY KNOW THE DANGERS THAT MAY OVERCOME US.

UNFORTUNATELY MANY OF OUR NEWSTANDS HANDLE NOTHING BUT FILTH IN LITERATURE AND IT APPEARS AMERICA'S TASTE FOR TRASH SEEMS TO KNOW NO BOUNDS. ONE MUST SEARCH HARD FOR THOSE BOOKS - THOSE CLASSICS WE WERE ONCE PROUD TO DISPLAY IN SHOP WINDOWS AND STORES - IN FACT I FOUND YOUR BOOK WAY IN THE BACK OF SOME QUESTIONABLE PAPER POCKETBOOK EDITIONS. I WISH I HAD ENOUGH MONEY - I'D BUY THOUSANDS OF YOUR BOOK IN ORDER THAT I COULD DISTRIBUTE THEM TO EVERYONE I MET.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO JOIN THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY FOUNDED BY ROBERT CASE AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF IT IS BASED ON AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND NOT JUST ANOTHER "FRONT". I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED SOME MIMEOGRAPHED LITERATURE FROM THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TITLED "COMMUNITY" (4233 SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE, CHICAGO 53, ILLINOIS) CONCERNING INTERRACIAL JUSTICE. IS THIS ALSO ANOTHER OF THOSE "COMMITTEES"?

AS ONE OF MANY AMERICANS I WANT TO THANK YOU (ALTHOUGH I'VE DONE IT IN MY HEART TIME AND AGAIN) FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOOD OLE U.S.A. AMERICA NEEDS SCALLWARTS SUCH AS YOU. WE ALSO NEED ANOTHER "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT TODAY.

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GOD BLESS YOU.

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ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU (62-104401) (RM)

RE: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
(FLINT, MICHIGAN CHAPTER #62)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-27934)

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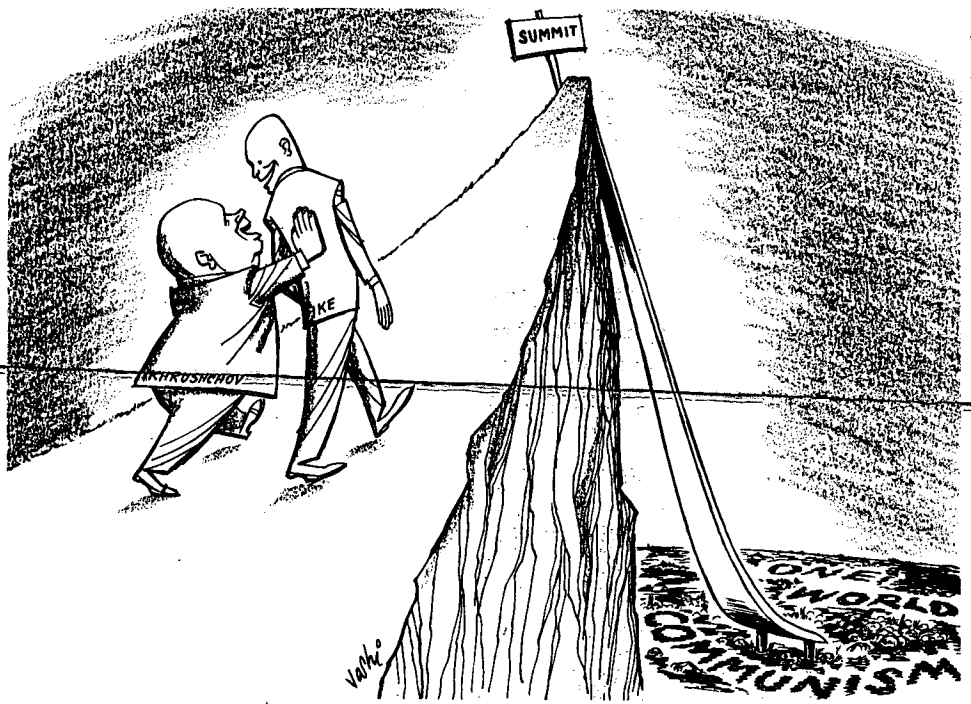

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The Summit Leads To Disaster!

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The Summit Leads To Disaster!

As Louis Budenz so brilliantly pointed out and prophesied, years ago, "the cry is peace."

There is already peace, of course, in Estonia and Latvia and Lithuania, and Armenia and Byelorussia, and Georgia and the Ukraine. And not just peace for the dead millions that have been murdered, but peace for the living millions that have been enslaved.

There is already peace in Poland and Hungary; in Albania and Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia; in Romania and Bulgaria and East Germany; and of course in Russia itself. Even such resistance as existed in any of those countries has been provoked into showing itself prematurely—so that it could be destroyed, and a more deadly peace bestowed on the remainder of the population.

Except for a few million Chinese here and there, engaged in desperately suicidal rebellion on behalf of freedom, there is peace on all the mainland of China. There is the same peace in North Korea, and North Vietnam, and Guiana, and Guinea, and Ghana. With guns and bayonets and clubs, and with more refined instruments of terror and of torture where necessary, the henchmen of unspeakable Communist murderers like Achmed Sukarno in Indonesia, Juan Lechin in Bolivia, Karim el-Kassem in Iraq, and Fidel Castro in Cuba are bringing more and more peace to their respective countries.

Peace has many faces. There is the morning peace of the grave, for those who during the night have died of hunger and despair; the evening peace of the slaughter house, when the day's slaughtering is done; and the timeless peace of the escapeless prison, after a hopeless revolt has been subdued. The Communist peace (the Cold Peace to which the Cold War leads) is compounded of all three. And the conspirators now expect, after a few more rounds of fraternizing visits and one or two more summit conferences, to be able to impose that peace on the rest of a rapidly surrendering world.

Stay Away — U. S. A.

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Bulletin of
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Flint, Chapter No. 62

The next regular meeting of our Chapter will be held at the headquarters of The American Party at 113 West Fourth Avenue on Sunday, February 14th, at 4:30 pm.

The method of conducting the meeting will be changed. Your sponsored guests may sit in the meeting-room in a rear position and see and hear all that transpires, but will not have a voice until the business meeting is over.

The meeting will not be conducted according to parliamentary law, or Robert's Rules of Order, as it has been found that our effectiveness is not well served by that kind of procedure. The order of procedure will be approximately as follows:

1st: Collection of dues. (2 Months' dues this time, as we did not collect any last month).
2nd: Collect books borrowed by members.
3rd: Re-issue books. (You will remember that we voted unanimously at the December meeting to deposit $2 for each book taken, to be refunded when the book is brought back, or left as a continuing deposit for the next book taken).
4th: We perform the assignments given us in the February bulletin from headquarters. (Write letters, etc.) Please bring half a dozen envelopes and six postcards for your needs. The leader will, if possible, bring a supply of pre-addressed "sticky" address-labels which you can put on your envelopes and cards to save your time.
5th: Reports by members on replies and reactions to their performance of last month's assignments.
6th: Book review by some member, to be called on for same at the meeting. Or, we may play a tape recording.
7th: Reports on any special interests of members.
8th: We decide on what action to take on the said reports.
9th: Adjourn the business meeting.
10th: Call for any questions by guests. Discussion of questions raised.

If at all possible, members should have had guests read the Blue Book before coming to the meeting. A reasonably good understanding of the aims and methods and convictions of the Society cannot be obtained by a guest in the limited time that will be at our disposal in the discussion period after the business meeting.

Michigan Director, Atty. Orville Sherwood, has advised that we proceed in the above manner, rather than to devote our meetings to efforts to enlist new members. He has observed that if a Chapter does this, the new members will come in because they observe that the Society is effective. He has also promised to be at the February 14th meeting if at all possible. I am sure you will find meetings henceforth much more satisfying and inspiring than the first two.

L. F. Adams
Les Adams, Leader.

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the ..... Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed below, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the *pro rata* part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

(Name) .....

(Address) .....

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Date .....

Dues Received .....

Application Approved

By .....

Title .....

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

Dues Schedule

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women *$1,000.00*
(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each.)

Membership in a local chapter, minimum per year:
For men *$24.00*
For women *12.00*
(This may be paid as $2.00 per month for men, and $1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

April 8, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently my husband and I were asked to listen to a three-hour tape recording which was made by John Welch (from Boston, I think, or at least from that area). In this recording he told of Communist Activities and asked those listening to join a group called the John Birch Society, which would have as its goal an attempt to halt the spread of Communism, especially in the United States. Everything sounded quite logical; but having read how people have been duped into joining organizations only to find out later that they are fronts for communist activities, I prefer to find out from the top source just what information your bureau has on this society. After all, if we cant trust you, who else is left?

May we hear from you soon? This group will meet again in about two weeks and we would like to have our answer as to whether we want to be included in their work.

Many thanks from a fellow American, who by the way is secondly also a Catholic.

Sincerely,

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Captain [redacted] stated that he learned nothing further of value at the meeting he attended. He states that he does not want to join this group. However, he states that he will be kept advised of all of their activities since he is well acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] who are attempting to get him to join.

Per instructions of referenced SAC Letters, no investigation conducted. Bureau will be kept advised of activities of this group as information is made available by Captain [redacted]

Also enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a card distributed by members of the John Birch Society to Captain [redacted] entitled, 'STAY AWAY - U.S.A., THE SUMMIT LEADS TO DISASTER'. It reflects copyright 1960 by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: April 13, 1960

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-27934)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/2/84 BY

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
(FLINT, MICHIGAN CHAPTER #62)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re SAC letters 59-13 (F), 3/10/59 and 60-5 (C).

On March 29, 1960, Captain [redacted] NA, Flint, Michigan, Police Department, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that on February 1, 1960, he received information concerning a small group of individuals in Flint who had organized with the apparent intent of combating Communism. He stated that he later learned from a THOMAS F. BURNS, that this group is known as The John Birch Society. According to BURNS, JOHN BIRCH was a Captain in the U.S. Army who was murdered in China by the Communists. Captain [redacted] stated that he expressed an interest in the group merely to learn more about them. Several days later he received a note from [redacted] inviting him to attend the February, 1960, meeting and enclosed a Bulletin and application for this society.

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The Bulletin reflects that the next regular meeting of this society will be held at the headquarters of The American Party, 113 West Fourth Avenue, on Sunday, February 14, 1960, at 4:30 P.M. It reflects that only two previous meetings have been held in Flint, those being in December, 1959 and January, 1960, at this same location. It also reflects that Attorney [redacted] is the Michigan Director.

A copy of this Bulletin and application is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

Captain [redacted] stated that he attended this meeting and learned that the following are the six members of this Flint Chapter:

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 3) (REGISTERED)
1 - Boston (Info.) (RM)
2 - Detroit
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1 - Mr. Shaw

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Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated April 8, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

While I am precluded from furnishing you the information you have requested, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 30
APR 18 1960
COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures - 8

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1 - Houston (Enclosure) See Note Page Two

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Mrs. [redacted]

Note for SAC, Houston:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent.

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
3. "Communist 'New Look.'"
4. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent heard a tape recording made by John Welch, of the John Birch Society, who requested those listening to join this society in order to halt the spread of communism. She indicates she is interested in this organization, but does not desire to be duped into joining a communist front. She inquires as to what information we have in our files concerning this organization.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

Mrs. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:

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Correspondent failed to furnish her address in her communication. The envelope enclosing her letter was postmarked "Houston, Texas." A check of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Directory for the Greater Houston Area contains a listing for [redacted], Houston, Texas. Since there is only one [redacted] listed in this directory, it is felt that this individual is probably identical with correspondent's husband and accordingly, the communication to her was addressed in that manner.

1 - Mr. Simpson

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62-104401-81

April 15, 1960

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Newport Beach, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated April 5, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued literature concerning the menace of communism. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some of this literature.

I have noted your very kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 9
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Los Angeles (enclosure) (SEE NOTE TO LOS ANGELES, PAGE 2)

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles reveal that correspondent wrote to the Bureau on October 29, 1957, and December 3, 1959, furnishing her observations concerning matters she believed to be of interest to the Bureau. The receipt of these letters was acknowledged on November 8, 1957, and December 11, 1959, and with the latter letter she was furnished a copy of the Director's article, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," pursuant to her request.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
3. "Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "How to Beat Communism."
6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
7. "Communist 'New Look.'"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she has been asked to join the John Birch Society, and while it seems to be a good organization, she wants the Bureau's opinion concerning it. She refers to the Director and his men as unsung heroes and states "Your praises should be sung from the housetops of all America."

[redacted]

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF.

April 5th 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the past you have been very kind to answer my letters regarding communism. To me - this is the most consecrated battle all America should fight. It is appalling the way they have infiltrated in all branches of our life - the government - especially in the high places - our schools - and churches.

I have been asked to join the John Birch Society that is fighting communism. There have been so many societies springing up that supposedly are fighting this horrible menace but when you look into them they prove to be only a front. The above mentioned society seems to be above reproach but would appreceit it if you would give me your opinion on it.

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As I have written before you and your men are truly the unsung heroes of this battle and with all you have to fight in Washington I sometimes wonder how you have the heart to go on. ~~God bless you all~~ always.

EX-105 APR 19 1960

Enjoyed the article about you in last Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner in the Newsweek section. Your praises should be sung from the ~~housetops of all America~~.

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Ack.
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1 - Mr. Farrow

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April 19, 1960

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Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated April 10, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or non-clearances.

The FBI has issued from time to time various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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1 - Dallas (Enclosure) See Note on Page Two

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Note for SAC, Dallas:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

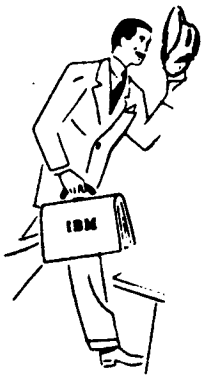
1. Statement by Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
3. "Communist 'New Look,' A Study in Duplicity."
4. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent's name has been furnished to the John Birch Society by a close personal friend. He is concerned that his friend might have been duped into joining a communist front organization and requests any information the FBI can furnish concerning this organization.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Mass., in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The above SAC letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

From The Desk Of
Your I.B.M. Representative
April 10, 1960



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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter for some information about THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. This organization was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass. It was founded December 9, 1958 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The long-range objective of the Society is less government, more responsibility, and a better world. They are organized like communist organizations with little local cells all over the country.

My name was given to these people by a very close personal friend and I am afraid that she might have joined the type of Society that all Americans hate. She is very zealous in her wanting peace and a better America that I fear she might have been duped into joining a Communist front organization.

I will appreciate all information that you can give me about the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

Sincerely yours,

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Amarillo, Texas

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/25/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/2/84 BY [illegible]

Re SAC letter #60-5 dated 1/26/60 (C).

In connection with re SAC letter which requested that the Bureau be advised in the event chapters of the John Birch Society were organized in field division territories, the following is set forth.

This is to note information which has been received in the Chicago Office during the period October, 1959, to February, 1960, indicating the possible existence of a John Birch Society chapter in the Chicago area or attempts to organize such a chapter. In this connection the following information is noted for the Bureau's information and completion of Bureau files:

On October 16, 1959, LA VERNE DIXON, a former FBI Agent, who is now practicing law at 210 Washington Street, Waukegan, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that he was recently invited to join the John Birch Society under the following circumstances:

DIXON stated that a more or less recent client of his is [redacted] of Milburn Creek, Lake County, Illinois, who is also the wealthy heir to the [redacted] fortune, recently attended a meeting of the John Birch Society in Chicago, Illinois, where he, [redacted] heard ROBERT WELCH, head of the John Birch Society, speak.

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DIXON advised that subsequently in some manner it was arranged that [redacted] would get together with a group to hear a six hour recording of WELCH's address. This gathering of possible chapter members was to take place at [redacted] home. According to DIXON, this was done approximately three weeks prior to his advising the FBI.

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Concerning this meeting or group that was gathered to hear WELCH's initial address, DIXON advised that present at this gathering were [redacted] his wife Mrs. [redacted] a wealthy mink breeder and an official of the Illinois State Racing Board; [redacted] of Milburn County, Lake County, Illinois; Countess [redacted] of Milburn County; MICKEY COCHRANE of baseball fame who resides at Lake Forest, Illinois; [redacted] of Park Ridge, Illinois, who also operates [redacted] office in Chicago; [redacted] of Milburn County; and one [redacted] believed to be from the Milburn area. According to DIXON, all of these individuals are personal friends of [redacted]

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In addition, DIXON advised SA [redacted] that one [redacted] (phonetic) attended the meeting as a representative of the John Birch Society. [redacted] was described as an attorney from Evanston, Illinois, and an individual who was active in young Republican affairs.

During the meeting at [redacted] home, it was represented that ROBERT WELCH and 14 other individuals had formed the John Birch Society at Indianapolis, Indiana. However, the identities of the additional 14 individuals were not divulged at the meeting.

Following the listening of the recording of WELCH, no decision was made by the group as to whether they would join or establish a chapter of the John Birch Society until the identities of the 14 individuals who originally organized the Society with WELCH were made known to them.

DIXON advised SA [redacted] on this occasion that he understood that the membership of the Society was semi-secret in that they desired no publicity. He said that from the literature passed out at the meeting and from the speech, it appeared possible that the organization being anti-Communist might have the unofficial sanction or assistance of the Bureau. He stated that he desired to know if this was the case. Mr. DIXON was advised that the FBI has absolutely no connection with the organization in any way, shape or form.

On December 7, 1959, Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted] Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and advised SA [redacted] that through her interest in government an organization known as the John Birch "Association" had come to her attention.

Mrs. [redacted] stated the John Birch Association had been described to her as being organized nation-wide with the aim of bringing about less government controls. Mrs. [redacted] advised, however, that the organization is supposed to be very secretive and that all meetings are held in a clandestine manner. She advised further that the John Birch Association had held a two-day seminar on November 14-15, 1959, at an unknown location in Chicago. She stated that even though the stated aims of the John Birch Association do not appear to be subversive, the clandestine method of operation led her to believe that the matter should be brought to the attention of the FBI.

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On February 5, 1960, former SA LAVERNE DIXON of Waukegan, Illinois, mentioned above, contacted SA [redacted] and advised that he had heard nothing more on the part of Lake County persons establishing a chapter of the John Birch Society. DIXON advised that apparently interest died and the group that was considering it had broken up. DIXON advised that he had never seen a list of prominent people who were supposedly behind the national organization, which list was requested from the national organization at the time there was some interest. DIXON stated that he assumes, therefore, that the list was never received. DIXON assured SA [redacted] that he would immediately advise on a confidential basis any information coming to his attention in connection with the John Birch Society.

At approximately 11:30 AM on February 18, 1960, Mrs. [redacted] of Lake Forest, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and advised SA [redacted] that she and her husband had been invited to a meeting of the John Birch Society. Mrs. [redacted] stated she desired information concerning this organization, and stated that neither she nor her husband had any desire to affiliate with any subversive organization.

Mrs. [redacted] was advised of the confidential nature of information in FBI files and in the event she did have any suspicions concerning any organization she could write to the Internal Security Section of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and they would furnish her with a list of organizations which had been cited by the Attorney General of the U.S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Mrs. [redacted] was further advised that in the event she should attend a meeting of any group which she considered to be against the best interest of this country, she should feel free to contact the Chicago Office of the FBI and discuss the matter with this organization.

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The afore mentioned incidents are detailed for the Bureau's information to present a resume of activities which indicate that attempts are being made or have succeeded in forming chapters of the John Birch Society referred to in re SAC letter.

For the further information of the Bureau, the identities of individuals mentioned above have been checked through the indices of the Chicago Division, and they failed to reflect any subversive derogatory information concerning these individuals. In addition, no further information is available in the Chicago files which would indicate efforts by subversive elements to take over or use the John Birch Society or its chapters.

As previously noted, the above is being reported for the information of the Bureau and in the event any additional information is received concerning the existence of John Birch Society or chapters, the Bureau will be advised.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 4/21/60

FROM: SAC, New Orleans (105-0-799)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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By letter of 4/18/60, Mr. JOHN E. GREGG, former Special Agent of the FBI, who is presently a practicing attorney in Jackson, Mississippi and was campaign manager for ROSS BARNETT, present governor of the State of Mississippi, forwarded to this office a multigraphed letter from MEDFORD EVANS, 207 Pine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

The letter invited GREGG to attend a meeting of The John Birch Society to be held at the Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi, 4/26/60, "to hear an analysis of the current program of the Communist Party, and a plan to save the South and the whole country from the social wreckage which that program will bring if not checked."

Background information concerning Dr. MEDFORD EVANS was furnished in my letter of 2/9/60 bearing the same caption as above. Additional data was furnished in my teletype to the Bureau, 1/7/59, entitled, "MEDFORD EVANS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING."

The Bureau will be advised of any further developments.

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Date: 4/22/60

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)
(ATTN: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
Belmont, Mass.;
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Mass.
INFO CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Remy radiogram 4/14/60.

On 4/21/60, Mrs. [redacted], Mass., and employed by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, personally contacted this office and advised that recently the "Boston American" newspaper printed an excerpt from the Law Enforcement Bulletin regarding an article by Director J. EDGAR HOOVER concerning Communism on which she commented very favorably.

Mrs. [redacted] then asked if this office could make available to her 25,000 copies of this article. She was told that this number was not available at Boston. She stated that she was going to communicate with the Bureau direct in an effort to obtain information concerning Communist matters, which might be available there and at that time would attempt to obtain the 25,000 copies she desired.

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1 - Boston (100-32899)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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1 - Mr. Farrow

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Austin, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked April 17, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I have noted your kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 30
APR 25 1960
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - San Antonio (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE TO SAN ANTONIO, CONTINUED

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he is unclear as to FBI policy on furnishing information pertaining to organizations. He requests information concerning the John Birch Society and Mr. Robert Welch. Correspondent "praises" the Director and his fellow employees for the job "you continuously perform to protect us from those who would harm us."

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The above SAC letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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Austin, Texas

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to you for information concerning The John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts, whose founder, I understand, is Robert Welch.

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I am unclear as to your policy on giving information pertaining to an organization whose activities maybe of interest to the FBI, but it is my hope that you will be able to help.

I am specifically interested in how the purposes of this organization relate to the security of our nation. Any official information that you can give me will be deeply appreciated.

Any information that you can give on Mr. Robert Welch will also be appreciated.

Let me add my honest praise for you and your men and the job that you continuously perform to protect us from those who would harm us.

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Sincerely,

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April 22, 1960

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West Roxbury 32, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of April 15, 1960, with enclosure, relative to your efforts in combating communism, has been received. Thank you for writing.

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In response to your request I am forwarding, under separate cover, 150 copies of my statement in the March 1960 issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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150 copies March, 1960, FBI LEB Introduction

NOTE: Nothing identifiable in Bufiles for Mrs. [redacted] By radiogram 4-15-60 SAC, Boston advised Mrs. [redacted] a school teacher in Boston, appeared at the Boston Office and requested 125 copies of the Director's Introduction to the March issue of the LEB. Mrs. [redacted]

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

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identified herself as a member of the John Birch Society but requested copies of the statement as an individual. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

Good Friday,
April 15, 1960

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

A group of teachers in the William J. Russell School, Columbia Rd, Dorchester, Mass, having read your F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin for March 1960, which was published in the Boston Evening American (Cambridge edition), were extremely impressed with its possibilities of alerting our fellow-countrymen to the DANGER in their apathy. Whereupon, I was selected to go into the circulation dept of the Boston Evening American and get 150 copies so that we might mail or show the bulletin to our friends, underlining the pertinent factor which pertained to the individual, ie - lawyer; stock-broker; insurance man, etc. We felt the personal element would definitely arouse them. However, my efforts were to no avail. The circulation dept had but 6 copies left, as it was dated March 23, and this was April 14. (The article was just brought to our attention by a friend who mailed it to me.) So, not to be stymied in our efforts to alert our friends, I was again selected to write to you personally and ask you if you could have sent to us 150 copies of this bulletin. (copy enclosed) Mr. Hoover, our feeble efforts to warn our fellow countrymen are greatly enhanced, when a person with your great authority reinforces our endeavors. Your down to earth composition will help us reach our fellow citizens at the grass roots where the need is urgent. While our psuedo-intellectuals argue the "pro" and "con" of Dialectical Materialism, the rank and file of our nation are completely unaware of our National Peril. We are very grateful that you have given us now a "direct quote" from a public official at the Executive level whom everyone respects. There can be no doubt now!! This is J Edgar Hoover talking!!, not we whom they called alarmists, pessimists, even crack-pots. Now we can bring it home to individuals!! J. Edgar Hoover is telling you, the lawyer; you, the real estate salesman; you, the insurance man, you the reporter, you the wholesaler.

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WE have had 100% success in just one day with the one copy of the March Bulletin which I possessed. I'm sure, Mr. Hoover, you will understand and comply with our request. May we also beg you to continue rock bottom, grass-roots, bulletins, and we will have the dynamite we need to wake up also our shop keepers, telephone operators, truck drivers, factory workers, They need to be told they are the "bourgoisie" the Communists talk about liquidating. as well as the categories you so wisely mentioned. Your name over a bulletin is the one name in America that will give credence to the National Peril. I am concluding, Mr. Hoover with the sincere hope that you will furnish us with the March Bulletin that we request.

Respectfully yours

(address on other side)

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[redacted]

West Roxbury 32
Mass.

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P.S. "A little leaven lighteneth the whole."

That is not a direct quote, of course, from the Bible, but it just occurred to me that by your bulletins a spiritual element is really be being used, and of course, we all know that this Satanic Plan ~~can only be over come~~ needs to be fought with spirtual principles. [redacted]

Good Friday,
April 15, 1960

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Director Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wash. D.C.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER TELLS THE Repo

BOSTON EVE. AMERICAN, WED., MAR. 23, 1960 30

Hoover Tells of Red Plot Against U.S.

Cambridge police today commended to public attention the March message of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who warned that public indifference to the Communist program for the conquest of America was tantamount of national suicide.

In an address to all law enforcement officers, released through the FBI Law Enforcement bulletin for March, 1960, Hoover declared: "The Communists have a savage plan for the liquidation of a vanquished America . . . The blueprint can be found in the Chinese Communist program declaring it was necessary to liquidate 800,000 "enemies" to solidify Communism in China.

"Under Communist domination in America, the first campaign of liquidation would engulf the lawyers, champions of due process of law; newspapermen, whose ageless fight for freedom of expression would have no place under totalitarianism; law enforcement officers, guardians of individual rights; government leaders, local, state and national; and everyone falling in the so-called capitalist category.

"Occupations and professions which the communists term 'useless and parasitic' would be abolished—clergymen, wholesalers, jobbers, real estate salesmen, stockbrokers, insurance men, advertising specialists, travelling salesmen—the list for purging is endless.

"It is an incontestable fact that Our Country, the symbol of the free world, is the ultimate, priceless goal of international communism. The leaders of Communism have vowed to achieve world domination. This cannot be until the Red flag is flown over the United States.

"If for a moment the grandiose Red plan is scoffed at as being fantastic, consider that one-fourth of the land surfaces of the world and one-third of the peoples of the earth are now controlled by the worldwide communist bloc.

"Certainly the communist gains throughout the world are evidence enough that America if it lowers its guard, may be someday an easy target for the Red threat.

"The Communist plan is to conquer the United States, if not today, then tomorrow; if not tomorrow, then the next day, next month, next year—there is no timeable, no 'Five-Year Plan.' This is evident in the machinations of the Communist Party, USA, as shown by its machinations inn the 17th National Convention, held in New York City.

"It is appaling that some members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the communist danger. What these misguided authorities' fail to realize is that the Communist Party USA, is an integral part of international communism."

Daniel J. Brennan, Chief of the Cambridge police department in comment declared: "We of the Cambridge police feel it is necessary for law enforcement officers and the citizenry to be continuously alert to the dangers of this conspiracy. We ask all to report to us or the FBI any activities of a suspicious nature. All such communications will always be treated as confidential."

St. Mary's Drum Corps

Come Sunday at 2 p. m. in Somerville High School Gym, St. Mary's Drum and Bugle Corps and Guard and Drill Team will present its 2nd annual "Colour Competition"

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1 - Mr. Farrow

April 26, 1960

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[redacted]
Birmingham 13, Alabama

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated April 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 10
APR 26 1960
COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8)

1 - Birmingham (enclosure)

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Mr. [redacted]

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ATTENTION: SAC, BIRMINGHAM

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Communist 'New Look.'"
3. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
7. "How to Beat Communism."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and asks if it is the type of organization to join and support.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

April 18, 1960
Birmingham, Ala.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
Wash. D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have recently been approached by a member of The John Birch Society (Belmont 78, Mass.) and asked to read some literature printed by the Society, all with the idea I may become interested and seek further information as to its work and goals and possible ultimate membership. It is my understanding that this organization is seeking ways to alarm the American population as to the Communist menace in this country. I would greatly appreciate it if you could tell me just what type of organization this Society actually is, that is, according to the information you have at your disposal. Is it, or is it not, something to join and support? Does it pass the Bureau's qualification of a organization that is of merit along the lines I have mentioned above?

Thank you very much for the above information. I believe your information can be of great assistance to me. Incidently, if the above Society does not meet the Bureau's standards, again along the lines of the above paragraph, are there any that do?

[redacted]

Birmingham 13, Ala.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 4-20, 1960

TO:

Director
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Malone
Mr. Tamm
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Clayton
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy
Personnel Files Section
Records Branch
Mrs. [redacted]
Mrs.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
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See Me For appropriate action

Send File Note and Return

Clyde Tolson

United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

For your information.

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bcc: Robert Finch

April 7, 1960

Dear [redacted]

Apropos of your request for information regarding the John Birch Society, it is under the direction of a man named Robert Welch who is the founder of the Society.

Mrs. [redacted] attended a recent meeting as an observer and was quite disturbed by the anti-Nixon attitude. About forty persons were present, and one of the leaders is Mrs. [redacted] of Pasadena whose husband is active on the Los Angeles County Central Committee. All in attendance received a book entitled "Blue Book of the John Birch Society" which contains three pages of derogatory material about the Vice President. They also circulated petitions against "Summit Entanglement."

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They claim they have formed fifteen new groups of the organization in the area, and many of the women present at the meeting were most vociferous in their denunciation of Dick Nixon for his stand on the Connally Amendment. I am enclosing additional copies of the material circulated.

I trust that this information will be helpful to you and I am also keeping Dick advised.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

Patrick J. Hillings

[redacted]
Wright, Wright, Goldwater & Wright
111 West Seventh Street
Los Angeles, California

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

February 11, 1960

Founder
ROBERT WELCH

The Council
N. E. ADAMSON, JR.
THOMAS J. ANDERSON
T. COLEMAN ANDREWS
JOHN T. BRATTON
SPRUILLE BRADEN
LAURENCE E. BUNKER
RALPH E. DAVIS
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FRED C. KOCH
ALFRED KOHLBERG
CLARENCE MANION
FRANK E. MASLAND, JR.
W. B. McMILLAN
ADOLPHE MENJOU
REVILO P. OLIVER
COLA G. PARKER
LOUIS RUTHENBURG
JAMES SIMPSON, JR.
ROBERT W. STODDARD
ERNEST G. SWIGERT

Since you were invited to the two-day meeting at the Wilshire Country Club on December 10 and 11, but were unable to attend, we are hopeful that perhaps our next meeting in the Los Angeles area can be fitted into your schedule. We are, therefore, extending to you this new invitation; and for your convenience we are simply repeating the explanatory paragraphs of our earlier one.

On December 8 and 9, 1958, a small group of men from different parts of the country met with me in Indianapolis. Several of them were men as really busy and crowded for time as can be found anywhere in the United States. So you can be sure I would not have asked them to give up two whole days plus travel time if I had not felt that the reasons were worth while. And the same reasons prompt this letter to yourself.

As a result of the Indianapolis meeting a movement was started which is now growing very rapidly in many states. Because there is no easy formula or simple program for turning back the forces of evil which endanger all that we have inherited, it really does take two full days to explain — with desirable discussion breaks — the background, methods, and purposes of our effort. But we can promise that you will not be bored. Enclosed with this letter is a memorandum giving some comments from a number of our country's leading industrialists and scholars (including three recent presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers), who have attended these small two-day meetings. And eight of the men on that list have heard the whole presentation twice.

This presentation is one integrated story, with each part depending on all of the other parts; and those who have heard it agree that there is no way it can be condensed further without serious loss of value. It will be given again at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles, on Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28; beginning at nine o'clock sharp Saturday morning and finishing about

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five o'clock Sunday afternoon. You are hereby cordially invited to that meeting.

You will be my guest for luncheon on both days. (There will be no evening session.) You will be in excellent company (this invitation is not transferable). There will be no charge, no solicitation, and no obligation. There will be no publicity, as our whole objective is to build strength and understanding rather than create noise. We ask only that you come on time for the start, and stay through the whole session, or do not come at all.

Let me repeat my assurance that I am fully conscious of the value of your time. In asking for so much of it I do not make the request lightly. The meeting is not for pleasure nor for superficial purposes. If you can let me know that you will attend, I shall be appreciative of your confidence, and shall be looking forward very much to seeing you on the morning of February 27.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Robert Welch

MEMORANDUM TO GO WITH A LETTER

This memorandum is prepared to be enclosed with any letter sent out by Robert Welch to his friends and other patriotic Americans, inviting them to attend any one of the two-day meetings which he will be holding in different parts of the country over the next several months.

Having recently attended the first such meeting for the two full days, we earnestly urge each recipient of this request to accept the invitation to the meeting in his area. We believe you will find the subject matter important and the purpose worth while.

T. Coleman Andrews	Fred C. Koch	Fitzhugh Scott, Jr.
Laurence E. Bunker	W. B. McMillan	Robert W. Stoddard
Wm. J. Grede	Revilo P. Oliver	Ernest G. Swigert
	Louis Ruthenburg	

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There were fifteen business and professional leaders at the second of these meetings, which I attended. The reaction of all the participants was, I felt, strongly favorable. I know that for myself the two-day session constituted the most rewarding experience of my life.

Harry L. Bradley

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We attended the third in this series of conferences. We cannot too earnestly recommend attendance, for the full two days, by those invited to the later meetings.

Thomas J. Anderson	F. F. Loock	J. Nelson Shepherd
Edwin S. Billard	Cola G. Parker	Dorothy Shepherd
E. P. Hamilton	Martha Parker	Charles J. Stilwell
A. G. Heinsohn, Jr.		Edna Stilwell

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I was tremendously impressed by your presentation at the New York meeting, and am so glad I was able to attend.

Robert P. Dresser

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I am 100% for your line of attack.

T. G. W. Settle

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As for myself, I expect to take the stand that every organized patriotic endeavor in existence in the United States at this time should hold a meeting of its executives and, at that meeting, resolve to coordinate its activities with your own. As I see it, you have presented these organizations with a most practical opportunity to become effective at last.

Norman Dodd

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I have been in this country for twelve years. To me the most important two days of the twelve years were those on which I heard Mr. Welch's presentation.

Dr. S. M. Draskovich

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... one of the most stirring and convincing expositions to which I have ever listened ... and wonderfully

Re: Robert Welch

Welch is a former director, regional vice president, and chairman of the Educational Advisory Committee of N. A. M. He is the founder of the John Birch Society which is described as a non-profit corporation to combat subversive activities and is said to have made a comprehensive study of communistic influences, etc. It is reported that meetings he has been holding have been for the purpose of reporting on this study to leading business men and presenting a program for business to undertake.

Attached is copy of an invitation dated November 18, 1959, to attend a two-day meeting at the Wilshire Country Club December 8 and 9, 1959, together with an attachment containing comments of a number of persons who have attended similar meetings elsewhere. This letter is on stationery of "American Opinion". A second letter, dated February 11, 1960, invited recipients to another meeting scheduled for February 27 and 28, 1960, at the Statler Hilton. This was on stationery of The John Birch Society, same address, and listed Welch as Founder and the following as the Council of the Society:

N. E. Adamson, Jr.
Thomas J. Anderson
T. Coleman Andrews
John T. Beatty
Spruille Braden
Laurence E. Bunker
Ralph E. Davis
S. M. Draskovich
Wm. J. Grede
A. G. Heinsohn, Jr.
Granville F. Knight
Fred C. Koch
Alfred Kohlberg
Clarence Manion
Frank E. Masland, Jr.
W. B. McMillan
Adolphe Menjou
Revile P. Oliver
Cola G. Parker
Louis Ruthenburg
James Simpson, Jr.
Robert W. Stoddard
Emmet C. Talbert

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: April 28, 1960

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-27934)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/11/81 BY [illegible]

Re SAC letter 60 - 5 (c) dated January 26, 1960, and Detroit letters to Bureau dated February 16, March 3, and April 13, 1960.

The Detroit Office received information from [redacted] both students at the University of Detroit, Detroit, on March 7, 1960, that representatives of the captioned Society had passed out literature on March 4, 1960, during a meeting of the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception which was held on the University of Detroit campus.

They stated that the literature was passed out by Mrs. [redacted] who represented herself as a member of the John Birch Society and attended the latter meeting with other individuals who were also reported to be members of the John Birch Society.

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The above students advised that Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was interested in seeing a cell of the Society established on the University of Detroit campus. She also commented that she would see that the $2.00 membership fee was properly taken care of. The above students furnished to the Detroit Office a number of items of literature which was distributed at the above meeting by Mrs. [redacted].

The literature is described as follows:

1. A fold-type postcard captioned "Stay Away - USA" published by American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts.

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2. A leaflet entitled "Terrible '1313'" by JO HINDMAN. This is described as a reprint from the American Mercury magazine from January, 1959, and additional copies are available through the National Reprint Service, Box 365, Park Ridge, Illinois.

3. A four-page leaflet captioned "Human Events" dated September 2, 1959, which is an article by Senator DODD of Connecticut, entitled "The Danger of Playing Host to Khrushchev". The back page of this leaflet noted additional copies can be ordered through Human Events, 408 First Street, SE, Washington, D.C.

4. A leaflet captioned "UNESCO - Communism's Trap for our Youth" and is described as a reprint from the American Mercury magazine and had been prepared by PAUL HARVEY, News Analyst for the American Broadcasting Company.

5. A two-page leaflet also distributed by the National Reprint Service, Park Ridge, Illinois. One side of the leaflet is captioned "All America Must Know - How Reds Work in Our Government". This leaflet notes that it was reprinted by permission from Free Enterprise, 111 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

6. A bookmark type card captioned "Stop Federal Competition with Private Enterprise and Repeal Income Taxes". This card was published by the Michigan Committee for Economic Freedom, Post Office Box 3322, Detroit, Michigan.

The above students advised that the campus organization to which they belong, The Sodality of the Immaculate Conception, is presently holding s series of weekly discussions on Communism and its problems on the campus. They explained these meetings were opened to the public and had attracted the attention of the John Birch Society because of the latter group's interest in informing the public of the evils of Communism.

The above literature is being placed in the exhibit envelope of captioned file in Detroit. Detroit will continue to advise the Bureau of information received regarding the activities of captioned organization.

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UNITED STATES [redacted] ENT

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TO: Director, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/29/60

FROM: SAC, Atlanta (100-5857)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/4/84 BY 806BJA/MLR

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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By letter dated 4/7/60, the Newark Division advised that SA [redacted] of that office had received a communication from [redacted], of Macon, Ga., in which [redacted] indicated that a JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had been organized in Macon, Ga.

On 4/22/60 Mr. [redacted] Macon, Ga., who resides at [redacted] Macon, Ga., advised that he and his wife, [redacted] had taken part in the "Great Decisions 1960", and had been active in the "Great Decisions 1960" for the past two years, and that he and his wife have been part of group interested in civic, state and national affairs, as well as the foreign policy of this country. He stated that he and his wife had become alarmed at some of their friends in Macon who had become interested in an organization known as the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He stated he had expressed no desire or sympathy towards this group himself, and when his friends attempted to interest him in this group, he had turned them aside.

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He stated he had learned from his friends that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had an organizational meeting at Macon, Ga. on Wednesday, March 30, 1960, and he was asked to go to this meeting, but did not attend. He stated he understands there were about 30 persons present at this organizational meeting which was held at the residence of [redacted] Macon, Ga. He stated that friends of his, [redacted] also attended this meeting and it is his belief that

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[redacted] also friends, attended this original meeting. He stated that it is his understanding that [redacted] joined this organization, but that [redacted] did not join. He stated he did know that [redacted] had a copy of "THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH" in his possession at one time, but that he did not believe he became interested in this organization.

Mr. [redacted] stated that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Macon at this organizational meeting on Wednesday, 3/30/60, had for its speaker [redacted] who was in Macon for the purpose of organizing this society. He stated that [redacted] as far as he could determine was an industrialist who gave of his free time and money to the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He stated that his friends informed him that Mr. [redacted] became very emotional when explaining the purpose of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, becoming emotional to the point where he cried, stating that this disgusted some of his friends at this meeting. He stated that Mr. [redacted] referred to Mr. ROBERT WELCH who is the founder of this society as "Our Leader" stating that his friends disapproved of this also. He stated that his friends indicate that they are afraid this organization is a "hate" or "Fascist" group, but stated that they had nothing on which to draw this conclusion at this time.

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[redacted] stated that from the organizational meeting at which [redacted] presided, he understood the persons attending were told that each member would act or do as he was told from the higher-ups, that each person joining this organization had to sign a contract, and the dues were $24.00 a year for each man, and $12.00 a year for each woman. He stated the talk which [redacted] gave indicated that the members would

have to take orders from the officers, and they would not have freedom of decision or thought in connection with this group.

[redacted] stated that another meeting of this organization was held on Tuesday, 4/12/60, and he did not know what transpired at that meeting, but would make an effort to determine what happened at the meeting.

[redacted] stated it appeared that [redacted] was the driving force behind the organization of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Macon, and that he knows for a fact that Mrs. [redacted] (formerly [redacted] of Macon, Ga.) whom he described as a radical, seemed to have a hold over [redacted] and that [redacted] subscribed to whatever Mrs. [redacted] thought best. He stated that by radical he meant that Mrs. [redacted] feels there is a complete undermining of the United States Government by Communism, and desires to stop this at whatever cost and stated she is also in favor of cutting off all foreign aid, which, in his opinion, would classify her as a radical. He described Mrs. [redacted] as a personal lobbyist at the Georgia State Capitol, who is independently wealthy. He stated that Mrs. [redacted] is completely sold on the idea that the United States is being undermined by the Communists, and that the only answer to this is to fight it with organizations such as the John Birch Society. He stated it is his feeling that Mrs. [redacted] has complete control over [redacted] thoughts, and "brainwashes" her at least once a month on her (Mrs. [redacted]) ideas.

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[redacted] stated he had developed no information from any of his friends that there is any indication that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was subversive in any way, and no indication that any subversive element was attempting to influence or infiltrate the John Birch Society in Macon, Ga.

Mr. [redacted] contacted the Macon Resident Agency on 4/25/60, at which time he advised he had been in contact with his friend, [redacted] over the weekend, and that [redacted] informed him he was disillusioned by the John Birch Society, and that he "was not long for it" stating that he indicated he might attend two or three more meetings, but he was disgusted with the society. He stated he learned from [redacted] that Mr. [redacted] (phonetic) who operates the [redacted] Street, Macon, Ga., was appointed chairman of the John Birch Society in Macon at the 4/12/60 meeting, stating that this meeting was held at the S & R Cafe as far as he knows, and that the future meetings of the John Birch Society in Macon will be held at the S & R Cafe.

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He stated at the 4/4/60 meeting of the John Birch Society, Mrs. [redacted] made a statement, during which she made comments to the effect that she was against the United States' foreign aid program, that she was opposed to the Federal Income Taxes, and made a statement to the effect "down with bureaucracy".

[redacted] stated he had no additional information concerning this group, but that his friends whom he considered to be substantial citizens in Macon, and very civic minded, had organized or become affiliated with this group, and he was afraid this group might be Fascist in character.

The Macon City Directory reflects that Mr/Mrs [redacted] wife [redacted] operates the [redacted] in Macon, Ga.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 5/2/60

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
ROBERT WELCH, Founder
INTERNAL SECURITY
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

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Re SAC Letter 60-5(C). REC-19

On 4/25/60 [redacted] General Electric Company, 735 State Street, Santa Barbara, California, advised SA THOMAS H. THORNTON that various employees of the General Electric Company at Santa Barbara had been contacted to attend a talk by ROBERT WELCH of the John Birch Society which was scheduled to be held at the home of [redacted] at Santa Barbara, California on 4/15/60. [redacted] advised that an acquaintance of his, [redacted] did attend this meeting and furnished him with a written resume of activities which transpired at this meeting.

[redacted] reported that approximately 70 persons attended the meeting of the John Birch Society held on 4/15/60 at the home of [redacted], Santa Barbara. However, the local charge d'affaires of the organization appears to be [redacted] who is listed in the Society's books as a Council member. [redacted] advised that the purpose of the meeting was to hear a three-hour presentation by ROBERT WELCH wherein WELCH recited the history and growth of communism and depicted the present danger to the United States and the rapidly increasing future danger to the United States as posed by communism.

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No investigation is being conducted, and the foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for its information.

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DATE 3/4/04 BY [illegible]

Santa Ynez, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated April 23, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing you the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION SAC, LOS ANGELES:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed two post cards, both entitled, "Stay Away - USA, The Summit Leads to Disaster," and a pamphlet self-described as the John Birch Society Bulletin for February, 1960.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated after hearing about the anticommunist work of the John Birch Society, she is discouraged over the success of communists in accomplishing their objectives to "take over the world." She asks if the John Birch Society is an "approved organization."

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

[redacted]

Santa Ynez,
California

April 23, 1960

Federal Bureau
Of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

I am enclosing a pamphlet and literature put out by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, for your perusal.

An evening intended to interest some 40 to 60 people in the anti-communist work of this organization left me feeling discouraged over the success of communists in accomplishing their objectives to "take over the world" and discontented with my own government and news agencies that they could be so "infiltered" and controled by communists.

The evening went "against the grain " of a deep seated trust in my government and my confidence in a positive approach to solve problems.

In all probability there is no real basis for my wariness of this Society, however I would appreciate knowing whether or not it is an approved organization, if you are in a position to tell me.

Sincerely,

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Santa Ynez,
California

April 23, 1960

Federal Bureau
Of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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The Summit Leads To Disaster!

Stay Away — U.S.A.

The Summit Leads To Disaster!

As Louis Budenz so brilliantly pointed out and prophesied, years ago, "the cry is peace."

There is already peace, of course, in Estonia and Latvia and Lithuania, and Armenia and Byelorussia, and Georgia and the Ukraine. And not just peace for the dead millions that have been murdered, but peace for the living millions that have been enslaved.

There is already peace in Poland and Hungary; in Albania and Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia; in Romania and Bulgaria and East Germany; and of course in Russia itself. Even such resistance as existed in any of those countries has been provoked into showing itself prematurely—so that it could be destroyed, and a more deadly peace bestowed on the remainder of the population.

Except for a few million Chinese here and there, engaged in desperately suicidal rebellion on behalf of freedom, there is peace on all the mainland of China. There is the same peace in North Korea, and North Vietnam, and Guiana, and Guinea, and Ghana. With guns and bayonets and clubs, and with more refined instruments of terror and of torture where necessary, the henchmen of unspeakable Communist murderers like Achmed Sukarno in Indonesia, Juan Lechin in Bolivia, Karim el-Kassem in Iraq, and Fidel Castro in Cuba are bringing more and more peace to their respective countries.

Peace has many faces. There is the morning peace of the grave, for those who during the night have died of hunger and despair; the evening peace of the slaughter house, when the day's slaughtering is done; and the timeless peace of the escapeless prison, after a hopeless revolt has been subdued. The Communist peace (the Cold Peace to which the Cold War leads) is compounded of all three. And the conspirators now expect, after a few more rounds of fraternizing visits and one or two more summit conferences, to be able to impose that peace on the rest of a rapidly surrendering world.

Stay Away — U.S.A.

The Summit Leads To Disaster!

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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

These cards will be supplied promptly at 25 for $1.00

Dr. N. E. Adamson, Jr. A Boston surgeon. Assistant Medical Director of New England Mutal Life Insurance Company. Youngest member of the COUNCIL.

Mr. Thomas J. Anderson. Editor and Co-publisher of FARM and RANCH, farm paper with 1,300,000 circulation.

Hon. T. Coleman Andrews. Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States. Now Chairman of the Board of two large (and affiliated) insurance companies.

Mr. John T. Beatty. Chicago business man. Former President of the Chicago Employers Association. Also author of several biographies.

Hon. Spruille Braden. Former Ambassador to several countries, former Assistant Secretary of State. A top authority on Latin American affairs.

Col. Laurence E. Bunker. Former Personal Aide to General Douglas MacArthur for 6-1/2 years -- during the Japanese occupation, the Korean War, and MacArthur's early months in this country after his return.

Mr. Ralph E. Davis. President of General Plant Protection Corporation and affiliated companies, Los Angeles. (We believe this is the largest business of its kind in the United States.) An ex-Marine with the patriotic courage that made the Marines justly famous.

Dr. S. M. Draskovich. Author of Tito, Moscow's Trojan Horse. Editor-in-chief of SRPSKA BORBA (The Serbian Struggle), a weekly newspaper, published in Chicago, with sizable circulation in thirty-six countries. His father, Milorad Draskovich, many times a

Cabinet minister in Serbia before World War I, was assassinated by a Communist in 1921 for having led the Yugoslav Parliament to outlaw the Communist Party.

Mr. Wm. J. Grede. President of Grede Foundries, Inc., Milwaukee. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers and former head of the International YMCA.

Mr. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., President, Cherokee Mills, Sevierville, Tennessee. Author of One Man's Fight For Freedom. A very successful manufacturer and a very dedicated patriot.

Dr. Granville F. Knight. An outstanding physician and public-spirited citizen of Santa Barbara, California. Author of many scientific papers, especially on the misuse of chemicals and adulterants in foods.

Mr. Fred C. Koch. President, Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Wichita, Kansas. Strong supporter of many patriotic movements, and especially of right-to-work legislation.

Alfred Kohlberg. The "China Lobby" in person, according to the smears of the Left. A very successful importer who has devoted a terrific amount of energy and money to fighting the Communists, especially in the Far East. How highly Alfred Kohlberg is regarded by conservative leaders in America was emphatically demonstrated by the birthday dinner just given him at the Waldorf Astoria, which was sponsored by General A. C. Wedemeyer, Styles Bridges, Herbert Hoover, Barry Goldwater, Francis A. Walter, and three or four more of his special friends.

Dean Clarence Manion. Former Dean of Notre Dame Law School. In 1953 was appointed, by President

Eisenhower, chairman of a committee to reorganize government departments. Found himself hopelessly stymied at every turn by agents of the administration. Resigned and founded the Manion Forum, which now reaches a radio audience of many millions every week.

Mr. Frank E. Masland, Jr. President of C. H. Masland & Sons (carpet manufacturers), Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A leader in his community and state, who serves as chairman, vice-chairman, or active member of the boards of a great many educational, philanthropic, and industrial organizations. Also famous as an explorer of out-of-the-way places in the world.

Mr. W. B. McMillan. President of the Hussmann Refrigerator Company, St. Louis, Missouri. An outstanding business leader. Was, next to your Founder, the first member of The John Birch Society.

Mr. Adolphe Menjou. Famous actor of screen, stage, and television. Also famous as an anti-Communist patriot.

Dr. Revilo P. Oliver. Professor of Classical Languages and Literatures at the University of Illinois. Recognized as one of the very top scholars in America in his field. Now becoming rapidly recognized, also, as one of the ablest speakers on the Americanist side.

Mr. Cola G. Parker. Former President of the Kimberly-Clark Company. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers. At present, United States Employer Delegate -- a stoutly patriotic and embattled delegate -- to the International Labor Organization.

Mr. Louis Ruthenburg. Chairman of the Board of Servel, Inc., Evansville, Indiana. Long a leader in

and fighter for conservative causes.

Mr. James Simpson, Jr. A former conservative Republican Congressman. Now President of Simpson Estates, Chicago, and with many other business interests.

Mr. Robert W. Stoddard. President of Wyman-Gordon Company, Worcester, Massachusetts. On board of directors of several of New England's largest businesses, including First National Bank of Boston. Has just served two terms as President of Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Active on the boards of many educational and philanthropic institutions.

Lt. General Charles B. Stone, III, U.S.A.F. (Retired). Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of United States Leasing Corporation, San Francisco. Succeeded General Claire Chennault as Commander of our 14th Airforce, in China, near end of World War II, and is lifetime Honorary Chairman of the 14th Airforce Association. [See Pages 13, 19, 32, and 42 in The Life Of John Birch, (Regnery paperbound edition) for more about General Stone]

Mr. Ernest G. Swigert. President of the Hyster Company, Portland, Oregon, with other factories in the Midwest, South America, and Amsterdam, Holland. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers, and a most dedicated American patriot.

All but three or four of these men have been close personal friends of your Founder for many years. All of these men are devoted to the principles and purposes of The John Birch Society, and are determined to do their part to bring about "less government, more responsibility, and a better world." And all of them realize that the first task, towards achieving these

long-range objectives, is to keep the Communist conspiracy from destroying everything worthwhile that we have inherited.

The basic function of the COUNCIL is threefold: (1) To show the stature and standing of the leadership of the Society; (2) to give your Founder the benefit of the COUNCIL's advice and guidance, both in procedural or organizational matters, and in substantive matters of policy; and (3) to select, with absolute and final authority, a Successor to myself as head of The John Birch Society, if and when an accident, "suicide," or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists -- or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition.

We deliberately waited one full year, after the Society was founded, in order to test the ideological appeal and the organizational practicality of our program, before establishing the COUNCIL. Its first meeting was held all day Saturday, January 9, in Chicago. It will meet at fairly regular intervals henceforth. And we believe that both the growth and the effectiveness of our Society will be greatly helped by the experience, ability, and resolute purpose of so strong a governing body.

General Comments

The Freedom Pens referred to in our last bulletin were forwarded to us in two shipments. The larger of these shipments went astray and has just arrived. The pens are now on their way to you; one direct to each Home Chapter member, and enough to each Chapter Leader for the members of that chapter.

The shipment of the books on the atrocities of the FLN were finally released by Customs in New York, after a

delay of some six weeks. It proved to be disappointing. There were only half as many books as we had hoped, and all but a few of them were of an earlier edition, in a white paper cover, and not nearly as good as the later edition in the green paper cover which we had seen. But our friend in France had done the best he could, and we were glad to have the books that did arrive. One copy (instead of two copies) was sent to each Chapter Leader, and one to each Home Chapter member as far as they would go.

In the meantime Mr. Alfred Kohlberg had given us enough copies of Communist Blueprint For World Conquest and Speeches And Debates Of Senator McCarthy for us to send one of each of these books to each Chapter Leader we then had (the middle of January), for addition to our chapter materials. This has been done.

Also, the red and blue stickers, to be put in books, to show that they are the property of The John Birch Society (and to indicate in each case whether or not the book is on our approved list), are now in the mails to our Chapter Leaders. They should have gone sooner but, as one of our good members has lamented with regard to his activities, "there are not enough of me," at least for the work to be done. In this connection, let us say here that the promised addition to our list of approved books is not omitted from this bulletin through oversight. It will be extensive, and will be in our March bulletin. There is simply too much other ground to cover in this one.

Our committee, College Graduates Against Educating Traitors At Government Expense, is getting off to a good start, under Chairman Harold C. Bailey. Its address, and his address for this purpose, is P. O. Box 1553, Hartford 1, Connecticut. Mr. Bailey will welcome your support, through letters you may be

willing to write Congressmen insisting that the loyalty oath in the present National Defense Education Act must not be repealed, and in other ways of which he will be glad to advise you if you will write him. We urge our members who feel strongly on this issue to get in touch directly with Mr. Bailey, and to add your efforts to those of the Committee under his direction.

In the letter from Newsweek published in our last bulletin, in which it conceded both the inaccuracy and the unjustified "slant" that we pointed out in their article on the French Red Hand, the writer of that letter "for the editors," Mr. Dwight Norris, defended Newsweek to some extent in the following sentence: "As Red Hander Christian Durieux said recently in a signed article, he and his colleagues 'don't merely admit these acts of violence, we claim the honor of having put an end to certain arms dealers.' "

If Newsweek had published a retraction or correction of their article, as they were morally bound to do (especially since it had been widely quoted and used in Europe to strengthen the FLN Communists), we would gladly let this faux pas pass. As it is, we cannot refrain from pointing out that Mr. Christian Du Rieux is about as much of a Red Hander as I am a Chinese mandarin. He is a young French practical joker who had a pal of his pose as his bodyguard, passed himself off as a Red Hander in an "interview" for the Daily Mail, enjoyed himself immensely with his bombastic story for which he collected six thousand francs (about twelve dollars), and immediately spent the whole twelve dollars on drinks with his pal. The laughing headline of one of the other newspapers which exposed the hoax was -- over a picture of Du Rieux -- "This Small Young Man Made Europe Tremble."

We are not suggesting further letters to Newsweek at

this time, however, for we still think it is the best -- or the least bad -- of the three major news weeklies. What is wrong there is the same as what is even more wrong with ninety percent of the whole American press today. A well-intentioned management has no slightest conception of how far the termites have crept into the solid-looking framework of their news gathering and news reporting; and is probably inclined to get angry at those pointing out this fact, instead of digging deep enough to find the termites. That was the major trouble with our State Department years ago, while there were still plenty of good men in it, and before the termites had almost completely taken it over. The same reaction of the "press lords" today, automatically to defend themselves and all of their staffs and to ridicule their accusers, is producing the same ultimate results. If the owners of some of America's leading publications would take the trouble (and it would be a lot of trouble) to learn the real truth about even their Washington bureaus, said owners would probably die of apoplexy. But we shall still try to spur the consciences of some of them now and then.

On a different track in this same direction, let us point out that the February issue of American Opinion, coming from the printer this week end, contains in the feature, IF YOU WANT IT STRAIGHT, many pages giving the background and story of the betrayal of the French government by our delegate, Cabot Lodge, in the United Nations vote on the "Algerian question." This background will make clear the reasons for, and significance of, the revolt of the French patriots in Algeria against de Gaulle's compromising leadership (forced on him by our government) which is going on right now. If you are not a subscriber to American Opinion please remember that any member of our Society may have a gift subscription simply by asking his Chapter Leader for it; or that the rate is five dollars

per year, if you prefer to subscribe; or that individual copies of this or any issue are available for fifty cents each. Our interest here is solely in getting our members to read that article, which we do believe is quite revealing, and which unfortunately is too long to reprint in this bulletin.

Letter Writing For The Month

On March 26, 1960, President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea will be eighty-five years old. He is beyond question one of the greatest men of our age, and for a long time has been one of the world's most courageous and determined fighters against the Communists. A brief story of his heroic life was given in the very first issue of ONE MAN'S OPINION (predecessor to AMERICAN OPINION), which all Chapter Leaders have available in their chapter materials. And we are mailing a copy to each Home Chapter member. We believe you will find it of considerable interest, for the epic story of his almost incredible life is too little known.

But the point here is our request that each of our members send President Rhee a card, or letter, or some form of greeting and encouragement, to reach him by or before his birthday. The address is:

Honorable Syngman Rhee
President, The Republic Of Korea
Kyung Mu Dai
Seoul
Republic Of Korea

The airmail postage is 25¢ for each half ounce.

For those who do not have the opportunity or will not take the trouble to read the magazine article referred to above, I extract from it and incorporate herewith a letter which Syngman Rhee gave me on August 16, 1955,

in Seoul, in connection with a speech I was soon to make before the board of directors of the NAM.

August 16, 1955

Dear Mr. Welch:

Please convey to the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States my greetings. These greetings come from one who also believes unwaveringly in individual freedom and individual responsibility in all human activities, and one who hopes in time to see a system of free competitive enterprise create a rising standard of living for our people, as it has done so successfully among yours.

Then may I say through you, to these great leaders of American free enterprise, that not only all of our work but all of theirs; all of their saving, all that they have built in the past and all that they hope to build in the future; these will all be destroyed in only a few more years, unless the Communist conspiracy is destroyed first. Say to them that "peaceful coexistence" is an insidious fraud, and compromise with Communism is a sin of which the wages are surely death. Do your best to have even the doubters among your associates see the unchanging purposes of the Communists as clearly as you and I see them, and these friends can then help mightily to save not only my country and your country but our civilization itself.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

(Signed) Syngman Rhee

The grand old man who wrote that letter has always faced tremendous odds, but never greater than today. As we pointed out in another article a few months ago, the Communist influence, subtly abetted at every turn by our government, is now steadily rising even in South Korea. Syngman Rhee is being undermined by all of the usual Communist methods; and the once firm op-

position to Communism throughout all of South Korea is now beginning to suffer erosion from the same Communist pressures and trickery, too great and too vicious to be withstood forever, that finally broke down Finland. In this war we must learn to encourage our own, as well as to fight the enemy. Syngman Rhee deserves all of the appreciation we can show and encouragement we can give. Supplying both, at this very opportune occasion, is up to you.

As most of our members undoubtedly know by now, the liquidation of Povl Bang-Jensen apparently was not prompted by revenge for his past defiance of the Communists and protection of the Hungarian witnesses, but to prevent him giving out devastating information concerning pro-Communist agents and activities within the UN staffs, including the United States staff. We may have more to tell you about several aspects of the case, in our bulletin for March.

In the meantime, contrary to the opinion of some of our members, our best informed and most experienced fighters against the Communist penetration feel that the postcard shower which we recommended is a most effective and very worthwhile technique under the circumstances. Its purpose is simply to make resentment visible and to keep the case alive. Again we urge each of you, therefore, to send postcards addressed to Dag Hammarskjoeld, The United Nations, New York City, and to put on the other side simply the question: Who murdered Bang-Jensen? You do not need to sign these cards unless you wish to do so. But a huge flood of them pouring in, and a growing repetition elsewhere of the question "Who murdered Bang-Jensen?" -- like the one before it, "Who promoted Peress?" -- while it may not accomplish one-half of what we would like, is designed and can be counted on to give anything but aid and comfort to our enemies and traitors in the United Nations.

For the real goal is not only to keep the case alive and to have it haunt the Communists, but to develop it eventually into a cause celebre of such proportions that the backfire in American and world public opinion will hurt the Communists more than would have the revelations Bang-Jensen might have made. To that end let's broaden this tactic of justified harassment and take in the head of our own UN delegation. For while Lodge's sin in the Bang-Jensen case may have been confined to one of omission, it was a very deliberate omission (in the face of considerable prodding from patriotic citizens highly placed), and his treatment of France in the UN vote on Algeria (a de facto boost for the Algerian Communists) was a sin of commission so heinous as to be openly characterized by top people in the French government as contemptible and a dirty betrayal -- which it was. And there is nothing new about any of this in Lodge's record of "accomplishments" in the United Nations.

We are asking our members, therefore, also to send postcards to Henry Cabot Lodge, United Nations, New York City, reading on the message side as follows:

Two questions, Mr. Lodge --
Who murdered Bang-Jensen?
and
Which side are you on?

Again, there is no need for signing these cards unless you wish to do so. It will be perfectly obvious immediately that they are part of a concerted campaign. But a veritable flood of such cards, coming in from all over the United States (as these will) are bound to give pause to even our thick-skinned Ambassador to the United Nations. Make it a deluge.

Finally, in this connection, write a letter to the Honorable Thomas J. Dodd, Senate Office Building, Washing-

ton, D. C., urging and encouraging him to do all he can to make the investigation of the Bang-Jensen case by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee a thorough one, going into all of the case's sinister ramifications.

Other Requests

By this time we trust that most of you have written letters to the three airlines, urging them to put Human Events in their reading racks. Don't be discouraged if the replies received were largely of the routine and "brush off" variety. That was to be expected; having our recommendation accepted at once was not. Among other steps now to be taken are two in which many of our members can help. (1) If you ride the airlines frequently, insist on every trip over American, United, or Eastern on being given a suggestion card. Make the point on that card or plane stationery that you would like to be having Human Events to read. Give the flight number you are on, the date, and your name and address. Then either turn the card in to the stewardess or mail it yourself after leaving the plane. Demands from actual customers do carry more weight than those from "may be" customers. (2) If you are a stockholder in any of these airlines, write them as one -- even if you have already written as merely a passenger or outsider. In other words, keep hammering away in every feasible manner. We want Human Events to read on the airlines and we are going to get it there before we quit.

There are many other paths we should like to pursue this month, including several urgently suggested by our members. The endorsement of Senator Stephen M. Young by the American Veterans Committee, for instance, instead of being an exoneration of Young, makes him even more deserving of our arrows of scorn. For

the American Veterans Committee stands in about the same relation to the American Legion as the National Lawyers Guild does to the American Bar Association. And in view of Young's contemptible attacks on Gordon Scherer, one of the finest Congressmen in America, firing some more barrels at Young would be entirely justified.

Also, a lot of our members have wanted us to concentrate specifically on opposing repeal of the Connally Amendment. And we are fully aware of the extreme importance of preserving that amendment if possible. But we saw no way in which we could be sufficiently effective on that issue (at our present level of strength, and within the time available) to justify the all-out effort that would be required. There were other considerations with regard to other issues so insistently called to our attention. But the chief consideration with regard to them all is that, so far as practicable, we wanted to save every bit of our energy for a major effort, on an issue of far greater importance than any of the others; in an area where we have already proved that we can have some effectiveness. I want to put the whole body of The John Birch Society, with every ounce of its strength and determination, into rallying the latent opposition of the American people against the forthcoming Summit Conference, and into bringing about another postponement of that "conference" if it is humanly possible to do so. For truly, we are not exaggerating when we say that "the summit leads to disaster."

It is a favorite and overworked technique of the Communists to set up something they want to happen as if it were already accepted by the whole world, and then carry it off as a "fait accompli." The final sell-out of China was largely brought about by the "White Paper" of our State Department in 1949, which accepted as already a fait accompli the Communist conquest of all of

China which by then had by no means occurred. The same kind of thing has happened over and over, and it is happening right now with regard to the Summit Conference scheduled for May. We are supposed to lie down and take it as a fait accompli, as something we can do nothing about because already it is all settled. The truth is that nothing is a fait accompli until it is in the past; and nothing in the political future that the American people don't want to happen is all settled until the American people decide to let it happen. We have three months in which to stir the American people into such vehement opposition, to being sold into one-world communism through the Summit Conference, that the Communists will either modify these plans for the near future or change them altogether. As they used to say in happier days, "let's give it the old college try." Many a game has been saved in the last five minutes of play, and there never was a game more important than this one.

We have already started the slogan: The Summit Leads To Disaster. It is showing up in many places. Let's now take it one step further with: Stay Away -- U. S. A. The Summit Leads To Disaster. And let's go a great many steps further in bringing that warning forcefully to the attention of the American people and of those who control our destinies.

Enclosed with this bulletin are two postcards. No. 1 is regular size. No. 2 is an oversize postcard, but which will still go as a postcard, and not just as third class mail, for three cents. This has been checked with the Boston postoffice. We believe that both cards are effective weapons for our battle. And we have kept the price down as low on each as we could, because we want them used in a lot of ways and places. Of course we should have liked very much to provide them free, at least for our members. But the quantities which we

hope will be put to good use make any such wish out of the question.

We urge that the following methods be employed to put these cards to work, by every member who can, to the fullest extent that he can. And we do plead for cooperation in this campaign, more complete and more extensive than for any we have undertaken before.

(1) Mail either post card, or both, to your Congressman, and to both of your Senators, and to any other Congressmen or Senators you may wish. It is the number of such cards received by each that will impress him and his staff as much as the message itself.

(2) Mail either post card, or both, to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, State Department, Washington, D. C. ; to Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Washington, D. C. ; and to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, The White House, Washington, D. C.

(3) Mail either post card, or both, to as many newspaper editors, columnists, magazine editors, magazine publishers, radio commentators, television newscasters, and station owners as you can.

(4) Although your name and address can be written on either card (anywhere except in the space provided for the address, which must be kept clear of anything else), we have left no designated space for you to do so. This is because the space was so tight, we felt most people would prefer not to sign the cards, and we further felt that such signatures were not necessary. BUT -- to whatever extent you are willing to go to the extra work, write a personal letter to any (or many) of the people in the above categories, about the message and opposing the Summit Conference further, in your own words and with your own reasons -- and simply enclose one of the

postcards with your letter to bolster your argument. Naturally every one of these letters will be more effective than just the postcard alone -- but the postcard will make it easier for you to write the letter.

(5) Send sample postcards, one or both, to your friends and acquaintances whom you believe to be conservatives, urging them to order postcards for their own use and to continue the chain with their own friends. We do not know what the percentage of helpers will be on any list. But the more people you ask to help, the more warriors we shall enlist in our army.

(6) Tack these cards up or tape them up, with the message side exposed, or with two cards together exposing both sides, on bulletin boards, or other opportune places; leave them on tables in waiting rooms or wherever feasible; and otherwise give them just as wide distribution as you can in addition to that obtained through the mails.

(7) Sponsor yourself, if financially able, or get others to join you in paying for, the exact reproduction of the message side of the small card, or of the large one, in your local newspapers. If we can have these comparatively small advertisements popping up in newspapers all over the country, and continuing to pop up, they will add tremendously to the impact of our campaign. But please do not discount the importance of all of the other methods of getting the message distributed and read.

Of course, if you can get newspapers to run the advertisement free, or reproduce the message in full as the basis of an editorial, or simply as a guest editorial, so much the better. And permission for such reproduction, in full and without alterations, is hereby granted. But do not overlook the value of this message as an advertisement even in newspapers which are bitterly hostile to

our point of view or which, while sympathetic, will run it only as a paid advertisement.

(8) Ask your Senators and Congressmen to incorporate the postcard message into their speeches, and otherwise to lead or support political action for an indefinite postponement of the Summit Conference or for a withdrawal of the intended participation by our government. If you have Senators like John Kennedy or Leverett Saltonstall (just to name the two from my own state) this would be a futile waste -- though having them receive a flood of the cards to show the rising sentiment would not. But if you are fortunate enough to have Senators who are Americanists, enough encouragement may bring them into actively battling -- politically -- to prevent the summit idiocy. Every member, for instance, no matter in what state, should immediately send one or both cards to Senator Barry Goldwater, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., to help to persuade him to take a leading part in the political opposition.

(9) Permission is hereby granted to have the whole back of the card (either card) reproduced, provided this is done in full and without alteration, and is for free distribution. (Reproduction for sale is strictly prohibited.) Either or both cartoons from the front of the cards may also be added to this reproduction. This is to enable anybody to use the message (with or without cartoons) in handbills or other forms for mass distribution to crowds. For while we know that distribution of the cards themselves will be far more effective, we do not want to pass up any distribution which would be out of the question because of the cost of the cards.

(10) Think of every other way you can to spread these cards, and the message on these cards, as widely as possible, and then follow through. Do it promptly and keep on doing it. We have an opportunity to stir up a

mighty storm with these cards, but only if we do not waste any time.

Finally, if you have any doubt as to the supreme importance of opposing the Summit Conference with all of the strength and determination we can muster, I hope that my opinion will at least count for something in persuading you otherwise. I have now been studying the methods as well as the purposes of the Communist conspiracy for many years. And it is my carefully considered belief, based on that study and experience, and shared by leading anti-Communists everywhere, that the Summit Conference in May of this year would constitute a firm beginning of the final surrender of the remaining free world to the Communist tyranny.

Conclusion

The only other task with which we burden you this month is the continuous one of recruiting. We want more chapters, more members of those chapters, and more members of the Home Chapter, as fast as you and we can reach prospects who meet our earnest requirements.

"We are far different from, and more than, a political action organization. Our ultimate objective is not only less government and more responsibility, but a better world in every moral and humane sense. We must have associated with us, therefore, only those who will join our own efforts to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose -- in both word and deed -- which men of good will, good conscience, and religious ideals can follow without hesitation."

You present members are the best agents we have for bringing in new members who qualify. Make suitable friends or neighbors or acquaintances sufficiently aware

of our methods, purposes, and dedication, so that they will really wish to join. There are tens of thousands just waiting to be told, who will welcome the opportunity we can offer them to serve with happiness in so mighty a cause.

And in speaking of our desired growth I would not be doing my duty if I did not mention that old bogy, money. We are doing quite all right as a going concern, and for our current needs. We have never had any worry over payrolls or routine expenses in The John Birch Society, and let's hope that we never shall. But we have plenty of worry over the opportunities for expansion which we are missing, while the enemy marches on. For while we have not set the world on fire or yet stopped the Communists, when you think of what we have been able to do with our still small numbers, and project that into what we could accomplish with the potential strength that is just waiting to be gathered, we feel a sense of urgency that is hard to keep subdued.

For there are still three-fourths of the United States in which we do not yet have Coordinators, or even chapters except those few scattered ones which have formed themselves. We can put on new Coordinators, to seed and work this fertile soil, only as we have the capital in advance to carry us safely through the development period. And naturally we have a gnawing impatience to get on with the job.

We are grateful, therefore, to those members who have set up a monthly contribution schedule, large or small, in addition to their dues. We want nobody -- ever -- to contribute money to The John Birch Society that he or she does not actually and honestly want to contribute; but we would welcome monthly checks from all members who might wish to join the present few in sending them.

We are grateful to the Home Chapter members, both Life and Annual, whose dues have largely provided the funds for our growth to this point. (The dues of local chapter members, while absolutely necessary, just barely cover the cost of our mailings, supplies, and contacts.) We are now coming to a period, for the first time, when annual dues for a second year will be in order for some Home Chapter members, and then for more as the anniversaries of their joining come up month by month. We shall send reminders in due course, but renewal payments with or without reminders will be welcome and appreciated.

Especially am I grateful to the members of the COUNCIL who, entirely on their own initiative and out of their own pockets, are providing a fund for a good enough assistant to take, in time, a little of the load off my shoulders. And we are equally grateful to many good men and women, both able and dedicated, who are giving so much of their time and energy, without any pay, to the work of our Society.

But the problem of rapid enough expansion still remains. And I feel that I should and must make all of you as conscious of that problem as I am, night and day. I feel that I should even mention it especially to one group of good friends, widely scattered, who may be yielding more to procrastination than to any other motive. For there are now about thirty people who have told me definitely that they were going to become Life members of our Society, and who obviously intended to, but who have not yet done so. With that thirty thousand dollars we would feel safe in putting on paid Coordinators in three whole new territories. And while here again we do not want either contributions or increased dues from anybody, where there is the slightest reluctance to provide them, if simply "putting the matter off" is all that is involved, we remind them in good conscience

that procrastination is not just the thief of time. It is also the thief of opportunity, in the program we have laid out for ourselves. And we further assure one and all, who willingly send us their hard earned money, that we use every dollar of it to the best advantage we can determine.

The final duty to be performed in this bulletin is more pleasant. It is to give our honorable mention for the month to Chapter No. 39, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, of which Mrs. Louise F. McGee is Chapter Leader. This is another case in which there has been no spectacular activity or accomplishment. But there has been a steady and faithful performance of the agenda laid out each month, and a sustained enthusiasm for the principles and purposes of The John Birch Society. That is all we can ask, and all we need, of our members everywhere. And it is a pleasure to express our thanks in this way to Mrs. McGee and her dedicated members in Chapter 39.

As it is an even greater pleasure to express, in this last sentence, my deep gratitude to all of you for so much loyalty and kindness and support.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 5/3/60

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (62-1521)

SUBJECT : ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re: Houston letters dated 2/26 and 3/21/60.

On 4/26/60, Mr. [redacted] and a contact of this office, advised that Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Houston, Texas, desired to discuss a matter with an Agent of the FBI.

On 5/2/60, Mrs. [redacted] was contacted and furnished the following information:

Mr. [redacted], whose address is unknown, but who is a residential building contractor in Houston, has organized a chapter of the John Birch Society in Houston. [redacted] is the [redacted] of this chapter and has held several meetings and distributed a quantity of literature regarding the aims of the society.

Several in the group have become quite disturbed over the information put out by the society and have become confused as to just what is the truth regarding the present communist situation in the United States and just what action they should take. Mrs. [redacted] advised that the leaders of the society go so far as to claim that President EISENHOWER is a communist and certain religious groups, particularly the Methodist Church is a communist organization. She advised that the leaders point out that if President EISENHOWER goes to the "Summit Meeting" he will sell the United States out to the communists and the communists will take over the United States in about three years and everyone in this country except the communists will be in slave labor camps.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had informed [redacted] that she was going to "discuss this society with the FBI" and he tried to persuade her not to do this and told her that at least she should not divulge the names of those who have attended meetings.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she did not know what action to take and whether she should join this organization and aid in its fight against communism. She stated that she did not feel that communism had reached the point depicted by this society. She requested that if possible she would like to be furnished information as to whether or not this was a good organization to join and also desired any literature which would assist her in making up her mind in this matter.

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Mrs. [redacted] was advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not issue clearances or nonclearances for any group and she would have to decide in her own mind whether or not to become active in this society. She was advised that if possible literature regarding communism would be forwarded to her from the Bureau. She was also advised that she could assure herself that the President of the United States is not and never has been a communist.

It is requested that the Bureau forward to Mrs. [redacted] similar information as that forwarded to Mrs. [redacted] by letter from the Director dated April 18, 1960. For the Bureau's immediate reference this literature consisted of the following items:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
3. "Communist 'New Look.'"
4. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
5. "God and Country or Communism?"

6. "How to Beat Communism."

7. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

No further action is being taken in this matter.

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ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reurlet 5/3/60.

There is enclosed one copy each of the eight items of literature requested in relet. You may desire to make the enclosed available to Mrs. [redacted], [redacted], Houston, Texas, per the request contained in relet.

Mrs. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bureau files.

Enclosures (8)

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Mrs. [redacted] appeared at the Houston Office and furnished information in her possession concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his organization, The John Birch Society, a chapter of which was recently organized in Houston. Mrs. [redacted] advised that she is confused concerning the subject of communism and requested any literature which would assist her in making up her mind as to whether communism had reached the point depicted by The John Birch Society. Houston requested that the Bureau forward to Mrs. [redacted] the enclosed literature. However, it is felt that it would be more desirable to have the Houston Office furnish the literature to her than to have it forwarded by letter over the Director's signature. The following items were enclosed for the Houston Office to make available to Mrs. [redacted]:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.

2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."

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3. "Communist 'New Look.'"

4. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"

5. "God and Country or Communism?"

6. "How to Beat Communism."

7. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-9-60

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
REQUEST TO SEE DIRECTOR

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DATE 5/14/94 BY SP4 BDA/mce

By letter to Director 5/3/60, attached, Welch advised that several years ago friends suggested he have a talk with Mr. Hoover and offered to write letters of introduction. Welch informed his friends he had sent the Director copies of his books and magazines as well as data concerning The John Birch Society, and that nothing he was doing, beyond that represented in his writings, was important enough to justify taking up the Director's time.

Welch advised that on one occasion, someone in Tennessee, hearing one of Welch's tape recordings, mistook a reference he made to his friendship with Dr. J. B. Matthews and his access to J. B.'s files as a statement that Welch had access to the FBI's files. Welch stated two Agents contacted him about this and he not only played for them the master tape from which the recording had been taken, but also furnished them information about The John Birch Society. He noted that at that time he still saw no reason to bother the Director.

Welch now, however, is puzzled by a report from one of his representatives in Texas that the FBI, in answering correspondence from some people, especially in the Houston area, has said, "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." Welch stated his group is meticulously careful and accurate in dealing with facts concerning the continuous communist advance, and he could not help wondering what prompted any such impression as apparently had been formed, and then transmitted by the FBI.

Welch advised that there is nobody in the fight against communism who has supported the FBI and the Director more than he, and cited the favorable support he had given to "Masters of Deceit." Welch stated he would very much like the opportunity of a brief visit with the Director and that he would be glad to come to Washington for that purpose at Mr. Hoover's convenience.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: Summary

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Robert H. W. Welch, born 12/1/99, Edenton, North Carolina, received A. B. degree University of North Carolina, 1916, and attended Harvard Law School, 1919-21.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Ingram
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receiving no degree. During World War II, he was on Advisory Commission of Office of Price Administration. From 1951-57, he was a Director of National Association of Manufacturers, and was its Vice President, 1955-57. He was an officer of James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for many years, and apparently left this concern in 1959, to devote full time to The John Birch Society.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

In 1952, Welch wrote a book "May God Forgive Us," dealing with communist aggression. In 1954, he wrote a book "The Life of John Birch." Birch, a young Baptist missionary in China, helped Doolittle and several of his fliers to safety after the Tokyo raid. Birch later served 3 years as an Army intelligence officer under General Chennault. 10 days after the end of World War II, while on a peaceful Army mission, Birch was brutally murdered by Chinese communists.

Welch founded The John Birch Society in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana; it is incorporated in Massachusetts as a non-profit, non-political and education corporation. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Its long-range objective has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." We have received numerous inquiries concerning this organization from citizens throughout the country, and several, in particular, from the Houston, Texas, area. In acknowledging these inquiries, the Director, of course, has never made any statement to the effect that "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." We have not investigated the Society or Welch. By SAC Letters in March, 1959, and January, 1960, we alerted our field offices as to the activities of Welch and The John Birch Society, and requested to be advised when a chapter of the Society is organized. We are particularly interested in efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters.

Welch edits a monthly periodical "American Opinion" which appeared in January, 1958, as a successor to his publication "One Man's Opinion." This magazine contains reviews of current topics by various authors and comments and observations by Welch. Many of its articles are anti-communist. We have never investigated either of these publications. The Director wrote Welch in March, 1957, acknowledging receipt of "One Man's Opinion." The February, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" blasted Cyrus Eaton concerning his comments about the FBI. The May, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" had a very favorable review of "Masters of Deceit" by Edwin McDowell. By letter 4/24/58, the Director thanked McDowell for his generous comments. The March, 1959, issue of "American Opinion" had an article entitled "The Cyrus Eaton Story" which questioned Eaton's motives and pointed out that his utterances and "hogwash conferences" receive tremendous publicity but do incalculable harm to the anti-communist cause. Welch authored a 287-page book "The Politician," which was never published, which was mainly an attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower.

SAC, Boston and another agent interviewed Welch on 12/21/59, concerning the allegation that Welch had access to FBI files, as mentioned by Welch in his attached letter. He denied making such a statement and played the master tape to prove his point. He said at that time, there were John Birch chapters in 15 states. (62-104401)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That attached letter be sent to Welch.

(2) That in the event Welch comes to Washington and calls the Bureau for an appointment with the Director, he be referred to someone in your (DeLoach) office.

5/10 5/9 OK.

62-104401-96

May 10, 1960

Mr. Robert Welch
Founder
The John Birch Society, Inc.
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. Welch:

Robert H.

Your letter of May 3, 1960, concerning an alleged statement by the FBI regarding The John Birch Society, has been received, and I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. It would appear that your representative in Texas has been misinformed since I can assure you the FBI has never made such a comment regarding your organization.

I certainly wish that I could arrange a definite appointment with you. I am, however, unable to do this in view of the uncertain nature of my schedule. Please feel free to call my office if you are in Washington in the future. If I am not in, one of my assistants will be happy to be of service.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Boston (100-32899) - Enclosure
Houston (62-1521) - Enclosure

NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo, 5/9/60, captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., The John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass., Request to see Director."

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

May 3, 1960
(Dictated May 2, 1960)

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Three or four years ago several different friends of mine who are, I believe, also friends of yours, suggested that I ought to have a talk with you, and each one offered independently to write a letter of introduction on my behalf.

In each instance I replied that I had sent you copies of each of my two little books, MAY GOD FORGIVE US and THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH, and that you were regularly receiving copies of my magazine, then called ONE MAN'S OPINION but which has now become AMERICAN OPINION, although I did not know whether you had ever had time to read either the magazine or the books. And that it did not seem to me that anything I was doing, beyond what was represented by these books and the magazine which were already at your disposal, was important enough to justify my taking up your time, or asking for a chance to do so.

Then, when I had got the John Birch Society fairly under way, I sent you a copy of the Blue Book of the Society, which sets forth the Society's background, methods, and purposes, and tells what we are trying to do, and how, and why, as well as I know how to explain it all in print. A little later some member of an audience down in Tennessee, hearing one of our tape recordings, somehow mistook a reference I had made to my friendship with Dr. J. B. Matthews, and my access to J. B.'s files, as a statement that I had access to the FBI's files. As a result, two of your men in Boston came to see me. I not only played for them the master tape from which the recording used in Tennessee had been taken, and showed them identically

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the same language in the Blue Book; but I took advantage of that opportunity to give them any and all information about The John Birch Society which I thought or they thought might be helpful. But I still saw no reason to bother you.

Now, however, I am puzzled by a report from one of our best Co-ordinators in the South, who works in Texas, to the effect that the FBI, in answering correspondence from some people, especially in the Houston area, who have attended either our tape sessions or film sessions, has said that "The John Birch Society is a group of righteous citizens who do not know the facts." Since giving the plain facts concerning the continuous Communist advance, and their methods, is the very core of our presentations, and since for obvious reasons we have had to be meticulously careful and accurate about those facts, and since literally hundreds of outstanding conservatives or anti-Communists all over the country are constantly turning to us and our small Research Department as a source of facts for their own speeches, articles, letters, and other activities, we cannot help wondering just what has prompted any such impression as apparently has been formed, and then transmitted, by somebody in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There is nobody in this fight who has supported the FBI and yourself more unceasingly, uncompromisingly, or enthusiastically, and nobody who more firmly expects to keep right on doing so. When your book provoked a lot of grumbling, and even some loud and rabid dissent, on the part of some of your former strong supporters, because of what they considered your too favorable attitude toward the NAACP and other organizations, I wrote many pages of letters to some of these people to calm them down -- the essence of which was that, whether you had leaned over too far backward to try to be fair in some of these cases or not, you had been for too many years and still were too great and too effective a patriot for any such withdrawal or lessening of moral support to be justified. And I am sure that you would find our treatment of MASTERS OF DECEIT, in AMERICAN OPINION, one of the most favorable which the book received.

All of this, as I am sure you have surmised, is merely an introduction to saying that I should like very much to have a chance for at least a brief visit with you; and that I should be glad to go to Washington for that purpose, at any time which would be convenient for yourself, if the time set did not conflict with some important speaking engagement which I had already made beforehand. And instead of going through one or more of these friends of mine, I decided it was certainly simpler and probably better for me merely to write directly to yourself.

I shall be glad to hear from you, also at your convenience, and shall be looking forward very much to seeing you and talking with you, if the opportunity is offered. In the menatime, with my continuing admiration and kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Robert Welch

1 - Mr. Simpson

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[redacted]

Nashville 12, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 4, 1960, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Memphis (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MEMPHIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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Mr. Jack M. Smith

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he has become interested in the work of the John Birch Society but desires to find out what the FBI has been able to discover about the functions, beliefs and organization of this Society. He requests a documented letter as proof of our "research" regarding the Society.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

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Nashville 12, Tennessee
May 4, 1960

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

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Dear Sir,

Recently I became interested in the work of The John Birch Society as a deterrent force to communism and socialism in the United States. My support of an organization such as this (if it is legitimate) would be enthusiastic. However, as you already know, there are some three hundred front organizations that have no direct affiliation or association with the communist party.

My reason for writing you this letter is to find out what you have been able to discover about the functions, beliefs, and organization of The John Birch Society.

The coordinator for the Tennessee area recently asked me to make presentations to future members of The John Birch Society. From time to time I am asked the question that I am asking you now. For this reason, I would like to have a documented letter as proof of your research regarding the society to present to future members of the organization.

I need this information immediately and your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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[redacted] Middle Tennessee Area

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Nashville 12, Tennessee
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Respectfully,

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] Middle Tennessee Area

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/18/60

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DATE 11-29-2012

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-12079)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Per OGA letter dated 11/14/2012

Re SAC Letter #60-5, 1/26/60.

(S) On 5/18/60, [redacted] CIA representative
(S) [redacted] stated he had received information from [redacted] to the effect that there are persons [redacted] who are interested in forming a branch of captioned society in this area.

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According to [redacted] the individual most
(S) interested in this organization [redacted] is [redacted]
(S) [redacted]
Others interested are [redacted]
(S) and [redacted]

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San Diego indices contain no identifiable information to the aforementioned individuals with the exception of [redacted] who was previously a PSI. According to a U. S. Immigration and Naturalization report, [redacted] was reported to be, perhaps, a "pro-Nazi" but is very "anti-communist". [redacted]

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According to [redacted] these individuals
(S) have met with other persons on several occasions but have not held any formal group meetings. At these get-togethers certain tape recordings were played. These apparently were prepared by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR, creator of the John Birch Society.

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2 - Bureau
1 - San Diego

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(S) [redacted] had no additional information concerning the society or the persons mentioned above.

No investigation is being conducted in accord with Bureau instructions set forth in referenced SAC Letter.

1 - Mr. Simpson

May 19, 1960

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[redacted]

Santa Monica, California [redacted]

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 31
MAY 19 1960
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles (Enclosure) (SEE NOTE)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Mrs. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she is favorably impressed with the John Birch Society. However, a friend has told her it is communist inspired. She, therefore, requests the Bureau send her any information we may have on it.

The John Birch Society was formed by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

MRS. [redacted] SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

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

May 9, 1960

Robert H. W. Welch Jr.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the last few weeks, my attention has been called to an organization called "The John Birch Society ". It is composed of a group of people who are interested in upholding and restoring basic American principles of government. I am very favorably impressed with the group and the literature that I have read that they are responsible for. However, a friend who learned of my interest in the Society has declared that she has heard that it is Communist inspired. I find this hard to beleive but certainly do not want to be a part of any activity that is so inspired.

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My friend has asked me to inquire as to your opinion of it, so I would appreciate it very much if you will send me any information you may have on it.

Respectfully yours,

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MRS. [redacted] SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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Respectfully yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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May 20, 1960

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DATE 5/14/84 BY [illegible]

Mr. [redacted]
Rosan, Incorporated
2901 West Coast Highway
Newport Beach, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment upon the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am unable to suggest a source from which the information you have requested may be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles (Enclosure)

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Mr. [redacted]

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and its founder, Mr. Robert Welch. He states he is in accord with the views and objectives of this Society but would like to know more about the leadership of the organization. He asks for sources through which he can inquire concerning the background of Mr. Welch.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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May 10, 1960

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

I have recently become very interested in the John Birch Society which, I believe, was originated by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts.

I would appreciate very much knowing something concrete about this organization (not merely that it does not appear on the Attorney General's list), and the sources which the Bureau would recommend for my inquiring into the background of Mr. Welch. I am very much in accord with the views, objectives, and operations of this society, but because of the manner in which they operate, it is imperative to me that I know much more about the gentlemen heading up the organization. I also believe that there must be some way for a person to appraise people and organizations which influence our political views, and hence I am turning to the Bureau for guidance.

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Thank you in advance, I will await your reply.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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1-LA (email)
THF: [illegible]

1 - Mr. Simpson

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[redacted]
Santa Ana, California

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Sincerely yours,

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Director

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MAY 20 1960
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1 - Los Angeles

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Correspondent advised that he has been asked to join the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts. He is interested in supporting any organization which opposes the communist movement as long as the organization is beyond reproach. He requested the Bureau furnish him any information concerning this society. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE TWO

Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

(1) The John Birch Society was formed by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

[redacted]
Santa Ana, California
May 10, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

I have been asked to join the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 38, Massachusetts. This organization was founded and is controlled rather completely by Mr. Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer.

I am interested in supporting any organization that has as its purpose the exposure of the communist movement just so long as the organization, itself, is beyond reproach.

Can you supply me with any information in this matter.

Sincerely yours

[redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 5/24/60

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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DATE 5/4/84 BY 6635A/mlk

Re SAC Letter No. 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

On May 16, 1960, Mr. [redacted] Seattle, Washington, appeared at the Seattle office to volunteer the following information regarding The John Birch Society.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he attended an impromptu meeting at the home of [redacted] S. W. on May 14, 1960 at which time a [redacted] (phonetic) led a discussion highlighted by a tape recording by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.

In the tape, WELCH set out a goal of "Less Government, More Responsibility, and a Better World." [redacted] was said to point out that membership dues for the Society would be two dollars for men and one dollar for women to be paid monthly; that the Society would be divided into regional chapters consisting of twenty to twentyfive members with a headquarters office in Belmont, Massachusetts.

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Mr. [redacted] quoted Mrs. [redacted] as saying that within two years the communists will have control of the United States, using armed aggression as a last resort to their goal. [redacted] stated that this statement prompted him to come to the office to report the matter, coupled with the fact that he recently completed his military obligation where he learned the seriousness of the communist threat. He stated that his father is signed up to receive a booklet on The John Birch Society and will make it available to this office.

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Shortly after Mr. [redacted] visit, a Mrs. [redacted] telephonically contacted the office to inquire if The John Birch Society was a subversive organization. She stated that she now belongs to a chapter of the Society in Seattle and feels that it is an organization with American ideals and was seeking information concerning it so that she could tell her friends.

Indices of the Seattle Office contain no reference to [redacted]

It is believed that the "Mr. [redacted]" referred to is Mr. [redacted], Washington. b6 b7C

Indices of the Seattle Office contain several references to Mr. [redacted] all of which reflect that he is intensely anti-communist. He has visited the Seattle Office on several occasions and has addressed communications to this office. He has always expressed great admiration for the Director and he holds the Bureau in the highest esteem. He furnished this office with a copy of a letter which he had sent to MIKE WALLACE which was forwarded to the Bureau by Seattle letter dated May 14, 1958 captioned "Television Interview Between MIKE WALLACE and CYRUS EATON over American Broadcasting Company facilities on May 3, 1958."

Mr. [redacted] has also mailed out cards and pamphlets expressing personal opposition to any further summit meetings with NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV because he feels that the United States stands only to lose in any further dealing with the head of a godless, traitorous, Russian communist state.

The only reference in the Seattle indices to a [redacted] is that on February 14, 1959 he was reported as trying to enlist a complainant in membership in the Constitution Party by explaining that this Party stands for the repeal of the income tax, lowering of business taxes, as well as other similar types of proposals in the nature of reducing government spending.

The Bureau will be furnished with any further information received concerning the activities of The John Birch Society, Seattle Chapter, as it is received.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/23/60

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-13540)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/4/84 BY SP4 BJA/mce

SUBJECT: JACK BIRCH SOCIETY
INFO CONCERNING - IS

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Remylet 4/7/60.

On 4/18/60 interview was had with Mr. and Mrs. MILTON C. SPEARBRAKER, 908 Royal Boulevard, Green Bay, Wis. It appears that the information furnished on this interview to SA EDWARD E. CONVERSE pertains to the JOHN Birch Society, referred to in SAC Letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60, paragraph C, captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, Jr. - INFO CONCERNING IS."

The following information was furnished.

MILTON C. SPEARBRAKER is a retired NCO-CNC, Cryptography Section of the US Navy. He states he retired in 1950 after 22 years of service. He is presently employed teaching printing at the Wis. State Reformatory, Green Bay, Wis. Mrs. SPEARBRAKER is a housewife. Both advised that for the past several years they have been acquainted with a neighbor of theirs, one [redacted] St., Green Bay, Wis., whose [redacted] Recently [redacted] approached Mr. and Mrs. SPEARBRAKER, telling them he had been appointed or designated, they were not sure which, as a "group leader" of 20 or more people in the Jack Birch Society in Green Bay, Wis. b6 b7C

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] merely mentioned that a group of people were forming on the west side of Green Bay to read books, report what they read, listened to speeches that were taped to get facts concerning Communism and to fight Communism. The nation-wide leader of this group was mentioned by the [redacted] as a man named JACK WELCH and the society had some connection to the "Jack" Birch Society. JACK BIRCH was described by the [redacted] as a man who had escaped from some Communist country and his cause was being espoused by JACK WELCH for the purpose of acquainting the American public with the evils of Communism. Neither of the SPEARBRAKERS recognized this as the John Birch Society, stating the [redacted] referred to it as the Jack Birch Society.

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1 - Milwaukee (100-13540)
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The [redacted] declined to identify the other people joining the group and gave the impression that this information was either secret or confidential though they did not so state.

Mrs. SPEARBRAKER advised she had specifically asked the [redacted] whether the Jack Birch Society was already organized or was going to be organized and did not get a specific answer. She stated she gained the impression that [redacted] who talks a lot, actually was trying to hold himself out as leader of such a group whereas, in fact, it was her opinion the group had not been organized as yet but would be organized if [redacted] succeeded in getting anyone to come to meetings.

The following information concerning [redacted] was furnished.

[redacted] is an employee of the Wis. Public Service Co. in Green Bay, Wis. and has been for many years. He is about 30 years of age and is employed as a business machine operator. He is reputed to be a genius, having an extremely high IQ. He is a very difficult individual to get along with and at the present time is not on speaking terms with any one of the neighbors in the neighborhood. He is known to have a violent temper, to be extremely disagreeable and to be a joiner in that he has spoken of belonging to many different groups interested in Government or civic affairs. He apparently belongs to these groups a short while and falls out with them and leaves. He and his wife have periodic fallings out and periodic fights and both have been previously married and divorced. He was described as follows: [redacted]

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Age	30-32 B. APPROX. 1925
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark and curly
Complexion	Dark
Sex	Male
Race	Reportedly one-quarter Cherokee Indian
Employment	Has been employed by Wis. Public Service Co. for many years in [redacted] original home town, Oshkosh, Wis. and presently in Green Bay, Wis.
Characteristics	Wears mustache dyed black

[redacted]

GREEN BAY, WIS.

Mr. and Mrs. SPEARBRAKER advised they would attempt to ascertain whether a group actually had been organized and would advise this office of any developments.

On 5/20/60 Mrs. MILTON SPEARBRAKER advised that, since last interviewed, she and her husband are no longer on speaking terms with the [redacted] that there apparently have been no meetings of any kind at his house, and they have heard no further word of the organization of a society of any sort.

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Wrights City Directory for Green Bay, Wis. 1958 lists [redacted] business machine operator, Wis. Public Service Co., residence [redacted] GREEN BAY WIS

Records of the Green Bay PD, as presented by Detective Captain [redacted] contained no mention of [redacted]

Indices of Milwaukee Office contain no mention of [redacted] or [redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. SPEARBRAKER both advised that, in the event they receive any further information on this matter, they will contact this office.

No investigation is being conducted.

1 - Mr. Simpson

May 26, 1960

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EX-10

Mr. [redacted]
B-C Grain Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 283
Pecos, Texas

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8/14/84 BY SP6BJA/MLR

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your letter dated May 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment upon the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 8
MAY 26 1960
COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - El Paso

ATTENTION: SAC, EL PASO

Correspondent stated he was interested in hearing from the Bureau concerning the John Birch Society which came to his attention several weeks ago in such a way that he feels the need for more information. He requests the Bureau's opinion concerning the Society as well as its founder and leader, Mr. Robert Welch. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

B-C Grain Co. Inc.
P. O. BOX 283 HICKORY 5-2579
PECOS, TEXAS

SEEDSMEN
GRAIN & FEED MERCHANTS

May 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am very much interested in hearing from you in regard to THe John Burch Society.

This society came to my attention about two weeks ago, and in such a way that I feel the need for more information. I would like to hear your opinion on The John Burch Society , and it's founder and leader Mr. Robert Welch.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

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1-El Paso
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5010-104-01

UNITED STATES [redacted]ENT

Memor[redacted]n

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/19/60

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (62-0-10432)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 5/13/60, Mrs. [redacted] Dallas, Texas, telephone [redacted] advised SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., she had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY on 5/10/60. This meeting was presided over by [redacted] who resided on [redacted] in Dallas. This meeting consisted of the showing of three thirty-minute films on this organization which is reputed to be a secret anti-Communist organization. Mrs. [redacted] advised this organization publishes a publication known as "American Opinion." Mr. [redacted] advised he had eight organizers in the State of Texas, and that former Bureau Agent DAN SMOOT was backing this organization.

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The above is being furnished to the Bureau for their information.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (62-104401) DATE: 6/2/60

FROM : SAC KANSAS CITY (62-)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/4/84 BY [illegible]

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

In accordance with SAC letters 59-13 and 60-5, the following is submitted:

Mr. FRED C. KOCH, Wichita, Kansas business and oil leader, recently volunteered he had contributed considerable money and support to WELCH, felt the JOHN BIRCH Society was the only group he had found interested in overcoming the drift to Socialism in the United States, and he hoped to organize a chapter of the Society in the Wichita area soon.

Mr. KOCH is identified from a limited biography appearing in the local press on May 6, 1960 in connection with the announcement he was to address the graduating class of the University of Wichita in June 1960, as a 1922 Chemical Engineering Graduate of M.I.T. and a resident of Wichita since 1925. He first became a member of The Winkler-Koch Engineering Company. This company built refineries in many countries of the world, including Russia, France, England, the Near East and Canada. In connection with his work and for pleasure, KOCH has traveled in every continent and many countries of the world. He is presently Chairman of the Board of the Koch Engineering Company and President of the Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Inc. KOCH also serves as a Director of the First National Bank in Wichita, the Coleman Company, Great Northern Oil Company of St. Paul, Great Northern Oil Purchasing Company and the South Saskatchewan Pipe Line Company of Regina, Canada. KOCH was scheduled to talk to the graduating class on the subject of "Our Precious Heritage and Our Future".

MAURICE CORCORAN, Managing Director of the Wichita Crime Commission, former FBI Agent and frequent contact of Mr. KOCH,

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ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
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reported on May 10, 1960 he understood from conversation with Mr. KOCH that attempts were being made to form two chapters of the John Birch Society in the Wichita area. [redacted] and OWEN MCEWEN, both long time residents of Wichita, with vast business holdings in this area, were identified as potential members. In addition, [redacted] a local manufacturer, was also mentioned as a potential member.

On recent date while SA [redacted] was in business establishment of [redacted] at Bluff and Kellogg, Wichita, conversation was overheard concerning the John Birch Society. [redacted] was apparently a great believer in WELCH and his announced program. [redacted] noted [redacted] had some literature of a minor nature which he was apparently passing to his customers. There is no known connection between [redacted] and KOCH or other names mentioned herein.

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The current city directory for Wichita lists [redacted] a barber at [redacted]. His residence is recorded as [redacted] Wichita.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, no investigation is being undertaken in this matter, however pertinent developments coming to the attention of the office in usual course of business will be reported to the Bureau.

For ready reference, refer to Kansas City letter 1/11/60, captioned WICHITA EVENING EAGLE, Wichita, Kansas. The FRED C. KOCH mentioned therein is identical with the FRED C. KOCH mentioned herein.

1 - Mr. Farrow

June 3, 1960

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Columbus 21, Ohio

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DATE 8/4/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked May 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 5
JUN 3 1960
COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Cincinnati (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, CINCINNATI

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE TO SAC, CINCINNATI, CONTINUED:

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He states he would feel better about joining this organization if he knew it had been approved by the Bureau.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

[redacted]

Columbus 21, Ohio

Sirs: John Birch Society

What information can you give me about an anti communist organization called "The John Birch Society."

My wife & I were invited to attend a meeting of this organization in which a film was shown of the founder Robert Welch giving a speech. The speech seemed indeed anti communist. I would however feel better about joining this society if I knew it was fully examined by your department and approved.

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Sincerely

JUN 6 1960

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Ack 6-3-60
1-Cincinnati (end)
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CORRESPONDENCE

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[redacted]
Columbus 21, Ohio

Sirs:

What information can you give me about an anti communist organization called "The John Birch Society."

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My wife & I were invited to attend a meeting of their organizers in which a film was shown of the founder Robert Welch giving a speech. The speech seemed indeed anti communist. I would however feel better about joining this society if I knew it was fully examined by your department and approved.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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Date: 6/1/60

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS
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CC TO: ...
REQ. REC'D. ...
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ANS. ...
BY: ...

Remylets 2/3/60 and 5/2/60; re SAC Letter 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

Attached for the Bureau's further information is letterhead memorandum concerning current activities of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) in the Los Angeles area.

Copies are furnished to San Francisco and San Diego for information.

Also enclosed are copies of a one-sheet biographical sketch of ROBERT H. W. WELCH and a two-sheet statement of purposes of the JBS.

Information furnished in paragraphs 1-4 is from [redacted] but acquainted sketchily with general Los Angeles activities of JBS.

ENCLOSURE

Source of information in paragraphs 5-8 is Mrs. [redacted] active in Pasadena JBS affairs.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Source of information paragraph 9 to the end is [redacted] Armed Forces Retired Reserve, [redacted] of "Western Publications," who is not known to be a member of the JBS. b6 b7C

The attached letterhead memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ because data reported from [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a panel source of continuing value and compromise effectiveness thereof. b7D

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
June 1, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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ON 8/9/88

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that there are several chapters of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the Los Angeles area, some in the general Pasadena section (specific number not known to source) and similarly in Beverly Hills, Long Beach, San Fernando Valley, Palos Verdes Peninsula, as well as a chapter in Santa Barbara, California.

It is source's understanding that the Society has two paid coordinators in the state of California and several voluntary unpaid coordinators. Such a paid coordinator is [redacted] Berkeley, California, who travels through the state on Society business. The source stated he understands an assistant or voluntary and unpaid coordinator for JBS is [redacted] Palos Verdes Estates, a [redacted] is attached to Chapter 88, Palos Verdes Estates. CALIF

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Source furnished a recent informal notice signed by [redacted] encouraging Chapter 88 members to do a number of things, such as write to DAG HAMMARSKJOELD and HENRY CABOT LODGE, United Nations, New York City, to ask, "Who murdered BANG-JENSEN?" [redacted] also urged members to write to Senator THOMAS J. DODD, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., encouraging an investigation of the BANG-JENSEN case by the Senate Internal Security Committee. [redacted] letter further urged JBS members to contact three major airlines (American, United and Eastern) to place the weekly political newsletter "Human Events" in their passenger planes.

Other activity urged by [redacted] is to "mail cards and letters regarding the Summit Conference--'Stay away U.S.A. The summit leads to disaster.'" JBS Chapter 88 members were also urged to have lists of conservatives ready for the next chapter

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ENCLOSURE

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

meeting and to read listed books: MATT CVETIC's "The Big Decision," CROCKETT's "Roosevelt's Road to Russia" and WIDENER's "Behind the U.N. Front."

Source said another person active in the JBS in the Palos Verdes area is [redacted] with the Union Carbide Chemicals Co., division of Union Carbide Corporation, 3651 Del Amo Boulevard, Torrance, California. b6 b7C

of John Birch Society

This source also advised that he understood that the JBS Beverly Hills chapter includes the following members: JOHN WAYNE, noted Hollywood producer; HEDDA HOPPER, nationally-known movie columnist; RONALD REAGAN, prominent actor and television personality; ZASU PITTS, Hollywood actress; ADOLPH MENJOU, Hollywood actor; and MORRIE RYSKIND, Hollywood screen and playwright.

Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the initial Los Angeles JBS Chapter No. 48, recently founded in Pasadena, California, has generated in the past months to include the following: Pasadena - two chapters; South Pasadena - one chapter; Altadena - one chapter; La Crescenta - one chapter; San Marino - one chapter.

This source stated attempts have been made in the above-mentioned Pasadena area specifically to interest members of the Junior League, which comprises among others young matrons of socially-prominent families, and that some success in this regard was made.

This source additionally advised that the original tapes of ROBERT WELCH's discussion of the foundation and aims of the JBS in 1959 have now been converted to a sound film currently in use to interest potential recruits.

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Source further advised that a recent notable member of the JBS in the Los Angeles area is Mrs. ALBERTA CHANDLER, wife of PHILIP CHANDLER, Executive Vice President, Times-Mirror Co., 202 West First St., Los Angeles. Source described Mrs. CHANDLER as an enthusiastic and diligent JBS addition. The CHANDLER family in Los Angeles has been long identified with the "Los Angeles Times," metropolitan daily newspaper.

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

This source also indicated that one of the major activities of the JBS in recent months was nationally to alert legislators and principals of the federal government by mail and otherwise to avoid a Summit Conference with the Soviet. Source said that mail in the thousands was used by JBS in this campaign.

Another source who was in a position to furnish reliable information but with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability has advised that he attended a recent two-day recruiting session of JBS in the Los Angeles area chaired by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, Jr., founder of the Society.

About forty people attended from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with WELCH discoursing lengthily on the aims and concepts of the Society. This source recognized among those present BRUCE REGAN, California State Assemblyman from Pasadena, and [redacted] General Plant Protection Co., 2515 West Seventh St., Los Angeles. CALIF

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Source noted that Mr. WELCH declined to state the number of members or the identity of local chapters of JBS.

WELCH emphasized the Society's concept of less government, more responsibility with a resultant better world.

According to source, dues are $24 annually or $2 a month; and chapter membership is limited to twenty, upon attainment of which a new chapter is formed.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

December 1, 1958

ROBERT WELCH Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

Born December 1, 1899, on a farm in Chowan County, North Carolina. Ancestry, full of farmers and Baptist preachers, traceable to one Miles Welch who came to this country from Wales in 1720. Educated at University of North Carolina (four years), United States Naval Academy (two years), Harvard Law School (two years), and school of hard knocks (about forty years. Came to Boston from North Carolina in 1919. Has lived in Belmont for the past twenty years. Has one wife, two sons, a Golden Retriever dog, and fourteen golf clubs -- none of which he understands.

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Has spent a great part of his life getting from where he was to where he wasn't, for reasons which seemed worthwhile at the time. This includes two trips to England specifically to study the effects of the Socialist government; one trip around the world; and fairly extensive additional traveling in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Author of THE ROAD TO SALESMANSHIP, published in 1941 by the Ronald Press Company; of MAY GOD FORGIVE US, published in 1952 by Henry Regnery Company; and of THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH, published in 1954 by Henry Regnery Company. Is editor and publisher of AMERICAN OPINION, a monthly magazine which reviews current events and appraises contemporary leaders on the world-wide stage. Has done much public speaking, and will climb on a soapbox to argue against the evils of socialism whenever anybody will listen.

Has been in the candy manufacturing business all of his adult life. Was for many years Vice-President, in charge of sales and advertising, of James O. Welch Company, with factories in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mansfield, Massachusetts, and Los Angeles, California; and of its subsidiary sales corporations in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Seattle. Is a director of one bank, and has served as a director of several other business corporations.

Was a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. Also served three years as a regional vice-president of NAM, and two years as chairman of its Educational Advisory Committee. Has been active in many other business associations and committees, and in many community and educational activities -- including service on the Belmont School Committee.

As of January 1, 1957, Mr. Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities -- and most of his income -- in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause. Believes that the only thing the Communist now fear is having the truth become widely known, to the American people, about the methods and the progress of the whole international Communist conspiracy. For his readers or his listeners, Mr. Welch simply puts together clear but separate facts about the Communist advance, so that their significance becomes more apparent. Through this method he is trying to wake up as many of his fellow citizens as he can, to the horror and the imminence of the dangers which they face.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIE
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

A preliminary and condensed statement

July 4, 1959

What is The John Birch Society?

It is an organization of Americans who have voluntarily joined together: (1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives and our civilization; (2) to prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before; and (3), to restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the gloriously humane traditions, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been officially summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

What is its origin and history?

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch, at a meeting in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It now has local working chapters in six states, and additional chapters are being formed every week. Its immediate goal is fifteen hundred working chapters by December 31, 1959.

There is also a Home Chapter, which maintains contact with its members and coordinates their activities entirely by mail. There are already members of this Home Chapter in about twenty states, and the list includes many of the most influential and highly regarded men and women in our country.

Who is John Birch?

John Birch is dead. He was a young Christian missionary, from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when we entered World War II. He joined Chennault's forces as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the U. S. Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. Ten days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful and official mission for our government, he was brutally murdered in cold blood by our "allies," the Chinese Communists. You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. We believe that his short but outstanding and memorable life so typifies the best of America that we have named our organization in his memory.

How are chapters of the Society formed?

In order to explain, fully and clearly, the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society, Mr. Welch prefers to hold two-day meetings. For we are digging far more deeply into the problems we face, and building far more solidly in our coordinated effort to overcome the destructive forces around us, than the loose word "organization" is likely to suggest. And many of these full two-day meetings have already been held with small groups in different parts of the country.

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But this presentation has also been compressed into a six-hour recording, duplicates of which are now being played back to small groups almost every day. (With short recesses, or coffee breaks and a luncheon break, the actual time required is about eight hours.) In this presentation Mr. Welch attempts: (1) To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization; (2) to evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world history and the rise of western civilization; (3) to set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination; (4) to offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful; and (5), to describe in detail the organization, function, and procedures of The John Birch Society.

Why haven't I heard more about The John Birch Society?

Partly because it is still so young. But mainly because we avoid all publicity as far as is practicable. It is our purpose to build strength and understanding, not to create noise.

What is expected of its members?

A great deal. You should not join The John Birch Society unless you are truly dedicated to the cause of less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Many of the specific actions requested of our members must, necessarily, seem relatively unimportant. But the sum total of them all, faithfully carried out by all of our members, will become increasingly important indeed. Not one of us can be afraid of the drudgery of actual work, for "without drudgery all of our dreams are dust."

Enclosed with this memorandum will be a bulletin of the Society for a recent month. That bulletin will make clear, by illustration, some of the specific things, and the kind of things, our members are asked to do. But one bulletin can tell only a small part of the story. And all bulletins together, for many months, would merely emphasize what we want our members to do, without stressing what we want our members to be, which is more important. The ennobling aspects of membership will become apparent only with time, and with a full understanding of the Society's aspirations for its members and itself.

How may I join The John Birch Society?

You may apply for membership in the Home Chapter at any time, by signing the enclosed form and mailing it to us with a year's dues. If the application is not approved, of course your dues will be returned. If it is approved, you will be welcomed into a brotherhood of men and women devoted to an inspiring cause.

As soon as a local working chapter is established in your area, your membership may be transferred to that chapter if you wish. Or if you become sufficiently interested and dedicated to act as a Chapter Leader, and to form a local chapter yourself, we shall be glad to give you all necessary information, guidance, and cooperation.

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-59001) June 7, 1960

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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A review of the information in reairtel and the memorandum enclosure thereto discloses that the information did not warrant transmittal to the Bureau by airtel; is not the type of material to be designated as "Cinal" material; and the material contained in the memorandum enclosure does not warrant the "Confidential" security classification. The fact that the information was received from a panel source does not justify the security classification. It is also noted that the character of reairtel was listed as "SM-X." The character for transmitting information concerning captioned society should be carried as "Information Concerning, (Internal Security)."

Offices receiving instant communication are instructed to declassify the memorandum enclosure to reairtel. Bureau copies have been declassified.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 8, 1960

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (66-1907)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
Belmont 78, Massachusetts
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On June 7, 1960, Mr. RAYMOND HURLBERT, General Manager, Educational Television Network (Channel 10), Protective Life Building, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically requested information concerning captioned organization. He advised that a friend of his referred the organization to him, and the friend advised that a Mr. ROBERT WELSH, formerly with the National Association of Manufacturers, was founder of the organization. The organization purports to be antiCommunist and supposedly organized in order to alert the public on matters which are subversive and which the general public takes casually.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

Mr. HURLBERT could not furnish any further information, and he was courteously advised that the FBI could not furnish him any information concerning the organization. He requested information as to whether or not the organization was designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He was advised that he should direct his inquiry to the Department of Justice, attention Subversive Organization Section, Internal Security Division.

Mr. HURLBERT was very appreciative, and he advised that he would like to have a list of the organizations designated by the Attorney General and he would request such a list from the Department.

The above is furnished for the Bureau's information and no further inquiry will be made concerning JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., UACB.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houston 19, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 31, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Houston (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, HOUSTON

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

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The John Birch Society was formed by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above SAC Letter calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

May 31, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently several of our friends have joined the John Birch Society and my husband and I attended a meeting to get new members. We agreed with some of their arguments and aims but we had definite reservations about others.

Today, in our terrifically complicated world, you hear constantly about Communist duplicity and the extremes they will use to accomplish their ends, and patriotic groups are almost daily being exposed as Communist front organizations. It hard to know who or what to believe.

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We not only want to resist Communisim in this country, but we feel we must do something to revitalize interest in our "freedoms", that we take so much for granted and that we are gradually losing by default through complacency.

Is the John Birch Society the answer? We look to you as an authority on figuting Communism and would appreciate it if you could alleviate some of our confusion.

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Eagle River, Wisconsin

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/14/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated May 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In the event that you receive information which you believe to be of interest to the FBI, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Milwaukee Office located at 735 U. S. P. O. Customs and Court House Building, Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin.

Your kind personal remarks are most gratifying, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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1 - Milwaukee (enclosure)

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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, MILWAUKEE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent was a friend and supporter of the late Senator McCarthy. He states that it is rumored that there are approximately 70 registered communists in his county and requests the identity of these individuals. He advises that Senator McCarthy, while living, furnished him with such information. Correspondent states he would like to talk with a Bureau representative. He expresses appreciation for the dedicated work of the Director.

Although correspondent indicates a desire to talk with a representative of the Bureau, it is not believed desirable to have an Agent contact him inasmuch as his letter indicates he desires to receive information rather than to give information.

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May 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington, DC

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

By way of introduction, I was a friend and supporter of Senator McCarthy. I have been in Washington only once, as a guest of Senator and Mrs. McCarthy about a month before Joe died.

At that time they asked me who, of the people in Washington, I would like most to have them invite for dinner. My answer was you, but as it turned out you were either out of town or not free to come, so I never did get to meet you.

I would like to have better understanding of just what a citizen can and should do in these days of critical circumstances. I spend over half time at work in patriotic lines, reading books and giving talks on our predicament whenever opportunity presents itself, and am now actively engaged in John Birch Society chapter work and promoting new chapters.

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It is rumored there are seventy some registered communists in our County of Vilas. If this is true, I would like to be informed of their names, not with the idea of running them down, but rather to guide the work we do here.

When Joe was alive he furnished me such information that was available to him - now I have no contact.

If it would be in keeping with your policy I would like very much to talk with a representative of your department sometime when there is one in the vicinity.

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I as a citizen deeply appreciate the dedicated work you have done and are still doing for this grand country of ours. ~~With~~ heartfelt thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Boston, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked June 4, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am precluded from furnishing the information you desire. As you were advised by Mr. L. L. Laughlin, the Special Agent in Charge of our Boston Office, the FBI does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, BOSTON

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Correspondent enclosed your letter dated 5-20-60 which you apparently sent to him in response to an inquiry he made concerning the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society is well known to your office.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he and his wife joined the John Birch Society. He states he sent a letter to the Boston Office of the FBI to make sure of this organization and to be certain it is a loyal organization. He states, "Please look into this matter for me." b6 b7C

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

It is noted the Boston Office addressed the correspondent at [redacted] Winchester, Massachusetts. However, in communicating with the Bureau, the correspondent gave his return address as [redacted] Boston, Massachusetts. Therefore, this latter address is being used in reply.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Dear Sirs:
My wife and myself joined an organization called the John Birch Society - Belmont Mass. John Birch Society
The object of the John Birch Society is to combat communism in this country. I sent a letter to the Boston Dept of the F.B.I. to make sure of this organization as I do not want to pay dues to the John Birch Society until I make sure it is loyal to all American principals - Please look into this matter for me

Cordially yours.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
May 20, 1960

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[redacted]
Winchester, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

Very truly yours,

L. L. Laughlin

L. L. LAUGHLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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

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Cordially yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Miss Gandy

[redacted]

Houston 36, Texas
June 2, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just completed reading your book "Masters of Deceit" and wish to thank you for the enlightenment I have received from it. Your book, plus a recent speech here in Houston by Mr. Richard Arens, the House UnAmerican Activity Committee's Staff Director, combined with Dr. Fred Schwartz's testimony before that same committee have served to awaken myself and several of my neighbors to the urgent need for active opposition to Communism.

I am presently enrolled in a study grop studying the material provided by the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade directed by Dr. Fred Schwartz. Some of us have also been approached by a local organizer of The John Birch Society headed up by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass.

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I firmly believe that it behooves us to proceed with a certain amount of caution so as not to subscribe to crackpot schemes or witchhunts in ridding our country of Communism. And at the same time I am convinced that speed is necessary in getting to work and that that work be effective and not wasted motion.

In attempting to evaluate methods, ways and means, of actively fighting Communism however, I find myself at a loss, because of my past apathy, re: the state of affairs outside my own personal sphere of activities, and am therefore writing to you for whatever information or advice you may be able to give me regarding the merits of these organizations.

Thank you again for your factual presentation of Communism - if it is not among the top ten "best sellers" it certainly should be.

Sincerely,

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P. S. If you should have, and I for one really hope you do have, further books in the mill on this subject, please give my name to your publisher for his mailing list.

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Houston 36, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of June 2, 1960, and appreciate the interest which prompted the communication.

I was particularly pleased with your kind comments concerning "Masters of Deceit." The book was written in the hope that it would become an easy to read primer for students and other Americans interested in learning more about the menace of communism. Letters such as yours reassure me that the publication is serving its purpose.

In response to your inquiry, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade and The John Birch Society have not been investigated by this Bureau. This should not, of course, be construed as clearance or nonclearance of these organizations by the FBI.

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In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material regarding the threat of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction
Statement re 17th National Convention, CP, USA

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] Bufiles reflect no derogatory information identifiable with the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. We have had limited cordial relations with this group and have furnished it reprint material concerning communism. We have also had cordial correspondence with Dr. Fred Schwartz and W. P. Strube, Jr., secretary of this organization. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the FBI. His request to be placed on mailing list of publisher of future books by Director is being purposely ignored.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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June 22, 1960

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Los Angeles 5, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated June 13, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Correspondent states that she recently joined the John Birch Society, her impression being it was a true American group. She states that so far it has been "anti" almost everything and she, therefore, requests any information we can give her concerning the organization. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

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Los Angeles 5, California

John Birch Society June 13

Federal Bureau of Investigation

I am an admirer of your organization and would like some information.

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I would appreciate any information you

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Chicago

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ATTENTION: SAC, CHICAGO

Correspondent advised he has recently been invited to attend meetings of the John Birch Society. Before supporting this organization, he stated he would be interested in knowing the Bureau's opinion of its policies, its activities, its leaders and whether it is worthy of patriotic Americans. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization having branches in various parts of the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 called this organization to the attention of the field and instructed that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

June 13, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I have recently been invited to attend orientation meetings of The John Birch Society, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts., an organization devoted to anti-communist activities.

Before lending my support to this society, I would be interested in knowing your opinion of its policies, its activities, its leaders, particularly Mr. Robert Welch, and whether it is an organization worthy of patriotic Americans.

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Sincerely,

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Park Ridge, Illinois

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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June 27, 1960

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Bremerton, Washington

Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter postmarked June 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the functions of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comment upon the individual and organization you mentioned.

The FBI has been charged by Presidential directive with the responsibility for the investigation of subversive activities and the correlation of all information pertaining thereto with other agencies of this Government. In this connection, the President has urged all patriotic individuals to report all information concerning espionage, sabotage and subversive activities to the FBI, so that it may be correlated and appropriate steps taken to safeguard our country and our form of Government from subversive elements. In the event, therefore, you receive any information which you believe may be of interest to the FBI, you may communicate directly with me or the Special Agent in Charge of our Seattle Office, located at 1015 Second Avenue, Seattle 4, Washington.

I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by this Bureau which may be helpful to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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ATTENTION: SAC, SEATTLE

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Information concerning the John Birch Society is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960, with analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "Communist 'New Look,' A Study in Duplicity."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "God and Country or Communism?"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires concerning the John Birch Society and states that she has been informed that John Birch, while living, had "red affiliations." She requests information concerning the John Birch Society and Mr. Welch, founder of this Society. Correspondent asks two questions: "What can I do to fight communism????" and "Where can I safely send financial support and KNOW it will go toward the fight against communsim rather than to aid its cause?"

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June 11, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I know sir you are indeed a busy man but I SO would appreciate advice from you. I have read much lately on communism and sincerely feel it is a grave threat to our country at this time. I have read that our government is very far infiltrated by communists and that we have many organizations that have good American names that claim to be set up to fight communism that actually are fronted by communists; also that through communist infiltration in our press and through television, we don't always get true accounts of the news we hear.

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I am deeply interested in doing <u>every</u> bit I can to stop the advance of communism in our country but I just don't know what to do or where to start. What can <u>I</u> do to fight communism???? Where can I safely send financial support and KNOW it will go toward the fight against communism rather than to aid its cause?

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I look forward to your reply and sincerely appreciate any and all information forwarded. I thank you very much.

Yours very truly,

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Bremerton, Wash.
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Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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Corinth, Mississippi

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of June 22, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and your kind comment is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and information in our files is confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I hope you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the organization you mentioned. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you, together with the envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted]
NOTE:

Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed envelope which was returned. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch, a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. (62-104401)

[redacted]

June 22, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please tell me something about The John Birch Society, with headquarters in Massachusetts~~(Bedford, I think)~~.

For a long time I have been alarmed at the insidious work of the communists, and concerned for the future of our country.

I have felt that officials in Washington(elected and otherwise)are to blame, in a great many instances, and the only thing I have known to do was to write them.

Now, I have an opportunity to join the above mentioned organization, but I don't want to be "used", nor "taken in" by an organization that is not what it is purported to be.

Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

I wish we had more men like you in our government.

Very truly yours,

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated June 16, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and, as such, its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - El Paso (Enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, EL PASO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or "The Midland Reporter-Telegram."

Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.
(62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states a movement is underway in his city to form a chapter of the John Birch Society. Although it is reported to be an anticommunist society, he is inclined to believe it is more political than anything else. He requests the Bureau furnish him any information we can concerning the organization. He desires this information so he can pass it along to the citizens of Midland who have expressed an interest in the group.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

A movement to form a chapter of the John Birch Society is now underway in this city.

It is purported to be an anti-Communist society and is headed by Robert Welch of Boston.

I would appreciate having any information you have concerning this organization.

After reading Mr. Welch's speech, which was presented to a group of so-called prominent Americans at the beginning of the organization movement in an effort to enlist their aid, I am more inclined to think the movement is more political than anything else. Furthermore, if I wanted to have the American people think that Communism now controls every facet of American endeavors and that the simplest thing to do was just accept it, this is the kind of book (the speech is now in book form) I would want all Americans to read. According to Mr. Welch, all communications such as newspapers, radio and television; government, churches and anything else you may care to name is Communistically controlled in America.

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Too, this society - instead of trying to interest large groups to stand against Communism - apparently works silently in a community to form small groups. To me, this could either be good or bad, depending on the intentions.

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Mr. Welch is, according to his speech, trying to enlist 1,000,000 members who will pay $24.00 per year per male and $12.00 per year per female. The application states that any member may be dropped from its rolls at any time without any reason being given whatsoever.

But the most striking part of the membership is the fact that Mr. Welch says that members will be "ordered" to perform certain assignments, not asked but ordered. This reminds me of a few other men of the world in other countries who have moved to leadership over this route.

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Any expedient information you may give me concerning this organization that could be passed along to our citizens who have expressed an interest in this group would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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we call to your especial attention

EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

WILLIAM S. SCHLAMM

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June 6, 1960

Dear Reader:

We were climbing happily up a mountainside. Periodically the road divided. But no matter which fork we took, the road still kept winding upward, to ever more comfortable plateaus.

But finally at one fork — as we learned from repeated trials —both roads led down hill. Repeatedly we returned, baffled, to study the big sign in front of us. Arrows marked "Pursuit of Happiness" clearly pointed in both directions. We were given two choices, but *both* of them were wrong. Even the road to the right, as we now knew, twisted deceptively until it joined the road that had started to the left. And there was only a stagnant swamp at the end of the trail.

Frustrated, angry, almost in despair, we lunged against the sign itself. To our surprise, it turned out to be nothing but paper, which we broke through with ease. And lo and behold, there in front of us, purposely hidden by the big sign, lay our real road —with a higher tableland easily in sight.

The moral of this fable is very plain. Our collectivist enemies long ago found the Achilles heel in our body politic. It is the convention-primary system. This system was not planned by our forefathers, and is not controlled by the Constitution. Having been developed only by political custom, it is subject to ruthless manipulation by unscrupulous politicians. And the socialist-internationalist schemers do not care which candidate we elect so long as, through this hocus pocus, they can pick the nominees.

But there is nothing sacrosanct about this whole arrangement. Our salvation lies in ignoring their roadblock, crashing through it, and proceeding straight ahead. And so we issue this warning that we intend to take our own fate into our own hands once again, to the whole political brotherhood, of *both parties*:

"Nominate anybody you please. I'm voting for Goldwater."

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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IF YOU WANT IT STRAIGHT . . .

It is time once again for our theme song.

Occasionally one of our subscribers will complain that this magazine, while accurate, informative, and enlightening, is simply too discouraging to read. This, as we have pointed out before, is because we undertake to give our readers truth instead of comfort. To those who wish to close their eyes and minds to the horrible truth of what is happening in the world today, we suggest that they read only the funny papers. (We ourselves read them when we can, for a few minutes now and then of temporary respite.)

For there have been but few periods in all of our race's recorded history when man's inhumanity to man was so widespread and so cruel; when the whole sunlight of morality and decency and kindness, which pervades the great body of mankind, was so completely shut off from view by the dark clouds of hypocrisy enveloping its leaders; or when such ineffable scoundrels so almost universally filled the seats of the mighty. And the grim but honest outlook is that the picture will become much worse before the dark clouds pass over (as they always have before), and the beneficent light of faith, hope, and charity begins to flood the earth's surface once again (as we are sure it will).

So if you really want it straight, the diet we must give you most of the time is likely — through no fault of ours — to be monotonously dismal in flavor. And for that reason we are all the more delighted when we can put before you a more promising page of news or opinion. The slowly rising but tremendously potent groundswell of support for Barry Goldwater is certainly one such item of strong encouragement in a scene largely full of foreboding stupidities, treason, and venality. We shall probably deal with it at more length in a later issue. There are other glints of light here and there, including the possibility that the Kremlin's control over its enslaved millions, even in

Russia, is perhaps as shaky today as at any time during the past forty years. And we take especial pleasure in leading off this feature this month with the record of a decided victory won by the Americanists against the Communists, no matter how cleverly the Communists have tried to disguise and sugarcoat their defeat.

The Summit — Of Pretenses

It is already May 20. By the time this magazine is in print and distributed, the summit conference will have receded behind new hills of Communist exhibitionism that are being constantly raised. And this "Summit" proved to be a pretty small volcano anyway, not to be judged — as to either size or importance — by all of the smoke and fire that eructed from it. So we shall give the poor thing short shrift. But we cannot simply ignore it, for three reasons.

First, our customers will definitely feel that their subscription contract with us calls for some comments on the subject. Second, for the consideration given above; that what really happened, despite the cleverly manufactured appearances to the contrary, was a significant victory of the anti-Communist grass-roots forces, largely of America, accomplished right over the heads and over the opposition of their formal leaders. And third, because any show so meticulously produced and stage-managed, with such excellent casting, deserves the reviewer's recognition of those virtues, even though the farce was a complete flop due to the poor quality of the libretto.

Of course the acting was incredibly "corny." Not since a play put on by the Sunday School students of a small country church in North Carolina more than fifty years ago has this reviewer seen its equal in that respect. But there was a huge difference. The "Oh Bah-sil, Oh Bah-sil," gushed by the heroine, in the play of my childhood days, was so corny because the poor girl couldn't help it. The histrionics of Khrushchev — and of some of the other actors—achieved the same degree of "hamminess" by calculated design. Here was an actor of superb talent

deliberately acting, and very skillfully acting, the role of a corny actor. For he and the other stars were well aware that "corn" is the most convincing form of showmanship to the vast majority of their respective peoples. And the reason almost nobody believed even Khrushchev — or the others — was not the fault of his acting, but was due entirely to the fact that the plot supplied him was too thin and ludicrous to be saved by even his genius at pretenses.

Even if the U-2 plane had not been deliberately flown into Russian territory at this particular time, and brought down there, as part of the act (which seems almost certain), few things could be basically more absurd — and laughable — than Khrushchev's swelling his veins in anger and going through his bombastic gestures over so trivial an incident. And all that actually kept the whole world from laughing uproariously at so ridiculous a pose was the Communist influence over a major part of the press and other mass media of communication even on this side of the Iron Curtain. Khrushchev could count in advance, for instance, on a vast majority of the American newspapers to react solemnly to his pretenses. Whether the reaction was one of ostensible anger against the Soviets, or of attempted "understanding," or of solicitousness over the "unfortunate" results of our "blunder," hardly mattered at all to Khrushchev and his fellow Communists in Moscow, Paris, and Washington — so long as most of the reactions took *seriously* his exaggerated nonsense.

The most intelligent commentary we have seen or heard anywhere was in a broadcast from PUEBLO, in Madrid, on May 12, directed in Spanish to the Americans. Translated, two paragraphs of that broadcast went as follows:

"There is something artificial in the reaction to Khrushchev's sensational report to the Supreme Soviet in Moscow. In other circumstances the [U-2] incident would probably have passed unnoticed, and the Russians themselves, although they would have used it for propaganda purposes, would not have made accusations to the point of almost returning to the worst

terms of the days of the cold war. This time the plane incident served Soviet purposes.

"Faced with a possible total failure of the summit conference, which would damage the personal policy of Khrushchev more than is apparent, it was convenient for him to be able to accuse the West of duplicity, blaming them for the failure of coexistence. In reality, there is no reason for so much surprise. It is rather foolish for these high circles to be shocked at the fact that the big powers have intelligence services in operation. The United States has one and naturally Russia does too."

This, in our opinion, is getting fairly close to at least some of the truth. But we think the real reasons for the "artificial" display of indignation are almost as plain as its "artificiality." The Communist influences in this country, which had planned the "Summit" in the first place, had carefully arranged to have many "feelers" leaked out and "trial balloons" surreptitiously let loose, as to what they expected to accomplish there. This included such brazen steps of American surrender as the sellout of Berlin, the betrayal of West Germany into some kind of forced confederation with East Germany as a parallel "sovereign power," and negotiated arrangements for disarmament leading to the presence of at least token Russian armed forces — or "United Nations" armed forces — on American soil. And not only did the nationwide protest against these proposed "steps towards peace" become too vigorous and too visible for carrying them out to be strategically wise, but there was an uprising of mammoth proportions against the very idea of our participation in any summit conference at all.

The Communists decided, obviously, that under the circumstances it would be better for them to "postpone" the summit conference altogether. That they would then find some way to seize the initiative, twist appearances, save face, and make it seem that the conference had been "postponed" *for their reasons*, was to be expected. That in doing so they would use the occasion to salvage whatever gain they could out of the situation was inevitable. And that our government could be

jockeyed and maneuvered, by the Communist influences which now control it, into going through every necessary motion of designed "blunders" and self-abasement, to help the Soviets put over their play, was as certain as that Washington will keep on subsidizing Castro. But the price was still a comparatively small one for us to pay, to avoid the disaster that the Communists had worked out for us.

So the "Summit" has now been postponed three times; from last July to November; from November to May; and from May until "six or eight months later." This last postponement was effected through a terrific hullaballoo by Khrushchev over *our* wickedness which, fortunately, almost nobody believes. (In fact, Khrushchev himself all but gave the game away in his report to his "friends" in East Berlin. There he carefully explained that he had merely been "leading from strength" — by which he meant, of course, the *appearance* of strength — and made clear that there would be no separate treaty with East Germany now despite his blustering to that effect in Paris.) And if enough patriotic Americans retain their vigor, courage, and common sense, the second "Summit" never will come off. But we ask our readers please not to let this spotlighted failure of the Communists at one point blind them to how rapidly, boldly, and extensively the Communists are moving ahead on other fronts.

For probably the most important news to Americans over the past few weeks has not been what was happening in Paris at all, but what was happening in San Francisco. The Communist-inspired student riots there, against the hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee, not only bear a marked resemblance to those that began the purposeful lawlessness and pressures that overthrew Syngman Rhee, and to the similar student riots that began the trouble in Turkey, and not only were they all unquestionably a part of the same basic planning by some nerve center of the conspiracy; but those in San Francisco were the first riots of this kind on American soil. For the first time the Communists have felt strong enough, and

far enough advanced in their preparation and in their secret control of the reins of power in this country, to let it become visible that "what can't happen here" is *already* beginning to happen here—on a small scale as yet, and with deceptive periods of quiescent retreat to follow, but with unmistakable certainty and purpose nevertheless. And these comments bring us logically to the discussion of another event of recent history, also far more important than the childish pyrotechnics in Paris.

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Black Is White

For during the past fifteen years our government has played a leading part in all the deceptive procedures for handing over one nation after another to the Communist tyranny. But never, even in the worst days of Dean Acheson and his good friend, Alger Hiss, has it done anything to equal in nefariousness the deliberate betrayal of Syngman Rhee and his South Koreans. Imposing on South Korea, by force and by the pressures of our government, of the rule of a small, noisy, dirty, and vicious Communist-led minority, is the all-time low in *rottenness* for the Eisenhower administration, and for our whole government during the past twenty-eight years of callous and conscienceless amorality.

To anybody who would take the trouble to go behind the idiotic and sometimes apparently calculated distortions of the *New York Times, Boston Herald-Traveler, Washington Post,* and other disgraceful examples of our prostituted press, there has been no difficulty in discovering what was happening in Korea. Just one year ago we wrote, and published in the May, 1959 issue of this magazine, the following short article. It was picked up and carried by the Korean English-speaking press as being a completely accurate presentation of developments in that unhappy country — which it was. We reprint it here because we do not know of any better or more concise way in which to inform — or remind — our readers of the background of recent events in the "Land Of Morning Calm."

If You Want It Straight . . .

No Truce In Korea—Published In May, 1959.

That the Communists have continued to build up their military strength in North Korea, in complete violation of the truce terms to which they agreed, is no surprise to anybody familiar with Communists. That they have done so without the slightest objection by our government, and apparently with its blessing, is no surprise to anybody familiar with our government. And the current Communist activities *inside* South Korea, which are so exactly in line with usual Communist procedures everywhere, would not surprise anybody but for one reason: We have all been looking at Beirut or Havana or Berlin or somewhere else, while the Communists made hay in Seoul and Pusan.

For decades the Soviet military, economic, and diplomatic threats hanging over Finland, always being used to support the Soviet's agents and sympathizers within Finland, wore down the original firm and courageous Finnish opposition. Until today Finland is almost a Soviet satellite, and the government of Finland practically takes its orders from the Kremlin. It can be said truthfully that Finland was conquered by attrition. And exactly the same process is now at work in, and on, South Korea. But there are two differences. South Korea had never been allowed to become firmly established as a nation before the Communist pressures began. And the tempo of Communist advance has now become so much more rapid, through both momentum and experience, that processes of betrayal which once took ten years can now be accomplished in two or three.

The pressures on South Korea begin with the constant threat by the Communists, now so heavily armed and equipped, simply to sweep down across the 38th Parallel again and overrun the South at any time. Seoul itself is only seven minutes away, for jet bombers from the newest Communist airfields. All of South Korea lives and exists under the dark shadow of murderous invasion by Communist hordes. This threat is a powerful factor in enabling Communist agents and sympathizers within South Korea to take a more brazen course, and to intimidate their opposition. Not only do infiltrators from the North make all of the trouble they can, and not only do their allies and agents carry that trouble right into the high levels of the South Korean government, but what is even worse, the Communists are visibly gaining support from some of the more opportunistic South Koreans, whose patriotic courage is gradually failing them under all of the pressures for the present and dangers for the future.

Because of the greatly stepped-up campaign of infiltration and subversion which the Communists have been carrying on for the past several months, a much needed National Security Law was brought forward in the Korean Assembly. Whereupon the so-called Democratic Party of Korea embarked on a program of obstructionism and villification which for a while bogged down all normal and necessary government procedures. If the left-wingers in our own country, who are now promoting the Communist "Operation Abolition" to get rid of the FBI and our internal-security committees, should stage a week's sit-down strike on our Senate floor, the situation would be comparable to what Syngman Rhee has had to face in Seoul.

Although every election held in the Republic of Korea in the eleven years of its existence has been under United Nations observation, and the essential honesty and impartiality of these elections have been certified to the United Nations by its own committees or commissions (which were certainly hostile to Syngman Rhee), the Korean Democratic Party has been casting slurs on the elections — and going much further. On February 4 of this year a leading member of the Korean Democratic Party wrote, in an editorial in his "opposition" newspaper:

"A true majority is not, of course, expressed solely by elections. If elections are not capable of determining a true majority, there may be another way of doing it. This way is that in which a true majority is decided by force, and that is what we call a revolution . . . The general understanding of the political crisis that Korea faces today may have to start from this point."

This, as the Korean Foreign Policy Association has stated, comes very close to open advocacy of revolution. It is clearly the purpose of leading elements within the Korean Democratic Party to supplant the truly republican government of Syngman Rhee, and his approximately two-thirds majority in the National Assembly, with a pro-Communist clique. This would, of course, be only a forerunner to the eventual "unification" of North Korea and South Korea under a Communist dictatorship, with the full terror of Communist vengeance and suppression let loose on millions of South Koreans — after the unsurpassable bravery and suffering which they have gone through over the past decade to save their country.

To bring about this increasing Communist influence within South Korea, and ultimate absorption of South Korea by the total Communist tyranny, the Korean Democratic Party has and uses

many tricks, many methods, and many pressures. The threat of civil war and its resulting chaos and misery is a powerful lever. It is made more powerful by the certainty that Communist troops and tanks and planes would pour across the border to take part in that civil war.

These threats, however, are kept in the psychological background, always understood but seldom stated. While in the foreground of the Korean Democratic Party's effort to persuade, frighten, and coerce more and more of the South Koreans into a resigned acceptance of its program, is a trump card which the Party leadership keeps sticking just slightly out of its sleeve for everybody to catch a glimpse of, and keep in mind. This trump card is *American support*. For the Korean Democratic Party, in its efforts to overthrow that determined anti-Communist and our great friend and ally, Syngman Rhee, is convincing more and more of the people of South Korea that it has the backing of the United States Government. And, on this score, the Party does not have to convince us. We would find any other course, on the part of Moscow's agent along the Potomac, to be utterly incredible in the light of what they are doing everywhere else in the world.

As the revolutionary pronouncement of February 4, 1959, quoted above, frankly confessed, the Communists knew they had no chance of taking over Korea by free and honest elections within the foreseeable future, or as long as Syngman Rhee lived and was able to serve as President. In every election since the Republic was founded, including the most recent one of only a couple of months ago (and despite the fact that these elections had all been supervised by agencies of the United Nations, bitterly hostile to Rhee), a preponderant majority of South Koreans had shown that they were completely loyal to Syngman Rhee and determinedly anti-Communist. The only possible chance the Communists and their dupes and allies had for taking over the Republic of Korea was through some typically Communist combination of pressure and terror for by-passing those very "democratic processes" to which they give such monotonous lip service.

Under these circumstances, with Syngman Rhee already eighty-five years old, it is entirely possible that the Communists,

while continuing their infiltration and trouble-making in the meantime, would have waited until Rhee was no longer present to oppose them, but for two reasons. The first was their fear, apparently, that in Lee Ki-poong, elected as Vice-President in March, Rhee had at last found and started training a worthy and younger anti-Communist leader to succeed him. For the first time the Communists saw fading away their longstanding expectation of the whole South Korean government falling apart under their pressures, ready for them to pick up the pieces, whenever Rhee died or had to give up the struggle. And a second reason may well have been the desire of Khrushchev, and of his agents in Washington, to have a whole series of anti-Communist governments toppling over, or facing serious troubles, just before the Summit Conference began and as a psychological build-up for the American surrender to be subtly initiated there. (As he had hoped.) This kind of precise timing is one of the most professionally operated and effective techniques of the Communist advance.

At any rate, and for whatever reason, the time seemed ripe. And the Communist-dominated students and trouble-makers, with the so-called Korean Democratic Party in the forefront, went to work on their final putsch. Their attempt to make political capital out of the fact that Syngman Rhee's opponent for the presidency had died before the election gradually evaporated when it became widely known that this opponent had died in a hospital in Washington, D. C., for causes and under circumstances for which Rhee could not possibly have had any responsibility. So the Communists and their dupes and allies then, after themselves making all of the trouble in connection with the election that they could, fell back on claims of widespread corruption and ballot-stuffing. It is almost certain that, except for the dishonest acts of the Communists themselves, there was less corruption and "irregularity" in the Korean elections of this March than in any American presidential election held since 1936. The vicious Communists claims of corruption consisted almost entirely of noise without evidence, in typical

Communist fashion. But none of this mattered. What really counted was that Christian A. Herter and his State Department were all set and primed to come to their aid with the whole prestige and power of the United States Government.

If there is any one thing absolutely necessary for any government, when beset by a Communist-inspired uprising, it is for that government to show firmness in dealing with such terrorist rioting. And this is the one thing, above all others, that Rhee was not allowed to do. When he finally made a serious attempt to suppress the lawless actions of a small but vicious minority, bring to book the murderers and destroyers, and restore order, he was met with a sanctimonious rebuke from Christian A. Herter that the South Korean Government was adopting "repressive measures unsuited to a free democracy." And the Secretary of State of the United States was not just throwing at Rhee words which could not hurt him. The Secretary had within his reach sticks and stones to break the bones of Rhee's government, as Rhee was well aware.

So, from then on, practically anything went for the Communist gorillas and their misled dupes. Their mayhem on persons and demolition of property became merely evidence of the "grievances" of the Koreans which Syngman Rhee ought to redress. And the grand old fighter, hemmed in on every side by malicious forces utterly beyond his power to control or subdue, gave ground and made the concessions they *seemed to want* until finally, with all power to fight back insidiously embezzled from him, he gave up the one thing they *really* wanted, which was himself.

That "front man for traitors," General George Catlett Marshall, once boasted, correctly, that he had disarmed thirty-nine of Chiang Kai-shek's divisions with a stroke of his pen. And the embargo put into effect, by that stroke of Marshall's pen, which prevented Chiang from getting even ammunition for his troops, coupled with the appeasement-truces with Mao Tse-tung's Communists which Marshall used all the power of the United States Government to force on Chiang (to give

Mao's hordes the time to recuperate and arm), was probably the decisive factor in eventually turning all of the mainland of China over to the Communists. (As this writer, at least, has always believed Marshall fully intended.) In the future, we feel sure, Mr. Christian A. Herter will be able to boast that with just one sentence of criticism of Syngman Rhee he broke the back of Syngman Rhee's government. And we further believe that, again, this one statement will be considered by honest historians of the future as having been the decisive factor in eventually making of South Korea another province of the Kremlin. (As this writer, at least, believes that Herter fully intended.)

There was one sad difference, however, in the result of the two betrayals. The takeover of the mainland of China was of tremendous importance to the Kremlin, in the strategy for conquest of the world that Communists have carefully followed since the days of Lenin. And it was a tragedy of immeasurable import to the half a billion human beings who were thus brought under the most cruel despotism in the history of the human race. Chiang, however, was able not only to survive, but to keep on fighting. And he may still live to see the day when he can turn the tables on the hideous monsters who now rule his country and mass-murder his countrymen.

But for Syngman Rhee it is almost inconceivable that there will be any comeback. For him this is the end. And it is worth while to pause for a paragraph, in considering the Communist malice as it affects nations and millions, to think about just one man who was so tragically overwhelmed by their lies and ruthlessness. It is doubtful if there has ever been a human being, of such transcendent greatness, for whom a deep and sincere humility was more completely the very core of his character. And it is certain that, except for Chiang Kai-shek, no other Asiatic has ever been as dedicated to the truly republican form of government, or has given so much of himself (while working under the very handicaps imposed by his ideal) to try to establish such a government for his countrymen. A direct descendant

of the earlier kings of Korea, Syngman Rhee endured one year of torture and then spent more than half a century of unceasing work and struggle studded with cruel disappointments, to try to make of Korea the kind of republic which the United States had been in its better days.

Yet the Communist reversal of *all* truth is now so great, and the propagation of Communist lies by the American press so extensive and unwitting or unashamed, that a long editorial in the *Boston Traveler* began with such paragraphs as these:

"No one has ever accused South Korea's President Syngman Rhee of being a humble or a modest man.

"But even long-term critics of his arrogance and high-handed leadership got a shock from his reaction to the popular revolt that challenged his government this week . . . . . .

"Seldom has a national leader—however vain—displayed an attitude of such personal pique in the face of public repudiation . . . . . .

"But those among South Korea's twenty-three million citizens who believe in free government and honest elections don't intend to be overlooked."

Of course nobody, at least in the memory of this writer, has ever accused the editorials in the *Boston Traveler* of making sense. But almost every line and word in the above, and in the whole editorial that followed, was either the exact opposite of the truth, was badly distorted, or showed a complete misunderstanding of the forces at work in Korea. (As complete a misunderstanding as shown by the same paper when the Communist Mao Tse-tung was taking over China, when Communist Achmed Sukarno was taking over Indonesia, and when the Communist Fidel Castro was taking over Cuba.) But this kind of idiotic nonsense was typical of what was being fed its readers by ninety percent of the whole American press. And back in Kyung Mu Dai, the Korean "White House" on a hillside in Seoul, an old man with a broken heart was coming to the end of his resistance against the lies and pressures and attacks of his enemies—and the betrayals of his "friends."

Syngman Rhee has seen the truth he has always spoken now "twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools," and the things he gave his life to now broken beyond repair by jackals seeking scraps of favor from the Kremlin. But the foremost waves of civilization still move inexorably westward. And humanity, for all its passing phases of folly and of crime, still climbs gropingly upward, especially in the lands irrigated by those waves, towards its age-old goal of a truly humane existence. Out of the graveyard of all decency and hope which the Communists are now making of all Korea, in a few decades—or a few centuries—there will arise a new Korea, as bright and glorious as that happy republic of which Syngman Rhee dreamed so long. And in that reborn nation its spiritual founder, Syngman Rhee, will finally receive the honor he deserves, as one of the very greatest men—in every worthwhile sense—that our whole race has yet produced.

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And How Christian Is Herter?

The catastrophe in Korea, however, had one incidental result of considerable importance. This was the forcing on informed American patriots of the reluctant conviction that they had better stop taking for granted the widely advertised stupidity of Christian Herter. It finally became necessary to start seeking a more plausible explanation for his incredible string of successful failures. For in the first place, to paraphrase James Forrestal once more, the law of probability with regard to the toss of a coin simply will not stretch far enough to make the results of stupidity point so invariably in the same direction. And in the second place, nobody going through even the motions of international diplomacy, at so high a level, could possibly be as stupid as Herter's friends and supporters insistently proclaim to be, in a visible effort to fend off more sinister accusations.

We discussed Mr. Herter at some length in the June, 1959 issue of this magazine. But that was a year ago. And during

those twelve months the anti-Communist team, with our State Department so largely calling the signals, has not only lost a lot of ground, and suffered a terrific demoralization of many of its members, but has caused the betting odds against our side to reach an all-time high. So it seems to be in order to take another and longer look at our Secretary of State.

Of course we do not have room for any comprehensive or well-balanced biography of Mr. Herter. But, at the expense of repeating some of the exhibits from our parade of a year ago, we can assemble and string together for you, right out of the public press, a series of well-known incidents in his public career which become most revealing when laid end to end. As to what they reveal, that depends quite a bit on the eye of the beholder—and on how objectively the beholder can look at the whole nightmarish scene in which we find ourselves today.

The first entries in this selective record must begin with foreign aid. Next to Earl Browder, probably no other American has supported our foreign-aid program earlier, more enthusiastically, or with more extravagant and ambitious proposals. As *Coronet Magazine* reported in August, 1957 (on the same page where it praised Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., so effusively for representing the United States so well at the Bandung Conference), "nothing, perhaps, helped as much to put across the Marshall Plan after World War II as the junket of a House Committee headed by studious Representative (now Under Secretary of State) Christian Herter of Massachusetts."

The truth about the Marshall Plan is not yet popular even with many good Americanists, who still are not willing to admit that—despite whatever comparatively small amount of good it may have accomplished—it was basically a brilliant scheme of the Communists to get the United States to do exactly what the Communists wanted us to do, but to do it under the guise of fighting Communism. Even in the very earliest days of "foreign aid," UNRRA money was used primarily to enable Madame Sun Yat-sen in China, Menshikov in Poland, Tito in

Yugoslavia, and other Kremlin agents elsewhere, to herd the Communist sheep into corrals supplied with food, and to starve the anti-Communist goats, in their respective countries. Since then, among the half dozen major advantages accruing to the Communists from the American foreign-aid program, perhaps the most important has been the use of government billions to keep socialist governments in power and to enable them to become more socialistic. Actually, it was the most effective force in bringing about that continued and steady advance towards socialism, in most countries on this side of the Iron Curtain, instead of a reversion to the "normalcy" of conservatism which is to be expected after the turmoil of any great war.

The Communists are now fully two-thirds of the way on their long road to total conquest of the whole world. During most of their progress so far they have had nothing to work with but cunning and terror, and the cunning always had to be successful to some extent before the terror could even be utilized. So the cunning had to be brilliant, professional, and painstakingly developed at every turn. But when the Communists asked themselves how on earth the American people could be beguiled into allowing billions on billions of American taxpayers' money, in the postwar decades, to do exactly those things which the Communists wanted to have done, the answer was comparatively easy, and strictly logical from their point of view. For it involved that exact and complete reversal of the truth which is the key to Communist planning. All that was required was to present and "sell" the whole program to the American people *as a means of fighting* Communism. The American taxpayer would be willing to make more sacrifices, and to accept more profligacy on the part of his government, for that purpose than any other. Such a program once firmly established in the American mind as being for that purpose would become more sacrosanct, and more invulnerable to criticism or impervious to truth, than anything else that could be offered the electorate.

So American foreign aid was inaugurated during the Tru-

man administration; largely by soft-on-Communism Democrats led by Dean Acheson, with the able assistance of Christian A. Herter. For propaganda reasons they affixed to it the name of that idol of the Left, George Catlett Marshall—who had nothing to do with the whole scheme except for being assigned the job of delivering one speech about it at Harvard. And a case history of what the Marshall Plan did to the economics and the political developments in, for instance, Belgium or England, will clearly demonstrate that the Communists accomplished, with regard to promoting socialism, exactly what they had planned with this colossal deception in the first place.

None of these facts or developments bothered Christian Herter. Instead, they helped his career. For even in those days when Earl Browder, Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White, and their closest collaborators and worst dupes, were sowing the seeds of American foreign aid and nourishing the earliest plants, Herter well knew the side of the fence on which it was most promising to graze. He was the most "modern" of "modern Republicans" before the term had even been invented, and long before the Left was in as complete control of our government as it is today. And by helping mightily to push the Marshall Plan through the House of Representatives, of which he was then a member, he established himself as a lasting favorite of the superliberals.

Then the Marshall Plan, which had been presented to the American people by Acheson, Herter and Company as a strictly *temporary* measure, was metamorphosed into the permanent and more ambitious program that is now called Mutual Security (unless they change the label again before we can get into print). And this metamorphosis had the full blessing of Mr. Herter. In fact, on March 15, 1956, while he was still Governor of Massachusetts but visibly looking ahead to acting on a larger stage, he made a most revealing speech before the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. He not only insisted that all of our foreign-aid billions should be handed out without any strings attached whatsoever, and that "we should not demand

any *quid pro quo* for our assistance." But he then went on to propose that we should team up with the Soviet Union in helping the underdeveloped countries; that "we should offer to coordinate our aid with whatever assistance the Soviet Union is able to provide . . . We should . . . be willing to work out both with the Soviet and with the recipient country a program to which both the Soviet and ourselves can each contribute."

On Page 55 of Earl Browder's *Teheran,* in the midst of a long discussion setting forth the glories of American foreign aid, Mr. Browder had written: "Here also a broad regional program of economic development is called for, capable of reconciling national rivalries through international collaboration. Here, further, there is raised the whole question of the possibility of economic participation by the Soviet Union in such a program together with the capitalist lands."

On April 1, 1957, in a guest article written for the super-liberal columnist, Thomas L. Stokes, Mr. Herter defended our foreign aid program—past, present, and future—with all of the usual sophistries. Typical of his approach was the statement: "About twenty billion dollars of this has been in the form of loans. We have every reason to believe this twenty billion dollars will be repaid." If Mr. Herter could have believed that idiocy, then the claims of apologists as to his stupidity would be justified. But we wonder how much money Mr. Herter personally would have been willing to lend these same debtors, out of his own pocket instead of his country's pocket, on the strength of that expectation.

We'll not take the time or space for as full a review of Mr. Herter's manifestations of "liberalism" in fields other than foreign aid. We shall try to hit a larger number of high spots instead. And simply to plunge ahead, let's note that he was one of the founders, in 1950, of "Republican Advance." This outfit, which later was more or less swallowed up in the "Citizens For Eisenhower," you may remember, was intended to be, not an opposing force to, but a teammate of, Americans For Demo-

cratic Action—pulling both parties down exactly the same path, and with certain interlocking superliberals serving on both. On December 11, 1956, Mr. Herter was publicly praised by the Americans For Democratic Action, as we are sure he should have been. For the sad truth is that, ideologically, Christian Herter belongs in the same group with, or slightly left of, Hubert Humphrey, John Kennedy, Estes Kefauver, and Eleanor Roosevelt. The sadder truth is that, otherwise, he could not possibly have been appointed to his present job by the forces which now control the Eisenhower administration. And saddest truth of all is that his unanimous confirmation, by the Senators present and voting, showed how far all opposition to the smooth-running superliberal juggernaut had already been browbeaten into a resigned acquiescence.

As the new Secretary of State, Christian Herter could hardly get to Washington fast enough to give a luncheon for that Communist archenemy of the United States, Fidel Castro. As *National Review* pointed out, he then "opened his secretaryship with a miserable and dangerous capitulation," in agreeing to the Soviet demand that the United States would not fly planes at an altitude of more than ten thousand feet over the corridor to Berlin. And in the early foothills of the "summit conference"—a year ago, when that conference was first tentatively scheduled for July, 1959—it was Herter who refused to support the firmly anti-Communist stand of Adenauer and de Gaulle, and who used the weight of the United States as an "intermediary" on behalf of the "flexible" views of Macmillan.

A photograph of Christian Herter practically straining a gut in his exuberant haste to shake hands with Gromyko was one of the first useful pieces of Soviet propaganda to come out of the Foreign Ministers' show in Geneva last spring. That meeting had hardly got under way before the United Press announced that "Secretary of State Christian Herter will hold a man-to-man session tomorrow with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. Herter will be Gromyko's guest at luncheon in the Soviet headquarters on the Rue de la Paix." When Herter

became a party to the arrangement whereby the East German delegates as well as the West German delegates were allowed to sit as "advisers," at small tables adjoining the main table of the Foreign Ministers, he had already given the East German puppet regime the *de facto* recognition which was all the Soviets wanted to accomplish at the conference. And when he made clear that we should deal with the Soviets in this whole circus by "offering concession for concession," he was talking exactly the line which the Kremlin had written for the occasion. Out of an almost infinite number of such tiny straws of "appeasement" have been built all the bricks of Soviet prestige, in that parapet of pretended might from which the Soviets have enslaved a billion people.

It has frequently been remarked that there was only one real difference between the adminstrations of Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower. This was that they got steadily worse. Something not as generally noted is that there has been absolutely no change in the fundamentals of our so-called "foreign policy" since Dean Acheson established its course immediately following World War II. For all practical purposes Acheson could have stayed right on as Secretary of State throughout all of the years since he left the office. His protégé and former assistant, John Foster Dulles, frequently talked a good brand of anti-Communism, because that obviously fitted the role assigned to him. But under his Secretaryship the Communists went right on winning the world, always with the help of the U. S. Department of State, just the same as before. With Christian Herter in the Secretary's chair, the old Acheson line has merely become more visible again—and considerably more brazen, because of the increased Communist power and influence.

In September, 1958, for instance, at a speech in Atlantic City, Mr. Herter as Under Secretary of State advocated abandonment of the Chinese offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu as "not strategically defensible." His opposition to the anti-Communist government of Chiang Kai-shek (as well as to the

government of Syngman Rhee) has remained as clear as was that of Dean Acheson—or of Owen Lattimore. And as a part of that opposition he has succeeded in completely ousting Walter S. Robertson, the one man of high rank within the State Department who always fought for support of the Nationalist Chinese Government. And of course he has insisted on bringing back to active duty, in a top policy-making position as the Secretary's own adviser, the notorious Charles Bohlen—the "expert" who had advised Roosevelt on Eastern European questions at both Teheran and Yalta. Senators Bridges and Dirksen, who had publicly opposed this appointment and thought they had it stopped, reminded Mr. Herter, when they found him going through with the appointment anyway, that his stubbornness on this issue was not going to be liked by many Senators. Mr. Herter reminded Messrs. Bridges and Dirksen in turn that this particular appointment did not require Senate confirmation; metaphorically but quite pointedly thumbed his nose at the two Senators *and* the Senate; and brought Mr. Bohlen right into the inner circle of the State Department.

It is in his disingenuous spouting of the then current Communist line on any and all practicable occasions, however, perhaps more than in any other activity, that Christian Herter reveals the real nature of his purpose—and, by the subtlety with which that purpose is advanced, makes the charitable assertions concerning his stupidity seem grossly exaggerated. Of course he goes through all of the proper motions, at the proper times, of expressing doubt as to the intentions of the Soviets or as to the dependability of their agreements. Which doesn't bother the Kremlin butchers in the slightest degree. They themselves tell us, and the rest of the world, over and over, that any agreements into which they enter are made by them only to be broken when it suits their convenience. And they don't care how much Mr. Herter gravely wrinkles his brow in public over his worries that the Soviets will not negotiate in good faith, so long as he still rushes pell mell to negotiate with them every time they blow

the whistle for him to come a-running.

But in between, and frequently as background preparation for these interminable "tension-relaxing flops," Mr. Herter uses the full prestige of his great office to spread the clever refrains of Communist propaganda. At the official meeting of the Organization of American States in Santiago, Chile, last year for instance, Mr. Herter went far out of his way to express the dislike of our government for dictators. The occasion and the context made it entirely clear, as Mr. Herter visibly intended, that he was referring to such "dictators" as Stroessner of Paraguay, Luis Somoza of Nicaragua, and Trujillo of the Dominican Republic. The increasingly feverish and vicious effort of the Soviets, and of their stooges like Romulo Betancourt and Fidel Castro, to overthrow these only three remaining firmly anti-Communist governments in all Latin America, is built around this phoney psychological attack on dictatorships, and around movements in behalf of "freedom and democracy." Mr. Herter was actually telling all of the Communist agitators in Latin America that their efforts to undermine our best real friends in the whole hemisphere, and to "liberate" their peoples into the hands of Communist dictators instead, would have the full blessing and encouragement of the U. S. State Department. And how little he and his fellow agitators are really disturbed by dictators—if only they are Communist instead of anti-Communist dictators—was shown by the fact that Nikita Khrushchev was practically on his way at that very time to visit America as an honored guest, on an invitation to which Mr. Herter had given his most enthusiastic approval.

Or note the Secretary's speech before the National Foreign Trade Council, this past November. He announced that a "common language" was beginning to emerge, in which the leaders of "East and West" could profitably exchange ideas. (Not the free world and the slave world, please remark, nor even the Soviets and the United States, but "East and West"; the latter being a euphemism now vigorously promoted by Soviet propaganda, helped along of course by Mr. Herter.) He

then proceeded to explain: "We can find a common language because we have a common interest. That interest lies simply in the basic will to survive, shared by free men and communists alike. I think (continued Mr. Herter) the Soviet leadership is reaching a conclusion similar to our own—that unless the course of events is changed and changed soon, both sides face unacceptable risks of general nuclear war, which would approximate mutual suicide."

No, gentle reader, the above statement was not written by Cyrus Eaton, nor by Bertrand Russell, nor—as far as we know—by any ghost writer in the Kremlin. It was written by—or for—the American Secretary of State. It is, as you will have recognized, the exact propaganda line of the Committee For A Sane Nuclear Policy and for other clans of the "let's surrender" tribe. The game is basically very simple. The Soviets unceasingly make ever new demands and create ever new "tensions"; unceasingly we are told that we must give in, and our "leaders" see that we do give in, because that is preferable to the only other alternative, general nuclear war and a destruction of the planet, or of all human life on the planet. After each new partial surrender the Soviets merely make still new demands. So we give in further, again to preserve "peace," because nuclear war is unthinkable. Until eventually there is nothing left to surrender, the Soviets have been conceded the whole earth—and the use of nuclear weapons can be confined to the annihilation of *their enemies* only, without any corresponding danger to themselves. The planet will then have been saved *for Communism,* for at least that part of the human race willing to accept Communism,—and presumably for Mr. Christian Herter.

Finally, and omitting many other words and deeds that are more than passing strange in the career of Christian Herter, we should recognize the extreme brand of his internationalism. This conspicuous facet of his character, notable throughout his whole career, has been particularly radiant in the glow of the

long and heated drive to establish a World Court, with supreme authority over a no-longer-independent America.

In November, 1945 a resolution was introduced into the United State Senate, by Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon, giving consent to our government's acceptance of the jurisdiction of the World Court over our nation, except with regard to purely domestic affairs. A similar joint resolution was introduced in the House in December, 1945 by the then Congressman Christian A. Herter. (And there is nothing exceptional about Christian Herter and Wayne Morse being in agreement on any issue.) The vital question, of course, was as to who should decide what were purely domestic affairs. Our national independence was saved at that time, from the Morse-Herter attack, by an amendment consisting of six words, so that the resolution as passed accepted this World Court jurisdiction except with regard to domestic affairs "as determined by the United States." This was the now famous Connally Reservation. Messrs. Herter, Morse, and their fellow internationalists were halted for a while, but by no means stopped.

Of course if Mr. Herter cannot have one world complete, he would be glad to accept any reasonable division thereof, so long as it subordinated the United States to some international body and wiped out the independence for which our forefathers fought and died. When he was Congressman he signed the Atlantic Union resolution, which called for sinking our sovereignty into a union of the British empire and other European countries. One of Mr. Herter's speeches was recently printed and distributed by the United World Federalists—for good reasons, from their point of view. The dinner given in his honor by the International Friendship League was appropriate and deserved. He is busily involved, on the best of terms, with practically anybody and everybody promoting one-worldism. His greatest esteem, and moral support, is reserved for those who would subordinate the United States to a position of equality with Indonesia or Cuba or Poland or Iraq, in any grouping, under some superior overall authority of whatever form or

nature.

But the World Court still holds first place, as a means of wiping out American independence, in the hearts of Christian A. Herter, Hubert Humphrey, Charles O. Porter, Henry Luce, Estes Kefauver, Erwin Griswold, and all their weird clique of ideological fellow travelers. And now that we have the renewed drive for "World Peace Through World Law" (as Dean Manion says, "What Law?"), to begin with repeal of the Connally Reservation, you will find Christian Herter busily supporting that drive wherever he can find an opening. On January 27, 1960, for instance, the *New York Times* reported: "The Administration, in a sudden change of tactics, sent its first team to the Capitol today to urge the repeal of a restriction on United States participation in the International Court of Justice. (The restriction, as the *Times* condescended to explain further in the article, was the Connally Reservation). Christian A. Herter, Secretary of State, and William P. Rogers, Attorney General, assured the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the Administration's support for repeal." And you can be sure that Christian Herter will keep voicing the support by any administration, and also his own support, for any measure to destroy American sovereignty, piece by piece or all at once, until that destruction is achieved.

Does all of this mean that we think Christian Herter is a Communist. Heavens to Betsy, no. We doubt if Mr. Herter has ever even seen a Communist Party card in his life, much less carried one. And if Mr. Herter had ever even stumbled accidentally into a Communist cell meeting, we feel sure the Communists themselves would hurriedly have yanked him out, to save from any possible contamination a man who was so useful to them as a non-Communist.

What Mr. Herter is and wants is entirely clear. He is an extreme internationalist, who wishes to see a one-world government established with enforceable power over all the nations of the earth—with all of these nations socialized and equalized

and denationalized, so that a one-world administration would be practicable. If it happened to turn out, through the accidents of history and the fortuitous concatenation of present forces at work, that the seat of that one-world government was in Moscow; that the world-wide armies enforcing universal peace were under control of the Kremlin and using the Kremlin's highly efficient police-state methods; that the necessary mechanics for making socialism work gave the Kremlin's agencies and viceroys complete control over all the raw materials, farm production, and industrial output of the whole world, to move around and distribute as they saw fit; and that in the making of the world-wide omelet of peoples a few tens of millions of human heads unavoidably got busted and a few hundred million of other human beings lived out their whole span of years as miserable slaves; if the achievement of the glorious, beautiful, egalitarian, socialized, and *peaceful* one world, ruled by world law, should just happen to evolve in that manner, this would be a most unfortunate coincidence, which we are sure Mr. Herter would consider regrettable. But not *too* regrettable, of course, if there were no other way to bring about so desirable an end.

Et Sequitur

The Roman Emperor Galerius once said to a soldier: "Allow me to offer my congratulations on the admirable skill you have shown in missing the mark. Not to have hit once in so many trials argues the most splendid talents for missing."

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And the *American Statesman* tells us about the Western Union boy who happened to be sent to the State Department to deliver a message. The next morning he was on his way to Iran as a Communications Expert—with a car, chauffeur, and two assistants.

EUROPEAN SURVEY

by

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William Schlamm has now become the Joe McCarthy of West Germany. The analogy is supported even more by the opposition he has aroused than by the success he has achieved. The whole pack of Communist wolves and liberal hyenas is now in full cry to destroy him. And the only consolation for anti-Communists, everywhere, is that it was still possible for so aggressive a fighter against the Communist-socialist machine to get such a tremendous hearing, and following, in West Germany, years after the vile tactics and vicious smears that liquidated McCarthy had also paralyzed that fighter's possible successors.

Mr. Schlamm's book, published in English as Germany And The East-West Crisis, *has sold only a few thousand copies in America. The "liberal" blanket which smothers such anti-Communist volumes was already too powerful here. But under its German title,* Die Grenzen Des Wunders *(which translates as* The Limits Of The Miracle*), it has become the largest-selling non-fiction book in Germany since the war, and probably—as we believe to be the case—in all German publishing history. His success as a speaker has risen to the same level. His basic theme—which we also must surely face, but not with the same at-once-ness as the German citizenry—is simply that the West Germans must make up their minds either to stand up to the Soviets, at whatever cost, or to surrender; and that the surrender should not be by indecision and gradual default.*

This clear-cut decision is the last thing the Communists want to allow, in any country. So they and their dupes and sympathizers are now out to silence Schlamm, discredit him, and then erase all he has had to say from the public mind. And Der Spiegel *will serve to illustrate the nature and extensiveness of the attack. This news weekly, of the same format as* Time *and corresponding roughly to it, filled the front cover of its May 11 issue with a close-up picture of our Associate Editor, with the only caption under the picture reading: Demagog Schlamm. (Remember when* Time *did exactly the same thing to McCarthy?)*

Page 14 of this number consists of a vicious editorial attack on Schlamm. Then Pages 28 through 42 (fifteen full pages, with dozens of pictures of Schlamm, out of a magazine of ninety pages altogether, including advertising) is given over entirely to exposing Schlamm, his supporters, and the mischief they are creating. In a large picture on the last page, Schlamm the pied piper is luring behind him an unending line of young men in uniform, roughly four abreast. The caption under the picture reads ". . . . the Germans followed him, and he led them to the East. They never came back." Obviously this going out to the East to meet the Soviet enemy is absurd, when you could simply stay home and surrender to them instead.

In the last column on the last page of this grand slam against Schlamm, it is very solemnly charged that the unscrupulous villain has produced, on sophomoric youth and senile old gentlemen alike, the following effect:

→ *A total friend-or-enemy psychology. (This uncivilized attitude would keep you from regarding a Communist as your friend even long enough for him to get into position to cut your throat, or to send you to a "reform-through-labor" camp. Ed.)*
→ *The myth of eternal war. (Not to be confused with the highly trustworthy Communist myth of eternal "peace." Ed.)*
→ *A lack of comprehension of moral and ethical categories. (Apparently Mr. Schlamm has not yet grasped that loyalty or patriotism is unethical—except for the Communists. Ed.)*
→ *A desire for risk-taking. (Encouraging either young patriots or elder statesmen to want to take any risks to save their country from the Communists is certainly reprehensible. How oldfashioned can a man be? Ed.)*
→ *A susceptibility to superficial confusion. (This is terrible. Especially since, if the Germans are unfortunate enough to have any counterpart to Walter Lippmann, a deep and profound confusion is so readily available. Ed.)*
→ *A contempt for progressives; that is, liberals and socialists. (And this is serious. The idea could even spread to intelligent middle-aged people, as well as the young and the old. Then where would the editors of the large-circulation magazines be—in America* or *West Germany? Ed.)*

The truth is that William Schlamm has become a terrific force for strengthening the backbone of West German resistance to Communist blackmail, blandishments, and ultimate purposes. And just at a time when the brainwashing of the citizens of the Federal Republic was proceeding so well that the Social Democrats—with the Communists acting as their *pied pipers—had a feeling that everything was going their way.*

It's no wonder the whole liberal establishment of West Germany is now in an uproar over Mr. Schlamm. He is speaking some very penetrating truth, as you will see from the article that follows. We are glad to learn that Adenauer had even more to do, than the considerable we had suspected, with getting the summit sell-out postponed. We are sure that Willi Schlamm, in turn, will be glad to learn that the vigorous protests of patriotic Americans, registered in hundreds of thousands of letters, telegrams, and postcards, played a more important part in this happy accomplishment than he had suspected. But any such mutual support, between Adenauer and a strong body of American anti-Communists, is enough to give acute shivers to all of the superliberals on both sides of the Atlantic. And the liberals in West Germany don't care whether this Yank goes home or not—just so he goes away.

As for ourselves, having been mainly responsible for keeping William Schlamm in Europe all of 1958, when he wrote the book that made all of his present influence possible, we are very pleased at the near-miracle which Willi himself has performed, and proud of the performer. So much so that we can almost *forgive him for causing this magazine to be late—by our waiting just for his article. Provided, of course, that he never does it again.*

KHRUSHCHEV is getting all the credit for sparing us the ultimate "summit" calamities. But the man who, for the time being, saved the West is Konrad Adenauer. It was his firmness, his sagacity, his courage, that made the Soviets realize how little maneuvering the semi-retired Mr. Eisenhower was allowed in Paris. And so, never a humble man, Khrushchev cursed a little— and went home.

Adenauer's Opposition . . .

The critical moment of "summit" history had been reached, and passed, several weeks before the absurd "U-2"

incident — when Adenauer suddenly popped up in Washington. He came, not exactly invited by the State Department, to tell Eisenhower a few exciting bits of news: That the German Government was not going to underwrite any Berlin "compromise"; that it was not going to participate in a "de facto" recognition of the Ulbricht regime, no matter what the American President might be prepared to concede; and, finally, that he, Adenauer, was determined to support the "haughty" policy of his friend, Charles de Gaulle.

It is quite possible that Mr. Herter didn't even then recognize the historical meaning of Adenauer's intervention. But the Soviets who, of course, were getting the news from Washington without delay, lost no time in evaluating the decisive change in the western climate: As Adenauer, after a heart-to-heart talk with de Gaulle, had finally assumed a posture of non-cooperation with any State Department appeasement, the United States would either have to go it alone, or submit to German firmness. And Khrushchev, who suffers from a healthy respect for German strength, didn't hesitate long in foreseeing the likely course the United States would *have* to take in such a dilemma; Germany remains the decisive American partner on the Continent, and there can't be an American continental policy that is opposed by a friendly German Government. Thus, the Soviets concluded, there can be no point in holding a "summit" meeting that had been vetoed in advance by Germany and France. And so the whole thing was called off.

These are the facts—but you won't find them mentioned in the meditations of America's certified commentators on world affairs. Consider Walter Lippmann. He is, these days, the American most quoted by the Soviet press and the "neutralist" journals of all Europe. And it's not just his remarkable determination to put all the blame for the collapse in Paris on poor Eisenhower that makes Mr. Lippmann the main witness for the prosecution of America. More important is his indefatigable contribution to the smoke screen Khrushchev is throwing around the shambles of his defeat.

Despite The Nonsense Of The "Experts" . . .

The American "experts" on foreign policy (or, anyhow, those who advise the Establishment and the metropolitan press) have lately been giving birth to the most fabulous speculations concerning the Parisian events. Leaving aside the inanities advanced by the speechwriters for Messrs. Kennedy and Stevenson (to wit: that "summit"-peace could have been restored, if only Mr. Eisenhower had politely apologized for America being alive), there are two schools of thoughtlessness. One proposes that Khrushchev has lost out to a "neo-Stalinist" Party faction which, in alliance with the Soviet Army, wants a return to the "cold war." And the other suggests that Red China is assuming the leadership of the Communist Empire; and thus, an agreeable Khrushchev must now obey the signals of a disagreeable Mao. Both speculations, in addition to being fallacious, and advanced without a shred of factual evidence, are a deadly danger to the West.

How many *more* blows of life experience will it take to beat the fact into the western mind that the Soviets have

never stopped the "cold war" — and never can? The "summit" was conceived, not as a kind of peace conference to end the "cold war," and to establish "co-existence," but as a decisive move *in* the "cold war." For what we call "cold war" is nothing but the inevitable consequence of the fact that, to the Communists, *policy is the continuation of war by other means.* To stop the "cold war," the Communists would have to stop being Communists.

In particular, the Paris "summit" conference blew up because, unlike the United States, Communists do not participate in conferences without some certainty of success. And there was, this time, no chance — because Germany would not permit Macmillan and Eisenhower to sell her down the river. But there was nothing else that could be sold. For the Soviets, any settlement in the "cold war" means Soviet progress. They neither can, nor do they wish to, call off the "cold war." They merely mean to *win* it. And as there was to be no surrender of the West in Paris (thanks to Adenauer), they withdrew to regroup their forces for the next battle.

When and where it will take place, no one can tell, not even Khrushchev. The next few months will be a time of probing. And on their search for our most exposed flanks the Soviets might jump at Formosa, or at South Korea (where we have just intervened to destroy one of the few reliable Asian allies of the West), or at Turkey, or at Italy. Or they won't jump at all but merely wait for the Lippmanns and Kennedys and Stevensons to panic the West into a new and even more reckless readiness for "summitry" — a "summitry" that, next time, might be *allowed* by a German Government no longer presided over by Konrad Adenauer. At which point I'd like to ponder a remark by Khrushchev that has been universally interpreted as a reference to the forthcoming American elections, but which, in my opinion, was addressed to Germany. I mean, of course, his parting statement in Paris that a next "summit" meeting might take place "in six or eight months."

True, in six or eight months a new President will speak for the United States. But (whether it will be Kennedy or Symington or Nixon) the next American President is most certainly not going to be an easier pushover for Khrushchev than was Mr. Eisenhower —for the simple reason that *any* future American President will be a politician, and not a famous general, and will therefore have to persuade the electorate, at least at the beginning of his term, that he is no appeasing stooge for the Soviets. For Khrushchev to anticipate a more successful "summit" meeting "in six or eight months," just because of the change of guards in America, would have been a delusion. But Khrushchev is not known for optimistic delusions. He figures in realistic terms. And the realistic hope for him is to expect, not exactly in six or eight months, but in about a year, a change in the leadership of West Germany.

And here is another key to the comprehension of recent events: The Soviets think they have reasons to anticipate a Social-Democratic victory in next year's German elections; and so they postponed the showdown on Berlin for another year. This Soviet anticipation, I am afraid, is entirely realistic. The Social Democrats have won, in recent months, in a few regional elections (Ba-

varia, Wurtemberg-Baden) so decisively that, even if Adenauer is then still alive, they might win the general elections in 1961. And Willy Brandt (whom the same State Department that has destroyed Syngman Rhee keeps building up throughout the United States) would indubitably lose what Adenauer has gained—Germany's strategic role in the "cold war."

Prevented Disaster At The Summit . . .

This, indeed, is the essential meaning of the Paris "collapse": Under Mr. Eisenhower's leadership the United States has lost even its power to surrender — and Germany, under Adenauer, has grown into the decisive factor of the western alliance. By the same token, the Soviets are resolved now to concentrate on undermining the German position. It can be softened, to the point of dissolution, by Willy Brandt's ascendancy to power. And while the Soviets, for the next year or so, may have less chances to influence domestic American politics, their prospects of interfering in German domestic affairs are much brighter.

In the first place, Adenauer's courage in torpedoing the surrender-conference at the "summit" showed against the very background of a frighteningly feeble, absurdly "appeasement"-minded German public opinion. It so happens that I myself have become a test case. For the last few months, I was engaged in a truly national discussion with Germany: my lectures in dozens of German cities were mass meetings (in about forty lectures I have talked to more than 100,000 Germans); my book, *Die Grenzen des Wunders* (Title of the American edition: "Germany and the East-West Crisis"), is still arousing a storm of controversy; and the synthetic German "public opinion" erupts in an unprecedented flood of attacks against my "war-mongering" (my scrap-books contain about 2,500 clippings collected in eight months).

Actually I served (and I was happy to do so) merely as a scapegoat for Adenauer. The "neutralist" German press (and there is hardly any other) no longer dares attack the venerable Old Man directly; and so it seems determined to slaughter him by proxy. True, no one will deny that the popular response to this strange debate proves the German press to be a thoroughly synthetic "public opinion": millions of Germans, for the first time since 1945 are actively taking sides, and by no means only the wrong side. But, also for the first time since 1945, organized "public opinion" in Germany is demonstrating its capacities as an instrument to be masterfully played by the Soviet virtuosos of brainwashing.

For Adenauer, to have ignored that monolithic "public opinion" in Germany was a measure of his guts. No such guts can be expected from Willy Brandt who, on the contrary, is betting on the *support* of the "neutralist" German press. But even if he were not—he would be merely the front-man for a Social Democratic Party that is being bossed by a tough Herbert Wehner who, though he left the German Communist Party in the forties, remains the German counterpart of Tito: a Revolutionary Socialist who desires a German, not a Russian, version of Revolutionary Socialism. And Tito, by definition, is a Revolutionary Socialist who in all crucial moments *must* line up with the Soviets.

But We Still Have Lippmann's Line . . .

Which gets us to that other wild speculation: That Khrushchev has become Mao's junior partner. Of course, it's entirely possible that Chinese and Russian Communists are engaged in some internal brawls for position. Communists *always* are. In no political movement is there, quite naturally, so much catty intrigue as in the Communist Party. This is precisely because the wages of being on the top are the privileges of unparalleled power. The likelihood of infights grows with the incentive. But, to repeat, such fights have nothing to do with the health, the effectiveness, the undiluted zeal of the Party. In the Communist Party, it never matters who the top dog is—whoever he is, the Party proceeds according to unchangeable plan.

So even if there were any evidence of a clash between Mao and Khrushchev (there is none), it would have no bearing on goals and strategies of World Communism. Chinese, of course, are Chinese, and Russians are Russians; but Chinese and Russian Communists are first and last Communists. A western policy that permits itself to be determined by rumors of a Chinese-Soviet feud will explode in the face of the western world. The conveyor belts for the fabrication of such rumors are made in Moscow. And at any decisive moment Chinese, Russian, Yugoslav, and German Communism will most fraternally cooperate—and lick a western world thoroughly confused by its "sophistication."

Walter Lippmann, who even for the past forty years hasn't been exactly a blessing, is now reaching his pinnacle of mischief. Every bit of his "reasoning" is an invaluable asset for Khrushchev who, thanks to our Lippmania, may yet handsomely dig himself out from under the Parisian debris. Hypnotized by *fata morganas* of internal Communist feuds and rifts, the West may allow the German "Left" to conquer power in Bonn—and thus, with one stroke, undo the present balance of power in the whole world. No doubt, every point along the West's perimeter is important; but the West must not for a second lose sight of the elementary fact that Germany remains the strategic area in which the fate of the entire free world is being determined—for good.

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While In Turkey . . .

All around that German center, precisely because Adenauer has made it firm and unyielding, the Soviets keep nibbling away. The military *putsch* in Turkey, to be sure, has been interpreted on the whole as a patriotic undertaking without any inherent political ambition one way or another; and, indeed, the General in charge of the country seems to be a man of a disarmingly virginal mind. But this, precisely, is the danger. The fine art of Communist strategy has always been to pick in the "underdeveloped" and semi-"underdeveloped" areas such virginal minds—and to activate them by magnificently effective operators who, for the time being, remain backstage. The dethroned Turkish Prime Minister Menderes, whatever else he was, was most certainly no naive "progressive." He also was a proven friend of the West. His naive successor, whatever else he will turn out to be, is bound to act as a "progressive" and, to put it cautiously, a friend of "both sides." This is the inexorable consequence of

a military *putsch* that has no clear-cut political ambition: Naive soldiers, anxious to get "popular approval," tend to fall for a clever Left that knows how to simulate mass applause. The inescapable political style of a military *junta* is "dynamism"—and in that field, trained Communist operators remain undisputed masters.

In Japan, In Italy, And Everywhere . . .

Before these comments can be published, Japan may have passed its point of no return. A few years after General MacArthur resigned from his unforgettable consulate in the Far East, Japan, at any rate, is demonstrating the shortsightedness of the political myth that stays at the bottom of our foreign policy; that the type of parliamentary democracy that has become America's organically grown tradition is the only correct democratic system anywhere else in the world; and that, therefore, American support of a foreign regime must depend on that regime's readiness to imitate American rules of the political game. That is what the Kishi government, out of necessity rather than for indigenous reasons, has been doing all the time — with fatal consequences. Under the conditions of postwar Japan (and the greater part of Asia and Africa), a necessarily superficial imitation of American-style democracy must result in mob rule — and, before our eyes, Japan is learning this dreadful lesson. We shall be extremely lucky if this proves not to be the last lesson Japan will be allowed to learn.

At the moment, the Japanese mob opposition against the Kishi regime centers on anti-American demagoguery, not yet on an openly pro-Soviet basis. But anti-Americanism is — and not just in Japan — all that the Soviets need to advance their own policy. Basically, developments in Japan are bound to resemble those of Cuba: Atomized and morally disarmed by a mechanical application of "majority-rules," a people unprepared for the delicate workings of parliamentary democracy is first aroused by a violent envy of rich Uncle Sam and then becomes an easy prey for Soviet operators. This trick works all around the world — in Italy as well as in Cuba and Japan.

For the permanent governmental crisis in Italy that is moving towards a final solution (most likely in October or November) is basically a crisis of a "parliamentary" democratic concept not quite suited for Italy's political and historic reality. Not unlike the Weimar Republic of the late twenties, contemporary Italy simply cannot produce a governmental parliamentary majority of the center: Between them, the extreme forces of the Left and the Right make a middle-of-the-road government unfeasible. So what can be done? Should the essence of freedom be saved and protected, even if that were to mean a violation of the rules of the game? Or must the rules of the game be obeyed, even if that were to mean the loss of freedom? In practical political terms: Should a workable parliamentary majority be attained with the support of pro-Communist Nenni (as there is no other reliable way of attaining it) — or should Italy, to protect freedom against Communists as well as Fascists, embark upon a course that is not "parliamentary" in the Anglo-Saxon sense of the word? This, in a nutshell, is the essence of the decision Italy must face without much further delay.

The Communists Fight The Cold War . . .

Which choice it will take is, unfortunately, quite obvious. Italy's Christian Democrats will choose Nenni. His friend Fanfani is already in full control of the Christian Democratic party, and Italy's current Prime Minister, Tambroni, seems resigned to serving as Fanfani's stand-in for the summer months of profitable "Olympic" tourism. The dice will be cast by November. We are witnessing another human sacrifice for the greater glory of "parliamentary democracy;" to preserve the *formalities* of the game, another civilized nation is willing to lose the game. And the same American commentators, who would sputter contempt and poisonous ire against an Italian leadership willing to save the integrity of Italian (and western) freedom, will applaud Nenni's ascendancy to power — the end of freedom in Italy, and the end of western control of the Meditterenean.

France, in 1958, has refused to be trapped by a democratic "logic" that, with appalling directness, keeps serving Communist goals all around the world: By entrusting General de Gaulle with almost royal powers, it has gained a new lease on life. Had de Gaulle failed in 1958, France would today be ruled by a regime of the "popular front" — which, I am afraid, would be its fate in a moment if the General were to die.

Germany is being driven towards the same storm center — and it will be engulfed in that storm by the autumn of 1961, at the latest. For even if *Der Alte* should perform for another year as vitally as he has been performing in recent months, Germany's general elections of October, 1961 may be the first to go against him. In revealing truth, Adenauer has won all his electoral victories, not with his foreign policy, but with the miracle of German domestic prosperity. But, after ten years of uninterrupted well-being, "prosperity" is no longer an issue; *everybody* in Germany takes it simply for granted. Thus, I am afraid, "prosperity" is no longer Adenauer's winning trump. The satiated German *Buerger* may next time respond to other stimuli — for instance, the fear of trouble with the Soviets, unless Germany was willing to "negotiate" through a Social-Democratic Government.

With "Peace" And "Democracy" As Their Weapons . . .

Fear, it seems to me, is the whole frame of reference the Soviets are building for the near future all over the world; and in Germany especially. Not for a moment will the world be allowed "serenity." Twenty-four hours a day will the world tremble with the nervous anticipation of a major conflict; this is the strategic purpose of the alleged shift in Soviet policy that has brought about an alleged return to the "cold war." The objective, quite simply, is to achieve one nervous collapse after another. And, as a result of such nervous collapses, one surrender after another. The most important surrender, of course, would be that of Germany. Out of the synthetic "public opinion" in Germany there emerges, with ever increasing clarity, the slogan; "If Communism can win without a war, may it win." The only cure for this paralysis of fear is an American policy that would turn the tables on the Soviets and, for a change, make *them* pay for the avoidance of conflict. There is just no other policy.

A FOOTNOTE TO THE AIR FORCE MANUAL

by

D. HAYES MURPHY

Mr. Murphy is a very successful manufacturer and highly regarded citizen of Hartford, Connecticut. He is also a good friend of your editor. And some time ago he sent us a copy of a speech which he had made on March 25, 1960 to a service club in Hartford.

This excellent speech contained one small but quite interesting item, recovered from the pigeon holes of history, which became even more interesting when the storm of controversy recently broke over an Air Force Manual which dared to tell the truth about Communist infiltration into our churches. With Mr. Murphy's permission, and with the minor editing required because of pulling these pages out of context, we present below that part of the speech which had stuck so forcefully in our memory.

IN 1933 I attended a Babson Conference at Wellesley Hills. The Program was featured by three speakers. One explained Fascism, the second Socialism, and the third Communism. When the Communist got up to speak, he said that he agreed with the Socialist so far as objectives were concerned, but that Communists did not have the patience to wait for the world change to be brought about by peaceful parliamentary procedure. "We believe," said the Communist, Mr. X [in substance, and as nearly verbatim as my recollection can make it, in this and the following quotations], "that our cause is so essential to the welfare of the human race that we will employ any means — including force — to accomplish our purpose."

Communist X then turned to a Babson chart which was hanging on the wall behind him. It was the regulation Babson chart, with its X-Y line, showing the average upward trend of production. Areas in black above that line indicated periods of prosperity, and areas in red below the line indicated periods of depression. It was a long chart, extending back to the 1870's. Communist X, pointing to the areas below the line, said: "These are depression periods, and you will notice they are in red. That's our color — red. And those red patches are getting bigger and bigger as the years go by. Some day there will come a depression so big that unemployment and discontent will be general throughout the land. That will be the day when we start our revolution and take over the United States for Communism."

It was a bloodcurdling speech. And at that point a little lady in the audience just couldn't take any more. She jumped to her feet and gave Communist X the beautiful tongue-lashing he so well deserved. She told him that we didn't want him in this country and that if he thought the Russian system was so good he should go there where he belonged. He listened with cold and

cynical politeness. When she had finished he said: "Madam, I presume you are an American citizen. I am an American citizen — born right here in Boston. I like it here and have no intention of accepting your invitation to go to Russia. In fact, when the revolution comes I wouldn't miss it for anything because I will be one of the leaders."

At the time this Communist was speaking we were still in the biggest of all depressions, the great depression of the '30's. I often wondered why they did not take advantage of that situation to start their revolution. Eventually I learned the reason. They simply did not have the strength and numbers then, as they were well aware. In 1931, one of their own, Dimitry Z. Manuilsky, had made a revealing speech at the Lenin School of Political Warfare in Moscow. I believe the report of what he said, though much argued-about now as to documentation, to be substantially correct. And I believe it deserves repetition today. Here it was — in 1931:

"War to the hilt between Communism and capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack. Our time will come in twenty or thirty years.

"To win, we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

THAT IS THE STORY OF THE 1933 Babson Conference and Communist X, as I knew it when I incorporated it into a speech I made here in Hartford in September, 1958. After that meeting I determined to renew my efforts to find out who Communist X was and what he had been doing since 1933. So I wrote Babson's again, repeating an earlier request, and urging that they make another search of their old files. They did. And this time they came up with the answer. So here is the rest of the story.

The name of Communist X is Professor Harry F. Ward and his address, Union Theological Seminary, New York. I wrote to Professor Ward, asking what he said at the 1933 Conference and how he felt about it now. Here is his reply, dated October 17, 1959:

"Because of being retired and without a secretary, and two deadlines for an article and a pamphlet to meet, I have been unable until now to answer your request.

"I regret that I have no recollection of what I said at the Babson 1933 Conference. However, since that was the year that Scribner's published my study of social incentives in the Soviet Union, which I made there during the academic year of 1931-2, under the title, *In Place Of Profit,* it is safe to say that what is in that book was the foundation of what I said. If your city library does not have a copy, your state library may, and should have an extension mail service.

"As to the second part of your request, another deadline denies me time to say anything except that I have kept informed up to date on my special interest in the Soviet Union and what I said in my book still stands up."

Sure enough, his book was in our Hartford Library and the card showed that it had been withdrawn forty-five times in the years 1935 to 1959 inclusive. And two brief quotations from this book, *In Place Of Profit,* will give you a general idea of its nature:

"The suppression of the minority of exploiters . . . will cost far less bloodshed than the suppression of the slaves, serfs, or wage laborers, and will cost the human race far less. So today Communists say, 'We are a hard, a cruel people, even to ourselves. We keep our eyes on the goal.'"

"For the compensating aspects of religion the Communists have no need, since theirs is a world-conquering faith."

As to what the Professor has been doing since 1933, when I met him at Babson's, I shall read to you from a Government document and you may draw your own conclusions. This is from the sworn testimony of Manning Johnson before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, July 7, 8, 13 and 14, 1953, Page 278. At the end of his testimony Mr. Johnson was asked to summarize the over-all manner in which the Communists have attempted to infiltrate and poison the religious organizations of America. Mr. Johnson, a former top-level member of the Communist Party, who had become converted from the error of his ways, complied conscientiously with this request. And the following is quoted from his summary:

"Once the tactic of infiltrating religious organizations was set by the Kremlin, the actual mechanics of implementing the 'new line' was a question of following the general experiences of the living church movement in Russia, where the Communists discovered that the destruction of religion could proceed much faster through infiltration of the church by Communist agents operating within the church itself.

"The Communist leadership in the United States realized that a small force of Communist agents concentrated in seminaries and divinity schools could influence the ideology of future clergymen in the paths most conducive to Communist purposes.

"The Communists had small forces in the seminaries under the leadership of Harry F. Ward. These forces were quickly augmented by additional recruits and siphoned into the divinity institutions by manipulations of Communist cells in the seminaries. This infiltration into seminaries was further expedited by the use of considerable forces the Communists had in educational institutions which were eligible for hire by divinity organizations.

"The plan was to make the seminaries the neck of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would issue forth, carrying with them, in varying degrees, an ideology and slant which would aid in neutralizing the anti-Communist character of the church and also to use the clergy to spearhead important Communist projects.

"The policy was successful beyond even the Communists' expectations."

So now we have answer to a question which had been worrying me for over a quarter of a century. We know who Communist X of the 1933 Babson Conference was. We know what he has been doing and can guess what he still is doing. But why on earth our Government allows such long continued treachery is still a bigger question, to which there seems to be no answer.

In Place Of A Thousand Words

The Grass Gets Little Water, But —

HOW THE COMMUNIST WEEDS DO LOVE IT!

BULLETS

Ten good soldiers, wisely led,
Will best a hundred without a head.

D'Arcy Thompson

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How times change. A few years ago you could finance a pretty fair sized war for what a few weeks of peace cost us today.

Santa Ana Register

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In Congress a man gets up and says nothing. Nobody listens. Then everybody disagrees.

Maine Farmer,
Quoted By Leonard Lyons

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"I'm a self made man. What did I do wrong?"

Let's Have Better Mottoes Association

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People would be only too glad to mind their own business — if the government would give it back.

Dan Bennett

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Throughout all human history the forces of "liberalism" (usually successful) have been the forces of ignorance marshalled by a sophisticated hypocrisy.

Our Own Observation

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The state is the great fiction by which everybody wants to enrich himself at the expense of everybody.

Bastiat

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The fool in a hurry drinks his tea with chopsticks.

Chinese Proverb

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Boy to girl studying menu: "Filet mignon? It's pickled goat's liver. Why?"

Kiwanis Magazine

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"Young man, what do you mean you don't sell goldfish here? Isn't this a drugstore?"

Paul Steiner

We are served worse by many servants than by a few.

Aristotle

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Must we keep our eyes shut and our pocketbooks open to projects fostered under the beautiful names of education and religion, no matter by whom, or how sponsored or run?

McDaniel Lewis

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Coexistence . . . When their knife and your back go steady.

The American Statesman

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One man — in the right place at the right time — can betray millions.

Geza Korda

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Americans will pay for government this year more than they will spend on all food, clothing, medical care, and religious activities combined.

National Review

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Sign on stenographer's desk: "Gone for the day. Will be back for lunch and coffee breaks."

Let's Have Better Mottoes Association

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The sap runs in the spring. But the girl catches him anyway.

Try Square

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A fool may be known by six things: anger, without cause; speech, without profit; change, without progress; inquiry, without object; putting trust in a stranger; and mistaking foes for friends.

Arabian Proverb

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Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

Galatians IV, 16

A REVIEW OF REVIEWS

by

REVILO P. OLIVER

Barry Goldwater is the most conspicuous conservative in the Republican Party today. He was returned to the Senate in 1958 despite the best efforts of an extremely efficient gang of political assassins. Recently the Republicans of South Carolina instructed their delegates to vote for his nomination at the coming Republican convention. Everywhere that one goes in this country, one hears staunch Republicans hope that their party will choose Senator Goldwater as its presidential candidate, but they speak, for the most part, in the wistful tones that men use when they hope that a wastrel son may mend his ways. Indeed, the amphisbænic "experts," who knew that Taft could not win in 1952, seem now to have convinced almost everyone that the Republican convention will be in the control of forces that will brook no interference from non-professionals. But this is not yet certain.

If a rumor which comes to us from two fairly good sources is correct, the spectacular defeat of Robert Morris in New Jersey was at least partly procured by a thunderous cracking of whips in the Republican machine organizations during the last week before the primaries, and the whips were cracked in response to orders from Mr. Nixon transmitted through Attorney General Rogers. Mr. Nixon's motive is said to have been, not personal antipathy, but a need to contrive a vicarious demonstration that Senator Goldwater, if nominated, could not be elected. This would suggest, at least, that the convention's chickens, so confidently counted by the "experts," have not all been hatched.

Senator Goldwater has written a clear and forthright statement of his principles, THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE (Victor, Shepherdsville, Kentucky; 123 pages, $3.00). No one can complain that he has not been explicit. He uses words that have become indecorous in our fashionable finishing schools, and if this little book should fall into the hands of our more innocent Liberals, who have been raised on the Elsie Dinsmore stories approved by Aunties Adlai and Eleanor, the emotions excited in their tightly corseted minds may call for restoratives more potent than smelling salts.

The principles stated in this book sound like a consensus of the conservative meetings that I have attended in recent years. Senator Goldwater, disdaining the ambiguities and self-contradictions that are now regarded as being as indispensable to a politician as is a good blind to a duck hunter, proposes a return to Constitutional government by (a) fully repudiating the totalitarian concept of the Welfare State, (b) abolishing the unconstitutional usurpations of power, such as the present system of agricultural serfdom, which corrupted courts have granted to bureaucrats, (c) liquidating, immediately or, in a few instances, over a period of ten years, all the subsidies, "welfare" schemes, and

socialistic agencies devised by "New Dealers" to corrupt the electorate, (d) repealing all grants of special rights to gangsters operating in the guise of labor unions, (e) eliminating a *graduated* income tax, and (f) recognizing the rights guaranteed to states by the Constitution, including, of course, complete control over their educational systems, which means that they have a right to segregate pupils on any basis they deem proper or, if they should so desire, abolish public education. (In an excursus the author shows that he is aware of the extent to which all public education has been poisoned by the cheap sophistries of John Dewey, but remedies must be found on the local level.) On foreign policy Senator Goldwater is equally unequivocal: we must stop the idiotic system of "foreign aid," and we must recognize that Communism is our implacable enemy, which, if we are to survive, we must destroy by all necessary means, including, if others fail, war.

The most rigorous conservative critic will find little in this book to which he can take exception. He will note that Senator Goldwater has chosen not to discuss (1) the restoration of a sound currency, (2) immigration, (3) the removal of traitors now holding positions of authority in government and the armed services, and a number of minor matters. At only one point can it fairly be argued that the Senator has hedged. After explicitly recommending that we "withdraw diplomatic recognition from all Communist governments including that of the Soviet Union," and recognizing both the extent of Communist control of the "United Nations" and the use of that weird device to induce "an unconstitutional surrender of American sovereignty," he cautiously says that "withdrawal from the United Nations is probably not the answer to these problems." Now the reserved meaning may be one of which most of us would approve. But many conservatives feel, as I do, that the "United Nations" poses numerous problems, all of which could be solved in thirty minutes by one company of U. S. Marines.

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In October, 1958, the Pioche *Record,* a newspaper in southeastern Nevada, began publication of a series of nine editorials on the Constitution. Since that time the newspaper has had to do without the advertising that various corporations, including *all* of the resort hotels in the region, had normally placed in its pages. Our inquiries by telephone have not enabled us to determine the relation between these two events, for discordant explanations are offered by persons who should be in a position to know. One is that the withdrawal of advertising was contrived by the malice of a discharged employé, and therefore merely coincidental. The other is that the advertisers were made indignant by the newspaper's temerity in reminding Americans that they have rights under a document that had best be forgotten.

The editorials have been published, with an introduction by Congressman Dale Alford, under the title, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS (Speller & Sons, New York; 63 pages, $2.00 cloth). Expounding the indisputable meaning of the Constitution with a vigor and clarity that reminds one of Mr. Holmes Alexander's articles, "How to Read the *Federalist,*" in AMERICAN OPINION (see especially the issues of October and November, 1958, and September, 1959),

the author of these essays shows that the decision of the Supreme Court concerning the segregation of races in Southern schools is nothing less than a revolutionary usurpation of power, a disguised *coup d'état* carried out by a "conspiracy to destroy the Constitution."

These articles were timely when they were written, before the governor of Virginia began to display the strange tergiversation that did much to confuse the South, and they are even more timely today, when the citizens of all states must understand the totalitarian forces that are capturing them. The author has merely stated what must be obvious to everyone who has read and understood the Constitution. Of course, no amount of lucidity and logic will convince sentimentalists whose thinking is done in their viscera, and these qualities will merely exasperate our "intellectuals," who believe themselves appointed by some unnamed divinity to trick Americans into doing anything that is "socially desirable" because it enables uneducated educators to feel important.

The present crisis, of course, is possible only because Americans, confused by glib and vapid sophistries, have almost ceased to think in terms of principles, and hence fail to understand the implications of governmental acts. What if the Supreme Court, which based its infamous decision in part on a Communist-inspired scribbling which stated that "the American Constitution is in many respects impractical and ill suited for modern conditions," should simply decree that the Constitution is therefore unconstitutional? What if Eisenhower, in the event that the Senate should refuse to accept some deal made at the "Summit," should please some of his advisers by sending in the paratroopers? Such acts would doubtless be politically inexpedient at this time, but precedents for them have been set by actions which differ from them *legally* only in the way that the theft of a lamb differs from the theft of a sheep.

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A much more complete and philosophic discussion of the same question is Felix Morley's FREEDOM AND FEDERALISM (Regnery, Chicago; 281 pages, $5.00). The author has given us a singularly perspicuous analysis of the federal government established by the Constitution, and a summary of the historical process by which the structure of American government was distorted and broken down in favor of an alien and inherently preposterous form of government called "democracy"—a political disease against which the means of prophylaxis adopted by the founders of our Republic unfortunately proved inadequate.

If we are to understand a situation, we must understand its causes, and Mr. Morley's historical account will suffice to warn us against optimistic oversimplifications. It is true that our imminent peril is the work of the great Communist conspiracy, which has been operating on a constantly expanding scale in our country since 1872. It is also true that the success of this conspiracy was largely made possible by our foolhardy failure to prevent the immigration of actual and potential members of the conspiracy. But it is well to remember that the seeds of totalitarian tyranny were present in our very origin, when our population was both culturally and racially comparatively homogeneous. Mr. Morley points out that the concept of federalism was obscured and weakened before the Civil War, which could not otherwise have occurred.

The framers of the Constitution, as Hamilton assured the legislature of New York, thought it impossible that one state would ever be so foolish as to be a party to coercion of another state. The Civil War proved them wrong, but the real subversion of the Constitution came with the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. These amendments, conceived in the diseased and malignant soul of Thaddeus Stevens as part of a policy that no American can now contemplate without shame and remorse, were not only as repugnant to the intent of the Constitution as would have been an amendment establishing a monarchy, but they were never legally ratified. Of this there can be no possible doubt, and so long as we go on pretending that these amendments are legally valid and part of the Constitution, we shall as a nation be in the moral position of a man who holds possession of a farm or building under deeds which he knows to have been forged. He may resolve to use honestly the proceeds of theft, but the moral paradox will taint his every act.

Like so many of our other ills, the general misunderstanding of the basic principle of our federal system has been the result of slovenly language and blurred thinking. There is a form of government, which has much to recommend it, that is properly called democracy, but as Aristotle and every subsequent political thinker (including Madison and other framers of the Constitution) has clearly seen, it is possible only in a political unit small enough to form a single community whose citizens can have personal knowledge of one another, and carefully exclude from citizenship persons who do not share the community's traditions. But it is a characteristic of untutored minds to ignore the necessary relationship of form to size. It is, for example, a biological fact that the human organism is viable only within narrow limits of size, and that men whose height exceeds seven feet are invariably weak, short-lived, and sterile. But children and primitives imagine that an increase in size is an increase in strength, and so believe in giants forty feet tall, although such a being, if it existed, would be so unwieldly that it could not move a step without fracturing its limbs. The same kind of uncontrolled imagination leads people to believe, against all the evidence, in the possibility of a big democracy.

The absurdity of this notion was partly concealed by the myth of the "general will" that was devised by the muddled mind of Jean Jacques Rousseau, a vain, pretentious, and ignorant adventurer gifted with a capacity for vivid and rhythmical prose, who wandered about Europe abandoning his illegitimate children and perpetually snivelling about the supernal purity of his heart. Rousseau's romantic nonsense has a strange fascination for sentimental and uncritical minds, and should be studied in detail by anyone who wishes to understand the political disasters of the Nineteenth Century and its aftermath.

As Mr. Morley points out, the myth of a "general will" provided a theory whereby centralization of our national government could be described as "democratic," although it necessarily destroys the local form of democracy, which alone is possible, and also destroys the federal principle by which the framers of the Constitution sought to preserve the sovereignty of the states and the

liberties of individuals. Now the shabby sham that is based on the notion of a "general will" and currently called "democracy" is a social process comparable to a chemical reaction and can have only one product: a totalitarian dictatorship that is a mere regression to the despotism and slave-morality of the Orient. That, of course, is what is now happening.

We could save ourselves from serfdom by returning to the federal form of government embodied in the Constitution and the first twelve amendments —and making ourselves and the holders of franchise morally equal to the responsibilities of free men. But there is one difficulty, one real impediment to the attainment of full liberty, both political and economic. Mr. Morley, unlike Mr. Chodorov in his excellent RISE AND FALL OF SOCIETY (see AMERICAN OPINION, Sept. 1959, p. 49), does face this problem.

There is one, and only one, valid reason for a strong central government: war. Mr. Morley notes that our wars have always promoted centralization; and "democracy," despite its cant about the beauties of peace, seems instinctively to seek war. (But the "instinct" may be the conscious choice of governors. Certainly one reason why Roosevelt was so eager to get a war started in Europe was to further his plans for a personal absolutism, and it is clear that the reason why even non-Communist bureaucrats in Washington were eager to see the Soviet equipped with atomic bombs was a realization that if Americans were not frightened by a strong and terrible enemy, they would not long tolerate a great mass of parasites to which they are now in economic and political subjection.) Our federal system was based on the assumption that our wars would be limited to repelling invaders, and Mr. Morley believes that foreign wars, or the threat of them, always impel nations to the centralization that culminates in a dictatorship.

All this we may grant. But nothing is more certain than that we are *now* engaged in a war which we are losing by folly and treason; that unless Russia and China are destroyed by internal explosions, we must win that war or perish; and that if we win, we shall emerge as a great imperial power. Like Rome after the Second Punic War, we shall have passed the point of no return, and like Rome we shall find ourselves compelled to shoulder unwillingly the burden of empire. But the empire in turn was the doom of the Roman Republic. Is it possible that we could, as England did with fair success for a century, combine freedom at home with imperialism abroad?

Mr. Morley sees this grim prospect, but he can only offer us the hope that somehow, somehow, the war will abate, rather than increase, in intensity.

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The framers of our Constitution were wise men, but they were not omniscient. As may be seen from such devices as the electoral college, they did not anticipate the true horrors of the two-party system, universal suffrage, and an increasingly corrupted electorate. Indeed, if they had had even a moment's prevision of a ward organization in a modern city, they would have been tempted to throw down their pens in disgust and despair.

John S. Norris in THE CONNIVERS (Vantage, New York; 353 pages, $3.95) gives under the guise of a novel a tepidly realistic and pedestrian account

of the workings of a ward machine in Chicago. From this book you can learn much about a dirty little business and the dirty little men who run it, and you will wonder whether any nation can long survive the unlimited suffrage that makes them possible.

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Among the millions of soldiers and civilians whom the Anglo-American armies under the command of General Eisenhower drove to death or slavery in Russia in 1945 was the late Nikolai N. Krasnov, Jr., author of THE HIDDEN RUSSIA (Holt, New York; 347 pages, $5.00). An interpreter assigned to General Vassiliev of the Free Russian army, he witnessed the treachery by which English officers, pledging the honor of Great Britain, cozened the general, disarmed his troops, ambushed his officers on their way to a "conference" to which they had been invited by the Allied commanders, bludgeoned them, loaded them into trucks, and delivered them to the Communists, as planned by Roosevelt and Stalin at Yalta.

With the exception of a few who found means of committing suicide, the leaders of the men whom we thus betrayed were eventually executed, and the rest were distributed among the various slave-labor camps, partly, perhaps, because the Soviets needed beasts of burden, but primarily, as Mr. Krasnov perceived, so that they would bear witness to the infamy of the Western powers and assure the Russian people that the British and Americans were as perfidious and inhuman as the Communists with whom they so cordially cooperated.

Mr. Krasnov, who was a slave for a little more than ten years and then released, almost by chance, when the Kremlin thought it expedient to quell general unrest with simulated reforms, describes the Russian people in terms that, on the whole, correspond to the thesis of Eugene Lyons' *Our Secret Allies*. He reports that they regard Communism as an international conspiracy and resent references to the Soviet regime as "Russian." They bear Communism with fortitude, being held in check partly by the terrorism of the MVD and partly by the discouragement and confusion produced by apparently coordinated propaganda from the Kremlin and the West which gives the impression that the West hates Russia but, whether from fear or inclination, does not oppose the Soviet. Mr. Krasnov, who died at the age of 41, three years after he was released, did not live to comment on the effect of the photographs, recently distributed throughout Russia, which show the Butcher and Eisenhower grinning at one another in a spirit of cordial cooperation. Even more effective, of course, will be the current news that the Americans, in preparation for the Communist occupation of South Korea, have forced Dr. Syngman Rhee out of office, thus proving once again that the United States government will always stab in the back anyone who seriously resists the Communist conspiracy.

Since the procedures of the MVD (=NKVD) are evidently standardized, the almost incredible torture and brutality inflicted on Mr. Krasnov conformed in general to the patterns described in John Noble's *I Was a Slave in Russia* (Devin-Adair, $3.75), Elinor Lipper's *Eleven Years in Soviet Prison Camps* (Regnery, $3.50), and Joseph Scholmer's *Vorkuta* (Holt, $3.75). Even more

appalling than the ingenious cruelty is the fact that it cannot conceivably have served a rational purpose; in these nightmarish books we seem to witness, not the excesses of men, however passionate or ruthless, but the blind malignancy of unhuman things — zombies, energumens, ghouls — come to replace mankind. You will read Mr. Krasnov's story with horror blunted only by the callosity that our minds acquire from the incredible accumulation of horrors in the modern world. But you will do well to remember that this book will also be read by many nominal Americans, pompous little men who are now preaching "peace" and "brotherhood," and swelling with indignation over the congressional investigating committees' "violation of basic civil liberties" — sleek little men who will read it with little shivers of delight as they imagine the fun they are going to have when they put on their MVD uniforms.

Brief Mention

The Invisible Presidency. By Louis W. Koenig. Rinehart, New York. $6.75.
Call them what you will, confidants, unofficial Presidents or second consuls; they have been closer to the real history of the presidency, oftentimes, than the office holders themselves. Hamilton, Van Buren, William Loeb, Jr., Colonel House, Thomas Corcoran, Harry Hopkins and Sherman Adams were, and usually by their own making, indespensable to the presidents they served or controlled.

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The New Psychiatry. By Dr. Nathan Masor. Philosophical Library, New York. $3.75.
In the author's opinion psychoanalysis has not progressed much beyond quackery but Dr. Masor's severest criticism is levelled against the psychiatrist with his jargon, tranquilizers and shock treatment. Dr. Masor believes that medication is, by far, more scientific and efficient than is psychic treatment in many cases of mental disease.

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Let's Try Barter. By Charles Morrow Wilson. Devin-Adair, New York. $3.95.
This humorous, profound, and informative lesson in the basic economics of trade serves as a devastating indictment of inflation and of confiscatory taxation.

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A Proper Monetary And Banking System For The United States. Edited by James Washington Bell and Walter Earl Spahr. Ronald Press, New York. $6.00.
Nine common-sense economists have contributed to this symposium, which has recommendations for fiscal sanity that, if adopted by the Federal Government, would probably restore our national monetary policy to its pre-New Deal position.

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The Constitution Of Liberty. By Friedrich A. Hayek. University of Chicago. $7.50.
This is for all students of political, constitutional, social and economic thought, who are bored with authors who confound liberty with license. Dr. Hayek equates liberty with freedom and emphasizes the integrity of man within society.

A REVIEW OF THE NEWS

This is a magazine of opinion. But opinion should be based on facts. Here are the facts for

MARCH, 1960

Tuesday, March 1

→ President Eisenhower says that the United States "repudiates dictatorships in any form."

→ For the second time within a month, Soviet Premier Khrushchev visits India for talks with Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

→ Ralph McGill, editor of the *Atlanta Constitution,* praises a Soviet plan to open a Moscow university for students from Asia, Africa and Latin America; and, in the same column, McGill denounces United States Senators because they filibuster to preserve states' rights.

Wednesday, March 2

→ Dr. B. T. Shaw of the United States Agricultural Department, the man who instigated the cranberry crisis last November, now believes that the weed killer, in question at that time, is not dangerous.

→ An American-British-French unified force armed with nuclear weapons will be created within the framework of NATO, says General Lauris Norstad, Supreme Allied Commander of NATO in Europe.

→ H. J. Anslinger, United States Commissioner of Narcotics, says that there is probably more cocaine traffic in Castro's Cuba than in the rest of the world.

Thursday, March 3

→ Representative Donald J. Jackson of California, a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, says that the material in the withdrawn Air Force Manual, concerning Communist infiltration of churches, "is absolutely correct."

→ In Kabul, Afghanistan Soviet Premier Khrushchev threatens Pakistan, which is currently in a dispute with Afghanistan over tribesmen living in Pakistan.

→ Pope John XXIII designates for the Sacred College of Cardinals two Italians, a Japanese, an African Negro, a Filipino, a Frenchman, and a Dutchman. Their elevation will make a total of eighty-five in the College, the largest number in history.

Friday, March 4

→ *Tass* announces that Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Liberian President William V. S. Tubman have agreed to exchange visits.

→ A French freighter, *La Coubre,* carrying arms and munitions to Cuba from Belgium, explodes in Havana harbor, with at least fifty-four persons killed and more than two hundred wounded.

→ The French Government begins sending eastern European refugees to

Corsica and other islands in an effort to protect Soviet Premier Khrushchev from possible violence on his coming visit to France.

Saturday, March 5

→ President Sékou Touré of Guinea extends diplomatic recognition to Communist East Germany.

→ French President de Gaulle predicts that Algerian voters will eventually choose "an Algerian Algeria tied to France."

→ Fidel Castro and other Cuban Communists accuse the United States of causing last night's explosion of the French freighter, *La Coubre,* which was carrying arms and munitions to Cuba from Belgium.

Sunday, March 6

→ Secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson rejects the wisdom of balancing the federal budget year-by-year, and says that average balanced budgets over a period of years is sufficient.

→ The United States Senate has a respite in the midst of a civil rights filibuster which began last Monday noon.

→ President Eisenhower prolongs his stay in Puerto Rico where he arrived Thursday for rest and golf after his ten-day South American junket.

Monday, March 7

→ The West German Government considers Guinea's diplomatic recognition of East Germany to be a "very unfriendly act."

→ New Hampshire's Governor Wesley Powell charges that Senator John F. Kennedy is "soft on Communism," a charge repudiated by Vice President Nixon, and repeated by Governor Powell.

→ In London a former Royal Air Force flying officer, Arthur M. Wraight, at a pre-trial hearing, is accused of giving Soviet Union officials information on American and British military operations.

Tuesday, March 8

→ After four days of intensely bitter anti-American denunciations by Castro and other Cuban Communists, Secretary of State Herter says that the United States "finds itself increasingly obliged *to question the good faith"* of the Castro regime.

→ Belgium's Foreign Minister Pierre Eigny rejects French claims to the Belgian Congo after it becomes independent on June 30, 1960.

→ The de Gaulle government threatens to crush the Communist-led F.N.L. by force in Algeria because of the Communists' refusal to negotiate for a cease-fire in the five-year rebellion.

Wednesday, March 9

→ President Eisenhower gives in to Soviet pressure and rules out all high-altitude flights from the West into Berlin for the time being.

→ One of Sukarno's own air force MIG-17 fighters strafes the Indonesian President's palace.

→ Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and United States Rubber Company

announce that they have no present intention of suspending their Cuban operations.

Thursday, March 10

→ The New York State Commission Against Discrimination *orders* Capital Airlines to employ Patricia Banks, a Negro, as a stewardess.

→ Castro's government moves to take over more than one hundred million dollars in industrial properties controlled by American interests, including Moa Bay Mining Company.

→ Senator Jacob Javits introduces a bill to create a federal travel agency which will "sell" America to foreign tourists. He proposes a budget of about ten million dollars for the agency next year.

Friday, March 11

→ Pioneer V, an artificial planetoid weighing 94.8 pounds, was launched by a Thor-Able rocket from Cape Canaveral for a trip around the Sun between the planetary paths of Earth and Venus.

→ Castro's government seizes three American-owned sugar mills worth an estimated ten million dollars. The mills are owned by the Guantanamo Sugar Company of New York.

→ In Massachusetts, Bernard Goldfine is indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for evasion of $791,745 in income taxes.

Saturday, March 12

→ At Alamogordo, New Mexico, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization notifies Air Force officials that pieces of a "form of metal unknown anywhere in the world" are actual physical evidence that flying saucers are extra-terrestrial in origin.

→ *Continentale,* an Italian news agency, reports that Czechoslovakia has offered to sell Cuba several hundred Soviet-designed MIG-17 jet fighters.

→ It is announced that ten thousand Frenchmen will guard Soviet Premier Khrushchev when he visits Paris next week.

Sunday, March 13

→ Frederick H. Boland, Ireland's permanent delegate to the United Nations, describes the duty of the United Nations "to be the watch-dog of the moral conscience of mankind."

→ Reportedly ill with the grippe, Soviet Premier Khrushchev postpones his scheduled state visit to France for another week to ten days.

→ It is reported that violent fighting for political supremacy between members of the Conakat and Balubakat-Fedeka parties is taking place in the Belgian Congo, which is preparing for its independence on June 30, 1960.

Monday, March 14

→ Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona charges that the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy is leading to a surrender to Communism.

→ Photographs of the moon, allegedly made by the Soviet rocket, Lunik III, are described as hoaxes by William J. Young of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and Lloyd Mallan, space photography specialist.

→ Castro urges Cubans to work with their rifles beside them so as to be ready

for defense against American enemies; and Jose Pardo Llada, a Cuban radio commentator, accuses the United States of blowing up its own battleship, *Maine*, in 1898.

Tuesday, March 15

→ Republican congressional leaders announce that President Eisenhower plans to ask Congress for legislation which would approximately double the 154,000 immigrants allowed to enter the country annually; and that Eisenhower also wants discretionary powers to raise or lower sugar import quotas.

→ West German Chancellor Adenauer urges President Eisenhower to resist any and all concessions on Berlin at the proposed summit conference in May.

→ At the opening session of a ten-nation disarmament conference in Geneva, the United States proposes an international police force within the United Nations to preserve world peace after national arms and armies are reduced. Besides the United States, other participants are France, Italy, Canada, Britain, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and the Soviet Union.

Wednesday, March 16

→ West German Chancellor Adenauer suggests that a plebiscite in West Berlin on the *status quo*, held before the proposed summit meeting, would be the best answer to Khrushchev's demand that Allied occupation of West Berlin should end immediately.

→ American Ambassador to the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge, receives the Sylvanus Thayer Award at the United States Military Academy, as an American citizen who exemplifies the West Point motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

→ As he endorses the presidental candidacy of Vice President Nixon, President Eisenhower says, "There has never been, between Mr. Nixon and myself . . . a specific difference . . . on any important problem in seven years."

Thursday, March 17

→ The legislature of the Southern Cameroons, a United Nations trusteeship, votes to request Great Britain to establish a military force to police the border with the new Cameroon Republic which is being terrorized by Communist insurgents.

→ In the tenth major air tragedy of 1960, a Northwest Airlines Electra explodes in midair near Tell City, Indiana, killing all sixty-three aboard.

→ Sentences ranging from five years to life are decreed for fourteen Chinese Catholics by Chinese Communists on charges of counter-revolutionary plotting. Bishop Ignatius Kung Pin-mei is sentenced to life imprisonment for treason.

Friday, March 18

→ Chinese Communists sentence Roman Catholic Bishop, James Edward Walsh, to twenty years imprisonment on charges that the Maryknoll missionary was an American imperialist spy.

→ The State Department announces that American Ambassador Bonsal will return to his Cuban post since Castro's government assures the State Department that no conspiracy charges are held against Bonsal.

→ In the face of contrary evidence, the National Council of Churches denies categorically that its organization has ever been infiltrated by a Communist Party member or sympathizer among its high-level officials.

Saturday, March 19

→ It is reported that a letter sent from Khrushchev to Eisenhower on March 8 hints that the Soviets may be forced to give nuclear weapons to Red China, if the United States supplies such arms to its NATO allies.

→ The Communist-controlled governments of Bolivia and Cuba report the suppression of counter-revolutionary uprisings.

→ A Communist-sponsored demonstration against the revised Japanese-American security treaty attracts about twenty thousand participants in Tokyo.

Sunday, March 20

→ Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston says that "the Vatican has no interest in our politics. In my contacts with two Popes, the only thing I was ever questioned about was spiritual conditions — the sanctity of priests and people."

→ After a two-month absence spent in Washington for consultative purposes, American Ambassador Bonsal returns to Cuba, and, at the same time, Major Ernesto Guevara, president of Cuba's National Bank, predicts economic warfare with the United States.

→ Secretary of State Herter says, "I don't think anyone could say affirmatively that Cuba is Communist at the present time."

Monday, March 21

→ Frank Sinatra hires Communist Albert Maltz to write the script for the screen play of William Bradford Huie's book, *The Life of Private Slovik*.

→ Negro demonstrations against South Africa's apartheid policy (racial segregation) result in at least fifty Negro deaths as tens of thousands of Negroes terrorize two widely separated towns, Langa and Sharpeville.

→ Chiang Kai-shek is re-elected to a third six-year term of the Republic of China.

Tuesday, March 22

→ It is announced that Kaiser Steel Corporation had a net loss of $7,401,000 for its operations in 1959.

→ Secretary of State Herter concedes that the proposed summit meeting is a gamble and he is not optimistic about results, but he thinks there are "surface indications" that Russia wants a meaningful disarmament agreement.

→ It is reported that thirty-five French and Russian bodyguards have been ordered to throw themselves on top of Soviet Premier Khrushchev, if they hear gunshots during his tour of France which begins tomorrow.

Wednesday, March 23

→ South Africa's Prime Minister of External Affairs, Eric H. Louw, expresses great concern at the United States Government's criticism of the South African Government's methods of suppressing Negro rioters.

→ Senator Hubert H. Humphrey is one of the few Americans who is en-

thusiastic over a new and meaningless Soviet test ban formula.

→ James C. Hagerty, press secretary at the White House, says it is nonsense to say that Eisenhower has neither advance plans nor purpose for the proposed summit conference, but Hagerty does not elaborate.

Thursday, March 24

→ Former Postmaster General James A. Farley says that his recent tour of the Far East convinced him "that a vast new Pacific community of *free* nations is rising in strength."

→ Missouri's Senator Stuart Symington joins colleagues Kennedy of Massachusetts and Humphrey of Minnesota as an active candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

→ Valerian A. Zorin, chief Soviet delegate to the ten-nation East-West disarmament conference at Geneva, says that the Soviet Union would not permit aerial inspection of all its territory until the world was completely disarmed.

Friday, March 25

→ The House Appropriations Committee reports that Communist opposition *and* Supreme Court delays have hampered the work of the Subversive Activities Control Board.

→ In Tokyo, American Ralph J. Bunche, Under Secretary of the United Nations, tells an assembly of the International Press Institute that racial discrimination is the most important social problem of the United States.

→ On the third day of his state visit to France, Soviet Premier Khrushchev is the subject of extremely enthusiastic acclaim by French Communists.

→ Representative Elmer J. Holland of Pennsylvania describes President Eisenhower as "our No. 1 recipient of 'socialized medicine.' "

Saturday, March 26

→ British Prime Minister Macmillan arrives in the United States for a Camp David session in which he and President Eisenhower are expected to arrive at a "joint decision" as to their next proposal in nuclear test negotiations with the Soviet Union.

→ President Giovanni Gronchi administers the oath of office to Italy's new Premier, Fernando Tambroni, who heads the twenty-first government since Mussolini's reign ended in 1943.

→ French Premier Michel Debré and President Philibert Tsiranana of the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar) conclude negotiations by which Malagasy's independence is recognized, but as a continuing member of the French community.

Sunday, March 27

→ Paul M. Butler, Democratic national chairman, urges "loyal" Southern Democrats to form separate national convention delegations to oppose delegations which threaten to bolt the party in some of the Southern States.

→ Amid the flutter of red flags, Soviet Premier Khrushchev makes a triumphal tour of Communist-infested southern France.

→ Tennessee's Governor Buford Ellington orders an investigation, as he

suspects that a Nashville sit-in demonstration was conducted by Negro "students" for the sole benefit of CBS television audiences.

Monday, March 28

→ Truman administration officials T. Lamar Caudle and Matthew J. Connelly, who were sentenced in 1956 in a tax-filing case, are denied a review of their convictions by the United States Supreme Court.

→ Air Force representatives of Thailand, South Korea, the Republic of China, the Philippines and the United States begin a twelve-day joint training exercise at the United States Air Force's Clark Air Base near Manila.

→ Pope John XXIII creates three cardinals *in petto* (in the Pope's breast) which raises the membership in the Sacred College of Cardinals to eighty-eight, the highest in history. It is believed that the secretly created cardinals are in Communist countries.

Tuesday, March 29

→ In a four-hour harangue on television, Premier Castro complains that Cuban anti-Communists "weaken faith" in his revolutionary regime.

→ *Pravda* affirms that the Communist world supports Castro's Cuba and the Negroes of South Africa.

→ The Camp David pre-summit and disarmament sessions of Eisenhower and Macmillan are augmented by the arrival of Vice President Nixon; Secretary of State Herter; Dr. George B. Kistiakowsky, the President's science adviser; Atomic Energy Commissioner McCone; Philip J. Farley, Herter's special assistant for disarmament and atomic energy; Defense Secretary Douglas; and Sir William Penney, nuclear adviser to Macmillan.

→ In an hour-long telecast, the American Broadcasting Company's John Secondari presents a distorted and unfriendly portrait of South Korea.

Wednesday, March 30

→ Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire advises the insurance industry and the medical profession to move fast, if they wish to prevent the Federal government from controlling all medical care.

→ President Eisenhower says that the Soviets are *sincere* in their disarmament and nuclear weapon-testing moratorium proposals.

→ According to a White House announcement, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Flemming's November cranberry crisis will cost the taxpayers ten million dollars in a relief program for the cranberry industry.

Thursday, March 31

→ At the unveiling of a statue of American General James A. Van Fleet at the Korean Military Academy, President Syngman Rhee pays tribute to General Van Fleet for his great contributions to the development of the Korean Army.

→ In Geneva at a three-nation conference on nuclear testing, American Delegate James Wadsworth and British Delegate Sir Michael Wright offer Soviet Delegate Semyon Tsarapkin a formal treaty for banning large-scale nuclear tests in return for a short-term moratorium on small explosions. This

proposal is a result of the Eisenhower-Macmillan session at Camp David earlier this week.

→ The United States Census Bureau begins its most comprehensive and most inquisitive decennial census-taking.

APRIL, 1960

Friday, April 1

→ It is reported that former American Ambassador to the Soviet Union Charles E. Bohlen will go to Moscow after the proposed summit meeting in May "to observe changes there since he left Moscow in 1957." Bohlen is presently adviser on Soviet affairs to Secretary of State Herter.

→ Communist Poland agrees to sell Communist Cuba airplanes, helicopters and heavy machinery in exchange for sugar, coffee, tobacco and fruit.

→ The United States launches Tiros I, a 270-pound satellite, into orbit around the earth to photograph world weather conditions from space. Early results indicate a successful mission.

Saturday, April 2

→ Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, says that if he was a college student he would be on a picket line to support Negro sit-in demonstrations.

→ Soviet Premier Khrushchev and French President de Gaulle sign agreements for cooperation in the peaceful use of atomic energy and in the scientific field.

→ Senator Stuart Symington urges recognition of Red China because it is dangerous to turn "our back on these people who want to stick a knife in our back."

Sunday, April 3

→ David Susskind's television program, "Open End," is used by five Russian diplomats as an anti-American propaganda forum.

→ Soviet Premier Khrushchev arrives in Moscow after his state visit to France and says that he is "greatly satisfied" with the results of his trip.

→ General Douglas MacArthur is discharged from Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, where he underwent successful surgery on March 19.

Monday, April 4

→ The Burmese parliament elects U Nu as premier.

→ In an agreement with France, the Mali Federation (Senegal and the Sudanese Republic) gains its independence within the French community, effective immediately upon ratification.

→ The *London Daily Mail* reports that Mrs. Joan Chase Hinton, American scientist, and Bruno Pontecorvo, British-Italian atomic scientist, are building an atomic bomb for the Red Chinese Government.

→ In Havana, Cuba a Communist convention is attended by four thousand delegates from Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Red China, Romania, the Soviet Union, Spain, the United States, Venezuela, and East Germany.

Tuesday, April 5

→ It is announced in Moscow that President Eisenhower will probably visit the cities of Leningrad, Kiev, Irkutsk, and Khabarovsk after he leaves Moscow on his June visit to the Soviet Union.

→ Senator John Marshall Butler of Maryland urges a "much firmer stand" against Cuba by the United States.

Wednesday, April 6

→ Castro begins seizure of almost all of United Fruit Company's 272,000 acres of Cuban land, valued by the company at thirty-two million dollars, but only at six million dollars by Cuba's Agrarian Reform Institute.

→ The West German Government delivers a strong protest against Khrushchev's "campaign of slander" against West Germany, during the Soviet Premier's recent state visit to France.

→ Columbian President Lleras, on a state visit to the United States, asks the American Congress to give economic aid to Latin America *before* economic backwardness causes a switch to dictatorships or Communism.

Thursday, April 7

→ Senator John F. Kennedy, besides saying that seventeeen million Americans go to bed hungry every night, expresses similar gloom in regard to housing, earnings, and unemployment.

→ The United States Information Agency plans to spend $207,956 on its Cuban activities in the year starting July 1. The Agency's Cuban program includes cultural centers, exchange of persons, libraries, mobile film units, television programs and printed matter.

→ French President de Gaulle, on a state visit, tells the British Parliament that France is willing to stop testing nuclear weapons if all other nations agree on nuclear disarmament.

Friday, April 8

→ Secretary of State Herter indicates that he is not sure whether or not there has been a split between Red China and the Soviet Union.

→ Along sectional lines the United States Senate passes a Civil Rights bill, voted against by eighteen Southern Senators. Receiving credit for its passage are Senators Dirksen and Lyndon B. Johnson, and Attorney General Rogers.

→ Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. begins campaigning on behalf of Senator John F. Kennedy.

Saturday, April 9

→ Carlos P. Garcia, President of the Philippines, wants American atomic weapons stored in his country in the event of an attack, which he implies could come from Red China.

→ South Africa's Prime Minister Henrik F. Verwoerd is shot and wounded by a white man. Verwoerd is a staunch advocate of apartheid which has caused widespread violence by Negroes during the past three weeks.

→ Frank Sinatra fires Communist Albert Maltz whose hiring by Sinatra had brought protests from patriotic and religious groups and individuals. They were not convinced, as Sinatra claims he was, that Maltz had "an affirmative, pro-American approach" to a story which deals with the only American executed as a deserter in World War II.

Sunday, April 10

→ *Izvestia* reports that about three hundred Soviet "tourists" will sail this week from Vladivostok, aboard the diesel ship *Mihail Kalinin,* with scheduled stops at Tokyo, Shanghai, Indonesia, Istanbul, and Athens.

→ *Prace,* a labor union paper in Communist Czechoslovakia, alleges that Czech police have broken up groups of young Roman Catholics, who were trained by Vatican agents in secret theological colleges to conspire against the state.

→ Air Force leaders from the Philippines, Thailand, South Korea, South Viet Nam, the Republic of China and the United States met in conference at Taipei, Taiwan.

Monday, April 11

→ The United States State Department accuses Red China of interfering in Japan's internal affairs because Red China's Premier Chou En-lai criticizes the recently signed, but not yet ratified, American-Japanese security treaty.

→ Only seventeen days old, Italian Premier Fernando Tambroni's government falls.

→ Pakistan agrees to purchase $98,100,000 of American products including wheat, cotton, and tobacco.

Tuesday, April 12

→ Brigadier General Austin W. Betts, director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, claims that the American Atlas ICBM "is significantly more accurate than its Soviet competitor."

→ The White House announces that, during his June travels, Eisenhower will visit South Korea for one day to confer with President Syngman Rhee, whose associates in government claimed last night that there is a plot to overthrow the Rhee regime.

→ French Premier Michel Debré says that Algeria will be partitioned, if the majority of Algerians vote for independence. Algerians, who wish to remain free French citizens, could then do so without leaving Algeria.

Wednesday, April 13

→ A *New York Times* despatch says that the United States plans to equip its Western European allies with specially designed Polaris missiles, which will be launched from mobile platforms on land or rivers.

→ Representative John E. Moss wonders why all of seventy-six Federal departments, boards, commissions, committees and agencies are currently empowered to stamp their documents secret, top secret, or confidential, *for defense reasons.*

→ Britain decides to abandon most of its $1,400,000,000 program of nuclear rocket systems because of the expense, but intends to buy American missiles in the future.

Thursday, April 14

→ The United States Navy launches a Polaris missile from an ocean depth of two hundred feet near San Clemente Island, California.

→ Madame Chiang Kai-shek unveils a life-size bust of the late American Lieutenant General Claire L. Chen-

nault in Taipei, a most unusual honor for a foreigner in China.

→ The *Ghana News Agency* reports that last week Ghana's Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah and Kenya's nationalist leader Tom Mboya discussed an all-African Trade Union Federation.

Friday, April 15

→ It is announced that South Africa's Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd has recovered sufficiently, from the wounds inflicted by a would-be assassin last Saturday, to take up some of his duties again.

→ The Communist-led F.L.N. forces in Algeria receive offers of help from four thousand Syrian "volunteers."

→ Red China's Premier Chou En-lai visits Burma to urge more unity amongst the Asian nations.

Saturday, April 16

→ *Radio Moscow* says that the Easter holiday strengthens "the wildest and most stupid prejudices" in the human mind.

→ Red China's Premier Chou En-lai claims that his government will build atomic submarines within five years.

→ Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana says that the United States cannot cut off purchases of sugar from Cuba because "the truth of the matter is that we need the Cuban crop."

Sunday, April 17

→ Senator John F. Kennedy scores the Air Force Manual which charged that the National Council of Churches was infiltrated by Communists.

→ Elijah William "Bill" Cunningham, journalist, radio commentator and patriot, dies at the age of sixty-four.

→ It is reported that Cuba's Communist Prime Minister Castro wants his own summit meeting with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Herter.

Monday, April 18

→ French President de Gaulle arrives in Canada, en route to the United States, where he and President Eisenhower will hold discussions concerning the proposed summit conference of next month.

→ A crowd of about seventy-five thousand demonstrators in Trafalgar Square in London climax a four-day march to protest against nuclear weapons.

→ Former President Truman thinks the sit-down demonstrations at lunch counters in the South are Communist-engineered just as the sit-down strikes were in the automobile factories in 1937.

Tuesday, April 19

→ A Reuters despatch says that five thousand refugees fled to West Berlin from East Berlin during the Easter holidays.

→ Republic of Korea officials declare martial law in Seoul as mob demonstrations against the Syngman Rhee government threaten to get completely out of hand, especially as Communist radio broadcasts from North Korea pledge full Communist support to the rioters, and also since American Secretary of State Herter is vehement in his denunciation of the Rhee regime.

→ Senator Clifford P. Case defeats Robert Morris for the Republican nom-

ination in New Jersey's primary election.

Wednesday, April 20

→ Red China's Premier Chou En-lai and India's Prime Minister Nehru begin a scheduled six-day series of talks, purportedly in an effort to settle a border dispute between their two countries.

→ In Korea, President Syngman Rhee's cabinet resigns, due in great part to external pressures from the United States, Red China, and Communist North Korea.

→ Secretary of State Herter tells the Council of the Organization of American States that Communists never would be allowed to take over any Latin American nation by force, threat or subversion.

Thursday, April 21

→ Colonel Laurence E. Bunker, former aide to General Douglas MacArthur, says that Secretary of State Herter should be asked to resign for reprimanding the Korean Government of Syngman Rhee.

→ South Korea's National Assembly meets in extraordinary session to deal with the crisis, which has shattered the Rhee regime, but the session is marked by violence amongst the members.

→ Secretary of State Herter says that the prime objective of Western nations at the proposed summit meeting will be to discover if the Soviets sincerely wish to ease tensions.

Friday, April 22

→ French President de Gaulle arrives in the United States for his first state visit.

→ The American Lutheran Church (TALC) is created as a result of the merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the American Lutheran Church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

→ A hung jury ends the income tax evasion trial of New York's Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

Saturday, April 23

→ The Japanese Government sends a stern rebuke to the Soviet Government which has sent a third note protesting against the recently negotiated American-Japanese security treaty.

→ Harold Stassen is repeating his stop-Nixon program of 1956, according to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

→ Fidel Castro accuses the United States of sponsoring a fifth column in Cuba.

Sunday, April 24

→ South Korean President Syngman Rhee announces that he will retire from party politics but continue on in the presidency.

→ President Eisenhower and French President de Gaulle emerge from Camp David in agreement as to "how we should proceed at the summit meeting."

→ Korea's Vice President-elect Lee Ki-Poong continues to withhold his once stated offer to retire from public life. His election has been used as an excuse for the demonstrations against the Rhee Government.

Monday, April 25

→ French President de Gaulle, in an address to the American Congress, insists that destruction of nuclear weapons by common consent under international supervision is the only hope for the future of man.

→ Soviet Premier Khrushchev threatens that, if he signs a separate peace treaty with East Germany, the Western powers will lose all rights to fly into Berlin.

→ India's Prime Minister Nehru and Red China's Premier Chou En-lai end six days of talks on "border disputes" and issue a joint communiqué stating that they decided nothing.

Tuesday, April 26

→ Syngman Rhee offers to resign the Korean presidency but warns his people to beware of the Communists in North Korea. Dr. Rhee's resignation is accepted by the Korean Parliament, and Dr. Huh Chung becomes acting president.

→ Communist demonstration break out all over Japan in protest against the recently negotiated American-Japanese security treaty.

→ In New York City French President de Gaulle defends his self determination policy for Algeria.

Wednesday, April 27

→ President Eisenhower denies that the United States incited the demonstrations against Syngman Rhee's government in South Korea.

→ The United Nations trusteeship of the territory of Togoland ends as the Republic of Togo gains its independence under French financial and military protection.

→ In a suicide pact, Speaker of the Korean House and Vice President-elect Lee Ki-Poong, his wife, and two sons die in Seoul within the presidential compound.

Thursday, April 28

→ The Turkish Government proclaims martial law as "students" riot against the government of Premier Adnan Menderes.

→ Secretary of State Herter is in Tehran, Iran for a meeting of CENTO, a defensive alliance of Britain, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan, which is supported by the United States.

→ Dr. Werner von Braun, space scientist, states his belief that life exists in the universe outside the earth.

Friday, April 29

→ Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, wants a Consumer Department of cabinet-rank in the Federal government to represent consumer interests in critical labor-management disputes.

→ Turkish troops rout rioters in Istanbul and Ankara at the direction of Premier Adnan Menderes.

Saturday, April 30

→ The Second Afro-Asia Economic Conference is held in Cairo, with delegates from forty-five nations in attendance, including representatives from eight Soviet republics.

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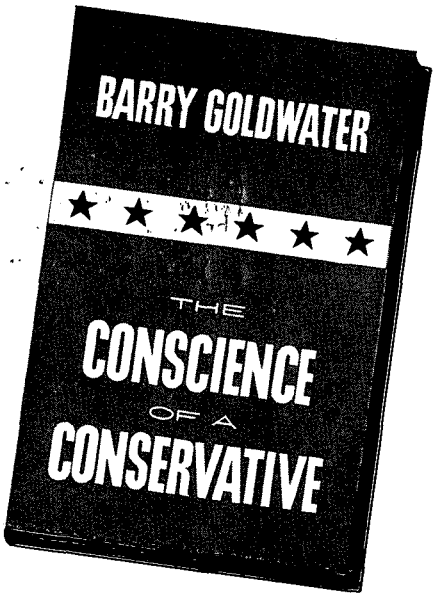

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated June 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason I am unable to answer your inquiry, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have the related data in our files. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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Letter to Mr. [redacted]

John Birch Society

NOTE: Bufiles not searched due to common name of correspondent. The group, headed by Robert Welch wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, is subject of Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13. In January, 1959, Welch met with a group of leading industrialists in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, lecturing on communism and presented his plan to establish ostensibly communist front groups which, in reality, would be anti-communist groups. Above SAC Letter alerted the field to these plans and instructed the field to promptly advise the Bureau of any information concerning Welch's activities in this regard. He wrote a book entitled "The Politician" which came to the Bureau's attention in March, 1959. Only a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to friends and certain individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. This book attacks the reputation of the President of the United States, particularly Chapter 9 which is a violent attack upon President Eisenhower. Information regarding this book forwarded to Special Assistant to the President Gordan Gray by Bulet 3-6-59. (62-104401)

[redacted]
Charlottesville, Virginia
29 June 1960

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

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DATE 8/4/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I was invited to join a group of citizens who are members in what is called The John Birch Society.

Being a loyal American citizen and a Reserve Army officer I am keenly aware of the many Communist front organizations in existence today, and have withheld becoming a member of any organization whose background and history I do not know.

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I have checked Department of Defense Form 98, and do not find the Society listed thereon, but as this form is dated 1 September 1956, and The John Birch Society claims to have been formed in December 1958, it is of course not listed.

Realizing that you are not in a position to recommend one group or another, I would appreciate your comments on The John Birch Society.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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[redacted]
University Arms
2991 Stadium Drive
Columbus, Ohio

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated June 28, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and, as such, its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, CINCINNATI

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO CINCINNATI, CONTINUED

Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated that he and several friends were invited to join the John Birch Society and prompted by emotion rather than sound judgment they "rashly joined." Several questions have now arisen in their minds as to the integrity of the organization and he, therefore, requests the Bureau furnish him information concerning this group.

June 28, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently several friends of mine and I were invited to attend a meeting of an organization which proportedly is dedicated to anti-communist activities. The name of the organization is the John Birch Society, headed by Mr. Robert Welch.

Prompted by emotion rather than sound judgment and finding the obvious stated principles of the organization quite sound and in keeping with our moral sentiments, we rashly joined. However, in retrospect, several questions have arisen in our minds as to the integrity of this organization knowing full well that many communist organizations use patriotic principles to serve as fronts for their various nefarious activities. It is with this in mind that I request information concerning this organization.

Thanking you in advance for any enlightenment on this subject, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. [redacted] 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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1 - Mr. [redacted]

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8/6/84 BY [illegible]

Honorable Cecil R. King
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter dated June 24, 1960, enclosing a letter to you from Mrs. [redacted] Los Angeles, California. b6 b7C

Your interest and courtesy in furnishing this material to me are indeed appreciated, and if I can be of assistance at any time in matters of mutual interest, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

I have taken the liberty of preparing a copy of Mrs. [redacted] letter, and in accordance with your request, I am returning the original to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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ATTENTION: SACs, LOS ANGELES AND BOSTON

Enclosed for your information are a copy of Congressman Cecil R. King's letter to the Director and a Photostat of the letter to the Congressman from [illegible]
(NOTE TO SACs CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

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ATTENTION: SACs, LOS ANGELES AND BOSTON (CONTINUED)

Mrs. [redacted] Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning Mrs. [redacted] described by Mrs. [redacted] as the local representative of the John Birch Society. b6 b7C

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of investigation by the Bureau. Information concerning this individual and organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

The Bureau has had numerous cordial contacts with Congressman King.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Congressman Cecil R. King, 17th District of California, furnished the Bureau, by letter dated June 24, 1960, a lengthy letter received by him from a constituent. He submitted this letter for the Director's attention and did not request action of any kind. Correspondent's letter concerns the John Birch Society, and expresses the belief that this organization should be investigated because of its "authoritarian internal structure" which she compares with the Nazi Party of Germany. Correspondent furnished her observations concerning the John Birch Society in the belief that they might be of interest to the Congressman.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly anticommunist having branches in various parts of the country. It has never been investigated by the Bureau. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs thatany information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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[redacted]
Los Angeles 45, California

May 20, 1960

Hon. Cecil R. King
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. King:

Two days ago my husband and I were invited to a presentation by some republican and so-called "conservative" friends of ours. It left us quite worried and we believe it might be of interest to you and similar minded members of Congress to hear about this and perhaps cast a critical eye in the direction of a certain budding organization.

It was a presentation made by the "John Birch Society" hich is headed by a Robert Welch, retired former President of he Welch Candy Company. It is in form of a motion picture in hich Mr. Welch gives a 2 hour lecture on the aims and structure f his organization in an effort to win members.

The basic overt aims are very admirable indeed. The Society is supposedly engaged in a crusade for the fight against communism and the influence thereof within the United States. Mr. Welch claims the support of many fine known patriots and quotes from legitimate and worthy publications. His presentation is backed by a tremendous detailed knowledge on the subject of communism, by some irrefutable facts and statistics, and by the undeniable need of doing what he proposes to do, namely to combat communism and to educate the American Public as to it's dangers.

However, neatly sandwiched inbetween facts and figures, Mr. Welch comes out with blatant half-truths and un-truths in an effort to prepare his audience for his final coup: to get them to sign up enthusiastically as members of his organization, as ambitious fighters against communism, as patriotic defenders of their country, and as providers of a secure future for their children. Nobody could possibly want to abstain from such noble ambitions!!!!

But, ----and here is where official investigation into his organization becomes greatly desirable: just what are these good people all signing up for??? An organization with an authoritarian internal structure (for the sake of expedience, they say), not unlike cells. It has a platform that recommends extreme isolationism, exclusion of all types of debate and seeks to eliminate such institutions as the United Nations, as well as all social advances, any efforts toward international understanding, and even suggests the

eventual abolition of the Republican Form of Government. Anything that disagrees with extreme rightest views is labled: aiding and abetting the red cause, etc. For example, Mr. Welch claims that practically everyone in authorotative position in the U. S. Government during the last 30 years has been participating in the "World-wide Communist Conspiracy". His slogan is: "Less Government, more responsibility, and a better World!"

Now I, a naturalized American Citizen, have lived under Nazi rule during my formative and young adult years. If anyone can smell the rat of fascist agitation, it is I. For years the principles of Naziism have been drummed into me, I have been forced to hear every speech of Hitler's and Goebbels'. I was forced into Nazi Youth organizations. And I have felt the results of such a loathsome type of Government in my life and on my body. I do not want my children to go through the same experiences.

Mr. Welch employs the same insidious tactics that made Goebbels famous. I am afraid he is luring many an innocent do-gooder into being a card carrying nucleus of a vicious organization. The Nazi Party at first claimed it was only trying to "combat communism and create a better life." I have heard the pleas of former Nazi Party members that all they wanted was to do good. I have known the characters of some of these and I would vouch that they are telling the truth. I also would vouch for some of Mr. Welch's new deciples that that was all they too want. When will enough of them be caught in the web that might become dangerous to the rest of us U. S. Citizens??

I also want to mention that both my husband and I are decidedly anti-communist. My husband is an ex-Military Intelligence officer now engaged in space research and I escaped with the Russians at my heels from now communist dominated areas in East Germany. I left there property and friends, I have seen Communism in action. This, I believe, will vouch for my feelings in the matter. Also, after the end of the war in the American Zone of Occupation I went on record and officially signed statements pointing out to U. S. Military Authorities places of communist agitation. If nothing else, this surely got me on the communists' black lists.

These lectures of the John Birch Society are held to small groups of under 50 people. They can be attended by invitation only, and those attending must be previously screened as being "conservatives". My husband and I, who make no bones about being democrats got in there by mistake through invitation by our republican "sparring partners"----who'll do anything to bring about stimulating discussions (that they got !!) ---- The Society does not want the Press to be notified or receive any publicity. If that isn't undercover, I don't know what is!?

I am not sure, Mr. King, just HOW you will be able to see that lecture, unless it is via disguise or incognito, but it would be worth all kinds of trouble to try. That is, if you are not already familiar with it. There is a publication called "American Opinion" published by Mr. Welch, that I have studied briefly. It gives the appearance of being more aboveboard, allbeit expressing extremely rightist views. It is mainly the structure and character of the John Birch Society that leaves one to wonder, as well as the fact that many of the things they are vehemently against have nothing to do with communism.

Below I will write the name and address of the local representative. I would rather not be quoted by name to this fellow, since I would not like to embarrass my friends. The meeting was held in the building of the Westchester Women's Club --- no connection with it. Neither have I. So much of this for all it might be worth to you.

Respectfully yours,

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The local representative of the John Birch Society gave this address to my friends:

[redacted]

CECIL R. KING
SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT
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WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
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ERWIN L. (BUD) PUMMER
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Congress of the United States
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June 24, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached communication from my constituent, Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted], Los Angeles 45, California, is submitted for your attention.

I would appreciate the return of the enclosure when it has served your purpose.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely,

Cecil R. King, M. C.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/7/60

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-0)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.;
"THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY"
INTERNAL SECURITY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/14/84 BY SP6B14 mc

Re SAC Letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

On 7/7/60 Mrs. ELSA O. KESSEL, aka Mrs. W. E. KESSEL, residence 1207 E. Henry St., Savannah, Ga., an employee of the Southern States Phosphate and Fertilizer Co., Savannah, Ga., appeared in the Savannah Office with the following literature:

(1) Pamphlet entitled "The John Birch Society Inc., Belmont, Massachusetts", bulletin for 6/1/60.

(2) Pamphlet entitled "American Opinion", June, 1960, edition, headed "European Survey", a publication of ROBERT WELCH Inc., Belmont, Mass.

(3) Postcard entitled "Let's End Foreign Aid" with cartoon of President Eisenhower watering "native grass of foreign aid", which postcard is in the form of a petition to Congress to discontinue foreign aid, and which was printed by "American Opinion", Belmont, Mass.

Mrs. KESSEL advised that for some time she had been reading a publication entitled "Georgia Farmer", which is published by TOM ANDERSON, who lives somewhere in Tennessee. She stated that ANDERSON in one of his articles had recommended the John Birch Society and its publications, therefore she, about 3 months ago, paid a $2.00 fee and since then has received 3 monthly editions of "American Opinion" as well as the pamphlets of the John Birch Society. She stated that these pamphlets have suggestions for recipients in regard to promoting the views of the society and in regard to enlargement of the activities and membership of the society. She stated that the cost for subscription is $1.00 per month. She advised that she has exhibited the literature to various fellow employees and has tried to invoke their interest in it and in joining the society. She stated that some of her fellow

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employees had suggested that she consult with the FBI before proceeding further. She stated that she had also learned that there is a local chapter of the John Birch Society in Atlanta, Ga., which is active.

Mrs. KESSEL was advised that no comment would be made by the FBI concerning the organization in question. She voluntarily left copies of the 3 pamphlets listed above, which are being maintained in the Savannah files.

A check of the Savannah indices reflects that Mrs. ELSA KESSEL in 1941 was an applicant for a stenographer with the Bureau. At that time it was determined that she was born 8/17/94 of former German citizens who were naturalized. She was formerly a stenographer at the FHA in Savannah, Ga. There is nothing in the Savannah files of a derogatory nature regarding her.

This information is being furnished to you pursuant to instructions set out in referenced letter and a copy of this letter is being furnished to the Atlanta Division for information inasmuch as it has been alleged that an active chapter is in Atlanta.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 7/7/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re SAC letter 60-5 dated 1/26/60 (C).

On June 29, 1960, [redacted] former Special Agent, [redacted] American Security Council, 205 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, furnished this office a copy of "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society and of "The Politician," together with one photostat copy each of a four page pamphlet explaining the John Birch Society, and a report dated April 18, 1960, entitled "Santa Barbara Activities of the John Birch Society."

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At [redacted] request, "The Blue Book" and "The Politician" were returned to him. One copy each of the report of Santa Barbara activities are being furnished herewith as an enclosure to the Bureau and Los Angeles for information.

According to information available to [redacted] there apparently are three Chicago chapters of the John Birch Society, one of which has been meeting at Glenview, Illinois. The meetings at Glenview are held every other Monday night. Three such meetings have been held which have been attended by approximately 200 people. Mrs. [redacted] Street, Glenview, on expressing doubts about the society at one of the above meetings, was given a copy of "The Politician" and told that that book is given out only when a member of the society is "qualified." After reading the book and expressing her disgust with the material, Mrs. [redacted] was told by STILLWELL J. CONNORS, leader of the meeting, that if she quoted any part of the book at the meeting he would completely deny existence of the book and would discredit her. According to [redacted] after the next Glenview meeting, the chapter is to be broken up into anti-Communist "cells" composed of 10 to 20 people, and that the society aims at a million members nationally.

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John Birch Society

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Indices of the Chicago Office are negative concerning STILLWELL J. CONNORS and Mrs. [redacted] The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received concerning activities of the John Birch Society.

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18 April 1960

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara Activites of the John Birch Society and Presentation Film by Robert Welch

1. The local attendance at the meeting was in the vicinity of 70 persons (35 husbands and wives).

The meeting was held on the evening of April 15, 1960 at the home of Dr. Horace F. Pierce of Vista del Mundo Ranch, 3800 block Foothill, Santa Barbara.

The local charge-d'affairs appears to be Dr. Granville F. Knight of 755 Rockbridge Road, Montecito, who is listed in the Society's books as a Council member.

The duties of the Council are stated as three:

(1) To show the stature and standing of the leadership of the Society;

(2) To give (the founder, Robert Welch) the benefit of the Council's advice and guidance, both in procedural or organizational matters, and in substantive matters of policy;

(3) To select, with absolute and final authority, a successor to (R. Welch) as head of the John Birch Society, if and when an accident, "Suicide" or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists --- or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition.

2. The attendees were approximately two-thirds composed of the type known as "First Families", that is, mature to elderly people whose position in society is relatively secure, either because of money or family or both. The balance, about one third, were of younger persons, who could be described as probable "Comers", that is, young people who will probably attain in later years that position in society now held by the First Families. It was interesting to note that the only "Comers" present, who were identifiable as non-scions of present first families were in positions dealing with mass media communications.[1/]

It is fair and accurate to say that all the persons present who were engaged in conversation were of the political beliefs inaccurately labeled extreme conservatism, and more accurately describable as historic constitutionalists or or republican, as distinguishable from Republican as an existing political party.

3. The objective of this meeting was to hear a three hour presentation, a condensation of a two day presentation, by Mr. Robert Welch of Indianapolis, Indiana, the founder of the John Birch Society, and after the presentation to sell literature describing the works and aims of the Society, and to sign up new members.

The talk by Mr. Welch was excellent, accurate, forceful and, in my estimation, very effective.

1/ This may well be a totally unfair and inaccurate analysis. I knew almost no one, and this statement depends upon hearsay as to who was who, and what he did.

Basically, Mr. Welch recites the actual history of the growth of Communism, and extrapolates this background to show the

(1) present danger to the U. S., and

(2) the rapidly increasing future danger to the U. S.

Just a few words about the talk:

a. Mr. Welch's historical data, to the limit of my knowledge, was accurate and exact. He did cite data that I had not previously been aware of, but at least two-thirds of his presented data is capable of being checked in any library.

b. The added data cited did support a somewhat more alarmed response than that response normal from the common-knowledge data. This added data is certainly capable of being responsibly checked -- perhaps not easily outside of Government intelligence circles, but easily and certainly within such circles. The data is of a nature that denial of its existence by those charged with the safety and security of the National existence of the U.S.A. must be taken as an indication that something is terribly wrong.

c. Mr. Welch extrapolates from this fact-supported position to the present and future danger of the U. S. He believes--

(1) The Soviets will not try to conquer the United States by military means.

(2) That the Soviets have a useable, though not preferred plan, to foment civil strife within the U.S. to weaken our country to enable a Communist-lead group to take over the Government from within, that this plan is in operation today and methods and plans for its ultimate implementation exist and that this is indicated by the actions occurring in the civil rights questions and in Communist control of unions absolutely vital to communications and control, and transportation and mobility.

(3) That the preferred Soviet plan, also being implemented, is to so control the U.S. from within and without, that the U.S. will no longer be interested in resisting the world wide advances of Communism.

This plan has two modes of implementation:

(a) Induce gradual surrender of U.S. sovereignty, piece-by-piece, to various international organizations, while the Communists take over those international organizations.

(b) Convert the U.S.A. into a socialistic nation of similar outlook to that of the USSR in order to lessen the U.S. need to respond to Communistic advances throughout the world.

4. An analysis of the talk by Mr. Welch must conclude:

A. The talk appears factually accurate, and the data is susceptible of proof.

B. The extrapolation covering present and future danger to the continued national existence of the United States, in an historic constitutional republican sense, is not unrealistic. It is a far more "alarmed" extrapolation than the published official views of the present administration.2/

C Mr. Welch's balancing of the position of Russian military power as an effective weapon of foreign policy is faulty. This in turn leads to a dangerous disregard of the military force threat to the United States

D. Mr Welch is apparently a truly dedicate man of impeccable background, and unquestionable patriotism A well-educated man who has been quite successful in the American business world, he has resigned from most of his business interests, at considerable monetary sacrifice, to conduct a crusade against the threat of enveloping Communism.3/

E. No reasonable basis appears for differing violently with either the facts or the engendered alarm presented in the talk.

5 At the conclusion of the talk several pieces of literature were offered for sale which were reported to make more clear the position of Mr. Welch and of the John Birch Society with respect to the threat to the United States described in the talk and with respect to the aims and objectives of the group's plan to combat this threat.

This literature included

The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, 181 pgs , copyrighted 1959 by Robert Welch. Publisher undesignated

The John Birch Society Bulletin for February, 1960 by Robert Welch. Publisher undesignated Society address -- Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

The Scoreboard, a 4 page reprint from July-August, 1959 American Opinion, with updating footnotes to the present (?), showing the estimates of "Communist Influence as a Percentage of Total Control" of 105 national governments throughout the world Two examples (11) Britain, 40-60%, and (100) United States, 30-50%.

American Opinion, January, 1959, by Robert Welch, One Hundred Steps to the Truth, a special feature reviewing 100 books setting out facts in detail cover- the present and future danger from Communist actions, infiltrations and plans. An order blank on The Book Maker, Box 101, Murrary Hill Station, New York 16, New York, is suppl.ed for 96 of the listed books; the other four are Governmental publications.

2/ If I must personally choose as to which view of National danger is more accurate, I would choose Mr Welch's extrapolated view Furthermore, this view appears to me to represent a SAFER position for U S. policy planning against all danger

3/ Born and educated in North Carolina of Baptist early American pioneer Welch stock (1720). Education includes four years University of North Carolina, two years U.S. Naval Academy, and two years Harvard School of Law. Became Vice President, Sales and Advertising of Welch Candy Company, was a member of Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years, served three years as Regional Vice President NAM, and two years as Chairman, Educational Advisory Committee of NAM. Has served as Director or on Boards of several U S. corporations

American Opinion, March, 1960, by Robert Welch, a reprint of The Life of John Birch (Robert Welch), publicshed by the Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, 1954. The published original reviews of the manuscript of the Life of John Birch include: "This book is a strong publication pointing to the evils of Communism both within and without our Country. It should be read by all Americans who love our Country and want to preserve it." - George E. Stratemeyer, Lt. General, USA, Retired

"I wish your books could be placed in every library in the United States. As a matter of fact, they should be required reading in grade school, high school and college." - Claire Lee Chennault, Major General, U.S.A.F., Retired.

and,

"Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of Communism Not a great deal can be said for the judgment, discretion and reliability of those responsible for suppressing the tragic and revealing story of Capt. John Birch" - Saturday Evening Post Ideitorial, January 22, 1955, based on this book

Why People Become Communists, a 34 page reprint from February, 1958 American Opinion, by the editor of American Opinion (Robert Welch), available from American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts

This document appears to be an incisive, realistic and pragmatic analysis of some general bases of motivation and motivation-compulsion reaction It is well worth including as a reference addendum to texts on applied psychology.

An analysis of the general content of this literature strongly supports the same analysis as presented in Section 4 Covering the talk by Mr. Welch -- with one very important and major exception --

That exception covers Mr. Welch's plan to combat the Communist threat as the plan is set out in Sections 4 through 8 of The Blue Book of the John Birch Society.

Mr. Welch proposes to become "The Founder" of the John Birch Society, which Society is to be a monolithic body which will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels 4/

Now Mr. Welch discusses briefly and discards as inconsequential the proper fear of tyrannical oppression of individuals by such an authoritarian organization, since he states the Society is to be a voluntary organization. However, it is realistic to point out that

(1) An organization, voluntary in the first instance and of an authoritarian nature may easily become non-voluntary as regards the rights and liberties of an individual

4/ Page 158, the Blue Book of the John Birch Society, and see page 117 where the need for leadership is reputed to authorize the assumption of leadership by one man, who thereafter authorizes force as one of the methods of furthering his own plans, for the group

5/ I am sure most "good Germans" of the Weimar Republic agreed with what they understood of Hitler's position when he was named Chancellor in 1933(?), and I expect that Hitler's Brown Shirt organization was a voluntary organization in its incept on

(2) The John Birch Society is organized specifically to exert effective influence on the U S political scene, in which case every citizen of the U.S. will be effected to one extent or another by such Society. That the Society should represent one man's views so completely by its organizat onal structure represents a very real danger to the future liberty of all Americans 5/

Now these observations should not be construed as derogation either of Mr. Welch nor of the John Birch Society The are, in fact, simple observations of a possible danger in any authoritarian organization Examples of the excesses of authoritarian organizations range from the Holy Roman Church, through innumerable kingdoms, through the dictatorships of our days and include many, many business organizations It is in this context that all authoritative organizations are suspect -- including the John Birch Society, which has as its avowed aims and slogan "Less Government and More Responsibility".

Now Mr. Welch advances some persuasive arguments as to why the structure of the Society was chosen to be based upon an authoritarian model. These arguments obviously have persuaded many serious minded people -- namely present members of his organization I will not belabour the point but merely state that in spite of the fact that the aims of the Society seem honorable, and the facts presented indicate a terrifying urgency, and the position of Mr. Welch appears justifiable under certain special circumstances, I am not persuaded that such an organization as Mr Welch proposes is in turn without danger, though I desire to move in the same general political direction that he and his organization tend toward

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Mr. [redacted]
C. Q. Brady and Company
412 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 14, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of June 28, 1960, concerning the John Birch Society and Robert Welch.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to making evaluations of individuals, publications or organizations. I am sorry I cannot be of service on this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that the files of the FBI do or do not contain the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [redacted] Los Angeles, California. Bufiles reflect that the John Birch Society and Robert Welch are the subject of a SAC Letter 60-5 calling to the attention of the Field this organization, and instructing that any information received concerning its activities should be promptly furnished the Bureau. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization having branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.

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June 28, 1960

AIR MAIL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

The John Birch Society
and
Robert Welch

Dear Mr. Hoover:

An invitation has been extended to me to join the John Birch Society.

It is my understanding that the purpose of this Society is to fight Communism by becoming better informed on world affairs.

According to what one reads and hears today, there are so many Communistic front organizations that one can never be sure of what he is joining. By joining the wrong organization, a person could help destroy the Government he wishes to protect.

Won't you tell me what you know about the John Birch Society and about its founder and present head, Robert Welch.

Your help will be appreciated.

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Re Bulet dated June 8, 1960, directed to Mr. [redacted], Eagle River, Wisconsin, copies of which were designated for your office with the request that correspondent be interviewed.

Bufiles fail to indicate receipt of the results of this interview and you are requested to furnish the results at once.

In the event this data has been submitted to the Bureau, furnish the date and caption of your communication.

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Pasadena, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 5, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (3)

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Robert Welch and the John Birch Society have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests the Director's opinion of the John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch. He states that he is interested in combating communism and desires to have additional information concerning the John Birch Society before joining this organization.

In view of correspondent's interest in communism, it is believed that the above reply and enclosed literature will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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July 5, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover, John Birch Society

I would appreciate very much your opinion of the John Birch Society, founded by a Robert Welch. I want to offer my service in combating Communism and want to be sure of this organization before joining their force. This may be being superstitious on my part, but there are so many [illegible] I want to be certain of them not.

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If you would send me a reply, however brief, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

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July 5, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I would appreciate very much your opinion of the John Birch Society, founded by a Robert Welch. I want to offer my services in combating communism and want to be sure of this organization before joining their forces. This may be being super-cautious on my part, but there are so many organizations I want to be certain of their motives.

If you would send me a reply, however brief, I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: July 13, 1960

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re SAC letter 60-5.

Mrs. [redacted], Newport Beach, California, advised this office by letter dated 7/5/60, that a new chapter of the captioned organization has been recently formed at Anaheim, California, by Mrs. [redacted] Current telephone directory for Orange County shows a listing for [redacted] Anaheim, California.

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Indices of this office reflect a letter written by [redacted] Anaheim, to the Editor, Los Angeles Times, 5/21/60, issue, in which writer deplores infiltration of Communist influences in American society and encourages readers to obtain copy of book written by former Special Agent of FBI, W. CLEON SKOUSEN, "The Naked Communist".

Additionally, [redacted], Panel Source, orally advised 7/6/60, that John Birch Society has 20,000 members currently, on a national basis.

The above is for information of the Bureau.

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ORIGINAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/20/60

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (100-5857)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, dated 4/29/60.

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Mr. [redacted] Macon, Ga., employee Kohlmeyer and Co., lobby, Dempsey Hotel, Macon, on 4/22/60, advised that Mrs. DILLON WINSHIP, formerly ANN CHICHESTER, of Macon, Ga., apparently resides in Atlanta, Ga., and who is independently wealthy, had been instrumental in having the John Birch Society formed in Macon, Ga., through [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] He stated that [redacted] a wealthy industrialist, who gives of his free time and money to the John Birch Society, was present in Macon for the organization of that society on Wednesday, 3/30/60, and was to go to the residence of Mrs. DILLON WINSHIP, and was to hold an organizational meeting of the John Birch Society in Atlanta, Ga., on Thursday, 3/31/60. He stated that Mrs. DILLON WINSHIP is active in the John Birch Society in Atlanta and based on the information he has been able to develop from his friends who are associated with that organization in Macon, he stated that she was instrumental in forming this organization in Atlanta.

He stated he knew of no additional information concerning the Atlanta Organization or chapter of the John Birch Society, and that he had no information that this organization was subversive in nature, or any indication any subversive element had attempted to influence or infiltrate the Atlanta society of the John Birch Society.

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The current Atlanta City Directory reflects that H. DILLON (ANNE C.) WINSHIP is President of the Georgia Highway Express, Inc., and resides at 3770 Peachtree Road, N. E., Apartment B-2.

Atlanta, GA

A review of Atlanta Office indices discloses nothing derogatory on ANNE or H. DILLON WINSHIP.

On 7/11/60, Mrs. [redacted] (source of information), [redacted] Daughters of the American Revolution, who resides at [redacted] Atlanta, Ga., advised John Birch Society is a "super-patriot" type group and is on the DAR approved list. She said that she has no knowledge of any subversive influences attempting to infiltrate the John Birch Society. b6 b7C b7D

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 7/21/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Remylet 7/7/60, captioned as above.

On July 12, 1960, one [redacted] Glenview, Illinois, who identified himself as an employee of "The Saturday Evening Post", contacted this office and advised that organizations known as "Education For American Security Society", "John Birch Society", and "Cardinal Mindzenty Foundation" are holding meetings at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Glenview, having been formed by parishoners with the consent of [redacted] According to [redacted] these groups were formed as anti-Communist cells to study and oppose Communism. At a meeting July 11, 1960, discussion of a book by ROBERT WELCH was had and resulted in so much dissension that some members insisted that President EISENHOWER and Vice President NIXON were Communists.

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Chicago files contain no additional information concerning the above groups or individuals. The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received.

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TO : Mr. McGuire JM

FROM : W. G. Eames WGE

DATE: 7/20/60

SUBJECT: American Opinion

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The attached Volume 3, #6, June 1960 has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

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Date: 7/21/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, Charlotte (100-9548)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Re SAC letter #60-5 dated 1/26/60, Section C, which contains information and Bureau instructions re captioned organization.

On 7/21/60, Mr. ERNEST L. HICKS, N. C. State representative of Mecklenburg Co., Charlotte, N. C., personally appeared at the Charlotte Office, at which time he advised that his purpose in calling at the office was to ascertain if captioned organization was subversive. He went on to state that on the night of 7/20/60, he had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH Society which was held in downtown Charlotte Public Library, and attended by approximately 12 persons. One [redacted] [redacted] from Sevierville, Tenn., was the main speaker. NC

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Mr. HICKS advised that [redacted] stated that the purpose of the Society was to fight Communism and during the meeting [redacted] advised that they had Chapters of the Society in 30 states and that they desired to obtain one million members. Mr. HICKS stated that [redacted] did not indicate that there were other Chapters of the Society in North Carolina. He further stated that [redacted] criticized the Supreme Court and also government officials in Washington, D. C.

For the additional information of the Bureau, on 7/12/60 Reverend [redacted] N. C., telephonically contacted the office to ascertain if the FBI could furnish him any information as to whether a group or society known as the "JOHN BUNCH Society or Group" was subversive. At that time Reverend [redacted] advised that the JOHN BUNCH Society was supposedly a national organization whose purpose

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was fighting Communism.

Both HICKS and [redacted] were requested to direct their inquiries to the Department of Justice, Attention Subversive Organization Section, Internal Security Division, Washington, D. C., for any information regarding organizations which had been declared subversive by the Attorney General.

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Reverend [redacted] indicated he would attend some meetings of the organization and would contact an Agent at which time he would be in a position to furnish additional information re the organization.

No investigation is being conducted other than contact with Reverend [redacted] UACB.

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[redacted]
Taylor, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 16, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (3)

1 - San Antonio (Enclosure)

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2. "God and Country or Communism?"

3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she has joined the John Birch Society and asks if the Director approves of this Society and the work it does to combat communism. She states that it is her desire to combat and help stop the growth of communism.

In view of correspondent's interest in communism, it is believed that the above reply and enclosed literature will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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July 16, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Will surely appreciate anything, or any information you might be able to give me concerning The John Birch Society.

Thanking you, I am

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Taylor, Texas

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1960

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-0)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)
John Birch Society

ReBulet 7-18-60, captioned as above, referring to Bulet of 6-8-60 to Mr. [redacted] and requesting results of interview with Mr. [redacted]

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On 6-11-60, this office received by routing slip "for information" a copy of Bulet addressed to Mr. [redacted], Eagle River, Wis., under date of 6-9-60.

Effort was made on 7-22-60, to locate Mr. [redacted], but the inquiring Agent was advised by Mr. [redacted] wife that Mr. [redacted] was on a fishing trip in northern Michigan.

Milwaukee indices contain no prior information concerning Mr. [redacted] and it has been learned that he is a part-time real estate agent who is active in Republican Party matters.

Since correspondent's inquiry of 5-26-60 appears to have been handled completely by Bulet to him dated 6-9-60, it is suggested that no further effort be made to contact Mr. [redacted] None will be made, UACB.

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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July 26, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Leesburg, Florida

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/14/14 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 18, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

For your information, the FBI does not prepare or maintain a list of organizations such as you desire. The Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, however, has prepared and released a pamphlet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," which may be of interest to you. This pamphlet may be obtained for 35 cents per copy by communicating with the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Corner North Capitol and H Streets, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (4)

1 - Jacksonville (Enclosure) (SEE NOTE, PAGE TWO)

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ATTENTION: SAC, JACKSONVILLE

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

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(3) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
(4) A reprint from the Law Enforcement Bulletin dated March, 1960, together with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning Robert Welch and the John Birch Society. In addition, she requests the names of communist-supported organizations.

P. O. Box [redacted]
Leesburg, Florida
July 18, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

My husband and I have just finished reading The Blue Book of the John Birch Society and are quite incensed over the facts contained therein and by the extent to which the Communistic Forces have taken over our country.

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Our first impulse was to become members of this apparently worthy group, but after reflection we thought it would be a good idea to check out this man, Robert Welch, and the record which he and the John Birch Society under his leadership have made.

Only too often patriotic and conscientious people have been "taken" by various organizations which use a high sounding front but whose policies are secretly manipulated by the Communists themselves.

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Ack. We should also appreciate knowing the names of these Communistic supported organizations in order to have a clearer picture of whom and what we are fighting.

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Very truly yours

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/26/60

FROM : SAC, Tampa (100-new-dead)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SM - MISC.

Information has been received to the effect that the captioned society has a chapter in Tampa and that during the past year membership has increased from six to 84. The group is described as an anti-Communist group which was apparently started by Mr. WELCH of the Welch Grape Juice Company.

Tampa indices are negative. It would be appreciated if the Bureau would furnish this office any information it has concerning captioned group.

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Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 19, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - SAC, Memphis (Enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MEMPHIS

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE TO SAC, MEMPHIS, CONTINUED:

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

(62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been invited to join the John Birch Society. He requests information concerning any "subversive activity or communist influence in this organization."

WASHINGTON UNDERWRITERS AGENCY OF

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

A. L. WILLIAMS, GENERAL AGENTS
1235 STAHLMAN BUILDING
NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

19 July 1960

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

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Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/27/60

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

Re Charlotte airtel 7/21/60.

On 7/27/60, Reverend [redacted] N. C., advised SA [redacted] that he had not attended any meetings of the organization which he had previously called the Charlotte Office about but had learned that the group was meeting in the public library in downtown Charlotte. Rev. [redacted] stated that he intended to attend some of the meetings and that if he observed anything of a suspicious nature or received any literature of a questionable nature about the organization, he would contact the Charlotte Office.

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Since the organization Rev. [redacted] referred to is apparently identical with John Birch Society which is meeting in the public library in Charlotte, no further action is being taken in this matter by the Charlotte Office but any pertinent information received will be forwarded to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (62-0)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ReSAClet No. 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

On 7/28/60, [redacted], former PSI of WFO, advised SA [redacted], that on Tuesday evening 7/26/60, he and his wife were invited to an initial meeting of captioned organization held in the hall of a Catholic Church somewhere on the outskirts of the town of Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia. [redacted] does not know the name of the church. Present at the above meeting were about thirty people. [redacted] was invited to attend the function by a friend named [redacted], Arlington, Va.

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The meeting, apparently the first held in the Washington, D. C. area, was for the purpose of introducing the Society, explaining its aims and objectives and forming a new chapter. The activity of instant meeting was under the supervision of a male individual from Tennessee, name unknown to [redacted]. This person displayed three rolls of film which consisted entirely of a speech given by the Society's founder, ROBERT WELCH, a wealthy candy manufacturer. The speech outlined the history of the communist movement starting with the Russian revolution and explained in detail the objectives, dangers, and evils of communism. [redacted] stated he was quite impressed with the Society's objectives and thought some good could come of it, provided it did not develope a leadership of extremists. He stated there was no evidence of this at this meeting. He was favorably impressed also by the class of people present at the meeting.

[redacted] stated that the purpose of the Society as far as he can determine is to alert people through a coordinated system of letterwriting directed at the sources

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of "leftist" propaganda and activity. He stated the Society has a monthly magazine in which it sets forth such things as the identity of magazines, news correspondents, and commentators which consistently espouse "leftist" causes. Each chapter of the society during their periodic meetings will choose from the magazine a topic on which to concentrate their campaign.

[redacted] stated it was mentioned during the meeting that plans are being laid to form another chapter of The John Birch Society, in Arlington County, Virginia, sometime in August, 1960. He believes this may be placed under the leadership of [redacted], mentioned previously.

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[redacted] stated he filled out an application for membership in the organization, which requires he pay two dollars a month dues. He paid in cash and gave the application to the man from Tennessee. At this time [redacted] was unable to furnish further details on the Society's membership or location in the Washington, D. C. area.

It was explained to [redacted] that the Bureau is conducting no investigation of The John Birch Society. It is to be noted that [redacted] first approached WFO telephonically on 7/26/60, relative to the Society as he was interested in knowing whether it was a legitimate organization. He was given no information and it was arranged to see him on 7/28/60.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (80-0-1019)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re SAC Letter No. 59-13 (F), dated 3/10/59 and SAC Letter No. 60-5 (C), dated 1/26/60.

On 7/12/60, Mr. [redacted] Wichita, Kansas, advised SA ELMER R. FLETCHER that he had been approached to join the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY by Mr. [redacted] of Wichita. Mr [redacted] was requested to attend an organization meeting at [redacted] home on 7/19/60. Mr. [redacted] volunteered that Mr. [redacted] a highly regarded citizen and engineer at Boeing Airplane Company, had shown an interest in organization of a chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Wichita.

Mr. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had supplied a copy of J. EDGAR HOOVER's testimony before the Congress relative to the current convention of the CP USA. Mr. [redacted] desired to know if the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was connected with the FBI.

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Mr. [redacted] was informed that the FBI had no connection with such an organization and the results of the Director's testimony would no doubt be available to anyone through the U. S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

Kansas City indices negative concerning [redacted]

The above information is being furnished the Bureau in accordance with re SAC letters and no further action is being taken by Kansas City.

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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JUL 29 1960
COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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NOTE TO LOS ANGELES, CONTINUED

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. She states that she is convinced that this organization is for a good purpose but desires information from the Bureau so as to answer any questions concerning the organization with authority.

[redacted]

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE [redacted]

July 23, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover: John Birch Society

Last week my husband & I entertained on two different evenings, groups of thirty some people for the purpose of hearing the Robert Welch films for the "John Birch Society". We hoped we could inform people & help to have one or more new chapters formed.

We are now having some of those present ask us how we know this Society is what it represents itself to be. Can you give us information? Not that we need it for ourselves but we could then answer people with authority.

Very sincerely yours,

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Santa Barbara, California

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/s/ [redacted]

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South Pasadena, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he is interested in joining the John Birch Society. He desires to know whether or not this Society and the material published by it are "entirely anti-Communist." He states that if the John Birch Society is not anticommunist, he would like the name of an anticommunist club furnished to him.

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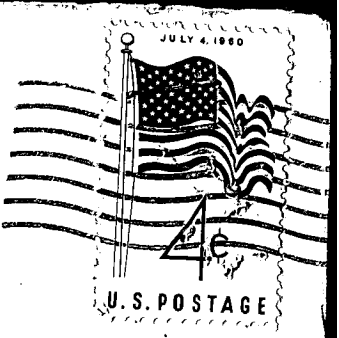

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Playa del Rey, California

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7-18-60

Dear Sirs:

I'am interested in joining an anti-Communist organization. The ome which I'am interested in puts out a book and periodicals. I have read this book, which is called "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society", of which the club is also named. I would like to know if this book and some of the other material which they put out is entirely anti-Communist, which the club asserts. If this club is not anti-Communist I trust that a name of such a club could be forwaned to me. If this information is not avaible in this department I trust that the name of such could be sent to me.

Thank you for any information that might be sent to me.

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South Pasadena, California

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1 - Mr. Farrow

August 1, 1960

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DATE 5/4/84 BY [illegible]

Playa del Rey, California

Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter dated July 21, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

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I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

1 - Los Angeles (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has been invited to join the John Birch Society and asks whether or not it is a worthwhile group. She also asks if the Director approves of this society.

21 July 1960

Miss [redacted] Playa del Re[redacted] California

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DATE 5/4/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Yours truly

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21 July 1960

Miss [redacted] Playa del Rey, California

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/s/ [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

August 1, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]
Lee R. Slaughter Lumber Company
Post Office Box 35301
Dallas 35, Texas

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/1/84 BY SOLDIAMPO

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 22, 1960, has been received.

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In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you have requested or recommending any course of action to be followed.

I am enclosing six copies of my statement concerning the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, pursuant to your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (6)

1 - Dallas (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Correspondent communicated with the Director by letter dated April 27, 1960, at which time he requested the Director to address the Robert E. Lee Convivium banquet in the early part of 1961. This letter was addressed to the Director by [redacted], Dallas Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order. It is noted

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that the Director is a member of this fraternity. The Director by letter dated May 5, 1960, advised [redacted] that he would be unable to accept; however, he designated Inspector William C. Sullivan to represent him.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and asked the Director as follows: "Do you believe that I can do the most good for my country fighting Communism through this organization or a similar one than I can do on my own." Correspondent requests six copies of the Director's statement concerning the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA. It is noted that in the Director's letter to the correspondent on May 5, 1960, a copy of this pamphlet was furnished to him.

Instant letter on blue letterhead stationery per prior correspondence.

Prior correspondence with correspondent was in connection with fraternal matters. Instant letter does not fall within the same category; therefore, a fraternal salutation is not being used.

LEE R. SLAUGHTER, JR. LEE R. SLAUGHTER

Lee R. Slaughter LUMBER Co.

PHONE
LA 8-6188

WHOLESALE and RETAIL

YARD AND OFFICES -- 5403 MAPLE AVE. -- DALLAS 35, TEXAS -- P. O. BOX 35301

July 22, 1960

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

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 3/14/84 BY SP4 [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I thank you for mailing to me your two recent statements on the subject of communism. I found them to be most interesting and extremely enlightening. I have been passing them around to some of my friends, and they have been very impressed by your comments. In fact, [redacted] who is also a KA wrote to you asking your views on the relationship between Socialism as it is being practiced and promoted in our nation today and the growth of Communism in our nation today. Your views on this subject would be deeply appreciated.

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We are interested in actively fighting the Communist menace in our government and nation. To effectively do this, we feel that we must be properly advised, educated and organized. Though I realize your hands are tied in commenting on some matters, I do hope that you can help us, at least, to some degree.

Some of my friends have joined an organization they believe to be anti-communistic. They have asked me to join, but I have wanted to ask your advice on this matter before doing anything. The name of the organization is "The John Birch Society", Belmont 78, Massachusetts. The founder and leader of this organization is Robert Welch. He was formerly Vice President of Welch Candy Co. of Belmont and Editor of American Opinion Magazine. Do you believe that I can do the most good for my country fighting Communism through this organization or a similar one than I can do on my own. I don't want to join an organization that is actually against the constitution and welfare of the country. I do not know anyone else who can answer these questions, and I hate to sit around talking about the growth of Communism and not doing anything about it. Your comments will be highly beneficial to me and will be held confidential at your request.

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A number of my friends have asked for a copy of your statements on the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA. Would it be too much to ask you for six more copies of this pamphlet. They are helping

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1-Dallas office
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to create interest in the minds of previously disinterested persons.

Your assistance on these matters is gravely needed and will be very sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 8/1/60

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (62-795)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re SAC Letter 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60 entitled "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (SECURITY MATTER)".

On 7/18/60 [redacted] Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, (protect identity - request) advised that during a conversation with [redacted], Arizona State University, the latter advised that he had been in attendance at a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH CLUB in Phoenix, Arizona, on [redacted] attendance [redacted]. Phoenix, 8-1-62

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The meeting consisted of the playing of several tape recordings. One was a talk by a Major MEYER who had interviewed several of the "turncoats" from China, i.e., those soldiers of the U. S. Army who were prisoners of war in China and remained there after being allowed to return to the U. S. but later changed their minds and returned to the U. S. Another tape recording portended to give some of the plans of the Communist Party and how they intended to take over various countries. The narrator of this tape was some former member of the Communist Party.

According to [redacted] of an airlines official and has traveled all over the world.

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[redacted] a student at Arizona State University, is a crusader-type individual and one who is opposed to radicals.

[redacted] are opposed to communism and at the present time [redacted] is actively engaged in trying to combat communism, especially at Arizona State University.

The 1960 Phoenix City Directory reflects that [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, and [redacted] Phoenix.

The indices of the Phoenix Office contain no identifiable references on [redacted].

On 6/27/60 [redacted] came to the Phoenix Office and furnished some information concerning a lecturer at the Arizona State University summer session which he felt might be favoring the communists in his lecture and film about Red China. [redacted] who is presently an engineering student at Arizona State University, also furnished other information on persons who may be liberal and tend toward communism and he stated that he had invited [redacted] to attend a meeting of a JOHN BIRCH CLUB of which [redacted] was a member. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] was opposed to communism. From information furnished by [redacted] it appears he is the [redacted] who was mentioned in the Bureau's REYMUR investigation.

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The indices do contain a number of references to [redacted]. Some are where [redacted] has been the source of information furnished to the FBI. In one instance [redacted] reported that [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, who was in Phoenix as a representative of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, contacted [redacted] in June, 1955, in an effort to interest him in the SOBELL case, but came away dismayed when [redacted] put communism and fascism in the same category.

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According to the 4/15/60 issue of the "Arizona Republic", a newspaper of general circularization in Phoenix, Arizona, FRANK BROPHY, former president of the Bank of Douglas, Phoenix, reported that JOHN BIRCH CLUBS were planned for Arizona. The paper reported that "John Birch Clubs are dedicated to fighting domestic and international communism". This article also reported that ROBERT WELCH of Massachusetts, founder of the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS, would also be in Phoenix and would address a meeting of Arizonans for America on 4/23/60. BROPHY was stated to be a leading member of the Arizonans for America.

To date there has been no report that any subversive elements are attempting to take over the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS. A number of persons have called recently to inquire whether the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS are actually subversive or whether they are on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. FRANK CULLEN BROPHY is rather widely read on communism and has spoken out against communism on many occasions in speeches.

The Bureau will be kept advised of the activities of the JOHN BIRCH CLUBS in the Phoenix area. No investigation, however, will be conducted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 8/3/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H.W. WELCH, Jr.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Remylets 7/7/60 and 7/21/60.

In the Red Streak edition of the "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper, dated July 25, 1960, columnist JACK MABLEY in his column entitled "Jack Mabley's Story" reported on the John Birch Society. In his story MABLEY reported that the John Birch Society is an organization of ultra-conservatives banded together under ROBERT WELCH to fight Communism in America.

He stated that the Society has members in every state and active chapters in half the states, with a goal of one million active members. MABLEY quoted parts of "The Politician" in which President EISENHOWER and his top aides are accused of being a part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

He also reported that because of the circumstances of WELCH's position and influence, his writings in "The Politician" cannot be dismissed as the work of a crackpot. MABLEY stated that when he telephoned WELCH in Boston and asked about "The Politician", WELCH stated "that cannot be mentioned". When informed by MABLEY that he had read the book and asked if it accurately reflected his views, he declined to comment.

MABLEY noted that there presently are ten active chapters of the John Birch Society in the Chicago area. He stated he has seen the appeal of that Society in his own suburban community (Glenview, Illinois), in that there are four active units in that village and more than 200 persons turned out at a meeting two weeks earlier.

The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received in this regard.

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Gretna, Louisiana

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3/14/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked July 25, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

1 - New Orleans (See Note) (Enclosure)

Attention: SAC, New Orleans

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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[redacted], Louisiana
July 20, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

John Birch Society

Dear Sir,

As a civics teacher, I have been vitally interested in Communism and the role it is playing in the world and in America today. My classes were also greatly interested in learning more about Communism, and as a result, we had many long discussions about it, and also what we as individuals can do to combat it. Toward the end of the last school year we were invited to join

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let to MRS. [redacted] 8-3-60 THF:dgw

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Thank you for your cooperation,

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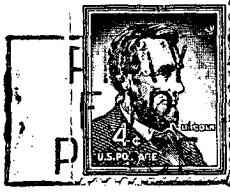

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

[redacted]
Houston 24, Texas

July 28, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

I have been invited to join the John Birch Society, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, which was founded in 1958 by Mr. Robert Welch. This organization has been represented as being opposed to communism and dedicated to fight its spread within our nation.

As there are many subversive organizations masquerading as anti-communist, I would like your approval of this organization before I lend my support to it. I will sincerely appreciate any remarks you care to make regarding its integrity and activities.

May I extend my kindest personal regards to you and your men for the excellent service you are rendering our country.

Yours truly,

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Gretna, Louisiana
July 20, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

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Houston 24, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of July 28, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your best wishes and kind comments.

Although I appreciate your interest in writing, information in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only. For this reason, I am unable to help you, and I hope that you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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ATTENTION: SAC, NEW ORLEANS, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

(1) "Communist Target - Youth"
(2) A reprint from the March, 1960, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
(3) "God and Country or Communism?"
(4) "How to Beat Communism"
(5) "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
(6) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a schoolteacher, requests information concerning the John Birch Society. In a rather lengthy letter, correspondent expresses a desire to learn more about the communist menace to this country and it is believed that the literature being furnished to her will be of assistance in this regard.

Mr. Simpson

August 4, 1960

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[redacted]rry's Food Company
[redacted]ice Box 1010
[redacted] Georgia

D[redacted]

I have received your letter dated July 28, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

I can well appreciate your concern over the serious menace of communism to this country. Over the years I have expressed my views relative to this matter in numerous articles and speeches as well as in my book, "Masters of Deceit," which was published in 1958. It is imperative that all true Americans learn the nature of this evil conspiracy to enable themselves to effectively resist its influence.

The FBI as you know is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and it is not within our jurisdiction and responsibilities to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting upon the organization you mentioned.

In view of your interest in this matter, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Savannah (enclosure) (SEE NOTE TO SAVANNAH, PAGE TWO)
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ENTION: SAC, SAVANNA

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Enclosed is a [redacted] correspondent's communi-
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4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
5. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has read material issued by Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, and is alarmed over the progress of communism. He and his friends named above are interested in joining the John Birch Society and in fighting communism. He states he understands that information in our files is confidential but unless he is shown it would be unwise to join this group, he and his friends see no alternative but to join it.

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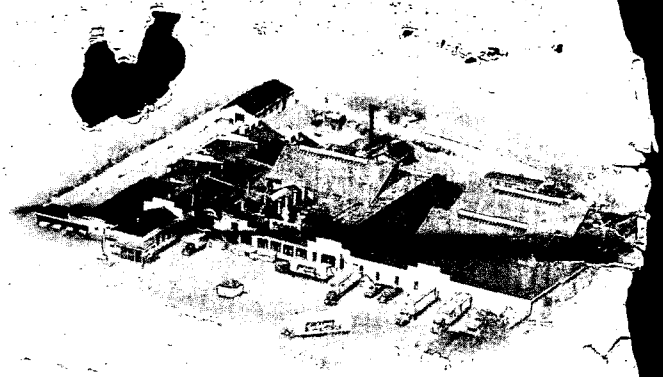

P. O. BOX 1010
CASTLEBERRY'S FOOD COMPANY AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

July 28, 1960

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5/14/84 BY SP4 JP/pw

Dear Mr. Hoover:

About two months ago I was given a short monograph to read entitled The Bluebook and authored by a Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. In this book, which to say the least is very alarming, the events of history since the Bolshevik Revolution are unfurled thus dramatizing the amazing and terrifying progress of international Communist conspiracy during the past forty or so years. Mr. Welch further points out how the communists influenced if not dictated our foreign policy in the Far East both during and after World War II. This book has prompted myself and several of my friends to explore this matter further and when you come to recognize what we regard to be the Communist line, it is almost too fantastic to comprehend.

I suppose deep down in the hearts of all of us we are hoping you will dispell our fears and tell us that the threat of communism is either non-existent or is so impotent as not to be worthy of concern; however, it is obvious to all of us that the international Communist conspiracy is a very serious threat to our security and we want to do something about it!

The only avenue opened to us now is the course of action suggested by Mr. Welch. He offers as a resistance to this conspiracy the John Birch Society which has for its motto: "Less government, more individual responsibility and a better world." This society takes the name of a young Baptist missionary who was murdered by the Chinese Communists (agrarian reformers) approximately twelve days after Japan's surrender. Mr. Welch's political philosophy is that of an ultra-conservative and as head of this society he is rather dogmatic in that he asks the members of the society not to deviate from the particular coursesof action he prescribes for the chapters in his monthly letters. When a chapter is first organized, the first step is to educate the members as quickly as possible by furnishing both pro-communist and anti-communist literature. Welch will then have the chapter establish a public reading room which will contain only anti-communist literature. From this small beginning, Welch aspires to shaking the American public out of their present apathy toward communism.

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Ack. Savannah office 4-66 DSpw

One of the primary functions is that of writing legislators and other public officials urging a conservative stand on particular matters that he brings to the Society members' attention. I have read several of his bulletins and to date have agreed whole-heartedly with practically everything Welch has said and prescribed. While this is the only method I know of at the present time to fight communism, it is repugnant to me to place blind faith in an individual about whom I know very little. I fully understand that the findings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with respect to individuals or groups are confidential, but unless we are shown it would be unwise to affiliate with such an organization, we see no alternative but to join Welch's cause.

We are completely swept with the idea of fighting socialism and communism and offer ourselves and any resources we might have to offer toward this end. There are many other friends who have become extremely interested and concerned with this matter but I can only commit the following two individuals in addition to myself at the present time.

[redacted] - (Real Estate Salesman)
Augusta, Georgia

W. S. Morris III - (Publisher of the newspapers in Augusta and Savannah, Georgia) b6 b7C
Augusta Chronicle, Augusta, Ga.

Myself - [redacted] of Castleberry's Food Company, a meat packing concern)

If I have not already done so, I want to make it clear that we are very anxious to help in the fight against communism in any way we can and needless to say, we are very anxious to hear from you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

FT/sw
CC: Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Morris

Director, FBI

[redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulets dated 6-8-60 and 7-18-60, and Milwaukee letter dated 7-25-60.

Referenced Bulet dated 6-8-60 advised Tuttle that the SAC of the Milwaukee Office was being instructed to have an Agent contact him in the near future.

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You are instructed to immediately contact Mr. [redacted] pursuant to instructions set forth in referenced Bulets, and furnish the results to the Bureau by 8-17-60.

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REC-64 62-104441-151

August 4, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Glendale, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 27, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

MAILED 5
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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

ATTENTION: SAC, PHOENIX

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

It is noted that correspondent states she contacted your office regarding the John Birch Society and was told information concerning this organization could be obtained by writing to the Bureau. As you know, the Bureau does not furnish such information; therefore, in the future, when you receive inquiries of this nature, explain the Bureau's inability to be of assistance in such matters and do not refer the individual making inquiry to the Bureau.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society, including any information as to whether or not it is a subversive organization. Correspondent states that she contacted "our local F.B.I. office" and had been referred to the Bureau.

July 27, 1960
[redacted] Arizona

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

At this time in Phoenix several chapters have been organized of the "John Birch Society", Belmont, 78, Massachusetts. It's founder is Robert Welch. The Society is dedicated to fighting the communist conspiracy, particularly its infiltration into every aspect of human life as we know it. It was founded approximately two years ago but has just recently come to this city. Because of so many seemingly good organizations, that later have proved to be mere communist "fronts", I would appreciate any or all information about the John Birch Society, as many who would be willing to work have wanted to know directly from you whether this is a subversive group or not.

I called our local F.B.I. office and they said they had no information at all but advised that by writing to you it could be obtained. Of course the sooner I receive this information the sooner these particular people that are interested can be effective in an effort to wake up a very sleepy and complacement America.

I wish to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] Arizona

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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August 4, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Washington 7, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 26, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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1 - Washington Field (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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Mrs. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The enclosure to correspondent's letter was an application form for membership in the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she is confused concerning the status of the John Birch Society. She asks if this organization is a loyal, patriotic group and is there any reason why an American citizen should not belong to the organization. She states that she has recently attended a meeting of the organization, at which time she signed an attendance record.

Washington, 7, D.C.
July 26th, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your office will be in position, undoubtedly, to clarify the status of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY to my complete satisfaction. Right now I am confused.

Is this organization, as it so extravagantly claims, a bonafide anti-communist group or is there a possibility (and this seems remote) that the ultimate hoped for result may be of a sinister and subversive character?

I attended a meeting of the organization, in Fairfax, this past Monday evening. We listened for three hours to a 5-reel film lecture, followed by a further talk by the chairman of the meeting, in the employ of the organization.
Numerous facts were set forth of Russian strategy, infiltration, aggression and final control of country after country. It was most alarming. The U. S. was warned and admonished vehemently.

Now, what confused me was the fact that implications were made that men, in high positions in our own Government, were responsible to some degree in many cases. Also, books and authors were mentioned. Many of them have been suppressed; facts withheld from the public. During the course of the evening the Connally Amendment was discussed; during the question period some gentleman asked whether or not the "men in high places in our Government who favored repeal of the Amendment were guilty of treason". The answer was to the effect that "in my opinion.. not that of the organization .. they would be". Something was said about this being contrary to our Constitution. We would be left somewhat to the mercy of an International World Court.

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I am an elderly person; I hope a good American. While the Hall was darkened for the film showing, a list was passed and we who attended were asked to sign name and address...an attendance record. I signed. Now I'm concerned.

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Please let me know. Is this organization a loyal, patriotic group. Is there any reason an American citizen should not belong?

Thank you for a reply.

Washington, 7, D. C.

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____ Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

(Name)_____

(Address)_____

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Date _____

Dues Received _____

Application Approved
By _____

Title _____

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DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women $1,000.00
(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each.)

Regular annual membership in the Home Chapter	For men	$24.00
	For women . . .	12.00

Membership in a local chapter, minimum per year:	For men	$24.00
	For women. . . .	12.00

(This may be paid as $2.00 per month for men, and $1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)(REG) DATE: 8/3/60

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, Jr.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re SAC letter #60-5 dated 1/26/60, and Seattle letter 5/24/60.

MARY H. KATONA

For information of the Bureau, the Seattle Office received a personal letter, postmarked August 1, 1960, from a Mrs. JOHN M. KATONA, 11259 Marine View Drive, Seattle 66, Washington, wherein Mrs. KATONA asked for some information concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and she also wanted to know whether or not the FBI approved of this organization. Mrs. KATONA stated that even though the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY claims to be anti-Communist, she thought that it might be some scheme to obtain names of individuals who are actively anti-Communist.

Enclosed with Mrs. KATONA's letter was a copy of a letter dated July 6, 1960, bearing the heading of "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., Belmont 78, Massachusetts", which letter was addressed to Mrs. KATONA and signed by [redacted] [redacted] Home Office". The contents of this letter are as follows:

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"Dear Mrs. KATONA:

"Thank you for your letter of June 28th with the two dollars enclosed, and the column from your weekly Progress. A Blue Book has been sent to you, and we hope you decide to join with us in our efforts.

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"We do have a local chapter in Seattle, and I would suggest that you write to our Coordinator, Mr. [redacted] Washington. I am sending a copy of this letter to him, so he will know of your interest.

"We look forward to hearing from you, and send you our best wishes."

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The individual named Mr. [redacted] mentioned in the above quoted letter apparently is identical with the individual mentioned on page two of the above referenced Seattle letter.

The Seattle Office indices contains no reference to Mrs. JOHN M. (MARY H.) KATONA.

The Bureau will be furnished with any further information received concerning the activities of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Seattle Chapter, as it is received.

1 - Mr. Farrow

REC-22 62-104401-154

August 4, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Fairfax, Virginia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 27, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

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Sincerely yours,

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1 - Richmond (Enclosure)

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Mrs. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, RICHMOND

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that she has attended a meeting of the John Birch Society and was favorably impressed. She would like to know if this society is sincere in its objectives and whether or not it is a good organization for patriotic Americans to work with. She requests any information available concerning the John Birch Society.

TRUE COPY

July 27, 1960
[redacted]
Fairfax, Va.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Dept. of Justice
9th & Penn. Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I attended a meeting of the John Birch Society a few days ago, and am favorably impressed with it's objectives. This organization - has as its aim - to halt the spread of communism in our country by making all patriotic Americans aware of how it is attempting to take over our Country.

I would like to know the opinion of the F. B. I. of this Society. Is it sincere in it's objectives? Is it a good organization for patriotic Americans to work with?

The founder is a man named Robert Welsh. He is editor of the magazine, "American Opinion."

I will appreciate any information you can send me concerning this Society.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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July 27, 1960

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Fairfax, Va.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Dept. of Justice
9th & Penn. Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I attended a meeting of the John Birch Society a few days ago, and am favorably impressed with it's objectives. This organization has as its aim to halt the spread of communism in our country by making all patriotic Americans aware of how it is attempting to take over our country.

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I would like to know the opinion of the F.B.I. of this Society. Is it sincere in its objectives?

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Is it a good organization for patriotic americans to work with?

The founder is a man named Robert Welsh. He is editor of the magazine, "American Opinion".

I will appreciate any information you can send me concerning this Society.

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Sincerely yours,
Mrs. [redacted]

1 - Mr. Farrow

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August 3, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Forest City, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 25, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Charlotte (Enclosure) SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SACs, CHARLOTTE, AND KNOXVILLE:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

Bufiles reveal that [redacted] the John Birch Society in Tennessee. Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory data concerning Heinsohn.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the "John Burch Foundation." He stated that he had recently heard [redacted] of Tennessee speak at a local chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He stated that [redacted] "did not advocate things that are good for a democracy."

Correspondent undoubtedly is referring to the John Birch Society, and it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau. A copy of this letter is being furnished the Knoxville Office inasmuch as [redacted] Tennessee [redacted] the John Birch Society.

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GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

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W. A. (ANDY) BLANTON, GENERAL AGENT
205-207 INSURANCE BLDG.
BOX 308
FOREST CITY, N. C.

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July 25, 1960

John Birch Foundation

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you in regards to the John Birch Society ~~Burch Foundation~~, hoping you can give me some information as to the Government's opinion of these societies and as to whether they are recommended to the American people.

I heard one of their N.C. directors, Dr. [redacted] ~~Tennessee,~~ who spoke to our local chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce this past week. Perhaps I am of a suspecious nature, but to me he did not advocate things that are good for a democracy.

I am not criticising any one or any organization but only wish to obtain all the information about this organization so that I may form some concrete opinion. Neither am I writing as an official representative of the Junior Chamber of Commerce but only as an American citizen.

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Hoping that you can give me this desired information, I remain

[redacted]

Forest City, North Carolina

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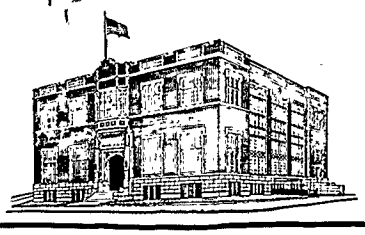

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 3, 1960

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-13570)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

Considerable public interest is being shown in Milwaukee in the John Birch Society. In its issue of Sunday, July 31, 1960, The Milwaukee Journal carried a front page story concerning the organization of ten chapters of this society throughout Wisconsin. A copy of this article is enclosed. Also enclosed is a cartoon which appeared August 2, 1960, in the same newspaper.

Following publication of the Journal story, BOB SIEGRIST, a local news caster, invited ROBERT WELCH, JR., founder of the society, to appear on his program "Talk of the Town" last night. WELCH came to Milwaukee for this purpose and was interviewed. The broadcast was monitored by this office, and the results are set forth in the enclosed memorandum of this date prepared by SA [redacted] [redacted] b6 b7C

FOUNDER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MASS. WISCONSIN

SIEGRIST telephoned this office yesterday to inquire whether the FBI would make any comment regarding the John Birch Society. He was told we would not. During the conversation he said his office had been besieged with telephone calls during the day because of his interview the previous evening with Mrs. JOHN RUEBER, who is listed in the Journal article as "coordinator" for the Milwaukee area. SIEGRIST said there was general disapproval of the extreme statements attributed to WELCH in the Journal article.

The Bureau has previously been advised concerning reported organization of a branch of the John Birch Society at Green Bay, Wis. The Bureau will be further advised concerning the other organizations reported to have come into existence.

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SAC (100-13570) August 3, 1960

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
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ROBERT WELCH, founder of captioned organization, was interviewed on August 3, 1960 by ROBERT SIEGRIST on the latter's radio program over Station WRIT. The interview initiated at 12:01 a.m. and terminated at 1:00 a.m.

SIEGRIST in his introduction of ROBERT WELCH stated that he was a Belmont, Massachusetts, citizen who founded the John Birch Society, which Society was openly criticized by the Milwaukee Journal in its July 31, 1960 edition. The Journal quoted WELCH as stating that President EISENHOWER was a Communist, and that the Federal Government was loaded with Communist sympathizers. He telephonically contacted WELCH on August 1, 1960, at which time WELCH agreed to fly to Milwaukee and appear on his program.

SIEGRIST asked WELCH if he had ever made a statement that "Eisenhower was a Red" and whether or not this was a doctrine of the John Birch Society? WELCH replied that the statement was false and was erroneously reported by the Milwaukee Journal. No books, records, recordings or manuscripts edited and published by the John Birch Society make any allegation that President EISENHOWER is a red agent or a Communist.

WELCH was then asked to furnish information about his publication the "Politician." WELCH stated that the so-called book was not a dogma of the John Birch Society. It was written by him between 1954 and 1958 in the nature of a letter to a friend. This manuscript does not try to prove anything. It merely reflects the personal beliefs of WELCH and certainly could not stand up in a court of law. In support of his statement that the John Birch Society had nothing to do with the "Politician," WELCH pointed out that

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the John Birch Society was founded after the completion of the manuscript.

In answer to the question "Do you think Eisenhower is a Communist?" WELCH stated that he would never make a public statement of that kind. He felt that his answer would be strictly a personal belief, not necessarily supported by fact, and he would be foolish to make a statement which would be subject to cross-examination. He pointed out, however, that his manuscript shows that EISENHOWER is helping the Communists and may be a Communist. These are his personal beliefs which were set forth in his manuscript and his statements are not documented. His manuscript was prepared not for publication, but merely for circulation among his friends.

WELCH admitted that his manuscript accused EISENHOWER of actions which were, in fact, treason against the United States, but he had no intention of giving reasons for this statement during his radio interview. He also stated that he refuses at this time to make any public remarks relative to the contents of the book which were set out in part in the Milwaukee Journal article. He did admit, however, over the radio, that certain things that EISENHOWER did or permitted to take place aided the Communists. WELCH stated that he was unable to determine at this time whether EISENHOWER performed these actions willingly and knowingly or because of pure ignorance.

WELCH cited a "treasonable act" on the part of President EISENHOWER as KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the United States at the President's request. He said this visit was a big boost to the Communists and did nothing to advance democracy. WELCH stated that the Soviet's biggest weapon was treason in other governments. The United States has treason among its officials. He considered it treason on the part of certain officials in the government because Poland, China, Yugoslavia and a number of other countries were lost to the Communists. He refused to name the officials responsible and refused to cite proof that the United States Government by its actions had lost the aforementioned countries.

At this time WELCH again brought up the "cardinal point" that the John Birch Society is not governed or directed by the contents of his manuscript. He did venture to guess that four-fifths of the John Birch Group have never heard of this manuscript and that the one-fifth who have are not necessarily in agreement. He pointed

out that Mrs. JOHN RUEBER, a Milwaukee member of his organization, when interviewed by ROBERT SIEGRIST on a previous day, openly stated that she did not consider EISENHOWER a Communist.

WELCH stated that a true democracy can only operate in a very small community or group. When the group grows in size the errors of the people and the organization are multiplied until the whole idea of true democracy is lost. He stated that our democracy is truly a "mobology."

SIEGRIST specifically asked WELCH if the John Birch Society was ruled as a dictatorship by WELCH. WELCH stated that all members are at liberty to accept or reject his suggestions without losing their membership. Periodic instructions are mailed out to all members of his organization and at that time suggestions are made on how they should act and what they should do to further their organization. These suggestions are not mandatory and the members may act as their conscience guides them.

Two questions were directed to WELCH from the audience: Is NIXON a Communist? and the other, How do I become a member of the John Birch Society? WELCH stated he did not feel NIXON was a Communist and stated membership in his organization could be obtained by writing to the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, or by contacting local representatives of the John Birch Society.

WELCH stated that he and his organization were fighting Communism by sending out large quantities of letters, by exposing such treasonable acts as KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the United States. They also send letters to Congressmen recommending or suggesting certain actions they should take relative to legislation.

In conclusion WELCH pointed out that to his knowledge no law enforcement agency is interested in his organization and none has initiated investigation of him or his members. His organization is not a secret society. All literature published by the Society is available to the public.

'Ah, Friend, You've Had a Vision and Heard Voices, Too?'

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Group Branding Ike as Red Has 10 Wisconsin Chapters

John Birch Society Numbers 150 to 200 Members; Growth Disturbs Officials

By ALEX P. DOBISH
Of The Journal Staff

Ten chapters of the John Birch society, founded by a man who believes that President Eisenhower is a dedicated Communist, have formed in Wisconsin in the last year.

The ostensible purpose of the society is to fight communism and influence American politics. Its members include such leading citizens as William J. Grede, Milwaukee industrialist.

Four branches have been formed in Milwaukee and one each in Wauwatosa, Green Bay, De Pere, Oshkosh, Appleton and Eagle River.

Retired Manufacturer

Mrs. John Rueber, 3014 S. Delaware av., the wife of a medical technician, is the Milwaukee area "co-ordinator." Richard Johnson, Green Bay, an accountant, is in charge of upstate activities.

The founder of the society is a wealthy, retired candy manufacturer, who lives in Belmont, Mass. He is Robert H. W. Welch, jr., 61, a persuasive speaker, conservative and the author of "The Politician."

"The Politician" is a manuscript of 302 pages which has been privately reproduced in book form by the photo-offset process. Leaders of the society have received copies from Welch with the admonition that the contents are "strictly confidential and for your eyes only."

The book tries to prove that Mr. Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscientious agent of the Communist party.

It claims that Mr. Eisenhower's brother, Milton, is the president's superior in the party and that a dozen other highly placed government men are either outright Communists or tools of the party.

Claims Presidents "Used"

Former President Roosevelt, the book says, was unknowingly used by the party. Ex-President Truman was knowingly used, it continues. As for President Eisenhower, page 268 reads:

"In my own opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

Welch, Johnson and Mrs. Rueber deny that the book is used at meetings. Group leaders like Johnson and Mrs. Rueber have copies, however.

Neither Johnson nor Mrs. Rueber would disavow the contents of "The Politician." Mrs. Rueber said she had not reached a conclusion, adding: "I am not obligated to explain my personal conclusion, if I have reached one, to anybody."

Curious About Book

She wanted to know where The Milwaukee Journal had obtained a copy since the book was not supposed to be seen by "ordinary" society members or outsiders.

"Someone," she said, "broke a confidence."

Johnson said he shared the bulk of Welch's views, but shied away from hanging a Communist label on the president.

He said at first that he "had no idea" if Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist.

"I only know that if he is not, he might as well be," he said. "It is a moot question. The results of his administration are the same."

Later he added: "I don't think Eisenhower is bright enough to be permitted to be one of the party."

Welch's goal is a million members. He declined to say how many members were in the

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Milwaukee Has Four John Birch Groups

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society nationally or in what states chapters had been organized. He said organization was going "nicely in Wisconsin," adding that Wisconsin was a "good, conservative state."

Asked if he still held the views expressed in "The Politician," he said he would not comment.

On his letterhead inviting selected persons to join, Welch lists two other Wisconsin industrialists, besides Grede, as members of the society's national council.

They are E. P. Hamilton, Two Rivers, president of the Hamilton Manufacturing Co., maker of washing machines, dryers and office and drafting equipment, and Cola B. Parker, Neenah, former chairman of the board of Kimberly-Clark Corp., paper manufacturer. Both were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Membership Confirmed

Grede confirmed that he was a council member. He said he didn't think Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist and said he had no comment about the book.

Welch describes the society in the "Blue Book," which he also wrote and which is distributed more widely among members than "The Politician."

"The men who join the John Birch society . . . are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway," he wrote.

"We are going to use that loyalty, like every other resource, to the fullest possible advantage that we can. Whenever and wherever, either through infiltration by the enemy or honest differences of opinion, that loyalty ceases to be sufficient to keep some fragment in line, we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates."

Opposes Factions

"We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every question theme. Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out."

In the same book, Welch outlines his philosophy.

"Democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans found out, and as I believe . . . democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagogery, and a perennial fraud."

The society is named after John Birch, an American army captain and fundamentalist Baptist minister, who allegedly was murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J day. The society was founded by Welch on Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, with the support of a small group of businessmen.

Started in 1959

In Milwaukee the society began late in 1959 after Welch gave a privately attended talk here.

Mrs. Rueber's reason for organizing the first branch, she said, was:

"I couldn't sit back and wait for someone else to do it. Communism had been winning for some time."

She wrote to Welch saying that she was interested, and received instructions on how to organize and other necessary material. She knows Welch personally.

"I consider him a fine man," she said.

Mrs. Rueber said two chapters were on the east side, two on the south side and a fifth in Wauwatosa. Meetings usually were in private homes. She declined to say where meetings were held or when the next one will be. She said the press could not attend.

Under the Welch program, each chapter gets a monthly "John Birch Bulletin," which Welch edits. This usually gives the "assignment" for the month and lists suggested reading matter. Frequently there are suggestions for a letter writing campaign to congressmen on legislation.

Dues are $24 a year for men and $12 for women.

Although only high leaders know membership figures, the society is growing fast, according to law enforcement sources. Wisconsin has between 150 and 200 members, according to Johnson and Mrs. Rueber. They were enrolled in less than a year. This factor, plus the high level of influence and intelligence of members, disturbs law enforcement officials.

Movies Are Utilized

Welch writes skillfully and uses movies effectively of himself speaking in making his points.

He was born in Chowan county, North Carolina. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina, attended the United States Naval academy for two years and, finally, Harvard law school. He was in charge of sales and advertising of the firm that bears his name. He was vice-chairman of the Massachusetts Republican finance committee and, in 1950, a candidate for the lieutenant governor's post on the Republican ticket.

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated July 29, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

As you may know, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and cannot furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. While I cannot comment upon the organization you mentioned, I would like to point out that the FBI has been charged by Presidential directives with the responsibility for the investigation of subversive activities and the correlation of all information pertaining thereto with other agencies of this Government.

The President has also urged all patriotic individuals to report information concerning espionage, sabotage and subversive activities to the FBI. You and other loyal citizens can, therefore, render a valuable service to your country by making known to us any suspicious activities coming to your attention. All such information received is correlated by this Bureau on a nationwide basis and appropriate steps are taken to safeguard our country from subversive elements. In the event you obtain any information which you believe may be of interest to the FBI, you are urged to communicate directly with me or with the Special Agent in Charge of our Detroit Office located at 913 Federal Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

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Mr. [redacted]

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, DETROIT

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning him.

Correspondent enclosed one Thermofax copy each of columns by Jack Mabley which appeared in the July 25, 1960, and July 26, 1960, issues of the "Chicago Daily News." These articles were devoted to Robert Welch and his organization, the John Birch Society, indicating that Welch alleges President Eisenhower is a communist.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "How to Beat Communism."
6. "Communist 'New Look.'"

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

In referring to the enclosures to his letter, correspondent stated this sort of thing disturbs him and he feels Welch and his organization may be dangerous. He hopes the FBI will do everything possible to "stop this madman." Correspondent inquires what can he do as a dedicated citizen.

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing thermafax copies of editorials which came out recently in the Chicago Daily News.

This type of thing disturbs me to no end and I am not one to "let George do it". I personally want to do all I can to call a halt to this type of viscious propaganda.

Although Welch's book, "The Politician" seems not to be available to the general public, it seems dangerous in any respect that key people — those of considerable position — who head his movement, should, by so doing, endorse his treasonous statements.

I sincerely and wholeheartedly hope that the Federal Bureau of Investigation will do all that is humanly possible to stop this madman. His goal is 1,000,000 members — and he probably can find that many gullible people in our country. And that many is dangerous.

If he has found these things to say about Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower, he certainly may be expected to write similar things about our next group of leaders and to promote the belief of his ideas among our citizens.

Tell me what I, as a dedicated citizen, can do...

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Most sincerely yours,

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Bares Secrets Of 'Red-Haters'

They Think Ike Is a Communist

BY JACK MABLEY

THE John Birch Society is an organization of ultra-conservatives, banded together to fight communism in America.

It is not a secret society in the normal sense of the word, but it tries to avoid publicity. Until this moment, it has been successful.

Jack Mabley's Story

The head — and absolute head—of the John Birch Society is Robert Welch, of Boston. The society has members in every state and active chapters in half the states. There are 10 chapters in the Chicago area.

The goal is a million active members.

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WITH ITS [illegible] program of fight by communism, the society has attracted thousands of [illegible] conscientious men and women throughout the country.

It was founded Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, and named for John Birch, a captain in the U.S. Army, allegedly murdered in cold blood by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J Day.

Welch gave up his career as a candy company executive to lead the society.

He was educated for four years at the University of North Carolina, two years at the U.S. Naval Academy and two years at Harvard Law school. He was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years.

Rich Businessmen Support the Society

The society has [illegible] of wealthy conservative businessmen. Three former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers are listed by Welch as members of the "council" of the society.

I have seen the appeal of this society in my own suburban community of 15,000. There are four active units in the village. At a meeting two weeks ago tonight, more than 200 persons turned out.

The organization is monolithic, or, to use another word which Welch himself introduced, dictatorial. He is the absolute and unquestioned head, the "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss" needed to run such an organization. The quotes are his.

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THE ABOVE fits relate closely to the following. I have obtained a copy of a book written by Welch intended for secret distribution only to the leaders of the society.

It is a 302-page, black paperbound book, reproduced by the photo-offset process, with loose-leaf binders. The title is "The Politician." The book accuses President Eisenhower of treason.

It flatly calls him a Communist, and for 302 pages attempts to document the charge.

It accuses most of his aides — John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, Chief Justice Earl Warren, former Defense Secretary Neil McElroy and dozens of others, of being part of a Communist conspiracy to take over the nation.

Attacks Ike As 'Dedicated Red'

Here is an exact quote from the book:

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so probable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He also says of the President: ". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

The immediate reaction on [illegible] this writing [illegible] the work of a crackpot. However, the circumstances of Welch's position and influence dictate further examination.

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WHEN I phoned Welch [illegible] to talk and asked him about "The Politician," he [illegible] Tom cannot be mentioned." I told him I had read the book. I asked if it accurately reflected his views.

"I have absolutely no comment," he replied.

This will be discussed further tomorrow.

8/1/64 Sp Boston Mass

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

August 9, 1960

The attached copy of a speech by Robert Welch entitled "To Prevent A Third Party" was sent to the Director's home address from American Opinion, Belmont 78, Mass.

No reference was noted to the Director or FBI.

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This pamphlet is sent you as a "dividend" on your subscription, with our compliments. It does not replace any regular issue of the magazine.

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AMERICAN OPINION

TO PREVENT A THIRD PARTY

A speech by Robert Welch, delivered at the unauthorized rally in support of Senator Barry Goldwater, at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Sunday night, July 24, 1960. Copyright 1960 by AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please bear with me while I clear our decks and align our batteries for action.

This process begins with the confession that my target is the Republican Convention itself, and I am using you as stand-ins for that body. I shall be speaking directly to and for the delegates and alternates. Since only a fraction of them are with us this evening, we shall have to count on reaching the others through printed copies of this message, which will soon be available.

In the meantime I am delighted to have so large and enthusiastic a gathering, which I have known in advance would contain so many of my friends from so many different parts of the country, as a live audience to "sit in" on what I have to say.

Next, since I shall herewith be urging the nomination of Senator Barry Goldwater for the Presidency, let me emphasize that nothing I am saying has been cleared with the Senator. Barry Goldwater, so far as I am

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aware, does not even know that I am making this speech, much less anything about its contents. What's more, I was quite relieved to read in the newspapers that he has disowned this whole rally. For that means he does not have to take any slightest responsibility for anything we do here, nor even to accept our support. He can't very well prevent it, because frankly we are for Goldwater on our own initiative, primarily for the sake of ourselves, our children, and our country. And like most of the huge, spontaneous, nationwide, rapidly growing sentiment for the Senator, this support demands nothing in return, not even recognition of its existence.

As a parallel to that last point, let me also emphasize that I am speaking for nobody but myself. As some of you know, I am the founder of a rapidly growing patriotic and educational organization which now has several thousand members. We are such a tightly-knit group of hardworking and dedicated Americanists that I have been accused of all kinds of manifestations of dictatorship, even to the exercising of thought control. Our current actions must make these charges seem a bit ridiculous. For not only are many of our members working for Nixon for the nomination, but we have been glad to supply them the names and addresses of you delegates and alternates in order to make it easier for them to do so.

Our membership is comprised of men and women of good conscience and strong patriotic purpose. Our objective in the political field is to give them honest information -- which is not too easy to come by today -- and to help them to obtain a more complete understanding of the issues to be decided and of the dangers which we face. So we expect every member to use that knowledge and understanding to determine the political cause or candidate which his own intelligence tells him he should support. Political decisions are definitely a matter for each individual's conscience. And I certainly

want no responsibility for anybody else's conscience -- I have trouble enough with my own.

What I have to say to you delegates and alternates, therefore, is important only because there may be millions of voters who feel the same way I do today. How many, you don't know, and neither do I. But for that very reason it would be unwise and perhaps undutiful for you to ignore the plain facts, carefully considered opinions, and firm conclusions which I shall try to bring to your attention.

II

The first fact is that all of you -- some hopefully, most of you fearfully -- are concerned about a third party arising, perhaps this very fall. And with good reason. For the seeds to produce that very rare crop are visibly sprouting all over the landscape.

Now don't be alarmed. I am aware that the term Third Party is a naughty word for this occasion. I feel sure that Senator Goldwater's disassociating himself from this rally was due to his fear that it might have Third Party implications. But the objective of this rally, as I understand it, and certainly the purport of what I have to say, is to prevent a Third Party, not to encourage one. And to be realistic in that effort we had better take a brief but honest look at why some sensible steps of prevention may be badly -- and imminently -- needed.

In the first place the American people are disgusted with the whole convention-primary system. They have just seen the arrogant railroading through the Democratic Convention of the wishes of some of the political bosses, as in the two-thirds voice vote on behalf of Lyndon John-

son, which nobody could be sure was even a majority. They thoroughly expect the same kind of steamroller tactics to be utilized at various stages of your convention. Just as speech, according to Talleyrand, was given to man to disguise thought, the party conventions have been developed to enable the politicians, not to carry out the wishes of the American people, but to circumvent those wishes. I don't believe there are five men in this room who now doubt that, if the American people had simply been allowed to go to the polls in 1952 and vote for anybody they wished for President, Taft would have been overwhelmingly elected. But a coterie of clever politicians, with their hocus pocus in the 1952 convention, managed to deprive the American people of having any chance even to vote for Taft.

Actually the Lefties discovered decades ago that the convention-primary apparatus was the Achilles heel in the anatomy of our whole political body. This system was not planned by our forefathers, and is not controlled by the Constitution. Having been developed mainly by political custom, with its rules defined largely by tradition rather than by law, it is subject to ruthless manipulation by unscrupulous politicians. And the socialist-internationalist schemers seized on it as the means of determining -- no matter how venal the bribery or despicable the trickery they had to use -- that the American people would never have anybody to vote for except candidates approved by themselves.

The whole operation has now acquired a noticeably unpleasant odor. That odor has been getting steadily worse since 1940. If you good people want to preserve this exciting method of playing kingmaker every four years, you had better start setting the moral thermostats that turn on your indignation at much more reachable levels. Because the revulsion of the American people against the constant chicanery of these conven-

tions is going to make itself felt, either through you or by other means. I can assure you that this revulsion is one of the pressures generating a third party. For the feeling is strong that such a new party would force a reform in the convention-primary methods, or might even bring about a fundamental change in the whole procedure.

There are, however, several much more important pressures which make the threat of a Third Party now so imminent. The basic pressure, of course, is caused by the lack of difference between the two old parties, in principles or policies or purpose. And the main body of this speech will constitute an effort to take the steam out of that pressure by widening the gap and increasing the distinguishability between Democrat and Republican. But there is one particular pressure for a new party, that has built up a surprising head of steam over just the past few months, and which certainly cannot be ignored at this particular rally. That pressure comes from a rising conviction that the potential leader of such a Third Party has at last appeared on the horizon; and that he has already been recognized by millions as qualified to be the Abraham Lincoln of the new movement. His name, of course, is Barry Goldwater.

Now Goldwater himself has given no slightest encouragement to any such views. In fact, just the opposite. He has made it brutally clear to those who have tried to approach him on the subject that he is, and expects to remain, a completely loyal and hardworking member of the Republican Party. I was not one of the approachers, because I have been anything but a promoter of the Third Party idea. Many of you know that I refused to speak at the rally here in Chicago last fall unless I were allowed to explain to the audience that I was not thereby endorsing a Third Party. And Goldwater has told me personally, within recent months, that his greatest political concern was with helping to maintain enough conserva-

tive support for the Republican nominee to insure a Republican election this fall.

So the Senator will undoubtedly be embarrassed, and probably angry, at my even bringing the mention of Third Party into this discussion tonight. But man sometimes proposes, while God disposes, frequently through irresistible tides in the affairs of men. Nobody can be sure -- not even the Senator himself -- whether or not this rising tide of Americanist purpose, now so visible throughout the land, will eventually sweep Goldwater into the leadership of a new party; or whether, as we hope, it can be shunted and directed into making the Republican Party truly Americanist once again -- instead of collectivist and internationalist -- and hence stronger than ever before.

And this question of leadership is all important. For one reason so many of us have been so cold to the whole project of a new party over the past several years is that we have felt the advocates of that project were going about it backwards. They were trying to establish principles and platforms first, rally an organization behind those platforms, and then find a standard-bearer of the organization. And maybe that's the way human nature ought to work, Ladies and Gentlemen, but it's not the way it does work. Building political organization around and behind abstractions is as difficult as herding a bunch of rabbits into one small section of a huge briar patch. But when some able and trusted leader personifies those same principles in which millions believe, those millions will sever their ties with organizations which have abandoned those principles, and go to work enthusiastically, in organizational harness, for the man who speaks their language. Goldwater so eminently qualifies for that position as to raise the prospects <u>for</u> a third party to an entirely new level.

So the prospect of a new party rises correspondingly. If and when it comes I believe its name -- as I have said for years -- will be the American Party. Psychologically, the name is of tremendous importance. When the Republican Party came into existence just slightly over a hundred years ago, you will remember, many names were suggested. But a lawyer named Alvan E. Bovay, from Ripon, Wisconsin, insisted that the word "Democratic" had such appeal that "Republican" was the only other word with enough significance to match it. Horace Greeley believed the reasoning was sound, and used his influence to give the Republican Party its name. I believe that the word "American" is the only one that is comprehensive enough as to the principles advocated, and with sufficient immediate magnetism and understandable significance, to outweigh both the words "Republican" and "Democrat" in its popular appeal. And the trend of events over the past few years certainly makes the word a "natural" for conservative and patriotic citizens who are determined to reverse that fatal trend.

The specter of a new American Party, therefore, with Goldwater drafted by overwhelming demand and moved by our march towards disaster to become its leader, is too serious and too real to be ignored by the Republican High Command, by you delegates and alternates, by Goldwater, or even by ourselves who are supporting him for nomination as the Republican candidate for the Presidency. So now let's give consideration to the possibility of eliminating that specter.

III

Obviously any third party worth looking at would largely be made up of people who felt that they had been pushed out of the other two parties. Constructively conservative

and deeply patriotic with regard to domestic affairs, firmly nationalist and aggressively anti-Communist with regard to international affairs, they are the good people whom I call Americanists. I hope that I can qualify for that definition myself. I also hope to remain a Republican, as I have been all of my adult life, and certainly am tonight. But if a sad and final separation is eventually forced upon us, it will not be because we have left our party. It will be because what is then called the Republican Party will have completely ignored and discarded us -- exactly as the Democratic Party has now already ignored and made helpless its Jeffersonian Democrats.

So we are not threatening, but pleading. We are begging you not to destroy the Republican Party, as a majority of you seem to us to be on the verge of doing. We beg of you not to make the final conversion of the Republican Party into a cynical mockery of its former self, as it seems to us you have been slated by the manipulators to do at their bidding. We ask you not to go through with your expected submission to a sheepherding act -- as the Democratic Convention did -- even for the sake of the hollow political victory which you assume such compliance will bring you. For the Republican Party cannot survive another Pyrrhic victory like those of 1952 and 1956.

What is disturbing and frightening us, of course, is the likelihood that you are going to give Richard Nixon a blank check on the future of this country. And we do not think the country can stand any such increasing drain on both its spiritual and material credit as has been taking place since 1954. We fear that you are going to nominate Richard Nixon for the Presidency, without putting any brakes on his toboggan slide downhill to the left, or exacting any guarantee from him of even giving consideration to Americanist views.

This means that the deliberate snubbing of conservative leaders, by the Nixon-Herter-Eisenhower clique -- to which several such leaders, including Goldwater, have been repeatedly and visibly subjected -- would become steadily worse. It means that millions of us ordinary citizens would be deprived of our political privileges, and hence of our chance to do anything politically to save our country, if we remained within the Republican Party. We are not willing to accept such treatment, and we will no longer consent to being disfranchised. Even without any new party, most of us will refuse to vote for Nixon under such conditions. There are other ways of giving at least some weight to our votes, instead of letting them be completely wasted. This decision is by no means due to unreasonableness on our part. It does call for some very plain speaking, which we think is both necessary and long overdue.

In 1952, against our better judgment and in order to be loyal to the Republican Party, we worked and voted for Nixon's prototype, Dwight David Eisenhower. In the eight years since then we have seen the International Communist Conspiracy make almost incredible gains everywhere in the world. In the transformation of our American Republic, with its free-enterprise economy, into a socialist democracy with a welfare-state economy, those eight years have been disastrous beyond all reckoning. In the loss of American prestige and influence throughout the world, and in the parallel increase in the prestige and power of our Communist enemy dedicated to our destruction, those eight years have been a period of unbelievable infamy.

To the people of Indochina, of Indonesia, of Egypt, of Syria, of Lebanon, of Ghana, of Guinea, of Algeria, of Bolivia, of Venezuela, of Cuba, of South Korea, and of a dozen other nations throughout the world, who have seen our government constantly making concessions,

offering gifts, and lending moral support, to the Communist forces engaged in enslaving them, these past eight years have been a nightmare of betrayal and surrender. To the people of Hungary, of Poland, of East Germany, of China, and of other countries which were already behind the Iron Curtain in 1952, and who looked to the Eisenhower Administration and its platform promises for serious help towards their liberation, the past eight years have been a long tragic experience in disillusionment and despair. While right here at home the flood of Communist influence has risen, in every segment of our national life, to levels that would not have been considered possible in 1952.

Mr. Eisenhower has stated that, during the eight years when these things were happening, never once was Mr. Nixon in serious disagreement with anything the President had decided. Mr. Nixon has stated that he intends to base his campaign on the achievements of the Eisenhower Administration and to continue its policies. In other words we are not only to have more of the same, but we are to like it and applaud it. We are to pretend that black is white, that war is peace, that defeat is victory, that inflation is prosperity, that surrender of American independence is patriotism, and that our approaching enslavement by the imperial Communist conspiracy will be a glorious liberation from the shackles of nationalism. You may close your eyes, swallow hard, and accept such brazen sophistry and such dangerous self-deception without protest if you wish. I cannot accept them at all.

"But," it is hopefully whispered around among conservative Republicans, "Nixon is just acting. He is a smart politician. He has had to go along with the Administration whether he wanted to do so or not. He has had to make all of the concessions to the Left and all of the gestures of appeasement to the Communists in order to

have any chance of being nominated and elected. But just wait until the campaign is all over, and he is actually the President. Then you will see the real Nixon emerge, the anti-Communist Nixon we knew and liked so well in the exposure of Alger Hiss." Then, we are to believe, Richard Nixon, having fooled the liberals and modern Republicans and even the Communist wire-pullers behind the scenes, until all together they have raised him to the most important and most powerful political position in the world -- then Richard Nixon will turn against all of these people who made him, stand forth in his true colors as a conservative patriotic Americanist, and save our country from being absorbed into a one-world collectivist tyranny.

We can save ourselves the trouble, Ladies and Gentlemen, of digging into Richard Nixon's record enough to show the utter folly of any such expectation. For there is a very simple short cut which will serve just as well. That is the question: Do you believe it? Do you know anybody who does?

All of history, from the time of the Greek city states and the earliest days of the Roman republic, to the present hour, is full of demagogues who built up a political following as conservatives, ran for office as conservatives on conservative platforms and promises, got elected, and then proved themselves to be the most profligate of liberals. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Dwight David Eisenhower are two outstanding examples of very recent vintage. But nowhere in the pages of history have I discovered one conservative who built up his political following as a liberal, ran for office as a liberal and was elected by liberal support, and then proved, by inaugurating an era of conservatism in government, that he had been deceiving his followers. Your true conservative simply is not built that way, for one thing; and the liberals, being themselves experts

in demagoguery, simply cannot be fooled that way, for another.

To avoid any confusion about terms in this connection, let me say that I do not see the least difficulty in defining the word liberal as it is generally used today. A liberal is simply a man who is, or wants to be, liberal with other people's money and other people's freedom; who considers both completely expendable for the sake of increasing the political power of himself or of the clique he supports. Mr. Richard Nixon has gone to tremendous lengths over the past several years to prove to all other liberals that he is a liberal too. And he has not only convinced them; he has also thoroughly convinced conservatives like myself.

There are still conservatives who, trying to find encouragement for themselves, wishfully pass on to others the suggestion that Mr. Nixon, as soon as he has the ball, will reverse his field, and start running in the other direction. But they don't believe it, nor do those to whom they make the suggestion. The liberals, who now know Mr. Nixon best, obviously don't believe it -- and they would be much harder to fool. I personally don't believe it for a minute, but in my particular case that hardly matters. Because I would not vote for Mr. Nixon under such circumstances and on such grounds anyway, for more fundamental reasons which I shall come to in due course.

In the meantime let's look at an objection I know many of you wish to raise. It has two legs. One is that this criticism of Nixon, if widely distributed in printed form, will put campaign ammunition in the hands of the Democrats, which they can and will use to help to elect Kennedy. Let me assure you that the worry is unfounded. Mr. Nixon would be very glad to have the Democrats play him up as a liberal, and stress those general char-

acteristics and tendencies which I have been holding against him. In fact, his worry is entirely as to the extent to which his Democratic opponents deny that he is a "liberal" like themselves.

There is only one point made or implied, in anything I have said about Mr. Nixon, which could be and in fact should be used by the Democrats against him. And that is the charge of his now having become "soft on Communism," as clearly demonstrated by so many of his actions over the last few years. And that issue, Ladies and Gentlemen, is one you can be certain Mr. Kennedy will never raise -- nor allow any of his supporters to raise except over his dead body. There is already visible and in operation a tacit understanding between Mr. Nixon and Mr. Kennedy that neither one will accuse the other of being soft on Communism, or allow his supporters to do so. In fact, when Nixon's campaign manager in New Hampshire, Governor Wesley Powell, quite correctly accused Senator Kennedy of having been consistently soft on Communism, Nixon immediately and emphatically repudiated his own campaign manager. Neither of these candidates, Nixon and Kennedy, could possibly withstand any really painstaking scrutiny and widespread exposure of the actions he has taken in this area. Each has had to do too many things to appease the Communist opposition to himself, which otherwise would have been expected. So both of them are determined to keep the whole question out of the campaign at any cost.

In 1940 you saw a campaign conducted between the so-called Republican candidate, Wendell Willkie, and the Democratic candidate, Franklin Roosevelt, in which the one really vital issue, that should have been thoroughly aired before the American people and on which they should have had a chance to vote, was completely eliminated from the contest by mutual consent. This was

the matter of America's pro-Communist foreign policy. In the forthcoming campaign, if Nixon is nominated, you can be absolutely certain that -- once again -- you will not hear a word from either candidate on the one really important issue at stake. This issue is the soft-on-Communism attitude and policy of the inner-circle left-wing core that now completely controls both political parties. For both Kennedy and Nixon are a part of that core in their respective circles.

If a man like Strom Thurmond could have been nominated by the Democrats, he could have presented to the American people a shocking analysis of Richard Nixon's behind-the-scenes maneuvers to placate the Communists. If Barry Goldwater can be nominated by the Republicans, he can lay wide open a devastating study of Senator Kennedy's equally disturbing role. But Nixon and Kennedy are both completely estopped from using any such campaign ammunition by their own respective records.

As a matter of fact the remarkable similarity between Nixon and Kennedy, in so many other ways, is worth a brief mention at this point. Not only have the two major political parties become simply Tweedledum and Tweedledee, with no basic difference between them in policies or principles. But their respective candidates for the Presidency in this forthcoming campaign -- if Nixon is nominated -- could readily be described as the "political Siamese twins." So far as politics is concerned, they are as alike as two peas in a pod. The late Senator Taft's description of Richard Nixon as "a little man in a big hurry" could be applied with equal accuracy to both. They are both brilliant "young men on the make," determined to ride the huge wave now running so strongly to the left, just as far and just as high as its crest will take them. Both have so visibly and so completely substituted opportunism and political smartness for principles and convictions that it is doubt-

ful just how much bedrock of character you would find in either one after winnowing the chaff of their personalities. And each one now has so many ideological skeletons in his own closets that he wouldn't dream of starting to open any closet doors in the career of his opponent.

If Richard Nixon, for instance, should start to taunt John Kennedy about all of the interference Kennedy ran for Walter Reuther in the hearings of the Select Committee on Labor-Management Relations (which you can be sure Mr. Nixon would not), Kennedy could immediately come back at Nixon for forcing on the steel industry a strike settlement so unfair to management and so damaging to the freedom of individual workers as to be almost unbelievable. In fact, Richard Nixon's action in settling the steel strike was easily the most pusillanimous use of governmental coercion to increase the arrogant power of labor bosses since the days when Franklin Roosevelt was subserviently paying his debts to John L. Lewis. But you can be sure Mr. Kennedy will never bring the subject up.

Or if Richard Nixon should begin to disclose the huge part John Kennedy has played -- almost entirely unknown to the American people -- in repeatedly bolstering the morale of the FLN Communist terrorists in Algeria, and in putting brakes on efforts of the French government to subdue these murderous guerillas (which you can be sure Mr. Nixon will not), then Kennedy could embarrass Nixon equally with Nixon's glowing moral support of Achmed Sukarno, whom Mr. Nixon once called the George Washington of Indonesia. But you can be certain that Mr. Kennedy will avoid that line of attack like the plague.

This antiphonal list could be continued throughout a whole volume, for both men have been very busy feathering their political nests with pink and red-tinted plumes.

And there is not the slightest chance that either one will point a finger at the color of the other one's collection. But this whole part of the story can be pretty well summarized as follows. Mr. Nixon is for all foreign aid, economic and military, even to neutral and communist nations. He is all for more and bigger and wider cultural exchange programs. He is wholeheartedly for the United Nations. He is for repeal of the Connally Amendment, for seeking "world peace through world law," for extending the jurisdiction and increasing the power of the World Court, and for all other practicable steps that lead to a one-world government. Senator Kennedy, of course, is also for every one of these policies and proposals.

These are all very serious matters. They involve the solvency, the safety, and the future independence of our country. It is disturbing, though no longer surprising, to find both Kennedy and Nixon on the same side of all of these issues. But what is disturbing, frightening, and should be surprising, is to reflect that every Communist in America is also on that same side, and supports every one of these proposals and policies as enthusiastically as do the two men from whom we are supposed to select the next President of the United States.

The question is not "Where are we going?" It is, instead: "At what point have we already arrived?" in this gradual submission to pro-Communist influences and in this rapid acceptance of Communist plans as our own. And that question is now entirely too serious to be brushed aside for the sake of political expediency. I am positive that neither Richard Nixon nor John Kennedy is a Communist, a fellow traveler, nor even in sympathy with Communist purposes. But what good does that fact do us, if each is completely willing to go along with Communist purposes, and to make himself irrevocably a party to those Communist purposes, for the sake of the

power and glory of political success.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is certainly no pleasure for me to be saying these things, nor for you to be hearing them. As I have just indicated, it seems almost certain now that one of the two men about whom we are talking will be the next President of the United States. Although I am not in politics and have no intention of being in politics in any way, I obviously have nothing to gain by thus earning the enmity of whoever will be in the White House in another six months. What's more, aside from personal or even national interests that may be involved, it is a very unhappy duty to be so critical of two of the most prominent men in our public life.

With regard to Richard Nixon, in particular, I am just as sad about the disappointing developments in his character and career as any of you can be. For here is a young man in whom we all had great hope. He was to be the consistent, determined, courageous anti-Communist young Lochinvar from out of the West. We all wish that we could feel the same warm admiration for him today that we did in 1950. It is not that we have wanted to change our minds about Richard Nixon, but that slowly, unbelieving, with great reluctance, most of us have been compelled to do so by the inescapable import of his actions. And we simply cannot afford any longer the same wishful thinking about Nixon that has been carrying us down the drain under the leadership of a Wendell Willkie, a Thomas Dewey, or a Dwight Eisenhower, for twenty years.

It is clear today that Richard Nixon now is, and for a long time has been, entirely acceptable to the Liberal Establishment that runs our government, as the "crown prince" of the Eisenhower Regime. It is now confessed by some, and boasted by others, that during the whole Eisenhower Administration Richard Nixon has played a

far more important part in making the decisions and determining the policies of that administration than was generally recognized. Thus much of the responsibility for the record of that administration would have to rest on him, even if he did not eagerly endorse its record. And the record itself, Ladies and Gentlemen, can be sadly and succinctly summarized in a paragraph.

In 1952, despite all the perfidy of the Truman Administration, the United States still held a position of worldwide pre-eminence, as to its stability, its military power, its economic power, its self-confidence, and its spiritual leadership. Now consider honestly and objectively the loss of respect, loss of friends, loss of moral courage, loss of stability, loss of confidence in our own destiny, and loss of relative position with regard to a powerful enemy, that have brought us into our present morass of domestic confusion and international disgrace. These are perfectly visible, incontrovertible facts, however tragic they may be. I submit that never before in all human history has any great nation fallen so far and so fast, as the United States during the eight years that Eisenhower has been President.

Now whether Richard Nixon's reasons for going along with the decisions and policies that caused this descent were due to shortcomings of his judgment, of his integrity, or both, the results are the same. We have now reached the point where our national independence, our way of life, our personal freedoms, and our very lives, are all in great and imminent danger. That danger stems from the very same evil forces that have so seriously scuttled our Ship of State while Richard Nixon was second in command. And I say to you delegates and alternates, who now have perhaps the greatest single responsibility of your lives, that you simply must not trust our future to those who -- for whatever reasons -- have so disastrously betrayed the past.

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Which brings me at last to the main theme of this speech. About all we can safely say of Richard Nixon, as a candidate for the presidency, is that he would be better than Nelson Rockefeller. Frankly, I don't know a single person in America, even calling himself a Republican, who wouldn't. So that is very faint praise indeed. Just as about the best I could say of John Kennedy as the nominee of the Democrats is that he is at least better than Eleanor Roosevelt.

I know that a very large number of you delegates and alternates have no enthusiasm whatsoever for the nomination of Richard Nixon. You have been cleverly maneuvered into a position where you appear to have no other course. You are willing to accept Nixon as your nominee simply as the lesser of two evils. You will then try to get him elected, instead of Kennedy, again as the lesser of two evils. You will have the help in that endeavor, for entirely different reasons from your own, of a whole army of extreme liberals and Lefties with whom you should be ashamed to associate.

For there is nothing the Lefties want more than a continuation of the present set-up, and Nixon has convinced them that it will be continued. This is a situation in which at least twenty-five percent of all the effective opposition to their "socialistic progress" will be paralyzed, because the opposition's own man in the White House is giving their socialist measures his blessing. With the mercurial but massive support of these clever realists of the Left -- even more than through regular Republican Party effort -- you will get your man elected. You will then spend the next eight years crying -- if our nation survives so long -- over the way you have been deceived. While the results may be what some of you deserve, they will not be what our country deserves.

And now rather than later is the time to give the fate of your country first consideration.

James Russell Lowell said: "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide." It is not quite true. A kind Providence keeps offering us over and over another occasion to make those firm decisions which will save our country from destruction. But these opportunities will not last forever. And this may well be what our lawyer friends call "the last clear chance" to avoid incredible disaster. So I am hereby urging you, with all of the solemn earnestness I can offer, to forget political expediency, to accept this unequalled responsibility for the future of your country, to stand on your own feet in a scene that history will never forget -- because it may be one of the great turning points of history -- and to nominate Senator Barry Goldwater as the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States. History may give our nation other moments to decide, but it is doubtful if you as an individual will ever have such a moment again.

Fortunately, you do not have to worry about where Goldwater stands, on anything. His position with regard to every issue of importance has been clearly set forth in his small book, The Conscience Of A Conservative. But it is worth while to repeat at this point the brief summary of the most important of those positions, as prepared and published by Kent Courtney's newspaper, The Independent American. So here they are.

ON INCOME TAXES: Goldwater believes that the present graduated income tax is confiscatory, and that it punishes success. He points out that high taxes, in effect, confiscate or expropriate private property, thereby denying a man the fruit of his labors.

ON GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE

ENTERPRISE: Goldwater believes that one of the reasons for unnecessary Big Spending is that the Federal Government is engaged in all sorts of activities (such as education, public power, agriculture, public housing, urban renewal, etc.) which could and should be handled at the State level of government, or by private companies or individuals.

ON THE FARM PROGRAM: Barry Goldwater believes that farm production should be governed by supply and demand, just as private enterprise operates. For example, he is opposed to the Soil Bank Program which, using taxpayers' dollars, subsidizes non-production.

ON STATES RIGHTS: Barry Goldwater believes that States' Rights is a bulwark against the encroachment of Federal Tyranny. He further says that in spite of the Supreme Court ruling, the Constitution does not give the Federal Government any authority to interfere in the field of education.

ON RIGHT-TO-WORK LAWS: Barry Goldwater believes in the right of choice by all Americans to belong or not to belong to a labor union. He believes that concentration of power in any form, such as Big Government or Big Labor Bossism, leads to dictatorship.

ON ATOMIC-BOMB TESTS: Goldwater is for resuming atom tests in order that the U. S. can protect itself and maintain superiority over Communist Russia.

ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS: Goldwater is against such programs because they are a built-in Red spy transmission line.

ON THE UNITED NATIONS: Goldwater is opposed to "submitting major policy decisions to a forum (the United Nations) where the opinions of the Sultan of Yemen

count equally with ours." Goldwater further states: "I fear that our involvement in the United Nations may be leading to unconstitutional surrender of American sovereignty."

ON THE WORLD COURT: Goldwater has denounced repealing the Connally Amendment and stated that it would place Americans "at the mercy of the World Court" -- where the U. S. is outnumbered 14 — 1, and where the Soviet Union exerts tremendous influence.

ON FOREIGN POLICY: Senator Barry Goldwater opposes the "soft-on-Communism," "appeasement-at-any-price" Foreign Policy as advocated by all other candidates of both major parties.

Here are brief excerpts from a speech regarding Foreign Policy, by Senator Barry Goldwater on the floor of the U. S. Senate on March 15, 1960.

(1) Our Goal Must Be Victory Over Communism. ". . . . It is not to wage a struggle against Communism, but to win it. Our goal must be victory."

(2) Go On The Offensive! "Our strategy must be primarily offensive in nature . . . We cannot win merely by trying to hold our own . . ."

(3) Achieve Military Superiority. "Mere parity will not do. Since we can never match the Communists in manpower, our equipment and weapons must more than offset their advantage in numbers."

(4) Strengthen Our Economy. "We must make America economically strong . . . America's maximum economic power will be forged, not under bureaucratic direction, but in freedom."

(5) Gain The World's Respect. "In all of our dealings with foreign nations, we must behave like a great power. Our national posture must reflect strength and confidence and purpose, as well as good will . . . Re-

spect is the stuff of which enduring friendships and firm alliances are made."

(6) Foreign Aid Is Unconstitutional. "The American government does not have the right, much less the obligation, to try to promote the economic and social welfare of foreign peoples . . . The Constitution does not empower our government to undertake that job in foreign countries . . . Increasingly our Foreign Aid goes not to our friends, but to professed neutrals -- and even to professed enemies . . . Our present Foreign Aid program, in sum, is not only ill-administered, but ill-conceived. It has not, in the majority of cases, made the free world stronger; it has made America weaker."

(7) Withdraw Recognition Of Soviet Union. "We should declare the World Communist movement an outlaw in the community of civilized nations . . . We should withdraw diplomatic recognition from all Communist governments including that of the Soviet Union, thereby serving notice . . . on the world that we regard such governments as neither legitimate nor permanent."

(8) Encourage The Red Slave Nations To Revolt. "We should encourage the captive peoples to revolt against their Communist rulers. This policy must be pursued with caution and prudence as well as courage. . . . To this end we should establish close liaison with underground leaders behind the Iron Curtain, furnishing them with printing presses, radios, weapons, instructors; the paraphernalia of a full-fledged resistance."

AND ON THERE BEING NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY: ". . . The future, as I see it, will unfold along one of two paths. Either the Communists will retain the offensive; will lay down one challenge after another; will invite us in local crisis after local crisis to choose between all-out war and limited retreat; and will force us, ultimately, to surrender or accept war under the most disadvantageous circumstances. Or we will summon the will and the means for taking the initi-

ative, and wage a war of attrition against them -- and hope, thereby, to bring about the internal disintegration of the Communist empire. One course runs the risk of war, and leads, in any case, to probable defeat. The other runs the risk of war, and holds forth the promise of victory. For Americans who cherish their lives, but their freedom more, the choice cannot be difficult."

There, Ladies and Gentlemen, is a platform that says something. The above paragraphs define Senator Goldwater's position on almost every issue that is important today. And these are the solid positions, the Americanist positions, the positions based on the very principles of individual independence and of national independence which have made our country great. These are the positions that a huge majority of the American people would like to see taken by our government -- as is well known to the Lefties and the liberals, for that is why they have taken such pains and gone to such lengths to keep the American people from having any chance to vote on these issues.

What is more, you know that Goldwater's platform means what it says. He has already proved under fire that he will stand by his convictions and will not yield to the pressures of political expediency. Here is one politician whom you, and the American people, know that you can believe, and can trust. You should acclaim him and support him while you can.

Just imagine what an electrifying flash it would be if the news suddenly went out to every community in the United States that this convention had nominated Goldwater for the Presidency. There were millions of patriotic and deep-rooted Americans who did not even vote in 1956. There are now these and many millions more who have lost all interest in the tired flummery of a meaningless contest that you were planning to put before them. They

would come to life, after this news, with the same energy and enthusiasm and determination that elected Taft in Ohio in 1950 and Goldwater in Arizona in 1958 despite every ounce of power the Lefties could muster and every dirty trick they could contrive to prevent it. You would see such a resurgence of hope and interest and purpose, throughout the Republican Party and throughout the nation, as would make you proud to have been its cause.

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Now that would be an excellent place at which to end this speech. If I were a politician, or if my concern were with the career of Senator Goldwater, that is certainly where I would stop. But neither is the case. My primary concern is entirely with what happens to our country. And that being true there are other considerations here which simply must be brought into open view. One important consideration is that there are now increasing millions of Americans, like myself, who are for Goldwater, whether you nominate him or not. And the most important consideration is the reason why. Let me try to make both as crystal clear as I can. For while history is full of dramatic reversals, against what appeared to be hopeless odds, and we know therefore that you may nominate Goldwater, we also know that you may not. And our urging that nomination on you is simply one part of a long-range solid purpose that takes both possibilities, and many less decisive possibilities, firmly in stride.

For the real point, Ladies and Gentlemen -- and it was really to make this point that I accepted this invitation to speak -- is that there is a fast-growing body of us in this country who are completely through with political expediency, and who will no longer pay any attention to so-called political smartness, whether exercised for us or against us. We intend to decide all questions, as to can-

didates or issues, on fundamental principles of government and of morality. And we intend then simply to stand on those principles and those decisions, win or lose, and regardless of the political outcome in the foreseeable future.

This doesn't mean that we think we have a monopoly on all truth, or cannot work with others despite reasonable degrees of disagreement. Let Richard Nixon offer any convincing promises and proof that he intends to represent the whole Republican Party, not just its "modern" left-wing element, and we could support the ticket even if Goldwater is not nominated. Nor does this mean that we expect Nixon to announce that, as soon as elected, he will throw James Mitchell out of the Cabinet, Allen Dulles out of the CIA, and Milton Eisenhower out of Washington -- although it would be a most welcome assurance. It does mean offering solid evidence of intending a sharp turn back from this administration's policy of appeasing the Communists, at home and abroad. It especially means making irrevocable commitments to giving more appointments, and to paying more attention, to what we believe can now fairly be called the Goldwater wing of the Party. Many of us will still fight within the Party, for the policies which seem to us wise and against those which seem to us disastrous, if you give us any reasonable chance to do so. That is what this rally and this whole argument is really about. But we will not be kidded, imposed upon, or slowly strangled any longer.

In line with our basic determination, we shall of course work hard for Senator Goldwater, for his election to any office for which he is nominated or for which he chooses to run. But if he is not nominated by this convention, and if we do not receive the completely satisfactory reasons indicated above for changing plans already informally announced, many of us are going to vote for Goldwater anyway -- even if it has to be on a

write-in basis, and even though many such votes will never be legally counted. We shall do so simply as a contribution to the Senator's political stature and influence. This is because we feel the vital need of a trusted political leader and a rallying point for the Americanists, in their continuing struggle against the socialists, the Communists, and the collectivists of whatever hue. We need the same kind of standard bearer for conservatives as was the late Senator Taft, before he was so ruthlessly destroyed by the very same gang of so-called modern Republicans that is in control of this circus at which you are expected to perform according to cue. And Goldwater is visibly the overwhelming choice for that leadership.

"But," some of you will protest in entire good faith, "any such splintering away of conservative votes that might otherwise go to Nixon is likely to give the election to Kennedy." In the first place, we doubt it. Because there are more conservatives in the South today than anywhere else in the country. And any conservative Southerner who let's himself be swayed into voting for Kennedy, by the Lyndon Johnson breeze, ought to have his head examined. There is simply no telling what the results of a mammoth write-in vote for Goldwater in the southern states might be.

In the second place, from the point of view of the safety and welfare of our country, the election of Kennedy would not be an unmitigated catastrophe. For the whole patriotic opposition could and would then unify against the sell-out of our americanist system to the collectivists at home and abroad. Just imagine, for instance, what would have happened if Adlai Stevenson had been elected President in 1952. You would not now have any Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, sprawling with Communists and fellow travelers. There would never have been any "summit conference" of 1955, with all of the

increased prestige it gave the Soviet tyrants, and all of its shattering effect on the morale of anti-Communists everywhere. You would never have had the visit of the champion murderer of all history, Nikita Khrushchev, to our country as an honored guest. For the Communist influences within our government and press simply would not have been able in some cases, and would not have dared in others, to bring about these massive gains for the Left if Adlai Stevenson had been President. The opposition would have been too united, too determined, and too strong.

And the same situation would develop under Kennedy as it did under Truman. Without the paralyzing effect on an appreciable percentage of conservatives, of having liberal measures promoted by "our man," the revulsion against the whole unceasing push of the United States into the collectivist camp might become great enough to stop it. Certainly there would be more brakes put on, to slow down the process until the positive leadership to reverse it could be established. There are few men I would less like to see President of the United States than Adlai Stevenson. But there is no slightest question in the minds of a great many of us that our country would be far better off today, for the reasons indicated, if Stevenson had been elected in 1952. So we seriously doubt if the election of Kennedy in 1960 would ultimately work out to be as much of a tragedy as the election of an unreformed Richard Nixon.

And our third answer is that we intend to maintain an unwavering Americanist stand, regardless of the temporary consequences. It has been suggested, for instance, that the "smartest" thing for us to do would be to work for the election of Kennedy. Maybe it would be. Who knows? But conservatives couldn't do that, even if sure of the desired results, because conservatives are not made that way. At least not the conservatives I am talking about,

and whom I usually call Americanists.

To do so would be to try to outsmart the Communists and their liberal dupes and allies. Just as many good citizens feel or hope that Nixon is trying to outsmart the same gang by presenting himself as increasingly liberal in order to show later that he is an Americanist at heart. Just as the choice or the support of the lesser of two evils is always sold to doubters as a form of political smartness. And to us, trying to outsmart the collectivists by using some of their own devious tricks is not only doomed to inevitable failure -- because the Americanists simply could not match them in trickery and deception -- but it is also morally wrong and clearly contrary to the principles on which we take our stand.

Somebody has said that the value of complete honesty in politics is utterly unknown, because nobody has ever tried it. Undoubtedly it is time somebody did, and we propose to do so. If it turns out, by a general coincidence of nature, or merely by an accident of the particular times, to be politically smart even for the near future -- as well it might -- so much the better. But that is not our reason for adopting such a course. Our reason is simply the unshakable conviction that this is the right course; and therefore is the one which in the long run is bound to prevail. We shall continue to ask ourselves, about any political action, not "Is it smart?" but "Is it morally the right thing to do?" We shall have no dealings with foul means, nor even tricky means, to achieve good ends. We shall simply stand on sound principles, and behind good men, with firmness and with patience, until enough others understand our reasons and rally to the same standards with us. And we shall not be dissuaded or frightened, by prospects of unhappy intermediate consequences which we consider of ephemeral importance.

For America, Ladies and Gentlemen, is sick unto death

of political smartness. It is tired of deception and pretenses and of a cunningly selective opportunism masquerading as leadership. So tired in fact, and so disposed at long last to revolt completely, that I think a lot of the "smart boys" are due for some sharp surprises. I think the American people are ready -- now -- to begin rallying behind a leader who approaches our problems in straightforward fashion, with truth and honor as his guides. And I think you are going to be amazed at the ascent of the Goldwater star during the next few days, months, and years.

In the world-wide struggle which divides mankind today, some of us are giving our lives to fighting the evil forces of collectivism on all fronts -- that is, by educational means, economic means, political means, and all other honorable means that can be found. But on the political front, some of that "some" are simply adding what strength and energy we have to the army gathering under Goldwater's banner. That is the best argument we can give for asking you to do the same. That rising army is rapidly drafting Barry Goldwater himself into a level and type of personal leadership which I am sure he had not planned. The needs of the times will have brought forth the man.

In the poem from Lowell, already quoted once, he also said: "They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin." There is entirely too much of that compromise going on today, Ladies and Gentlemen, even for our own protection from slavery, much less that of our descendants. Barry Goldwater can and does offer you the most important of all assets for our present needs -- an utter unwillingness and inability to compromise with evil. Under his leadership, instead of letting our children become enslaved, we can still save for them some semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited. Let me urge

you once more to seize your opportunity and make Senator Barry Goldwater the next President of the United States.

BARRY MORRIS GOLDWATER

Born Phoenix, Arizona, January 1, 1909. Son of Baron Goldwater and Josephine Williams Goldwater. His pioneer grandfather had emigrated from England and settled in Arizona in 1860. The Goldwaters have been merchants ever since, and Goldwater's, Inc. now has several stores in different cities of Arizona.

Educated public schools, Staunton Military Academy, one year University of Arizona. Because of father's death in 1929, Barry left school to work for the family firm. Became President, 1937, Chairman of the Board, 1953.

Married, September 22, 1934, Miss Margaret Johnson of Muncie, Indiana. Four children; Joanne, Barry, Michael, Margaret. Already an experienced amateur pilot, joined United States Air Force in July, 1941. Served as gunnery instructor for fighter planes, pilot, and then Chief Pilot of various Air Transport Commands. Is both Colonel in Air Force Reserves and Chief of Staff of Arizona National Guard; has flown every type of plane, including jets; and still flies his own plane for pleasure.

Was active in Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Council, Better Business Bureau, Episcopal Church, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts, and every other worthwhile community enterprise. Joined other community leaders in 1949 in movement to improve city government of Phoenix. Elected a councilman. Helped to establish such a good city government that, among other splendid results, there has been no increase in tax rate since 1949.

In 1951 reelected to City Council, became Vice-Mayor. In 1952 ran for United States Senate against entrenched incumbent, who was Senate Majority Leader, and was elected. Reelected United States Senator, 1958, over powerful nationally supported left-wing and labor-boss opposition.

Is a hunter, deep-sea fisherman, explorer, golfer, expert photographer, and author, with remarkable powers of concentration at either work or play. Made a notable record during even his first term as a Senator, because of thoroughness with which he handled every duty or assignment. Is an outstandingly able, patriotic, conservative American statesman who can be trusted not to change.

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Unfortunately, we are not able to supply additional copies of this speech without charge. But they are obtainable, postpaid, at the following prices -- which have been set as low as our own costs of printing and handling will permit.

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Windsor Locks, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you for your note of August 5, 1960.

I am glad to know that you found my comments in "Communist Target--Youth" of value. It is vitally important that intelligent citizens accept the responsibility of becoming fully informed as to the exact nature of the communist menace, and enclosed are publications which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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I am writing as a Menber of the John Birch Society, and answer to this meno is necessary

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Yours truly

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 10, 1960

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: ATTITUDE OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY RE SAN FRANCISCO HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES HEARING DEMONSTRATIONS, MAY, 1960

In the last two days six letters have been received from widely scattered members of The John Birch Society commending the Director on his report of the San Francisco demonstrations at the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings last May. Two of the letters were from Ohio, two from Massachusetts, one each from Louisiana and Wisconsin. The Wisconsin correspondent, Donald A. Rueber, Midwest Major Coordinator for the Society, revealed that the Society's latest monthly bulletin requested all members to write the Director expressing their congratulations on his report. It is probable that numerous letters will be received in the near future.

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., aged 61, in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. According to a newspaper article from the Milwaukee Journal dated 7-31-60 submitted by Mr. Rueber, Welch reproduced his manuscript of 302 pages entitled "The Politician" and furnished copies to leaders of the Society throughout the country. Reportedly the book tries to prove that President Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscientious agent of the Communist Party. In his letter, Mr. Rueber disclaimed any responsibility on behalf of himself and the membership for the manuscript and stated that the Society has never promoted Welch's personal opinion. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. This SAC Letter was sent to the field about the time that the Society was considering a proposal that they form local organizations which have the appearance of communist front groups in order that they might attract communist sympathizers into their midst and thus identify them and perhaps set them straight. 62-104401-160

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: Attitude of The John Birch Society

Where file checks do not preclude it, we plan to give a brief, cordial reply over the Director's signature to each member who writes in.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Hartland, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 4, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

MAILED 5 AUG 12 1960

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, MILWAUKEE:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Enclosed with correspondent's letter was a newspaper clipping from the "Milwaukee Journal" concerning the John Birch Society. This article indicates that there are ten chapters of this Society in the State of Wisconsin and that the Society has branded President Eisenhower as a communist.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

(62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that she is a member of the John Birch Society but states that she has been concerned since reading the enclosed newspaper clipping which indicates that President Eisenhower is a communist. She asks if the Bureau has any information in our files concerning Mr. Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society. She also requests any information concerning the John Birch Society.

TRUE COPY

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Enclosed is an article which appeared in our last Sunday's edition of the Milwaukee Journal. Since I have just become a member of this society, I am alarmed at what this article discribes as Mr. Welch's philosophy. I believe democracy is the best kind of government and joined his group thinking we were working for it's strengthening. Times and pressures may have led President Eisenhower to make questionable decisions but I do not feel or could I believe he was a communist or even a knowing instrument of the party. We were not told of Mr. Welch's beliefs except that we were to work for less government control, more individual responsibility in a better world. We were definitely told we were not a political group.

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Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

A loyal American,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Hartland, Wis.

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A loyal American,

Mrs. [redacted]

Hartland, Wis.

Group Branding Ike as Red Has 10 Wisconsin Chapters

John Birch Society Numbers 150 to 200 Members; Growth Disturbs Officials

By ALEX P. DOBISH
Of The Journal Staff

Ten chapters of the John Birch society, founded by a man who believes that President Eisenhower is a dedicated Communist, have formed in Wisconsin in the last year.

The ostensible purpose of the society is to fight communism and influence American politics. Its members include such leading citizens as William J. Grede, Milwaukee industrialist.

Four branches have been formed in Milwaukee and one each in Wauwatosa, Green Bay, De Pere, Oshkosh, Appleton and Eagle River.

Retired Manufacturer

Mrs. John Rueber, 3014 S. Delaware av., the wife of a medical technician, is the Milwaukee area "co-ordinator." Richard Johnson, Green Bay, an accountant, is in charge of upstate activities.

The founder of the society is a wealthy, retired candy manufacturer, who lives in Belmont, Mass. He is Robert H. W. Welch, jr., 61, a persuasive speaker, conservative and the author of "The Politician."

"The Politician" is a manuscript of 302 pages which has been privately reproduced in book form by the photo-offset process. Leaders of the society have received copies from Welch with the admonition that the contents are "strictly confidential and for your eyes only."

The book tries to prove that Mr. Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscientious agent of the Communist party.

It claims that Mr. Eisenhower's brother, Milton, is the president's superior in the party and that a dozen other highly placed government men are either outright Communists or tools of the party.

Claims Presidents "Used"

Former President Roosevelt, the book says, was unknowingly used by the party. Ex-President Truman was knowingly used, it continues. As for President Eisenhower, page 268 reads:

"In my own opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

Welch, Johnson and Mrs. Rueber deny that the book is used at meetings. Group leaders like Johnson and Mrs. Rueber have copies, however.

Neither Johnson nor Mrs. Rueber would disavow the contents of "The Politician." Mrs. Rueber said she had not reached a conclusion, adding: "I am not obligated to explain my personal conclusion, if I have reached one, to anybody."

Curious About Book

She wanted to know where The Milwaukee Journal had obtained a copy since the book was not supposed to be seen by "ordinary" society members or outsiders.

"Someone," she said, "broke a confidence."

Johnson said he shared the bulk of Welch's views, but shied away from hanging a Communist label on the president.

He said at first that he "had no idea" if Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist.

"I only know that if he is not, he might as well be," he said. "It is a moot question. The results of his administration are the same."

Later he added: "I don't think Eisenhower is bright enough to be permitted to be one of the party."

Welch's goal is a million members. He declined to say how many members were in the

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society nationally or in what states chapters had been organized. He said organization was going "nicely in Wisconsin," adding that Wisconsin was a "good, conservative state."

Asked if he still held the views expressed in "The Politician," he said he would not comment.

On his letterhead inviting selected persons to join, Welch lists two other Wisconsin industrialists, besides Grede, as members of the society's national council.

They are E. P. Hamilton, Two Rivers, president of the Hamilton Manufacturing Co., maker of washing machines, dryers and office and drafting equipment, and Cola B. Parker, Neenah, former chairman of the board of Kimberly-Clark Corp., paper manufacturer. Both were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Membership Confirmed

Grede confirmed that he was a council member. He said he didn't think Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist and said he had no comment about the book.

Welch describes the society in the "Blue Book," which he also wrote and which is distributed more widely among members than "The Politician."

"The men who join the John Birch society . . . are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway," he wrote.

"We are going to use that loyalty, like every other resource, to the fullest possible advantage that we can. Whenever and wherever, either through infiltration by the enemy or honest differences of opinion, that loyalty ceases to be sufficient to keep some fragment in line, we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates.

Opposes Factions

"We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every question theme. Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out."

In the same book, Welch outlines his philosophy.

"Democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans found out, and as I believe . . . democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

The society is named after John Birch, an American army captain and fundamentalist Baptist minister, who allegedly was murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J day. The society was founded by Welch on Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, with the support of a small group of businessmen.

Started in 1959

In Milwaukee the society began late in 1959 after Welch gave a privately attended talk here.

Mrs. Rueber's reason for organizing the first branch, she said, was:

"I couldn't sit back and wait for someone else to do it. Communism had been winning for some time."

She wrote to Welch saying that she was interested, and received instructions on how to organize and other necessary material. She knows Welch personally.

"I consider him a fine man," she said.

Mrs. Rueber said two chapters were on the east side, two on the south side and a fifth in Wauwatosa. Meetings usually were in private homes. She declined to say where meetings were held or when the next one will be. She said the press could not attend.

Under the Welch program, each chapter gets a monthly "John Birch Bulletin," which Welch edits. This usually gives the "assignment" for the month and lists suggested reading matter. Frequently there are suggestions for a letter writing campaign to congressmen on legislation.

Dues are $24 a year for men and $12 for women.

Although only high leaders know membership figures, the society is growing fast, according to law enforcement sources. Wisconsin has between 150 and 200 members, according to Johnson and Mrs. Rueber. They were enrolled in less than a year. This factor, plus the high level of influence and intelligence of members, disturbs law enforcement officials.

Movies Are Utilized

Welch writes skillfully and uses movies effectively of himself speaking in making his points.

He was born in Chowan county, North Carolina. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina; attended the United States Naval academy for two years and, finally, Harvard law school. He was in charge of sales and advertising of the firm that bears his name. He was vice-chairman of the Massachusetts Republican finance committee and, in 1950, a candidate for the lieutenant governor's post on the Republican ticket.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of The John Birch Society, it has come to my attention that you have prepared a superb report, entitled COMMUNIST TARGET--YOUTH. Thank you for your work in fighting communism. We are behind you 100%.

For every Communist there are thousands of true, patriotic Americans, who love their country and want to save it. I hope that we can keep our freedom.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]

I know that you are a very busy person and do not expect any answer.

Box [redacted]
So. Hadley, Mass.

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Mr. [redacted]
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Box [redacted]
South Hadley, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 7, 1960, together with one from Mrs. [redacted] and I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing.

It was indeed good of you to give me the benefit of your observations concerning my report and I want to thank you for your generous comments regarding this Bureau and me. I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to both of you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: On 8-9-60 two letters were received from Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] congratulating the Director on Communist Target--Youth. Each letter pointed out that its writer was a member of the John Birch Society.

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Members of the Society were instructed in a monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations. Bufiles contain nothing with respect to Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] which would preclude this letter. b6 b7C

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

Dear Sir:

I want to congratulate you on the excellent work you are doing as head of the F.B.I. I sincerely appreciate all that you are doing for us. For every Left-Winger who opposes what you are doing there are thousands of loyal Americans who support all that you are doing.

I especially want to thank you for the recent report you made on the San Francisco riots against the House Un-American Activities Committee.

As a member of the John Birch Society I have become increasingly aware of the dangers of Communism. The part you are playing in the battle to wake up the American people is deeply appreciated.

I know that you are an extremely busy man. Please do not reply to this letter.

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Sincerely yours,

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Miss [redacted]
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Columbus 1, Ohio

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of August 6, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

It was thoughtful of you to write to me about a problem which is so vital to the American people. In view of your interest, I am enclosing a copy of "Communist Target--Youth," which you mentioned having requested from the House Un-American Activities Committee. Also included is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Communist Target--Youth

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and if she received the 17th National Convention from us, it may have gone by envelope under existing Bureau regulation.

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Columbus 1, Ohio
August 6, 1960.

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

Dear Sir:

The House Un-American Activities Committee bulletin, entitled "Communist Target -- Youth" was reviewed by Robert Welch, in our John Birch Society bulletin for August. I understand the bulk of this pamphlet is your report with pictures on the San Francisco riots, which makes it too clear for controversy that these were inspired by the Communists. I have asked Chairman Francis E. Walter, House Un-American Activities Committee to send me a copy so I can share it with my friends.

I have just received a copy of "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA" released January 17, 1960, which accompanied your letter to all law enforcement officials, under date of March 1, 1960.

I want to congratulate you on the excellent work you are doing, andwish you could get more cooperation from our State department, and Congress. Do not feel you need to acknowledge this note, your continuance in exposing Communism is all I desire.

Gratefully yours,

[redacted]

Miss [redacted]
Columbus 1, Ohio.

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August 15, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received August 9, 1960, and your generous remarks concerning "Communist Target--Youth" are sincerely appreciated.

My associates join me in expressing our thanks for your taking the time to write to me. I am enclosing some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
LEB Introduction 3-60 with 17th National Convention CP, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism

NOTE: The John Birch Society, according to Bufiles, was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-50 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any data on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Correspondent wrote Bureau 2-19-60 inquiring about the John Birch Society, and she was advised that we did not evaluate organizations.

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Miss Gandy

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as a member of The John Birch Society to thank you for publishing the timely pamphlet entitled "Communist Target - Youth." Such a timely article, and I sincerely hope and pray that the facts so clearly presented in this pamphlet will awaken many complacent Americans and make them realize that it possibly is later than they think.

I do not intend that you take your valuable time to answer this note. I merely want to assure you that there are many loyal Americans who appreciate your untiring efforts to awaken our country to the dangers that confront us. May God belss you.

Very truly yours,

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CINAL Cuban Intelligence Analysis

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On 8/3/60, ADOLPH MENJOU, well-known motion picture, radio and TV personality, appeared as a guest on the TOM DUGGAN show which is viewed nightly by residents of Southern California over Channel 13, station KCOP, Los Angeles. TOM DUGGAN is well-known to viewers in Chicago, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, and is considered to be a controversial television personality.

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MENJOU, during the course of his interview with DUGGAN, ranged far and wide on matters of current interest to the American public. He is an avowed anti-communist and spent a considerable portion of his talk on communism. [redacted] advised MENJOU told the TV audience that he could not get a job in the motion picture studios because he is an avowed anti-communist. He stated most of the studios are controlled by communists, noting that the studios have a black list that is working in reverse, i.e., against those people who have denounced communism. He recalled that when the "Hollywood Ten" were convicted "they" should have convicted the entire "Hollywood Nineteen" but someone in Washington, who was highly-placed, interceded and would not let the additional nine be convicted. He indicated he had gone to Washington at his own expense to fight this move, but to no avail.

He told DUGGAN and the TV audience that communism would be wiped out of the studios in two days if the American Legion would bring economic pressures to bear against the

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theatres. However, even the American Legion is subject to economic pressures, and for this reason cannot take effective action against those studios who hire communists. He alleged that communism in California is stronger than most people think and he fears for his children and their children. He cautioned the American people to wake up before it is too late. He once again attested to his great admiration for the late Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY and the fine work accomplished by him in the field of communism. MENJOU spoke highly of Director HOOVER and mentioned that he had been in correspondence with Mr. HOOVER on many occasions. He did not mention the FBI by name, however.

MENJOU stated his statements could be "backed up" and on occasion mentioned "Counter Attack" and "Red Channels." He was particularly critical of the communist influence in New York Theatre circles. He mentioned but a few names as individuals who had communist connections. Among these names were the names of DALTON TRUMBO and EDWARD DMYTRYK, both members of the "Hollywood Ten."

MENJOU, in addition to discussing communism, was critical of the World Court, noting that two of its members were communists. He was vociferous in his opposition to the income tax and stated he was in complete agreement with BRACKEN LEE, of Utah, in his refusal to pay an income tax. He stated he was opposed to the Government of the United States engaging in private enterprise, and thought the Government should divest itself of some 19,000 private enterprises, including TVA. He is against a welfare state and is a staunch advocate of private enterprise.

MENJOU, at the conclusion of his guest stint, urged all those who were opposed to communism to join the John Birch Society and gave DUGGAN and the TV audience the Society's address of Belmont, Massachusetts, as the place to write for information. It should be noted that numerous calls were received by DUGGAN before the conclusion of his show from listeners interested in joining the Society, and the address of the Society was given to the audience on several different occasions prior to the closing of the show at 12 Midnight. MENJOU expressed his admiration for Mr. WELCH, founder of the Society, and explained the Society got its name from a soldier by the name of JOHN BIRCH who was killed by the Chinese Communists following the cessation of hostilities in Korea.

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Foregoing for information of the Bureau. The Los Angeles Office does not anticipate interviewing ADOLPH MENJOU at this time for information in his possession concerning alleged communist control of the motion picture industry, UACB, inasmuch as it is not believed he has any personal knowledge or direct, specific information concerning same.

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August 15, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your note of August 6, 1960, has been received.

The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and my associates and I hope that the work being done by the FBI will continue to merit your esteem. Enclosed are publications which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4) Introduction LEB MArch, 1960, & 17th National Convention CP, USA, Communist Virus, What You Can Do To Fight Communism, Expose of Soviet Espionage.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches for the various parts of the country. The field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attack true subversives.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your report on the San Francisco riots. A copy of the pamphlet released by the House Un-American Activities was sent to me by Fulton Lewis, Jr. It is simply terrifying.

Thank you for all the good work you are doing. Our country needs your services and we loyal Americans are all most grateful. As a member of the John Birch Society, I am learning more and more about the dangers which confront us.

Please do not feel obligated to reply to this letter or acknowledge it in any way. It is simply a little note of thanks.

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Respectfully yours,

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(Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Spartanburg, South Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your note of August 6, 1960, has been received.

I deeply appreciate your kindness in writing me at this time, and I want you to know that it was a pleasure to have your thoughtful message. Enclosed are publications which you might find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (5)
Communist Virus
Could Your Child Become a Red?
God and Country or Communism?
What You can do to fight Communism
The Inheritance of Americans

NOTE: Numerous citizens, members of the John Birch Society, have been writing the Director in the last few days. This group, organized by Robert Welch in 1958, is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration, and he was known last year to state in a speech to leading businessmen in the Middle West that he believed it would be a good idea to organize groups which would have the appearance of being subversive and in this manner, ~~they~~ members would be able to attract and thus identify true subversives. (NOTE CONT.)

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The field offices have been alerted to watch such activities. (62-104401)

Correspondent may be identical with [redacted] [redacted] who was investigated by the Bureau in 1940 as an Immigration and Naturalization Service applicant. Nothing derogatory. (77-11170)

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P. O. Box [redacted] Tel. [redacted]

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Spartanburg, S. C.

Aug 6, 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover:

Previous to my Society's recommendation to write you re your recent report "Communist Target - Youth" - I had read it and wondered where we had failed and what to do about present day youth.

We have had no problems with our three children and are grateful for living in an attractive Southern City -

Thank you again - and I wish every "American" could read it

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Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]
John Birch Society

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Aug 6, 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover:

Previous to my Society's recommendation to write you re your recent report "Communist Target - Youth" - I had read it and wondered where we had failed and what to [redacted] Present day youth.

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Thank you again — and I wish every "American" could read it

Sincerely

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John Birch Society

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Miss [redacted]

Detroit 21, Michigan

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter dated August 8, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did.

I certainly appreciate your kind comments, and I hope the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support and approval. In view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)

3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA

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Detroit 21, Michigan
August 8, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover -

This letter is to say thanks to you for the many good works you have done to preserve our American way of life. My emphasis, at the moment, is on your pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth"

I have written to a Congress woman to supply me with copies for distribution.

Since I write this letter as a member of The John Birch Society, and since Im sure you will receive so many more, I shan't be disappointed if I do not receive an answer.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted]

(on back)
P.S. Your "Masters of Deceit" was a "timely weapon" for Americans.

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Detroit 21, Michigan
August 8, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover -

This letter is to say thanks to you for the many good works you have done to preserve our American way of life. My emphasis, at the moment, is on your pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth"

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Since I write this letter as a member of The John Birch Society, and since I know you will receive so many more, I should be disappointed if I do not receive an answer.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. [redacted]

Shelburn, Indiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 8, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did.

I certainly appreciate your kind comments, and I hope the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support and approval. In view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)
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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is in the form of a congratulatory letter, that needs no reply , for your splendid work in the publication of the House Committee on Un-American Activities "Communist Target --- Youth". For years I have implored my Congressmen personally, and also through the "John Birch Society"-as a member, to aid the enlargement of that Committee and your department . The threat has increased, not diminished, and so many are castigating- instead of promoting more security measures.

My thanks- and the nations- for the report,

Sincerly,

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Cincinnati 43, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was indeed thoughtful of you and Mr. [redacted] to express the kind sentiments in your letter postmarked on August 3.

"Communist Target--Youth" was prepared for the purpose of alerting Americans and particularly American youth to the danger of communist tactics through a factual account of one instance in which young people had been duped into unthinking and unlawful action by communist zealots. Your comments regarding the publication are most reassuring.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of either [redacted] or [redacted] The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Allegedly an anti-communist organization, it has branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-50 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information on its activities be furnished to the Bureau.

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[redacted] Cincinnati 43, Ohio

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July, 9, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We wish to commend you for your efforts in the compilation of "Communist Target-Youth." We sincerely hope that you can continue to head to F. B. I. for many years to come. It has been disheartening to hear so many people who still say, "It can't happen here". As members of the John Birch Society we are interested in doing everything possible to defeat the Communist Menace. Please do not take of your valuable time to acknowledge this.

Yours truly,

Mrs. [redacted]

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Cincinnati 43, Ohio

July 9, 1960

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

Robert Welch
John Birch Society

Dear Mr Hoover,

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Yours truly,

Mrs [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]

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La Puente, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on August 9, 1960.

I am glad to know that you found my comments relative to the recent riots in San Francisco of interest, and it is vitally important that intelligent citizens accept the responsibility of becoming fully informed as to the exact nature of the communist menace.

Although I would like to be of assistance, I must inform you that information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to answer your specific questions, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the group you named. Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by this Bureau which you may find of interest.

To secure lists of groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, it is suggested that you submit requests to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., and to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Corner of North Capitol and H Streets, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C. From the latter can be purchased, for 35 cents, a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

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Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the U.S.? b6
Don't Be Duped by the Communists! b7C
Communism and the College Student
Could Your Child Become a Red?
Breaking the Communist Spell
How to Fight Communism

NOTE: Correspondent's name could not be verified by telephone directory check. No record in Bufiles under names of [redacted] The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Mrs. [redacted]
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La Puente, California

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

After reading your article on Student riots in San Francisco in the July 25, issue of U.S. News & World Report. And after seeing films of the riots, I am very worried. As are many of my friends.

What I want to know is, what can each of us do to help fight the communist threat in America?

I have heard that many communists are working in Hollywood. Is this true? If so, can I get a list of known communists, so that I would know which pictures not to see?

I would also like to know what we can do, to prevent communism in our schools? And every place else?

I have heard of a John Birch Society, in Belmont, Mass., which is being formed to preserve the constitution and fight communism. Are organizations such as this listed with the F.B.I.? If so is the John Birch Society listed?

Any information you can give me on the John Birch Society and on what I can do to help keep America free will be welcome.

Sincerly,

s/Mrs. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]

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P.V.R. 11-4 La Puente, California

Robert Welch
John Birch Society

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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August 10, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]

Belgrade Lakes, Maine

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your note of August 3, 1960, has been received.

The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and I am glad to have your commendatory comment concerning my remarks in "Communist Target--Youth." Thank you also for your expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of The John Birch Society, I wish to thank you and congratulate you on the excellence of your report, "Communist Target---Youth."

We need more men like you in this Country, thank you again, and I do not expect any reply.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Galveston, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated August 8, 1960, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not issue clearances or nonclearances or furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am unable, therefore, to advise you concerning the organization you mentioned.

It is most gratifying to know of your interest and approval of various articles and statements I have prepared on the menace of communism. In view of your interest in this matter, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which you may not have had an opportunity to read. I am also enclosing a copy of my report concerning the demonstrations against the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in San Francisco, California, during May, 1960.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, HOUSTON

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's letter. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist Party, USA," Reprint from "Ave Maria," April, 1960.
3. "Faith or Fear."
4. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises he has read many of the Director's reports on communists in the United States and is in complete agreement with them and is heartened that someone will take the opportunity to enlighten the public. He states he has recently heard of a report concerning the San Francisco hearings but has not had an opportunity to read it. He states he has read material issued by the John Birch Society and is in agreement with its views. He has joined the Society but in view of recent smear attacks feels that he needs the Director's advice as to whether or not it can be labeled a subversive organization or if its leaders are communists.

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Galveston, Texas

August 8, 1960

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

Mr. Hoover

I have read many of your reports on communists in these United States and I am in complete agreement with all of them and am heartened that someone will take the opportunity to enlighten the public on these matters. Recently I heard of a report that was issued by your office pertaining to the San Francisco riots. I have not read this report but from what I understand is in it I would like to take this opportunity to thank and to congratulate you for bringing into the open more facts about communist infiltration in this country.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you a question. I have read the "Blue Book" published by and for The John Birch Society as well as the Societies monthly phamplets and reports and have found that I am in agreement with them on almost all of their views.

I joined the society after learning what I could of it and I still feel that it has a very good purpose and that an organization such as this is needed in this country. But in view of the recent smear attacks on this organization I feel that I heed your advice as to whether or not it can now be labeled a subversive organization or if any of its leaders are known communists.

I am writing this letter as a loyal American citizen and I do not want, unknowingly, to help the communist conspirators in any way nor do I want to be labeled a communist for being in a subversive organization. I reliaze that you must be very busy but I would appreciate it very much if you would, when time permits, answer this letter.

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Sincerely Yours

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EX 109

August 16, 1960

Dr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 8, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did.

I certainly appreciate your kind comments, and I hope the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support and approval. In view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society organized by Robert Welch in 1958 is allegedly anticommunist with various branches throughout the country. The field offices have been instructed to furnish any information on their activities to the Bureau.

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[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio
5 Aug, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I should like to congratulate you on your excellent work on the report on the San Francisco riots at the H.U.A.C. hearings as reproduced in the latest bulletin from that Committee.

We members of the John Birch Society hope and pray that dedicated American patriots like yourself will continue in the mortal struggle against International Communism. We shall each do our part and hope that all Americans will awaken before it is too late.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] M. D.

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Columbus, Ohio
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Mrs. [redacted]

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Santa Ana, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 8, 1960, regarding my recent statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. You may be certain we will constantly strive to merit your continued approval and support. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Mrs. [redacted], Santa Ana, California

August 8, 1960

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr.Hoover:

May I take just a moment of your precious time? I wish to commend you on the wonderful work you are doing.

I am reading your book "Masters of Deceit"; also have just received "COMMUNIST TARGET-YOUTH" from Rep. James B. Utt. It is excellent and should be read by every sincere American. As a member of a newly formed John Birch Society I plan to be active in fighting for our freedom and against communism.

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Sincerely

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Tallahassee, Florida

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 8, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

I want to thank you for your kind comments, and I hope our activities will continue to merit your approval and support. Enclosed are several reports on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB
Communist Party, USA

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She states she is writing for the pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth;" however, it is believed she has requested these from the H. C. U. A.

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

Dear Sir,

I want to express my appreciation to you for uncovering and exposing the Communist inspired - and directed riots in San Francisco in July or May - I forget which. Anyway I am writing for some of the pamphlets released by the House Un-American Activities Committee on July,18, 1960.

I am writing you as a member of the John Birch Society and last but not least as a true American.

No answer is necessary - I just want to thank you.

Sincerely

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Tallahassee, Florida

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

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Sincerely

Mrs. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Macon, Georgia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your note of August 8, 1960, and I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing.

Thank you for your generous comments regarding this Bureau and me. It was indeed good of you to give me the benefit of your observations, and I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Exposé of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: There is nothing in Bufiles regarding Mrs. [redacted] which would preclude this letter. Address per current [redacted] telephone directory.

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Members of the Society were instructed in a monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the excellence of your report on the San Francisco riots, in the pamphlet entitled "Communist Target -- Youth," released on July 18, 1960, by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I individually (and as a member of the John Birch Society) am most grateful to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

Aug. 8, 1960
Macon, Ga.

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Sincerely

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Aug. 8-1960
Macon, Ga.

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Phoenix Ariz
Aug 8, '60

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D C

Dear Mr Hoover,

As an American truly alarmed by the general apathy about the dangers of Communism within our country, I want to thank you for the wonderful report "Red Target-Youth". I wish every newspaper in the country would carry it and keep right on reminding us of this danger to our freedoms.

I am a member of the John Birch Society here. I have never before joined any such group for I had heard that so many appearing to be patriotic were really subversive, and I certainly did not want to be open to suspicion. But with our own Judge Marlin Phelps now on the national council, I feel this is a bona fide patriotic organization. I feel that at last I have found an outlet for the frustrations I have long felt at being almost impotent to stop the drive of the Communists. Now at least, I feel I can do something! If only your department would suggest to our council ways in which we can be helpful to you.

I hope you will continue to make similar reports public instead of just in governement pamphlets that might be overlooked, no matter what groups must be exposed, so that every citizen can keep informed. You have made the FBI the greatest safeguard we have-I hope we can serve you in some special way as we keep on plugging away.

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May God bless you- as we do- for your fearlessness and devotion to your country.

Sincerely yours [redacted]

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PS Do not take time to answer me as an individual. If you have a message through Robert Welch- that is all we need!

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August 17, 1960

Mr. Leonard D. Tubach
17355 Golden West Avenue
Huntington Beach, California

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Dear Mr. Tubach:

Your letter dated August 8, 1960, has been received.

I want you to know it is very encouraging to have your expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI, and your evaluation of my comments in "Communist Target--Youth" is appreciated. My associates join me in the hope that our efforts will continue to merit your esteem.

Enclosed are other publications which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th Nat'l Convention, CPUSA, & March, 1960, LEB Introduction
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Leonard D. Tubach
17355 Golden West Avenue
Huntington Beach, California
Aug. 8, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a staunch believer in our Constitution and a member of the John Birch Society I would like to congratulate you on your efforts to try to keep America free from corruption and destruction. I want to especially mention the pamphlet your bureau recently released entitled "Communist Target -- Youth" which I feel would be excellent reading for Americans who are not completly aware of some of the things the communists are doing. I only hope that when you eventually leave the bureau that someone at least as capable as you will take over. Our country right now could greatly benefit from leadership comparable to yours.

No reply is necessary to this letter. Keep up the good work and if possible try to obtain a larger force and the necessary laws to help with the prevention of un-American activities.

Yours truly,

Leonard D. Tubach

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August 17, 1960

Major Felix J. Chabot
403 Woodhaven Drive
Fairfax, Virginia

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Dear Major Chabot:

Your letter of August 9, 1960, has been received. I appreciate the thought which prompted you to write, and the generous remarks of your wife and you.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Major Felix J Chabot
403 Woodhaven Drive
Fairfax, Virginia

9 August 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover,

As a father of 4 children, and as an officer of the US Army interested in the welfare of my family and my country let me congratulate you on the superb report prepared by you and released by the House Un-American Activities Committee on the recent student riots in San Francisco.

The John Birch Society of which I am a member called my attention to this revealing...and shocking document. My wife and I both agree that we need more men of your calibre who are not afraid to speak the truth and who furthermore are aggressive enough to do so.

I know how busy you are and therefore I do not request an acknowledgement of this letter but I feel that it is my duty to let you know that your work is appreciated by private citizens who are enemies of Communism and who see in this evil movement a direct and imminent threat to our security and to our way of living

Gratefully yours,

Felix J. Chabot

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August 17, 1960

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Mrs. Gertrude F. Newberry
160 Azalea Road
Rochester 20, New York

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Dear Mrs. Newberry:

Your letter dated August 8, 1960, has been received.

It was indeed a pleasure to have your kind message concerning the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and certainly it is vitally important that all citizens accept the responsibility of becoming fully informed as to the exact nature of the communist menace. Enclosed are other publications which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
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God and Country of Communism?
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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160 Azalea Road
Rochester 20, N.Y.

August 8, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bu. Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

My group of the John Birch Society extends to you its sincere congratulations on the pamphlet - Communist Target - Youth It is our heartfelt hope and prayer that it receives very wide distribution.

Please be assured no reply is expected.

Sincerely,

/s/ (Mrs) Gertrude F. Newberry

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Sincerely,

(Mrs) Grace F. Newberry

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August 17, 1960

Mrs. Frederick J. Breen
436 Poplar Street
Roslindale 31, Massachusetts

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Dear Mrs. Breen:

Your letter postmarked August 11, 1960, has been received. It was certainly kind of you and your husband to comment on my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous remarks about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. You may be certain we will constantly strive to merit your continued approval and support. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

434 POplar Street,
Roslindale 31, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We would like to congratulate you on the superb report of the House Un-American Activities Committee. It is understood that they recieved the bulk of their material for this report from material which you obtained. Please keep up this good work, for it is heartening to average citizens like ourselves to know that their are a few of our national leaders that are god fearing enough to realize that their isn't any room for compromise with something as godless as Communism. When we witness the left wing thoughts and deeds of our leading politicians we shudder at the thought of any one but you directing the activities of such a great organization as the F.B.I. A letter like this comes hard for us, but through the inspiring efforts and works of our colleagues in the John Birch society we have been made to realize the urgency of action. We were never complacent or uninformed about the menace that Communism posed for this country, but the John Birch organization showed us a way to help combat it.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. and Frederick J. Breen

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August 17, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
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Bellaire 101, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 7, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write. Thank you for your generous remarks.

It was very kind of you and your husband to comment as you did about my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: On 8-12-60 a letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] congratulating the Director on Communist Target--Youth. The letter pointed out that its writer was a member of the John Birch Society.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations. Bufiles contain nothing with respect to Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] which would preclude this letter.

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August 7, 1960
Bellaire 101, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With grateful hearts, we write to thank you for your courage and persistence in trying to warn this beloved nation about the peril that surrounds us--and particularly for your excellent report to the House Un-American Activities Committee in July regarding youth as the communist target.

We were alarmed nearly out of our wits recently by a wild rumor that you might retire from the F. B. I! Thank God it was only a rumor! Please, keep your determination and persevere, lest this Republic be lost before enought of us "uncommon common men"--and women can get informed and into the battle to preserve our heritage for our children.

We are members of the John Birch Society here and find ourselves surrounded by patriotic couples whose lives are fast becoming devoted to carrying on the battle that a dedicated few (such as you and our fine Martin Dies) have shouldered alone for so long. Truly, we thank the good Lord for such as you!

Gratefully,

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/s/ Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]

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Gratefully
Mr. & Mrs [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]

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Anaheim, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 10, 1960, regarding my recent analysis entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. You may be certain we will constantly strive to merit your continued approval and support. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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

Dear Sir:

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on your excellent report titled "Communist Target-Youth". Since the Communists have been so active publicising there rather distorted version of what happened in San Francisco, it is all the more important that this report be given the widest possible circulation. I am making certain that the limited number of copies I have been able to obtain are kept moving.

In spite of the activeness of the Communists and their friends, and the apparent passiveness of the majority of American people, it might be encouraging to know that organizations are beginning to spring up to try to offset the gains of the Communists. The John Birch Society, of which I am a member and Chapter Leader, is very solidly behind the F.B.I., the H.C.U.A., the S.I.S.S., and all other government agencies which are actively exposing and combatting Communism.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]

San Marino, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your note of August 10, 1960, has been received, and enclosed is a copy of "Communist Target--Youth," as well as other material on the subject of communism.

Your interest in combating the awesome threat of subversive elements in our country today is very much appreciated, and I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4) God and Country or Communism?
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage, May 1960
Communist Target--Youth

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Mrs. [redacted] San Marino, California

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Our John Birch Society group want you to know our respect and confidence for you and your efforts are boundless. We wish there were some way that we could receive any literature that your F.B.I. puts out to the public. Could we have a copy of "Communist Target - Youth?"

Please know that the average American citizen is becoming alert to the internal dangers that surround us, but still not enough!

Keep up your inspirational and fearless work.

No reply is expected but I would appreciate that pamphlet.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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No reply is expected but I would appreciate that pamphlet.

Sincerely,

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Woodland Hills, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 8, 1960, extending congratulations on my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I am glad that you find my statement and "Masters of Deceit" merit reading by others. Your generous comments are most encouraging, and you may be certain that we in the FBI will constantly strive to merit your continued approval and support. I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
NOTE: No reference in Bufiles [redacted] The John Birch Society in its recent publication sent to its members instructed them to write the Director on his statement "Communist Target--Youth."

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August 8,1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover;

Dear Sir,

Sincerest congratulations for your superb report in the new pamphlet titled--Communist Target--Youth.

As a member of the John Birch Society and a past Commander of my American Legion Post I want to assure you that I any my friends will do much to circulate it and re-circulate it, as we have been doing with "Masters of Deceit".

May God bless you with the best of health and your continuance of great wisdom.

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P.S. Please do not take the time to answer this letter. Merely add another mark on your roster of Americans you can count on.

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Mr. [redacted]

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Bloomfield, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 8, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my report, "Communist Target -- Youth." In view of your concern, I am enclosing a copy of this pamphlet, together with some other material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 8, 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover

One of my fellow members of the John Birch Society has just told me about the excellence of your report contained in a pamphlet just published under the title of "Communist Target-Youth" by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Even though I haven't had the opportunity of reading the report as I mean to do as quickly as I can get a copy, I want you to know that I as a crusader for American principles since the sad day (For America) Franklin D Roosevelt stepped into the White House, deeply appreciate your disclosure in this report as well as in your book and other reports.

The tragic part of todays situation is that America is truly committing suicide because its people are smothering to death from the love of comfort and the desire not to be bothered by bad news. Business leaders who are the rightful trustees of American freedom and who should be informing themselves and continue to plan ahead for "business as usual" when in truth, they will have no future unless they help stop the Communist - Socialist tide.

Sincerely - /s/ [redacted]

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August 8, 1960

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

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The tragic part of today is that America is truly committing suicide because its people are too lethargic to stand up against the loss of comfort and the pleasure not to be bothered by business. Business leaders who are the mainstay of American freedom are also allowed to be unfairly threatened by their employees about their dangerous activities. Continuing to pile on ever heavier taxes, they will have no money left to pay the taxes unless the "Communist - Socialist Rule" [illegible]

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Newport Beach, California

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You are to be congratulated for the wonderful job you are doing with the FBI to try and save our country and this note is just a very small token word of appreciation for which I do not expect a reply.

Most Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Midland, Texas

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Midland, Texas
Aug. 11, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your wonderful report on the San Francisco riots in the pamphlet released by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society, and I would like to humbly thank you also for the innumerable things you have done for America. I thank God for your principles and ideals.

No answer is expected.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your wonderful report on the San Francisco riots in the pamphlet released by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society, and I would like to humbly thank you also for the innumerable things you have done for America. I thank God for your principles and ideals.

No answer is expected.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Miss [redacted]
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Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 12, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
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August 12, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations on your report -"COMMUNIST TARGET - YOUTH."

It was suggested that members of John Birch Society write commending your great work, but even if I were not a member of The John Birch Society, I would be a great admirer-and have been,-for the courage and dedication you set forth as an example of dedicated patriotism. Thank you in the name of all true Americanist citizens.

As further suggested by Mr. Welch, however, I do wish to make clear that I do not expect a reply that would require extra work on your part.

Thank God for our country having men like yourself.

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Very truly yours

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Mrs. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Palos Verdes Estates, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your note of August 9, 1960, has been received.

I am glad to know that you found my comments in "Communist Target--Youth" worthy of dissemination, and I want to thank you for your thoughtful message. In view of your interest, I am enclosing other publications relating to the threat of subversive elements in our society today.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention and March 1960 LEB Introduction
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage.

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P. O. Box [redacted]
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIF.

August 9, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to thank you for the report which you wrote and which is published in the pamphlet entitled "Communist Target - Youth", put out by the House Un-American Activities Committee. I have sent for copies of this pamphlet and shall see that they are circulated as widely as possible.

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I know about this pamphlet through membership in the John Birch Society. I have in years past belonged to many conservative groups working for the preservation of the Constitution, but I am very much heartened by the activities of the John Birch Society, and hope that through its activities the liberal trend toward socialism and one-worldism will be halted. I am grateful to you for all the wonderful work you have done for the Republic.

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Sincerely

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No reply necessary.

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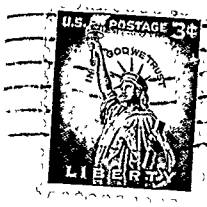

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Washington, D. C.

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Miss [redacted]

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Thank you for your note of August 8, 1960.

I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message concerning my comments relative to the recent riots in San Francisco, and enclosed are publications on the general subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Aug 8, 1960

Dear Sir:

As a member of The John Birch Society, may I congratulate you on the excellence of your report which constitutes the bulk of the pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth".

Sincerely,

Miss [redacted]
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Los Angeles 5, California

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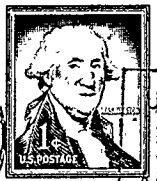

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Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Sir: Aug 8, 1960

As a member of the John Birch Society, may I congratulate you on the excellence of your report which constitutes the bulk of the pamphlet "Communist Target --

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Sincerely, NI

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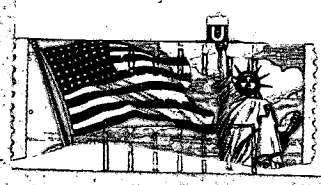

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Mr. Donald A. Rueber
3014 South Delaware Avenue
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

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Dear Mr. Rueber:

Your letter of August 7, 1960, with enclosures, has been received, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

It was good of you to give me the benefit of your observations concerning the menace of communism. Certainly, I believe it is necessary to constantly alert our people to the manner in which communism is seeking to undermine and subvert democracy. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind remarks concerning the efforts of the FBI to combat communism, and I am pleased that you have found our publications on this subject interesting as well as helpful.

In response to your inquiry, may I suggest that you contact the House Committee on Un-American Activities relative to your desire for additional copies of my article, "Communist Target--Youth." As you are aware, the Committee was responsible for reprinting this article and our supply of it is limited. I am sorry that I cannot be of service to you in this instance, but I hope you will understand the difficulties involved.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record with respect to Mr. Rueber. He wanted 1,000 extra copies of the Director's article to distribute under the auspices of his local John Birch Society. He pointed out in his letter the fact that this Society's current monthly bulletin requested all the members to write to the Director expressing congratulations on his article.

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3014 South Delaware Avenue
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

August 7, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have been planning to write to you for several weeks, but due to an extremely heavy schedule have not been able to do so.

However, yesterday I received my copy of the Monthly Bulletin of The John Birch Society in which all members are requested to write to you expressing our congratulations on your report of the San Francisco rioting. It is certainly a pleasure to do this. My wife and I are fortunate in being on the mailing list of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and, of course, received a copy of the pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth." We feel that this publication should become mandatory reading for all High School and University students, civic groups, Church organizations and all P.T.A. and similar groups.

I am certain that The John Birch Society will create a great demand for this publication, and I fear that for me to ask for the quantity I would need to insure adequate distribution by our members here could not be filled by the Committee. It is my understanding that your office has printed copies of your report. My most conservative estimate is that we will need 1,000 copies in this area. Unfortunately, I am not in a position to underwrite the cost of so great a number, but I am sure that our members would gladly combine to defray at least a fair amount of that cost. Nevertheless, we would be most grateful for whatever number of copies you might be able to supply.

Secondly, you might be interested to note that my wife and I have purchased a dozen paperback editions of MASTERS OF DECEIT which are in constant circulation, and we have persuaded other friends to do the same. As a matter of fact, it was your book which aroused me from my lethargy and made me determined to learn everything possible about the Communist Conspiracy and hence, to contribute what small part I can to prevent it from taking over this nation.

As a means to this end, I joined the John Birch Society in December, 1959 and am, at this time, the Midwest Major Coordinator. This is done on a voluntary and "spare time" basis as I am employed on a full time basis by the Wisconsin Air National Guard as a medical technician.

One week ago, and subsequent to an article which appeared in the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL printed an article (enclosed) apparently designed to discredit the Society because of an opinion expressed by its founder, Mr. Robert Welch Jr., relative to President Eisenhower, in a manuscript written by Mr. Welch in 1954 entitled THE POLITICIAN. I am aware of this manuscript and its contents, as is the F.B.I.

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Although I do not personally subscribe to this particular opinion, I also do not consider myself or our members responsible for it in any way. The headline of THE JOURNAL'S article is in itself fallacious, as at no time has "this group", as the JOURNAL calls it, ever promoted either directly or indirectly its founder's personal opinion. Nor has Mr. Welch either overtly or covertly by means of personal communication, the Society's printed Bulletins or through other literature of his own or of the Society, ever suggested that any member accept his view on this subject, nor has he ever even mentioned that he ever held such a view.

However, many Milwaukeeans are cognizant of the position assumed by THE JOURNAL in matters relative to socialism, welfare state-ism and anti-communism. If he were here, I am sure that Senator McCarthy would vouch for that.

Yet, there are many others here who are most anxious for me to show them something in the way of an official "clearance" before they join our Society. This is naturally of considerable importance in these times. The mere fact that we are not on anyone's "subversive list" is hardly a recommendation.

While I fully realize that neither you, as an individual, nor the F.B.I. as an agency of the government will give us an outright recommendation, perhaps you would be so kind as to give me a letter which would state that the F.B.I. would have no objection to an individual joining our Society? In view of recent developments, the 128th Fighter Group, Wisconsin Air National Guard, conducted a check, this past week, through the legal section of the National Guard Bureau. I happened to be in the office yesterday morning when the Bureau called to say that it had checked with the Department of Defense and that the Society had a clean bill of health. This is good to know, but I have nothing to this effect in writing.

I am sorry to have inflicted upon you so lengthy a letter, but I am very much concerned by the apathy of so many of our people in this country at the very time that the creeping, debilitating disease of socialism is gathering impetus and while powerful influences are being exerted by such organizations as The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee which is constantly seeking to reduce the effectiveness of the F.B.I. and to abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee and The Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy which, incidently, met here in Milwaukee yesterday promoting its appeasement policy through fear.

Recently, my wife and I have instituted an educational program in Wisconsin and Illinois which is being implemented by all of our Chapter Leaders. (Copy enclosed)

May I close by stating that we are most grateful for the many wonderful articles and pamphlets you have written to awaken, enlighten and protect our people. You may always rest assured of not only our complete support but our continued prayers for your inspirational leadership.

Most sincerely yours,

Donald A. Rueber

DONALD A. RUEBER

PROGRAM OF PRIMARY ANTI-COMMUNIST EDUCATION

1. "COMMUNISM ON THE MAP" - A film strip in color which traces the progress made by International Communism in its drive to conquer the world. Complete documentation with a taped narration by Mr. Glenn Green, former wire service journalist, now Executive Vice-President of The National Education Program, Searcy, Arkansas. Running time: 1 hour.

2. "THE NAKED COMMUNIST" - A tape recorded address by Mr. W. Cleon Skousen, Chief of Police of Salt Lake City, and former Agent of the F.B.I. An excellent, informative lecture on many aspects of the Communist Conspiracy. Running time: 1 hour 15 minutes.

3. "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN GOVERNMENT" - Tape recorded address by Mr. Richard Arens, dynamic Staff Director of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Running time: 1 hour 10 minutes.

4. "HISTORY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY" and "THE CAUSE AND COURSE OF COMMUNISM" - Two tape recorded lectures by Dr. Fred Schwarz, an Australian physician and surgeon, who is recognized internationally as one of the leading diagnosticians of the disease of communism. Running time: 1 hour.

5. "BRAINWASHING AMERICAN KOREAN WAR PRISONERS IN CHINA" - Is the American civilization well on the way down the Western slope? Each listener can examine his own conscience as Major William Mayer, U.S. Army Neuropsychiatrist, outlines the underlying weaknesses which led to the "Brainwashing" of many of our American Korean prisoners of war. Running time: 1 hour 25 minutes.

6. "COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER IN CHINA" - A tape recorded eye-witness account of life under the Communists in China by a Protestant Minister, Rev. Leslie Millen, who spent several years there prior to, and 2½ years after, the Communist take-over. Running time: 1 hour 7 minutes.

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8. "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY" - A 2½ hour film presentation of the background, purpose and mechanics of action of the Society narrated by its Founder and Director, Mr. Robert Welch. Mr. Welch outlines a well organized, cohesive plan by which Communism can be stopped and ultimately defeated if lethargic Americans can be stirred to action in time.

One Milwaukee business will obtain for us a copy of the new film "Operation Abolition" which will become a part of this program.

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MILWAUKEE JOURNAL 31 JULY 1960

Group Branding Ike as Red Has 10 Wisconsin Chapters

John Birch Society Numbers 150 to 200 Members; Growth Disturbs Officials

By ALEX P. DOBISH
Of The Journal Staff

Ten chapters of the John Birch society, founded by a man who believes that President Eisenhower is a dedicated Communist, have formed in Wisconsin in the last year.

The ostensible purpose of the society is to fight communism and influence American politics. Its members include such leading citizens as William J. Grede, Milwaukee industrialist.

Four branches have been formed in Milwaukee and one each in Wauwatosa, Green Bay, De Pere, Oshkosh, Appleton and Eagle River.

Retired Manufacturer

Mrs. John Rueber, 3014 S. Delaware av., the wife of a medical technician, is the Milwaukee area "co-ordinator." Richard Johnson, Green Bay, an accountant, is in charge of upstate activities.

The founder of the society is a wealthy, retired candy manufacturer, who lives in Belmont, Mass. He is Robert H. W. Welch, jr., 61, a persuasive speaker, conservative and the author of "The Politician."

"The Politician" is a manuscript of 302 pages which has been privately reproduced in book form by the photo-offset process. Leaders of the society have received copies from Welch with the admonition that the contents are "strictly confidential and for your eyes only."

The book tries to prove that Mr. Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscientious agent of the Communist party.

It claims that Mr. Eisenhower's brother, Milton, is the president's superior in the party and that a dozen other highly placed government men are either outright Communists or tools of the party.

Claims Presidents "Used"

Former President Roosevelt, the book says, was unknowingly used by the party. Ex-President Truman was knowingly used, it continues. As for President Eisenhower, page 268 reads:

"In my own opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

Welch, Johnson and Mrs. Rueber deny that the book is used at meetings. Group leaders like Johnson and Mrs. Rueber have copies, however.

Neither Johnson nor Mrs. Rueber would disavow the contents of "The Politician." Mrs. Rueber said she had not reached a conclusion, adding: "I am not obligated to explain my personal conclusion, if I have reached one, to anybody."

Curious About Book

She wanted to know where The Milwaukee Journal had obtained a copy since the book was not supposed to be seen by "ordinary" society members or outsiders.

"Someone," she said, "broke a confidence."

Johnson said he shared the bulk of Welch's views, but shied away from hanging a Communist label on the president.

He said at first that he "had no idea" if Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist.

"I only know that if he is not, he might as well be," he said. "It is a moot question. The results of his administration are the same."

Later he added: "I don't think Eisenhower is bright enough to be permitted to be one of the party."

Welch's goal is a million members. He declined to say how many members were in the

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Mrs. [redacted]

Los Angeles 27, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 10, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth." Your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you, including a copy of the booklet you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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Los Angeles 27, Calif.

Aug. 10, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir :

We are writing as members of the John Birch Society. Are we happy about the movie on the San Fransisco riots which have been shown twice, to our knowledge, on TV; and are scheduled to be shown again!

We are writing (under separate cover) for a copy of your pamphlet COMMUNIST TARGET - YOUTH. With this to give out, after so many persons have seen the TV movie, we think that we can impress many who were not impressed up to now with the seriousness of your fight. "It can happen here."

And I am so happy to be writing to you. I feel the same way an acquaintance appeared to have felt after my one semi-famous friend had 'phoned her to accept a speaking engagement. She said, "I almost dropped dead. It never occurred to me that she really existed." So I keep sitting here and thinking, "I'm writing to J. Edgar Hoover. He really exists, you know." Life would be a different matter for all of us were you just a good fairy-tale character, and not really a living force. Thank God for such as you, and your dedication to our cause, and our country.

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Very truly yours,

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MILWAUKEE JOURNAL 31 JULY 1960

Milwaukee Has Four John Birch Groups

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society nationally or in what states chapters had been organized. He said organization was going "nicely in Wisconsin," adding that Wisconsin was a "good, conservative state."

Asked if he still held the views expressed in "The Politician," he said he would not comment.

On his letterhead inviting selected persons to join, Welch lists two other Wisconsin industrialists, besides Grede, as members of the society's national council.

They are E. P. Hamilton, Two Rivers, president of the Hamilton Manufacturing Co., maker of washing machines, dryers and office and drafting equipment, and Cola B. Parker, Neenah, former chairman of the board of Kimberly-Clark Corp., paper manufacturer. Both were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Membership Confirmed

Grede confirmed that he was a council member. He said he didn't think Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist and said he had no comment about the book.

Welch describes the society in the "Blue Book," which he also wrote and which is distributed more widely among members than "The Politician."

"The men who join the John Birch society . . . are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway," he wrote.

"We are going to use that loyalty, like every other resource, to the fullest possible advantage that we can. Whenever and wherever, either through infiltration by the enemy or honest differences of opinion, that loyalty ceases to be sufficient to keep some fragment in line, we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates.

Opposes Factions

"We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every question theme. Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out."

In the same book, Welch outlines his philosophy.

"Democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans found out, and as I believe . . . democracy is merely a deceptive

phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

The society is named after John Birch, an American army captain and fundamentalist Baptist minister, who allegedly was murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J day. The society was founded by Welch on Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, with the support of a small group of businessmen.

Started in 1959

In Milwaukee the society began late in 1959 after Welch gave a privately attended talk here.

Mrs. Rueber's reason for organizing the first branch, she said, was:

"I couldn't sit back and wait for someone else to do it. Communism had been winning for some time."

She wrote to Welch saying that she was interested, and received instructions on how to organize and other necessary material. She knows Welch personally.

"I consider him a fine man," she said.

Mrs. Rueber said two chapters were on the east side, two on the south side and a fifth in Wauwatosa. Meetings usually were in private homes. She declined to say where meetings were held or when the next one will be. She said the press could not attend.

Under the Welch program, each chapter gets a monthly "John Birch Bulletin," which Welch edits. This usually gives the "assignment" for the month and lists suggested reading matter. Frequently there are suggestions for a letter writing campaign to congressmen on legislation.

Dues are $24 a year for men and $12 for women.

Although only high leaders know membership figures, the society is growing fast, according to law enforcement sources. Wisconsin has between 150 and 200 members, according to Johnson and Mrs. Rueber. They were enrolled in less than a year. This factor, plus the high level of influence and intelligence of members, disturbs law enforcement officials.

Movies Are Utilized

Welch writes skillfully and uses movies effectively of himself speaking in making his points.

He was born in Chowan county, North Carolina. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina; attended the United States Naval academy for two years and, finally, Harvard law school. He was in charge of sales and advertising of the firm that bears his name. He was vice-chairman of the Massachusetts Republican finance committee and, in 1950, a candidate for the lieutenant governor's post on the Republican ticket.

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Mrs. [redacted]

Penfield, New York

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 9, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your group's interest in disseminating copies of my statement, "Communist Target -- Youth."

I am glad to know that the efforts of this Bureau warrant your warm comment, and your thoughtfulness in writing is encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MRS. [redacted]
PENFIELD, N. Y.

August 9,1960

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

Dear Sir:

The members of The John Birch Society have been informed of the very fine phamplet that has recently been released from your bureau entitled Communist Target--Youth.

I have just requested some copies from the Un-American Activites committee to distribute where they will do the most good.

We of the society appreciate the wonderful work you are doing and are grateful.

Very sincerely

[redacted]

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P.S. No reply necessary

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EX 109

Captain J. L. Cotten, USN, Retired
1372 South El Molino Avenue
Pasadena 5, California

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Dear Captain Cotten:

I have received your letter of August 9, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record in Bufiles identifiable with Cotten.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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[redacted]

Pasadena, California,
9 Aug. 1960.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society I am writing to let you know how much we appreciate your untiring efforts in combatting Communism in our country. The report you made to the Un-American Activities Committee is excellent. The San Francisco riots were shocking and disgraceful.

I am sure you receive thousands of letters congratulating you on your fine work so please don't go to the trouble to acknowledge mine.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Pasadena, California,
4 Aug. 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society I am writing to let you know how much we appreciate your untiring efforts in combatting Communism in our country. The input you made to the House Un-American Activities Committee is excellent. The San Francisco riots were shocking and disgraceful.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. George S. Birch
Birchwood
6040 Riverside Drive
Macon, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Birch:

I have received your letter of August 10, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write. It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my report, "Communist Target--Youth," and I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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Enclosures (3)
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention, CP
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE Con't:

The late John Birch was a young Baptist missionary in China. He helped Doolittle and several of his fliers to safety after the Tokyo raid and later served 3 years as an Army intelligence officer under General Chennault. 10 days after the end of World War II, while on a peaceful Army mission, Birch was brutally murdered by Chinese communists.

Birchwood,

6040 Riverside Drive,

Macon, Ga.,

August 10, 1960.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,

Director F.B.I.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As a member of the John Birch Society, and father of the late John Birch, I very much appreciate your report to the House UnAmerican Activities Committee released July 18th, 1960 on the San Francisco Riots.

Please allow me to thank and congratulate you on the job so well done.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Birch

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P.S. No answer is expected.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Glenview, Illinois

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DATE 8/4/94 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 8, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate the generous comments of you and your husband about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material concerning communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3-60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No reference in Bufiles identifiable with correspondents.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Trotter
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

August 8, 1960.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to congratulate you on the excellence of the report which you made concerning the San Francisco riots. I certainly do not expect any answer to this letter, as I fully realize the tremendous pressure of time under which you labor so well for our country. My husband and I just want you to know that there are many of us throughout the country who realize full well the danger we face, and thank God for the blessings of such men as you who do so much to help us stop the tide of destruction which seems so imminent. Whatever the outcome, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the outstanding job you are now doing, and have done in the past to expose communism for what is is in this country.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Glenview, Ill.

John Birch Society members
and chapter leaders

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Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

Corinth, Mississippi

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8/11/04 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you and your husband to write me on August 12, 1960, regarding my recent analysis entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

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AUG 18 1960
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable with Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] They identified themselves as members of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Aug. 12, 1960
Corinth Miss.
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Mr J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

I have finished reading your pamphlet Communist Target youth, I want to Commend you and congratulate you on the excellence of your report. I have teen age children and this subject is very dear to me. I expect no answer to this letter. I feel that someone who is doing the fine work that you are certainly deserves encouragement. We in the John Birch Society, want you to know we appreciate your efforts and are behind you 100%.

Sincerely

/s/ Mr & Mrs [redacted]

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover.
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Sincerely

Mr & Mrs [redacted]

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August 18, 1960

Mr. [redacted]

Los Angeles 14, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is certainly appreciated.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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LEB Introduction 3-60 with 17th Nat'l Convention CP USA
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NOTE: No mention is being made of correspondent's reference to former California Governor, Goodwin Knight. No record in Bufiles identifiable with [redacted]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society fighting the communist conspiracy at every opportunity, I wish to congratulate you on the article your prepared and which is being distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and which relates to the San Francisco riots occuring during the committee hearings in that city in May.

You may be interested to know that the former governor of our State, the Honorable Goodwin Knight has done an outstanding job in publicising this affair on our local station KMPC, Channel 13.

There is no necessity for you to acknowledge this letter.

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August 10, 1960

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EX-102

August 17, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]
Laughlintown, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your card of August 9, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my article, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory re Mr. [redacted] which would preclude this letter.

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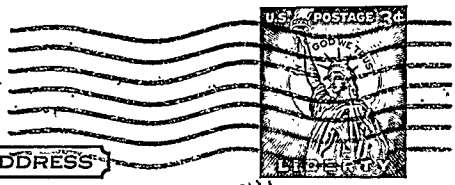

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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August 9, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for the exceelent article COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH recently released through the HUAC; and for your untiring efforts to alert our people against communism. You are making progress. Many of us are actively helping in our meager but determine[redacted]

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Laughlintown, Pa.
Member John Birch Society

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Dr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Flint 3, Michigan

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated August 11, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write. It was very kind of you to comment as you did about the pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material regarding the communist menace which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th National Convention and March 1960, LEB Introduction
Soviet Expose

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DR [redacted]
Ophthalmology
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DR. [redacted]
Otorhinolaryngology
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FLINT 3, MICHIGAN

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August 11 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover:

Please accept my thanks and congratulations for the excellence of your report which formed the bulk of the latest House Un-American Activities Committee pamphlet entitled COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH. I am a member of the John Birch Society and, like all other members, admire your work against the Communist conspiracy.

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Yours truly,

[redacted]

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August 18, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Columbus 14, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 12, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Columbus 14 O.
Aug. 12, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a member of the John Birch Society, I am writing to congratulate you on your excellent report "Communist Target - Youth". God bless you & keep you in your present position!

Sincerely,

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Columbus 14 O.
Aug. 12, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a member of the John Birch Society, I am writing to congratulate you on your excellent report "Communist Target - Youth." God bless you & keep you in your present position!

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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P. S. - No reply please!

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DATE 8/17/84 BY SP6 SYA/MA

REC- 63 104401-207

August 18, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Florence, Massachusetts

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your kind letter of August 14, 1960, and your thoughtfulness in writing is indeed appreciated.

Your very generous comments are most encouraging, and I want to thank you for your favorable remarks. I am enclosing several statements on the general subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 14, 1960

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

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Dear Mr Hoover,

It was a happy thought for the John Birch Society to suggest that its members send you a word of commendation for your fine report on the San Francisco riots, for it provides an opportunity for us to put into words some of the admiration we have long felt for you and your work. The report, "Communist Target--Youth", is very revealing and I am sending for more copies to distribute where there is a chance of their doing some real good. Your "Masters of Deceit" is outstanding, and I bought three paper-back copies to circulate, to try to arouse people to the menace we are facing.

I do not expect an answer to this. Humanity is quick to blame and slow to praise, but a pat on the back feels wonderful when one is fighting for the right with his back to the wall and the clouds are dark overhead, and I doubt if anyone ever had more brickbats and stabs in the back aimed his way than you, and this is merely an enthusiastic "Well done!"

However it is doubtful if there is any person whom the general public holds in higher esteem in their inmost hearts, and your name has become a symbol of uncompromising integrity in a "civilization" that is becoming so permeated with evil in its many forms that our claim to be a "Christian nation", seems to have a hollow sound. Therefore, I am glad of this chance to add my word of praise and commendation, and to wish you the best of everything

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Most sincerely,

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August 18, 1960

Mr. A. C. Heinsohn, Jr.
Cherokee Textile Mills
Main Office and Mill
Sevierville, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. Heinsohn:

I have received your letter of August 11, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SALES OFFICE
100 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
MAIN OFFICE AND MILL
SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 11,1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please do not bother to answer this letter as I know you are busy.

As a member of the John Birch Society, I learned from their recent bulletin ~~of the~~ pamphlet published by the House Un-American Activities entitled, Communist Target—YOUTH. I have obtained a copy of this pamphlet and I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to both the Committee and to you for the outstanding documentation of this tragic affair which caused an authorized committee of Congress to cease its hearings in San Francisco.

Sincerely yours,

A. G. Heinsohn, Jr.

A. G. Heinsohn Jr.

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August 18, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
San Francisco 16, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 11, 1960, and appreciate the thought which promoted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Miss Ingram
Miss Gandy

August 11, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Again congratulations. Your report on the San Francisco Riots is a fine job and the pictures in the House Report are a clincher for those people here who are trying still to deny the communist hookup.

You can imagine my satisfaction in becoming a member of Bob Welch's John Birch Society--after working and spending a lot to work against enemies of our Republic.

I feel more encouraged than in the past 30 years. The showing of the conservatives in both conventions was not intended, and should help all of us who sometimes feel that the work is not as resultful as it should be.

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Cordially and sincerely,

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August 18, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Leesburg, Virginia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you for your note of August 10, 1960.

It is indeed a pleasure to know of the confidence you and your husband have in the work being done by the FBI, and your generous comments concerning my remarks relative to the recent riots in San Francisco are deeply appreciated. My associates and I hope that our efforts will continue to merit your esteem.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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LEESBURG,
VIRGINIA.
TEL. SPRING (SP) 7-3836.

August 10th, 1960.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My husband and I have always regarded you with deep respect as a really deserving citizen of our great country.

Now we take this opportunity to thank you personally for your great contribution to the pamphlet Communist Target--Youth. Just what we need--it is of great value.

Being you we would like to add here that we belong to the John Birch Society and are proud of it.

We expect no acknowledgment of this letter.

But god bless you.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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

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August 18, 1960

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Natchitoches, Louisiana

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 10, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding our efforts. In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Natchitoches, Louisiana
August 10, 1960

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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Tro[illegible]
Mr. W.C. [illegible]
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a citizen of the United States and a member of The John Birch Society I wish to congratulate you on all phases of the superb work you have been doing, with special emphasis relating to your uncovering and making publicly known the tactics and workings of communists in our Nation.

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Very truly yours,

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Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita 6, Kansas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 12, 1960, and your thoughtfulness in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

It is most encouraging to read your remarks, and I want to thank you for your kind comments. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material concerning the communist menace which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Wichita 6, Kansas
August 12, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

I am sixteen, disheartened and scared. I am in this sad state of affairs because I know the extent and effectiveness of the Communist Conspiracy in this country.

However, even though it is hard to muster, I do have hope. I am an almost-member of the John Birch Society--sort of John Birch, Jr. (if you'll pardon the pun). And I am very much encouraged when I see men such as yourself, who know much more about Communism and must be much more discouraged, carrying on such a valiant battle to save the United States from World Communism.

I am writing this letter mostly to encourage you and tell you that you are not working in vain as there is a growing number of "card-carrying Americans", as one candidate put it, squarely behind you and the cause of individual freedom. Also, I am not expecting an answer to this letter.

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Hopefully yours,

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houston 36, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 10, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my report "Communist Target--Youth." I am enclosing a copy of this booklet, although you have requested one from other sources. In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Houston 36, Texas

August 10, 1960.

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

Dear Sir:

I have today made a request of my Congressman, Mr. Bob Casey and of the House Un-American Activties Committee for copies of the recent publication, Communist Target -- Youth.

I do not have to read it in advance to know that your portion of it will be factual and excellent in its context.

As a member of the rapidly growing John Birch Society it is with great heart that we are thankful for people of your stripe and caliber in the increasing fight against the communist conspiracy.

Please do not take time to answer this letter as there are those of us that would not like to take your time for needless things, but rather to have it spent upon the important things that keep you alert to the common danger. There are many people with you in this effort.

Respectfully yours,

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August 18, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Southwest Grease and Oil Company, Inc.
220 West Waterman Street
Wichita 2, Kansas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 11, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SOUTHWEST GREASE & OIL CO. INC.
4220 WEST WATERMAN STREET
WICHITA 2, KANSAS
TELEPHONE: LOCAL AMhers
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August 11, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a word of congratulations on your recent pamphlet "Communist Target -- Youth". This is a superb report and I just wanted to pass on to you my comment about what a fine job you and your staff are doing in this area. I have used your pamphlet in a number of places to jar loose some complacent friends of mine and I am certain that some of them realize that something is seriously wrong.

I think you probably already know of the John Birch Society and I just wanted to let you know that we have formed several new chapters out here in the so-called "Conservative Mid-West" and are anxiously pursuing our Anti-Communist endeavors, We certainly hope that our energy and our efforts can be concentrated in such a manner that the wave of Anti-Communism will spread throughout the United States.

Please don't take any of your valuable time to reply to this letter. I just merely wanted to let you know that I personally thought you are doing a tremendous job and that we love and respect all the information that comes to us from your tremendous organization.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. [redacted]
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Seagoville, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 8, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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August 9, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

May I congratulate you on the excellence of your report which appears in the pamphlet Communist Target--Youth , published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. My only regret is that there will be millions of Americans who, through ignorance or indifference, will never read this report.

I expect no reply to this letter, because your job is certainly so important in these days that I wouldn't want to add to your burden. However, may I say this. God is on our side in the fight against the Godless force of Communism! MayHe bless you in your work.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Member, John Birch Society

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 10, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It is indeed encouraging to receive letters such as yours, and it was very kind of you to comment as you did about my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 10, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The purpose of this very brief note is to congratulate you on the excellent job you have done on the recently published pamphlet, "Communist Target, Youth."

As a member of the John Birch Society, please be assured of our dedicated support of your never-ceasing efforts to expose and destroy the Communist conspiracy wherever it may be found.

Sincerely,

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August 18, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
523 Penobscot Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 9, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society, let me congratulate you on your Report which is contained in the recent pamphlet entitled Communist Target--Youth, which was released by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I do not expect a reply, but I merely wish you to know that I cannot express too strongly my gratitude for your continuing efforts in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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August 18, 1960

Dr. [redacted]
[redacted]
West De Pere, Wisconsin

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 11, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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DR. [redacted]

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WEST DE PERE, WISCONSIN

August 11, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to congratulate you on the excellence of your report which constitutes the bulk of the House Un-American Activities Committe pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth."

Over the years you have done much and have issued many statements regarding the decline in religion and morals as the root of many of the evils that beset us today. I regard you as the most outstanding pillar of dignity, honor, and decency in our government today. God Bless You, and may He spare you for your much needed services for many years to come.

No answer is necessary.

Sincerely yours

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Member John Birch Society.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 16, 1960

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-13575)

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet to Mr. [redacted] 6-9-60, copy of which was designated for the Milwaukee office, and Bulet to Milwaukee 8-5-60. b6 b7C

On 8-11-60, SA JOSEPH S. WALKER personally contacted Mr. [redacted] at his residence, [redacted] Eagle River, Wis. Mr. [redacted] was very friendly, and explained that he appreciated being contacted in person. He volunteered that he is a member of and active in the John Birch Society movement in the area of Eagle River. He said he became affiliated with this society after about ten years of extensive reading, because he felt that it probably was doing more than any other organization to promote loyalty toward the United States. He said at the present time politicians and legislators receive hundreds of letters from members of "front organizations," which are not loyal to the United States, and one of the goals of the John Birch Society, which is headed by ROBERT WELCH, is to obtain a million members and encourage correspondence to proper officials to off-set the correspondence received from the members of "front organizations." Mr. [redacted] estimated that the John Birch Society in Wisconsin has approximately 312 members. b6 b7C

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He said that recently he was interviewed by a member of the Vilas County News-Review, a weekly newspaper, Eagle River, Wis., concerning the John Birch Society chapter in the Eagle River area, and he was asked whether he thought President EISENHOWER was a Communist. [redacted] said he advised the newspaper representative he did not believe President EISENHOWER was a Communist and did not believe it was proper to find him guilty due only to association with people who may be suspected of being Communists. He said the local newspaper printed the interview with him, but failed to state that from his studies and readings of various books and brochures during the past years, he still feels there are persons within the State Department who could stand investigation. He said he is of the opinion this interview was prompted by an article which appeared in The Milwaukee Journal Sunday edition, July 31, 1960, entitled, "Group Branding Ike as Red Has 10 Chapters in Wisconsin." (A copy of this article, as clipped from The Milwaukee Journal, is submitted as an enclosure in this letter for ready reference. A copy has previously been sent to the Bureau.) b6 b7C

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Mr. [redacted] made available a copy of the Vilas County News-Review dated August 11, 1960, which reflected an article on page 1, continued on page 4, entitled, "John Birch Society, Whose Leader Brands Ike Red Agent, Has Eagle River Chapter." This article was clipped and is attached. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated he had no specific information that would be a matter within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction, and after he directed a letter to Mr. Hoover, he understood that it would not be proper to be furnished names and results of the FBI investigations. He said his letter of inquiry to Mr. Hoover was prompted by hearsay over the period of years that it was rumored there were 75 Communists in the area of Eagle River and Vilas County. He said he had no specific information regarding this rumor.

He further advised his activities in connection with the John Birch Society are to see that the right pamphlets, publications and brochures of patriotic interest are made available to the members of the John Birch Society. As an example of some of the types of pamphlets he has been making available to society members so they are kept aware of existing conditions, he furnished SA Walker a copy of "The War We Are In--View 1," which is a publication by the Champion Paper and Fibre Co., Hamilton, Ohio. He said that this copy need not be returned; that he purchased several of these pamphlets and will be forwarding them to members of the John Birch Society. (The copy of this booklet is also enclosed with this letter.)

It was noted by SA Walker during this interview that there must be a very limited number of members in the Eagle River area, inasmuch as Mr. [redacted] said he had just received these booklets and had not read the articles, and as yet had not distributed them. SA Walker observed there were approximately one dozen of these booklets. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] was furnished information as to how he can readily contact the Milwaukee office of the FBI or the Resident Agency at Wausau, Wis., so that matters of interest to the FBI coming to his attention will be called to the Bureau's attention immediately.

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

8-11-60

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I'm sure you have done more to preserve America than any man in history, and I wish to thank you & encourage you. Specifically I want to thank you for your report in pamphlet form to expose the Communist "hand" in the San Francisco riots.

I'm sure no one could do more than you have and I hope you have many more good years ahead & also your loyal people throughout your dept.

Sincerely

MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY — DAVISON MICH.

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Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]
Davison Mich.

Member of John Birch Society

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Davison, Michigan

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you and your husband to write me regarding "Communist Target--Youth."

I am pleased you found "Masters of Deceit" and my report relative to the recent riots in San Francisco of interest. Your generous comments about these publications and your expression of confidence in the FBI are most reassuring. Enclosed is some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would like to extend thanks for your report in "Communist Target-Youth." When I heard this publication was available from HUAC I immediately requested 40 copies for our Cardinal Mindszenty Discussion group.

Another of our texts is your "Masters of Deceit" which we circulate from our C. M. D. G. library.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Davison, Mich.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

Dearborn, Mich.

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No answer required

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/19/60

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13580)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Eagle River, Wisconsin
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By letter dated May 26, 1960, [redacted] Eagle River, Wisconsin, directed a letter to the Director of the FBI in which he advised in part that it is rumored there are approximately 70 registered Communists in the County of Vilas, and if this was true, he would like to be informed of their names, not for the idea of running them down, but rather to guide the work that he [redacted] was actively engaged in with the John Birch Society. b6 b7C

The Bureau, by letter dated August 5, 1960, instructed that Mr. [redacted] be contacted, and the results of the contact be furnished to the Bureau by 8/17/60, which information has been forwarded by separate letter in Milwaukee case entitled [redacted], INFORMATION CONCERNING (Internal Security)." b6 b7C

On 8/11/60, Mr. [redacted] volunteered the following information to SA JOSEPH S. WALKER when he was contacted to acknowledge his letter to the Bureau: b6 b7C

He said he is an active member in the John Birch Society movement in the area of Eagle River and became affiliated with this Society after about ten years of extensive reading because he felt that it probably was doing more than any other organization to promote loyalty toward the United States.

He said at the present time, politicians and legislators receive hundreds of letters from members of "front organizations," which are not loyal to the United States, and one of the goals of the John Birch Society, which is headed by ROBERT WELCH, is to obtain a million members and encourage correspondence to proper officials to offset the correspondence received from the members of "front organizations." Mr. [redacted] estimated that the John Birch Society in Wisconsin has approximately 312 members. b6 b7C

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Mr. [redacted] stated he had no specific information that would be a matter within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction. He said that in regard to his letter to the Director of the FBI, it was prompted by hearsay over the period of years and that he thought in his work with the John Birch Society, it would be well to know the identities of Communists in the area. He said he now understands it would not be proper to be furnished names and results of FBI investigations. He further advised his activities in connection with the John Birch Society are to see that the right pamphlets, publications and brochures of patriotic interest are made available to the members of the John Birch Society. As an example of some of the types of pamphlets he has been making available to Society members so they are kept aware of existing conditions, he furnished SA JOSEPH S. WALKER a copy of "The War We Are In--View 1," which is a publication by the Champion Paper

and Fibre Company, Hamilton, Ohio. A cursory review of this booklet reflected articles entitled as follows:

"The War We Are In"	Page 1
"The Protected Path to Power"	" 3
"Mao Tse-Tung's Own Words"	" 4
"The Anatony of Peril"	" 8
"Psychological Warfare: A Weapon That is Winning"	" 11
"The War in Words"	" 12
"Encirclement" (Between pages 13 & 16)	
"The Economic Balance Sheet"	" 16
"The Political Balance Sheet"	" 18
"Sensitive Sectors"	" 19
"All Is Peace - And War Is Its Prophet"	" 20
"Strategy for the Protracted Conflict"	" 22

This pamphlet was forwarded to the Bureau in the matter entitled, [redacted], INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)." b6 b7C

It was noted that during this interview Mr. [redacted] said he had just received these booklets and had purchased them for members of the Eagle River John Birch Society Chapter. It appeared that there were not more than one dozen of these booklets which would indicate there are not very many members of this Society at Eagle River.

On August 13, 1960, SA JOSEPH S. WALKER received an envelope postmarked Eagle River, Wisconsin, August 12, 1960, which enclosed a pamphlet entitled, "John Birch Society, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts," which was dated August 1, 1960, from [redacted] Eagle River, Wisconsin. This pamphlet on page 12 reflects that a representative of the FBI is taking part in the Anti-Communist Schools at the United States Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois, beginning August 29, 1960. On page 20, item No. 8, a reference is made to the superb report by J. EDGAR HOOVER in the pamphlet entitled, "Communist Target--Youth," regarding the San Francisco riots, which pamphlet was released July 18, 1960, by the House Un-American Activities Committe.. On page 21, the first paragraph encourages members of the John Birch Society to write J. EDGAR HOOVER a short letter congratulating him on the excellence of b6 b7C

his report in "Communist Target--Youth." A copy of the pamphlet entitled "John Birch Society, Inc.," is being forwarded as an enclosure to this letter. b6 b7C

The Milwaukee Office files contain no prior information concerning Mr. [redacted] or the John Birch Society, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Chapter.

No investigation is being conducted UACB.

John Birch Society, Whose Leader Brands "Ike" Red Agent, Has Eagle River Chapter

Ten chapters of the John Birch society (including a chapter in Eagle River), founded by a man who believes that President Eisenhower is a dedicated Communist, have formed in Wisconsin in the last year.

This was reported in a recent story in the Milwaukee Journal written by Alex P. Dobish, who is a member of the Journal staff.

The apparent purpose of the society is to fight communism and influence American politics, Dobish reported and its members include leading citizens and industrialists in Wisconsin.

Dobish further reported that four branches have been formed in Milwaukee and one each in Wauwatosa, Green Bay, De Pere, Oshkosh, Appleton and Eagle River.

Mrs. John Rueber, 3014 S. Delaware ave., the wife of a medical technician, is the Milwaukee area "co-ordinator" and spoke in Eagle River, helping set-up the chapter here.

The founder of the society is a wealthy, retired candy manufacturer, who lives in Bemont, Mass., Robert H. W. Welch, jr., 61, who is the author of "The Politician."

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THE MILWAUKEE Journal has obtained a copy of "The Politician", which is a manuscript of 302 pages, reproduced in book form. Leaders of the society have received copies from Welch with the admonition that the contents are "strictly confidential and for your eyes only."

The book tries to prove that Mr. Eisenhower is a dedicated conscientious agent of the Communist party.

It claims that Mr. Eisenhower's brother, Milton, is the president's superior in the party and that a dozen other highly placed government men are either outright Communists or tools of the party.

Former President Roosevelt, the book says, was unknowingly used by the party. Ex-President Truman was knowingly used, it continues. As for President Eisenhower, page 268 reads:

"In my own opinion the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

The Journal writer in his story said that neither Mrs. Rueber or Richard Johnson of Green Bay, who is in charge of upstate activities, would disavow the contents of "The Politician."

Mrs. Rueber said she had not reached a conclusion, adding: "I am not obligated to explain my

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Eagle River, Wisconsin
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THIS NEWSPAPER contacted H. S. Tuttle of Eagle River, who is a member and leader of the John Birch society movement in this community. Tuttle has been the Republican party chairman for Vilas county for several years, but recently submitted a letter of resignation.

Tuttle said he had not seen the book "The Politician", and that even if Mr. Welch had written the things he is now credited with, that he understood it dated back six years ago and was not current. Tuttle said he did not believe that President Eisenhower was a communist agent, and did not believe it was proper to find him guilty only due to association with people who may be suspected of being communists.

By coincidence Milton Eisenhower is staying at Land o' Lakes this week on vacation. This newspaper also contacted him and informed him of the statements by the leader of the John Birch society.

Eisenhower said he had never heard of the society and did express a surprised "migosh" when he was informed of the statements. He said he would not comment on it as he had a policy of never making political statements. He said if he had an opportunity to see and read "The Politician" he might say something about it.

Tuttle said he thought the current reference about various presidents being called communist was related to a letter, rather than a manuscript or book—and this letter was written about 1954.

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MRS. RUEBER WANTED to know where the Milwaukee Journal had obtained a copy since the book was not supposed to be seen by "ordinary" society members or outsiders.

"Someone," she said, "broke a confidence."

Johnson said he shared the bulk of Welch's views, but shied away from hanging a Communist label on the President.

He said at first that he "had no idea" if Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist.

"I only know that if he is not, he might as well be," he said. "It is a moot question. The results of his administration are the same."

Later he added: "I don't think Eisenhower is bright enough to be permitted to be one of the party."

Welch's goal is a million members. He declined to say how many members were in the society nationally or in what states chapters had been organized. He said organization was going "nicely in Wisconsin," adding that Wisconsin was a "good, conservative state."

Asked if he still held the views expressed in "The Politician," he said he would not comment.

Welch describes the society in the "Blue Book," which he also wrote and which is distributed more widely among members than "The Politician."

"The men who join the John Birch society . . . are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway," he wrote.

"We are going to use that loyalty, like every other resource, to the fullest possible advantage that we can. Whenever and wherever, either through infiltration by the enemy or honest differences of opinion, that loyalty ceases to be sufficient to keep some fragment in line, we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened raging debates.

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"WE ARE NOT going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every question theme. Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out."

In the same book, Welch outlines his philosophy.

"Democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans found out, and as I believe .... democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

The society is named after John Birch, an American army captain and fundamentalist Baptist minister, who allegedly was murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J Day. The society was founded by Welch on December 9, 1958, in Indianapolis with the support of a small group of businessmen.

Under the Welch program, each chapter gets a monthly "John Birch Bulletin," which Welch edits. This usually gives the "assignment" for the month and lists suggested reading matter. Frequently there are suggestions for a letter writing campaign to congressmen on legislation.

Dues are $24 a year for men and $12 for women.

Although only high leaders know membership figures, the society is growing fast, according to law enforcement sources. Wisconsin has between 150 and 200 members, according to Johnson and Mrs. Rueber. They were enrolled in less than a year. This factor, plus the high level of influence and intelligence of members, disturbs law enforcement officials.

Welch writes skillfully and uses movies effectively of himself speaking in making his points.

He was born in Chowan county, North Carolina. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina; attended the United States Naval academy for two years and, finally, Harvard law school. He was in charge of sales and advertising of the firm that bears his name. He was vice-chairman of the Massachusetts Republican finance committee and, in 1950, a candidate for the lieutenant governor's post on the Republican ticket.

Member's Monthly Message

Home Chapter Members:

Fill out any of the spaces you may wish, on the inside of this sheet. Sign both your name *and address* at the bottom. Refold the sheet, put it in the addressed envelope we have provided, and *mail it* to us in Belmont.

Local Chapter Members:

Fill out any of the spaces you may wish, on the inside of this sheet. Sign both your name *and address* at the bottom. Refold the sheet, put it in the addressed envelope we have provided, *seal* the envelope, and deliver it to your Chapter Leader at the next meeting of your chapter. Do not mail the envelope yourself, as your Chapter Leader will expect to collect an envelope from every member.

These envelopes, still sealed, will be mailed by your Chapter Leader to the Home Office. If your envelope contains a contribution, a routine but grateful acknowledgment will, in due course, be mailed from the Home Office directly to yourself.

To All Members:

Whatever we have been able to accomplish so far has been primarily due to the fact that we are a very closely knit group. It is our intention to keep The John Birch Society equally closely knit even when we grow into a much larger body.

This monthly message from each individual member—in a standardized form which will make it far more practicable for us to process than would be diversified correspondence from so large a number—will serve to maintain closer ties and more complete understanding throughout our constantly growing membership.

With Regard To Finances—Reprinted From The Bulletin For July, 1960

We have always run the business affairs of the Society on as sound a basis as we could. We have expanded our efforts only when we could clearly see where the money was coming from to cover the additional costs. For this reason The John Birch Society has never been short of money, in the usual sense; that is, to meet payrolls or to pay its bills. But in another sense we have been drastically short of money at all times. For the opportunities just waiting for us, as fast as we could finance further growth, have been almost unlimited. And the need for growth has seemed very urgent.

We have now reached the stage where that problem will be increasingly acute. For our organization is not just one of those collections of names, to which leaflets are sent out now and then in the hope that the "members" are still interested—and are still members. Ours is a pulsating machine, tightly assembled, with hundreds of wheels turning at the ends of shafts that are activated in unison. The whole throbbing apparatus requires plenty of fuel, oil, and supervisory attention. The operating costs, therefore, are more than twice the dues available for that purpose.

This is something that many of our members do not realize. And, for obvious reasons, we shall not go into any detailed accounting. But any member with business experience, a sharp pencil, and a little patient study can readily verify for himself the conservatism of the following estimates. In a "fully developed" area, where a Coordinator already has from twenty-five to thirty chapters established and functioning properly (the maximum a Coordinator can manage, even without devoting any time or effort to forming new chapters), the monthly dues received will pay just about one-half of the costs involved. In the more usual situation, where a full-time salaried Coordinator has some ten or twelve chapters already formed, but is devoting most of his time and energy (and traveling expenses) to establishing new chapters, the dues received will pay for only *one-fourth* to *one-third* of the costs of the area.

In both cases these costs include: The salary and expenses of the Coordinator, whose regular attendance at chapter meetings is imperative if we are to grow in morale and effectiveness as well as numbers; the printing, mailing, and postage charges for our bulletins; the books, pamphlets, tape recordings, and films supplied; and the correspondence, supervision, miscellaneous expenses, and overhead at the home office. They do not include any pay for "top management," for your Founder has never drawn a penny of remuneration from either the Society or the magazine. And they still make no provision for new film production, or new projectors and tape recorders and equipment—at the Home Office and in the field—which are the prerequisites of further expansion.

While the Society was small we have been able to make up the indicated deficit by dues from Life Memberships, and by sizable contributions from a comparatively few individuals. But with the deficit per chapter now being multiplied by an ever larger number of chapters, the total deficit becomes entirely too large for meeting in any such manner. We would soon be obliged to hold back the Society's growth—instead of seeking expansion, to refuse *even to allow it to expand*—unless there were some way to make up the difference between dues and costs. And while some increase in minimum dues may become inevitable in time, we desperately wish to avoid any such increase over the next few months.

We are, therefore, taking all proper steps we can devise towards obtaining sufficient income, besides that from dues, to enable us to keep on pushing ahead as aggressively as sound organizational development will permit. There are various such steps that we shall not discuss here. But the one that we hope will prove to be most productive—the one to which these paragraphs have been leading—is this appeal for strictly voluntary but regular monthly contributions, from *all* of our individual members who can afford such contributions *in addition* to their dues.

We are aware that a routine procedure, whereby our Chapter Leaders consistently follow through on this appeal for us, is necessary to its continuing success. We are, therefore, taking advantage of the system of Member's Monthly Messages, which we are inaugurating this month, to enable every Chapter Leader to collect from every member whatever contribution that member may be willing to make, without the slightest embarassment to anybody. For each such contribution will be enclosed in advance, with the member's message, in the sealed envelope to be taken up at the Chapter Meeting. All envelopes will be forwarded together to headquarters, by the Chapter Leader, along with the regular dues separately collected, and his report of the meeting. A routine but grateful acknowledgment will go from the Home Office directly to each contributing member. And nobody except myself and one or more assistants in Belmont will know who is not making a contribution, who is, or how much is the contribution of any member.

The last point is significant. For we wish to emphasize again something we have said many times in the past; that we do not want anybody to make any contribution to The John Birch Society unless he or she *really wishes to do so.* We know that some of our very best, most dedicated and most helpful members cannot afford any payments beyond their dues. The monthly messages from such members will be just as welcome and just as important as those from others who may contribute anywhere from two dollars to a hundred dollars each per month. But if all of us do all that we can, in every way that we can, we shall make The John Birch Society a mighty factor in saving and restoring, for our children and their children, the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited. Time, energy, and money are all "of the essence" in our great undertaking.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Member's Monthly Message

Make entries only in those areas where you wish to do so. Enclose a contribution only if you really wish to do so. Please sign your name and address in the space provided.

Gentlemen:

I should like to make the following comments or suggestions:

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For the enclosed two dollars please send a Blue Book to:

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(Name) *(Address)*

Without charge please send a brochure of the Society to:

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(Name) *(Address)*

For the enclosed five dollars (if a check, make out to American Opinion) please enter a subscription for:

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(Name) *(Address)*

Without charge, please send three consecutive numbers of American Opinion to:

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(Name) *(Address)*

Enclosed is my monthly contribution to the Society $_____.

Sincerely,

(Chapter No.) (Name) _____

(Address) _____

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

BELMONT 78

MASSACHUSETTS

8-11-60

Mr. Walker: Since you were here this morning I located this spare copy of the John Birch Society bulletin for August which may be of interest to you in connection with the local paper news article.

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU (1)
MI 100-13580

Milwaukee letter to Bureau 8/19/60
1 Booklet re: John Birch Society dated 8/1/60,
and envelope postmarked Eagle River, Wisconsin.

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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

August 1, 1960
Bulletin For August
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Foreword

One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
Alfred Tennyson

The John Birch Society is growing -- in numbers, in strength, and in effectiveness.

We are but one newly formed regiment on the world-wide field where great armies fight. Within that regiment we have soldiers who have taken too casually their recruitment and their duties. We have others who are not yet sufficiently armed with the weapons of fact and understanding. We have not been able to finance or to train lieutenants, captains, and majors in this regiment as fast as they have been needed, to supply as much of the guidance, the encouragement, and the inspiration at local levels as we would have liked. We are still young, and with all of the growing pains and problems of any healthy body that is rapidly gaining stature.

Also, many of our regiments' ablest soldiers are warriors who have been in this fight for a long time. Frequently at great cost to their individual careers and happiness -- and with all the frustration of voices crying in the wilderness -- they have helped to hold back our collectivist enemies during disheartening years,

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Mr. Joseph S. Walker
P O Box 944
Wausau, Wis

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August 19, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Ruston, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your card of August 14, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable with [redacted] who identified himself as a member of the John Birch Society. The Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Miss Gandy

August 14, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society. Congratulations on the good work you did on the pamphlet, "COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH". I thought it was excellent. No reply needed; just wanted to thank you for this good work.

Sincerely

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August 19, 1960

Mrs. Donzella Cross Boyle
Apartment 17
330 Parke Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

Your letter of August 10, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing a copy of the above-mentioned booklet, although you indicated you have requested a copy from your Congressman. Also included is some other material pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
LEB Introduction 3-60 with 17th National Convention, CP USA
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

NOTE: See note next page.

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Relations with Congressman Allen H. Smith are cordial. Enclosure was a program for a 6-27 to 7-2-60 Freedom Crusade school held in Portland, Oregon, and it is noted the correspondent was on the program. No mention is being made regarding correspondent's text book troubles as it is deemed best to avoid this issue. The John Birch Society is headed by Robert Welch, wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Mass., and the field has been requested by SAC Letter to advise of any activities regarding this anticommunist group which comes to their attention.

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380 Parke Street, Apt. 17
Pasadena, California
August 10, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing today to my Congressman, Allen Smith, 20th District, California, asking him to send me a copy or tell me where I can buy a p copy of the pamphlet, COMMUNIST TARGET - YOUTH, including your report of the San Francisco riots.

I congratulate you on this report. I am a member of the John Birch Society, and we are back of you 100%.

I teach in a private school, and I am the author of a textbook in American History, published by The John C. Winston Co. of Philadelphi and taken out of print mysteriously. Less than three weeks ago, after a hard-fought legal battle for over a year, I finally got my contract cancelled with the John C. Winston Co. Now, I am revising the book for another publisher who will sell it to independent schools, since a text with American History unslanted can't be sold to public schools, apparen nor can a publisher list such a book in his catalog, apparently, if he wants to keep his business on other texts in other subjects with public schools.

Enclosed is copy of a program on which I spoke on Communist infiltration in textbooks in Portland, Oregon, recently.

A record of problems involved in writing the textbook in American History - QUEST OF A HEMISPHERE - was reported to the F.B.I. office in Los Angeles from time to time. I will report the latest move to this of

Sincerely,
Donzella Cross Boyle
Mrs. Donzella Cross Boyle

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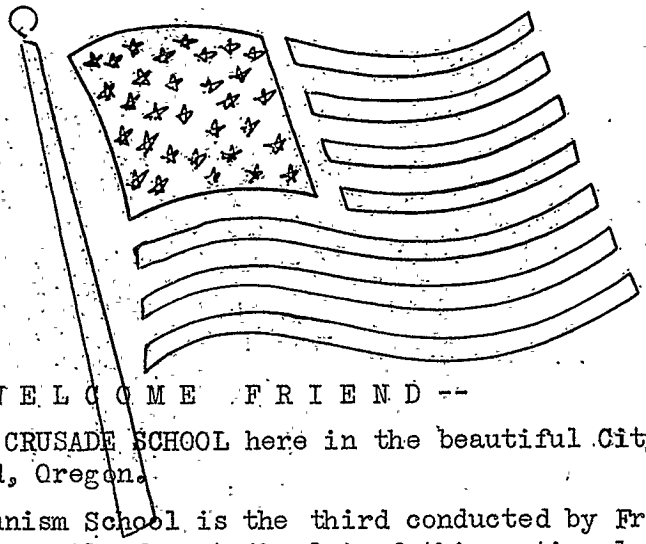

W E L C O M E F R I E N D --

to the FREEDOM CRUSADE SCHOOL here in the beautiful City of Roses, Portland, Oregon.

This Anti-Communism School is the third conducted by Freedom Crusade here in Portland--But the 1st of this national magnitude. Very few schools have been conducted similar to this in America. But it is believed that as more people learn of the far reaching results that derive from this kind of school-there will be an ever increasing attempt to sponsor such an activity. The basic requirements that lead to a school of this kind are:

1. Vision of the NEED of a school
2. Belief in its effectiveness
3. Courage to attempt it
4. Understanding and leadership to operate it
5. Financial and operational program

FREEDOM CRUSADE is an educational organization that welcomes the opportunity to conduct a school or seminar in your area. Arrangements can be made for either a SCHOOL, an ALL-DAY SEMINAR, or a FREEDOM CHAPTER STUDY GROUP.

We invite you to contact FREEDOM CRUSADE, Box 4344, Portland 8, Oregon, or call BElmont 5-1440.

Walter Huss, Director

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SCHEDULE OF FACULTY

PERIODS	Monday June 27	Tuesday June 28	Wedn Jun
8:50 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	SCHWARZ - Philosophy of Communism	SCHWARZ - Communist Morality, Love and Peace	SCHWARZ Civi Liber
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10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	SKOUSEN - The Naked Communist	PHILBRICK - Communism and Religion	ALLEN - Threat Ameri Busir
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1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	PHILBRICK - American Youth- Target of Communism	WATTS - The United Nations vs. United States	WATTS - Defense Infla
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	R E F R E S		
2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	F I L M S	and PLAN OF STRATEGY	
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	SKOUSEN - Communist Program in Education	SCHWARZ - Structure of the Communist Party	ALLEN - Sovie Econo Warfa
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.	D I N N E R		
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	PATRIOTIC YOUTH RALLY 7:00 p.m. Special Music	WATTS - Why Humans Must Be Free	First A RAD BROADC RAL
8:20 - 8:30 p.m.	SCHWARZ and PHILBRICK "I Led Three Lives"	Break	7:00 SCH a AL
8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.		SCHWARZ - Com- Fronts-Captive Organizations	Role of Comm Co

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AWAKE, AMERICA

Dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huss, Directors of
FREEDOM CRUSADE
by Mr. Cliffort Baltzell

AWAKE, AMERICA, AWAKE! For a Foe is in our nation;
Awake, America, and pray, For a foes is in our land,
Thro' guile, with malice and cruel hate,
He plots us to ensnare;

AWAKE, AMERICA, AND WATCH AND PRAY!
GOD WILL HEAR AND WILL ANSWER PRAYER.

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'r the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming:
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

Chorus:
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on!

Cho. Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!

America

My country, 'tis of thees, Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died
Land of the pilgrims' pride, From every mountain side,
Let Freedom Ring!

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Miss [redacted]
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Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of August 9, 1960, has been received, and I am glad to know of your interest in "Communist Target--Youth."

To meet the increasing threat of subversive elements in our society today, it certainly is the responsibility of all citizens to become fully informed on the general nature of the communist menace, and I am enclosing some other publications which you may find of interest. Your thoughtful message is encouraging.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction LEB March, 1960 & 17th National Convention CP, USA.
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Her communication is very similar to other letters we are currently receiving from members of the John Birch Society and is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives.

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August 9, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have learned of your report on the communist target - our youth and have sent for 2 copies. I want to thank you in advance for your unceasing fight against communist. I shall be doing everything in my power to assist you by bringing the message to my friends, relatives, business acquaintances - and to my enemies too, if possible.

I also want to express my sincere admiration for your steadfastness in view of the malicious lies, attacks, tactics that the commies employ against anyone treading on their toes. Your courage has given me courage to fight, in spite of the possible reprisals I may experience from my efforts to warn Americans of the danger.

Naturally I do not expect a reply to this letter - I would much prefer you spend your time in the far more important business of exposing commies. I hope we conservatives may be able to provide you the means for expelling commies after you have ferreted them out. Certainly our present set-up, especially the Supreme Court, destroys everything you are trying to do.

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August 17, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Bismarck, North Dakota

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated August 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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1 - Minneapolis (enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests the following information concerning the John Birch Society:

1. "Are Mr. Robert Welch and other leaders of the John Birch Society beyond suspicion as to their allegiance to the United States of America?"
2. "Is there the slightest possibility that the John Birch Society is subversive or communist front?"
3. "In your opinion is the true purpose of the organization the same as that stated in the Blue Book?"

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[redacted]
Bismarck, North Dakota

August 9, 1960

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

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DATE 8/21/84 BY Sp6B3 [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I realize that you are an exceedingly busy man and will, therefore, attempt to get to the point in as few words as possible.

A short time ago a friend from Dallas, Texas, introduced my wife and I to "The John Birch Society" through the loan of a Blue Book of the John Birch Society. After reading the book we were both so enthusiastic that we have now interested some thirty others in joining the society. None of us have actually joined the society as yet, since we must admit we know very little about the organization, other than through literature printed by them. As a group we have varying degrees of reservation regarding this organization, but have agreed that a clean bill of health from you is essential to our continued interest.

We certainly realize that neither the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor yourself personally, can endorse the John Birch Society. However, if at all possible, we will sincerely appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. Are Mr. Robert Welch and other leaders of the John Birch Society beyond suspicion as to their allegiance to the United States of America?

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3. In your opinion is the true purpose of the organization the same as that stated in the Blue Book?

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Very truly yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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August 18, 1960

Dr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houston 19, Texas

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

I have received the letter from your wife and you of August 10, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations with respect to ways of combatting the danger of communism.

In response to your inquiry, I have no speeches or tape recordings available for presentation to high school students in the manner you suggested in your letter. I am, however, forwarding some material under separate cover which may be of interest to you and containing some suggestions as to ways of opposing communism's attempts to undermine and subvert democracy.

Sincerely yours,
John Edgar Hoover

1 - D. C. Morrell - 4235
USC Material
25 copies of Communist Target--Youth
25 copies of 17th National Convention, CP USA
25 copies of Expose of Soviet Espionage
25 copies of Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record with respect to Dr. and Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] He wanted extra copies of the Director's article to distribute to high school students. The John Birch Society was organized by

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August 10, 1960

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As members of the John Birch Society we are studying world affairs, engaging in political races, and trying to help stem the onrushing Communist tide.

Why don't we "brainwash" our young children with some of your pamphlets, speeches, tape recordings? Are any available to present to junior high school students?

Do you have any suggestions to give us grown-ups on what to do to keep our Country from being taken over by Communists in the not-to-distant future?

Gratefully,

/s/ Dr. and Mrs. [redacted]
Houston 19, Texas

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Houston 19, Texas

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August 19, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita 6, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 13, 1960, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

Your kind comments about the FBI are indeed reassuring, and I can assure you that letters such as yours are most encouraging to all my associates. In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Wichita 6, Kansas
August 13, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in order to encourage you to carry on your work against communism in the same courageous fashion as you have done in the past. I know that this fight is a hard and discouraging one, but I believe that there is still hope.

As a member of the John Birch Society, which, incase you are not familiar with it, is a nation-wide group dedicated to fighting socialism and communism in the United States, I wish to assure that there is a movement however small, to awake, inform, and uphold America and its principles.

Again, let me offer encouragement to you and your Bureau. I am not expecting an answer to this letter.

A proud American

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August 19, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
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Wichita 8, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 12, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message and best wishes.

It was kind of you to comment so favorably concerning my remarks in "Communist Target--Youth," and I am enclosing some other material on communism which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufile 100-0-30977 is a letter dated 2-20-56 from Mr. [redacted] Attorney at Law, [redacted] Wichita 14, Kansas, in which he forwarded an article entitled "Let's Expose the Communist Capitalists," appearing in the current issue of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine. He identified himself as being a former roommate of former Inspector Thomas L. Naughten, EOD 11-1-38, resigned 11-21-52. No other reference located which might be identifiable with correspondent's husband. She is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Wichita 8, Kansas
August 12, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

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Many thanks for your excellent report on the San Francisco riots released in pamphlet form "Communist Target--Youth" by the House Un-American Activities Committee on July 18. May God bless you and your efforts in behalf of our country.

I was informed of your report and the pamphlet mentioned above by the John Birch Society, Headquarters Belmont 78, Mass., of which I am a member.

Of course, I expect no answer to this letter. It is simply an expression of my gratitude, and that of many of my friends, for your fight to bring the truth to the American people.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted]
Glenview, Illinois

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Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your letter of August 9, 1960, has been received.

It was a distinct pleasure to have your comment concerning my remarks in "Communist Target--Youth," and certainly the growing menace of subversive elements in our country today should be a matter of grave concern to all citizens. I am enclosing some publications on the general subject of communism, and your thoughtfulness in writing is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4) God and Country or Communism?
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Communist Target--Youth

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

As a member of the John Birch Society I wish to congratulate you on the excellence of your report in the pamphlet "Communist Target. You"

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While I do not expect a reply to this short letter I would

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I sincerely repeat my request as with my limited information it appears to be the answer to an effective means to "fight" pinks & Communists in an American way

Sincerely

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Glenview Ill
Aug 9, 1960

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c/o F.B.I.
Washington D. C.

As a member of the John Birch Society I wish to congratulate you on the excellence of your report in the pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth"

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It may interest you to know I have never written a letter to any government official or joined anything other than a civic or fraternal organisation

I sincerely repeat my request as with my limited information it appears to be the answer to an effective means to "fight" pinks & Communists in an American way

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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c/o F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Austin 4, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

The letter dated August 12, 1960, from you and Mr. [redacted] has been received, and I want you to know that your thoughtful message is indeed appreciated.

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In these critical times, I feel that it is vitally important that all citizens make every effort to become fully informed as to the exact nature of the communist menace, and I am enclosing publications which you may find of interest. I am glad you found my remarks in "Communist Target--Youth" to be of value.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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What You Can Do to Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism?
17th National Convention and March 1960 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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[redacted] b6 b7C
Austin 4, Texas
August 12, 1960

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

I want to thank you for the wonderful job you are doing. The F. B. I. and our House and Senate Investigating Committees are the only reliable source of information the people of this nation have. Thank you especially for the work on your recent pamphlet Communist Target--Youth.

Our John Birch Society Chapter viewed the Operation Obolition film last Tues. night. If this doesn't awaken some of sleeping nation, nothing will.

We do not expect an answer to this as it is just to show a little of our appreciation for the magnificent work you are doing. I only hope you will be given the power soon to do something about it.

Sincerely yours

s/Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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August 19, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Memphis 17, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 9, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing several other statements concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th National Convention & March '60 LEB Introduction
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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August 9,1960

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

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Sir,

Just a line to congratulate you on the fine work you are doing to preserve our patriotic patrimony, the latest example of which is embodied in the HUAC bulletin on the Communist infiltration of our youth. I am writing to Representative Davis for a copy of this report.

You are no doubt aware of our organization. We, in our own small way are trying to buffer your work. We look to you as a sterling example and a leader in this struggle against these traitors in our midst. Keep up the good work. May you never falter.

No answer is required to this letter. It is written to let you know that we patriots appreciate what you are doing.

Yours very sincerely,

Memphis 17, Tennessee

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August 18, 1960

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Eagle River, Wisconsin

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 12, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Nothing identifiable in Bufiles re Miss [redacted]

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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VILAS COUNTY

EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN

Aug. 12, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I, as a member of the John Birch Society, Thank you very very much on the wonderful report that you have in the pamphlet entitled "Communist Target-Youth". It is a superb bit of reporting, and we are so very lucky we have a man like you at the Helm of the F.B. I.

You won't have to bother to answer my letter, as I realize what a busy man you are, but I simply had to write you to congratulate you on your work.

Very truly yours,

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August 19, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
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Bothell 4, Washington

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 11, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet and my book, "Masters of Deceit," and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Hon. J. Ed. Hoover
Washington, D. C

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Dear and Beloved Chief:

A million thanks for your excellent report on San Francisco riots, and a million more for your book "Masters of Deceit" - the psychopoltics - of these Monsters.

Thank all who helped you for me. As a member of the John Birch Society will do my best to "awaken" those who - still think it is all a myth.

God, knows the American people needs a shock to awaken them from - stupor - and - complacency.

God - be with you- warm personal kindly- regards and deep - felt - appreciation to you and all - loyal - servants of the people, no answer expected.

Sincere Americanist,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]
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Bothell, 4, Wash.

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August 22, 1960

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Mr. Myron E. Johnson
2685 Abington Road
Columbus 21, Ohio

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter dated August 13, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am most appreciative of your gracious and kind personal remarks.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. Myron E. Johnson

ATTENTION: SAC, CINCINNATI:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He states that he has considered joining this organization and would appreciate any guidance which can be given to him. Correspondent states, "It is because of my great faith in you as the most outstanding American that I request this information."

Columbus 21, Ohio
2685 Abington Road

August 13, 1960

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

My Dear Sir:

Recently I have been approached and asked to join an organization about which I know nothing, except that which a Doctor Pavey, Chas. W. has told me or which has been given to me in the printed form. This organization is "The John Birch Society" and its founder is Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass.

Being a man of almost seventy years of age I have long been aware of the existence and activities and aims of the Communist Party thru out the world and within our own borders. My first knowledge began in the year of 1919 which is said to be the year that the Communist Party of the United States was formed. I have never been a member of the Communits Party nor have I believed in any thing the claim to stand for. I have, however, been greatly concerned about the rapid progress that the Communist have made in the past twenty five years toward its ultimate goal of world domination. I have also been greatly disturbed by the extent that they have infiltrated our own country and government and it is for this reason that I accept an invitation to attend a meeting held by the John Birch Society last night at Doctor [redacted]'s home.

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Being well aware of the Communist tatics of forming well sounding organization as Communist Fronts I am not about to join any organization unless I can satisfy myself that the organization is not, in any degree, supported by Communists and , further that the organization is a legal one and stands for things and principles that I, as an American, can support whole heartedly and unshamefully.

I understand that the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not give out information relating to any individual but that it keeps a complete record of every communist front organization within our borders. Can you, therefore, give me any information about the John Birch Society that would enable me to judge for myself, if not thru your advice, the exact status of this organization and/or it founder or founders.

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In order that you may have some information of my own status as an American I will say that I am willing to take an oath at anytime that I have never been a Communist and have never knowingly aided them in anyway nor have I ever accepted any of the teachings and theorys that the organization stands upon. Further I am a World War I veteran, a past Commander of a Legion (American) post and now a member of that organization. My two sons were a part of WorldWar II and the Korean War. During the year of my Commandership of the Leslie Kreps Post, American Legion, of Salina, Kansas I had contact with one of the fore runners of Communism in our land. This organization was know as the I.W.W's. I am also a retired Architect. August 1st 1945 my Company transferred my office to Los Angeles where we lived until 1959. While at Los Angeles I had an ocassion to go to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to convey to them some information relating to the activities of an individual whom I deemed to be a Communist.

During recent years I have been greatly disturbed by the acts of our Supreme Court and law makers (Congress) and the apparent infiltration of Communists within our government and the ineffectivemess with which they have met this Communistic threat. I am concerned about the infiltration of Communist within labor organization, business, churches politics and every other phase of our National life. Therefore, I, and I believe many millions of other Americans would be willing to put forth every effort to combat these evil influences, if they had a leader and/or organization in which they could place absolute faith and trust.

It is for these reasons that I am writing you to request that you provide me with what ever information and guidance you can offer me in respect to the John Birch Society. It is because of my great faith in you as the most outstanding American that I request this information.

Sincerely and Repsectfully yours,

By: Myron E. Johnson

Myron E. Johnson

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August 22, 1960

Miss Beatrice C. Murray
135 Homes Avenue
Dorchester, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Murray:

Your letter dated August 16, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind comment concerning my remarks relative to the recent riots in San Francisco. In response to your request, I am enclosing twelve copies of "Communist Target--Youth."

Thank you also for your best wishes and for your offer to be of aid to the FBI. In the event you acquire data which you believe to be of concern to this Bureau, please do not hesitate to contact the representatives of our office located at 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston 10, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (12)

1 - Boston - Enclosure
ATTENTION SAC: Only reference located in Bufiles which may be identical with correspondent is contained in your memorandum 12-26-47, captioned "President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights, Information Concerning."

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Letter to Miss Beatrice C. Murray:

NOTE: Bufile 62-82915-42 mentions one Mrs. Beatrice Murray, Executive Secretary of the Joint Council for International Cooperation, who was a charter member of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights in 1947, information received from the Boston Field Office. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives.

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THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON
Department of
ADULT EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Administration Building, 15 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Charles E. Schroeder
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Aug 16, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society and a long time admirer of you wonderful work for our beloved Country, let me congratulate you on your pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth." I have sent for information on this pamphlet as I would like at least a dozen or two.

I am always interested in the activities of the F. B. I. as my brother Harry J. Murray was Superintendent of Pinkertons' and then had his own agency. One of his Spectacular Cases was the outstanding work on the Sacco and Vanzette Case I believe he trailed them to the Old Pick Wick Club here in Boston. Any time I can be of service to the F. B. I. I will gladly do what I can for my Country.

May the Good God keep you in health for we sure do need men like you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Beatrice C. Murray

P. S. I know you are very busy so no answer is necessary.
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Aug 16, 1960

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Very truly yours,

Wallace C. Murray

P.S. I know you are very busy so no answer necessary

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August 22, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Holyoke, Massachusetts

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8/21/84

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you for your note of August 17, 1960. I am glad to know that you found my comments in "Communist Target--Youth" of interest. Enclosed are other publications on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th Convention, CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Holyoke, Massachusetts
August 17, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to congratulate you for your excellent report in "Communist Target -- Youth" in which you proved that the Communists instigated the San Francisco riots against the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I do not expect an answer to this letter for it was meant merely to thank you for bringing this vital information to the attention of the American people.

Yours truly,

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August 23, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
South Pasadena, California

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DATE 8/31/84 BY

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 16, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations. With regard to the related films, may I suggest that you consider the advisability of corresponding with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 225 Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. No record Bufiles identifiable with "Communism on the Map."

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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August 16, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write you this letter of thanks and congratulations upon the fine report entitled "Communist Target -- Youth" released last month by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Since I am the parent of two teen-age boys, I am doubly aware of the influences placed upon them in these difficult days. As valedictorian of his class last June, my youngest son was told he could not mention the S.F. riots on the HUAC because they were too "controversial".

The S.F. riot film and Dr. George Benson's "Communism on the Map" could do a great deal to awaken students to the situation we face with the Communist conspiracy. Do you have any suggestion as to how we could have these shown in our schools?

Our John Birch Society is doing everything in its power to educate the people. We thank you for all that you are doing.

Sincerely,

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August 22, 1960

Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted]
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 15, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth." I deeply appreciate your generous comments, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory with respect to Mr. [redacted] with whom we have had no previous correspondence. He identifies himself as a member of the John Birch Society. The Society was organized by Robert Welch in Dec. 1958 at Indianapolis, Ind. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them than any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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August 15, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just written for your report, released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in a pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth".

A fervent "thank you" is all I can offer you. Except that I dedicate myself to your support and renew my faith in the United States and our American way.

Members of the John Birch Society throughout our land are supporting your efforts to drive home to the American people the dangers we all face.

May God bless you and continue to give you strength sufficient for you task.

Sincerely,

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Please no reply

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Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Eugene, Oregon

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of August 11, 1960, regarding my comments concerning the demonstrations which took place recently at the hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in San Francisco.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about this, and in view of your interest in combating communism, I am enclosing some other material which you may like to read. If you secure any information which you believe involves a matter within our jurisdiction, please feel free to contact representatives of our Portland Office located at 402 U. S. Court House Building, Portland 5, Oregon.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)

1 - Seattle - Enclosure
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Attention SACs: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles; however, he states he may have information which he will furnish Seattle Office. Your attention is called to SAC letter 60-5 which contains information concerning the John Birch Society.

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
March 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention, CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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EUGENE, OREGON

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HOME PHONE 4-4750
OFFICE PHONE 4-1476

August 11, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your report to the House Un-American Activities Committee is concise and to the point. It supplies the facts which should wake people up to the serious presence of communists in our midst, as in SanFrancisco.

I am writing to you as a member of the John Birch Society and shortly hope to have information to pass on to you or your office in Seattle that maybe of interest.

No answer to my letter is expected, just use all your time in your work where you are doing a wonderful job.

Yours very truly,

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MR. Mrs. [redacted]

Dallas 11, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received the letter of August 12, 1960, with enclosure, from you and your husband and appreciate your interest in writing me. I wish to thank you for the prayer which you thoughtfully enclosed.

It was certainly kind of you to comment as you did about the work of the FBI, and you may be sure that letters such as yours are a great source of encouragement to my associates and me. I note that you are ordering copies of my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth;" however, I am enclosing a copy of the pamphlet along with some other material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: No record in Bufiles identifiable with Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and it would appear that she wrote the letter. We have been receiving numerous letters from individuals associated with the John Birch Society. This resulted from instructions contained in one of the Society's publications instructing its members to write to the Director.

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Dallas 11, Texas

August 12, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We thank you for the tremendous job you have been doing in exposing to the American people the evergrowing menace of communism.

We have not yet read the pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth, however through the John Birch Society we understand that it largely consists of your report. We are today ordering several copies for distribution.

Enclosed is a little prayer of Saint Francis Assisi which may help you in your thankless job.

Very truly yours

Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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Prayer of
Saint Francis Assisi
(died 1226 A. D.)

Lord, make me an instrument of
Your peace!

Where there is hatred — let me sow love
Where there is injury — pardon
Where there is doubt — faith
Where there is despair — hope
Where there is darkness — light
Where there is sadness — joy

O Divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek

To be consoled — as to console
To be understood — as to understand
To be loved — as to love

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It is in giving — that we receive
It is in pardoning — that we are pardoned
It is in dying — that we are born to eternal life

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 14, 1960, and am glad to hear that you have found some of my articles of interest. I do appreciate your writing me about this and want to thank you for your words of encouragement. I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Aug. 14, 1960
Columbus, Ohio

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

Dear Mr Hoover:

I have just completed your article "Communist Target - Youth," published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Also I have recently viewed the film of the activities that went on during the hearings in San Francisco May 12-14, 1960.

Approximately one month ago I wrote our Editor of the Columbus Dispatch concerning the terrible display of left wing Communist agitation and student rioting in San Francisco on our HCUA and fortunately enough it was published in that paper.

I have read several of your articles and am trying to keep abreast of this thing as best I can. We citizens must have the sword of knowledge in order to fight back properly.

Wanted to let you know we certainly appreciate your courage that you so nobly display and want you to continue. The John Birch Society is in back of you 100% - and our membership is growing rapidly.

Sincerely

[redacted] Columbus, O.

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P. S, Please do not answer

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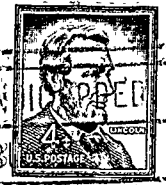

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Columbus, O.

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August 23, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Woodland Hills, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted],

I have received the letter of August 14, 1960, from your wife and you, and your thoughtfulness in writing is certainly appreciated.

Your generous comments are indeed encouraging, and in view of your interest I am enclosing additional material on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 8/21/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have completed reading the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth" released by the House UN-American Activities Committee. The material which you supplied for this report is, as always, factual and well documented. We will see to it that this information receives wide circulation, as we do with all information of a similar nature.

Please do not feel the necessity to answer this letter, however, be advised that should you need some patriotic Americans at some date in the future, give us the opportunity.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted]

member, John Birch Society

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Very truly yours,

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member, John Birch Society

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August 23, 1960

Dr. [redacted]
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Houston 12, Texas

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

I have received the letter of August 15, 1960, from you and your husband, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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TELEPHONE WA 3-7394

August 15, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We wish to let you know that we are grateful to you for your report which recently appeared in the House Un-American Activities Committee pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth".

This report will be very helpful to us in the John Birch Society as we work to save our nation.

Your efforts through the years have been greatly appreciated. They have not been wasted. A growing army of Americans is mustering behind you. We hope we shall not be too late.

Do not feel you should take the time to answer this letter. There's too much work to be done to be wasting time. Just wanted to let you know how very grateful we are for people like you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your note of August 12, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you and your husband to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Aug. 12, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover--

We have just read your excellent pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth," and as John Birch Society members want to thank you very much. We are getting 4 hundred copies to distribute to a group of influential Catholic women here, and are also sending copies to all local news commentators. You did a wonderful job in narrating this alarming story.

/s/ Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Mr. and Mrs [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Maryville, Tennessee

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your note of August 13, 1960, has been received.

It was indeed kind of you to forward your expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI, and I want to thank you for your evaluation of "Communist Target--Youth." Enclosed are additional publications on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction LEB March, 1960, & 17th National Convention CP, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufile 100-121152 reflects that one A. B. Waggoner, District Manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, Maryville, Tennessee, reported information to the Bureau in 1942 which he believed to be of a security interest. No other references located which might be identical with either Mr. or Mrs. [redacted]. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives.

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MARYVILLE, TENN.

August 13, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society, I want to congratulate you on your very excellent report in the pamphlet, Communist Target--Youth, and for the great work you have done through the years in fighting and exposing Communism. Many of us feel that the F. B. I. is practically the only governmental organization left that is not saturated with Communists.

Again, thanking you for your great service to our country, I am,

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Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated August 12, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, has prepared and released a pamphlet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" which may be of interest to you. This pamphlet may be obtained for thirty-five cents per copy by communicating with the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Corner North Capitol and H Streets, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued various articles and statements concerning the menace of communism to this country. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some of this material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

ATTENTION: SAC, EL PASO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The Cinema Educational Guild, whose Director is Myron C. Fagan, is allegedly an anticommunist group which has been responsible for the distribution of anti-communist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. Fagan in the past has attempted to use the Director's name in furtherance of his programs and it has been necessary on several occasions to contact him and request that he refrain from mentioning the FBI in any way. (62-87267)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist Party, USA," reprint from the April 30, 1960, issue of "Ave Maria."
3. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
8. "Communist 'New Look.'"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that she is writing to the Bureau for a group of people who are alarmed at the threat of communism to our country. She asked whether or not the John Birch Society and the Cinema Educational Guild, Incorporated, are subversive organizations. Correspondent asked "Are any pamphlets available on subversive people, organizations and activities? Are any available on how to combat these things? Please send me any information you have available."

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Midland, Texas
August 12, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter for a group of people who are increasingly alarmed about the threat of communism to our country. We have become interested in The John Birch Society and in the information given out by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc. as to subversives in the entertainment field.

Is it possible to ascertain whether or not these organizations are subversive? There are millions of citizens who are concerned but who need some person or some informed group to lead the way to correcting our laws and correcting our national disinterest.

Has the FBI any direct approach to our problems as individuals interested in action? Are any pamphlets available on subversive people, organizations and activities? Are any available on how to combat these things? Please send me any information you have available.

Yours truly,

Mrs [redacted] b6 b7C

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houston 12, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 14, 1960, has been received, and it is gratifying to know of your interest in my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

You are being sent, under separate cover, ten copies of the pamphlet, and I want to thank you for your thoughtful message.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Houston 12, Texas
August 14, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I read with interest in the August bulletin of The John Birch Society of the pamphlet COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH. I have written the House Committee on Un-American Activities requesting a copy. Do hope they are available, but assure you that if our chapter receives only a few copies they will be passed around.

I value Mr. Robert Welch's opinion so highly that I'd like to congratulate you on this report in advance of reading it!

No answer is expected - am sure that you will receive many letters from other members of the John Birch Society.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

(Mrs.) [redacted]

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August 23, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Riverside, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 16, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I are enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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August 16, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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The American people owe you and your men so much more than they seem to comprehend - and we pray they will not have to learn too late.

As an individual and as a member of the John Birch Society I want to thank you and assure you that you have and will continue to have my whole hearted admiration, respect and thanks for your work in helping to save America from her enemies within. They are our greatest danger as you know so much better than I.

Please do not feel that any answer to this little note of appreciation is expected. It is enough to know that you couldn't possibly answer the letters you get and still devote your time to the work you are doing, so again, thank you.

Most Sincerely

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Mrs. [redacted]
Riverside, Calif.

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

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Mrs [redacted]

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August 23, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was very thoughtful of you and your husband to write me about my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

Your generous comments are most encouraging, and in view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some additional material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 14, 1960

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

Dear Sir,

We wish to congratulate you on your superb report, "Communist Target-Youth". This report alone should be enough to awaken the American people to the grave threat to our country today.

I am writing as a member of the John Birch Society, and as a member of this society I have written for copies of this pamphlet to distribute.

God bless you in your efforts to expose Communism and its threat to our American way of life.

Please do not bother to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Sincerely

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FELIX MAITZEN

Mr. Jack ~~I.~~ Maitzen
1520 Woodland Drive
Deerfield, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Maitzen:

I have received the very kind letter of August 16, 1960, from Mrs. Maitzen and you, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing me.

Your generous expressions of confidence in the FBI are most reassuring, and I hope you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest. In view of your concern over communism, I am enclosing material relating to the subject which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 16, 1960

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

Dear Sir;

We have read your Masters of Deceit and have sent for your recent pamphlet Communist Target--Youth.

As members of the John Birch Society we cannot thank you enough for your dedicated efforts to stave off the Communist threat byeducating the public at large.

Please, no reply-accept our thanks and continue the fight with God's blessing.

Sincerely,

Jack L Maitzen Felicia Maitzen

Mr. & Mrs. Jack L. Maitzen

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August 23, 1960

Dr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Odessa, Texas

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 15, 1960, has been received, and it was certainly kind of you to write me regarding my recent statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about this pamphlet, and in view of your interest, enclosed are some other reprints on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[redacted] D.D.S.
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Odessa, Texas

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks again for more of your aid in the fight to save our country. I am referring to the pamphlet Communist Target--Youth you prepared for the House Committee on Un American Activities. It seems most people don't appreciate such work by patriots but here is one that does. Incidentally I am a John Birch Society member.

Thanks again,

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/s/ [redacted]

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PHONE FE 7-876

[redacted] D. D. S.
[redacted]
ODESSA, TEXAS

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

Dear Mr. Hoover: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Mr. Oscar E. Knappe
Route 1, Box 42
Escondido, California

Dear Mr. Knappe:

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 14, 1960, regarding my recent analysis entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your kind comments about this pamphlet, and enclosed is some additional information on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention and '60 LEB Introduction
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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

Escondido, California.
August 14, 1960.

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

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Dear Sir:

As a member of the John Birch Society, please let me ad my congradulations to you for your efforts necessary to produce the recent pamphlet wherein the reporting exposure of the happenings at San Francisco were so well brought out.

Very truly yours,

Oscar E. Knappe
Rt. 1 Box 42
Escondido, California.

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August 23, 1960

REC- 23 - 104401 - 254

Miss Dorothy Jacobs
1623 East Montebello
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Miss Jacobs:

Your letter postmarked August 16, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing as you did about my recent statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I want to thank you for your kind comments, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing some additional material on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Dorothy Jacobs
1023 E Montebello
Phoenix, Ariz.

J Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have read the pamphlet with your report(Communist Target--Youth, and I want to congratulate you. I am proud that we still have some one who is fighting this horrible thing. I am a member of the John Birch Society, and some times I feel as if we are fighting a loosing battle. Don't take your valuable time to answer.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Jacobs

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August 23, 1960

REC 89 - 104401-255

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 16, 1960, regarding my recent analysis entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about this pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most encouraging. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th Convention, CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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August 16, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover

I would like to offer you my congratulations and thanks for your testimony before the HUAC on the San Francisco riots. I am a member of the John Birch Society, and because I make it my business to be informed on Communism, I can appreciate the work of the FBI as well as that of the HUAC. These two groups and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee are about the only remaining bastions in our government of active resistance to the horror that threatens to engulf us. As a member of a group which is fighting very hard to stop this tragedy which would be one of the most ironic and sorrowful in all history, I can say that what you have done means much to me personally. With best wishes I remain,

Yours truly,

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August 24, 1960

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Mrs. Charles W. Kleuser
5820 Meletio Lane
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Kleuser:

I have received your letter of August 15, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Mrs. Kleuser, according to Bufiles sent out literature to persons opposing the Summit Conference. No other info in Bufiles re her.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

MRS. CHARLES W. KLEUSER
5820 MELETIO LANE
DALLAS, TEXAS

August 15, 1960

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

J. Edgar Hoover
Office of FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your endless efforts to preserve our American way of life and especially for your excellent report on the Communist attempt to control youth.

As a member of the John Birch Society, I hope to help in a small way to preserve that way of life.

Please don't feel that a reply to this letter is expected.

Sincerely,

Mrs C.W. Kleuser

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Corinth, Mississippi

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DATE 5/21/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 16, 1960, concerning my recent statement, "Communist Target--Youth," and your thoughtfulness in writing about this pamphlet is indeed appreciated.

Your generous comments and the confidence you expressed in the FBI are most encouraging, and in view of your concern, I am enclosing some other material regarding the communist menace which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention, CP
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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[redacted]
Corinth, Mississippi
August 16, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read and re-read your bulletin "COMMUNIST TARGET - YOUTH as published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you as a fellow American for this frightening information. This should certainly arouse apathetic American citizens out of their complacency. I shall do everything in my power to circulate this bulletin as widely as is possible for me to do so, with the hope that many more people will become aware that the time is now to arise and fight for what our fore-fathers gave their lives for.

I thank my Lord for Americans such as you. This comes from the very depths of my heart. Keep up your fine work - there are many that honor and respect you for what your influence means to this country.

Sincerely,

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DATE 8/21/84 BY [illegible]

Mrs. [redacted]

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No acknowledgment of this letter is expected.

The knowledge of your bulletin came to me by the John Birch Society

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August 24, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

Warehouse Point, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated August 17, 1960, has been received.

Your best wishes and expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI are deeply appreciated, and I am glad to know that you found my statements in "Communist Target--Youth" timely. Enclosed are some additional publications on the general subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction - March 1, 1960 - LEB and An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
Communist Virus
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives. b6 b7C

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Aug. 17, 1960

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

My dear Mr. Hoover: As a person who loves her country and as a member of The John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass., I am writing to thank you for your pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth", This expose of Communist control of young college students is urgently needed; the facts compiled by you should convince the most doubtful that the extreme danger to our country is from within.

This letter requires no answer; its purpose is to offer you support in what must be a very frustrating task. God bless you & yours, your work, and our country.

Sincerely,

/s/ (Mrs) [redacted], Warehouse Pt., Conn.

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

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Sincerely,
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(Mrs) [redacted], Westhoud Pt., Conn.

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August 24, 1960

Mr. [redacted]

Dickinson, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your note of August 16, 1960, has been received.

I am glad that you found my comments relative to the recent riots in San Francisco of interest, and in view of your desire to combat the growing menace of communism, I am enclosing some publications on the general subject of subversive activities.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures(5)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
What You Can Do To FIght Communism
17th National Convention CP, USA, & Introduction March, 1960, LEB
Expose of Soviet Espionage.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. His message is worded along the same lines as other communications we are currently receiving from members of the John Birch Society which is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives.

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Dickinson, Texas

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

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the report issued through the House Committee on Un-American Activities entitled "Communist Target -- Youth". There are still a few people who get the message in reports such as this. All is not lost -- yet. We are still fighting to maintain a free America.

Please don't take time to answer this letter.

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Gratefully yours,

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August 24, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 18, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] Name and address clarified in current Greater Wichita telephone directory.

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TRUE COPY

Aug. 18, 1960

Dear Sir,

I wish to tell you what a splendid job you did on the report "Communist Target - Youth." As a member of the John Birch Society we are most concerned & feel like you do your country a great service by these reports.

Thank you.

Sincerely

/s/ Mrs [redacted]
Wichita, Ks.

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P. S. This is merely to thank you, please do not feel burdened to acknowledge this note.

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Thank you.

Sincerely

Mrs [redacted]

Wichita, Ks.

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Mr. [redacted]

Palos Verdes Estates, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 18, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing as you did about my recent statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I want to thank you for your kind comments, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing some additional material on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[redacted]
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.
August 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept my gratitude for the excellent report you made to the House Un-American Activities Committee, which has been used for their publication titled "Communist Target-Youth."

May God bless you in your work and protect you!

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]
Member John Birch Soc.

P.S.
Please don't take your time to answer this note.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept my gratitude for the excellent report you made to the House Un-American Activities Committee, which has been used for their publication titled "Communist Target Youth".

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May God bless you in your work and protect you!

Sincerely,

CORRESPONDENCE

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Member John Birch Soc.

P.S. Please don't take your time to answer this note.

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August 22, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]

Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

The letter dated August 11, 1960, from Mr. [redacted] and you has been received.

I want to thank you for your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI, and I am glad to know of your interest in Communist Target--Youth. Enclosed are publications on the general subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction March, 1960 LEB & 17th National Convention CPUSA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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

We, as American citizens and members of the John Birch Society, are grateful to you for all your tireless work in behalf of our Country. We are writing the House Un-American Activities Committee for your recent pamphlet on Communist Target--Youth.

Please keep us, the Public, informed as to the best way to fight Communism in our Government and Country. For it we can destroy communism in these two fields we can then fight it elsewhere.

Yours truly

August 11, 1960 /s/ Mr & Mrs. [redacted]

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Phoenix, Arizona

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

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Yours truly
Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

August 11, 1960

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August 23, 1960

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 16, 1960, extending congratulations on my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about this, and in view of your interest I am enclosing some other material on communism.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

Communism and the College Student
Struggle on a New Plane
The Communists are After Our Minds
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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August 16, 1960

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Thank you for giving your time and talent in preparing this meaningful pamplet.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Columbus 14, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 14, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you and your husband to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Columbus, 14, Ohio
August 14, 1960

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I feel it is my duty as an American, and a member of the John Birch Society, Chapter (224), Columbus, Ohio, to write just a small note of appreciation and a congradulation to you, for the outstanding report you have made public in the House Un-American Committee release. July 18, 1960, entitled Communist Target-Youth.

I expect no reply on this letter from you, but wish you to know my grateful feelings on the wonderful work you are doing for this great country of ours.

May God be good to us, and give you many many more years to serve your country. America needs you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Birch Society.
Chapter 224, Columbus, Ohio

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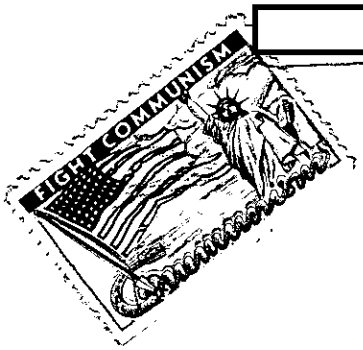

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Lufkin, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Your note of August 16, 1960, has been received.

Thank you for your thoughtful message, and I want you to know that it is encouraging that you are alerted to the dangers presented by subversive elements in our society today. I am enclosing some additional publications on the general subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
God and Country or Communism
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Communist Virus
What you Can Do to Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Lufkin, Texas
Aug. 16, 1960

[redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir:

This is strictly a note of praise, encouragement and appreciation for your part is making possible the pamphlet Communist Target--Youth released by the House Un-American Activities Committee. This pamphlet proves what many of us thought was true.

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This pamphlet was brought to our attention by our John Birch Society.

Thanks for this excellent report and Thanks for fighting our fight.

Sincerely yours

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P. S. No answer expected.

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August 24, 1960

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Tallahassee, Florida

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked August 18, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
17th National Convention CP, USA & March, 1960, LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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TALLAHASSE, FLORIDA

Aug. 14, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am the wife of a medical doctor who has practiced medicine here in Tallahassee, Fla. for the past 23 years -- My husband and I have been worried for a long time about evident communist infiltration of our country and the apathy of the people to this danger. We read with horror of the San Francisco riots.

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At the suggestion of the John Birch Society I am writing to my Congressman and asking for several of the pamphlets issued by the House Un-American Activities Committee on July 18, 1960, entitled "Communist Target-Youth-" I shall see that they are read by as many of my friends as I can -

We wish to thank you for making this information available to us in this wonderful report.

Please do not consider that a reply to this letter is necessary. - I only want to express our gratitude for your dedication to protection of our nation With very best wishes I remain,

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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With very best wishes I
remain,

Sincerely,

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August 24, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
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Mount Vernon, Washington

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 17, 1960, with enclosure, extending congratulations on my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

Your generous comments concerning this pamphlet and my book, "Masters of Deceit," are indeed appreciated, and I want to thank you for writing me in this regard. In response to your request, I am forwarding, under separate cover, ten copies each of the reprints you mentioned. There is no charge for this material, and the check you enclosed is being returned.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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10 Expose of Soviet Espionage
10 Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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NOTE: Correspondent wrote to the Bureau July, 1960, inquiring about the background of the John Birch Society. She was advised of the confidential nature of our files by letter of 8-10-60, and she was sent the reprints she now requests. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Aug 17, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of FBI

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Your wonderful book "Masters of Deceit" should be a must on every reading list in every school in our land and should be on every bookshelf in every home. If we could somehow get people to read more of this type of book & your pamphlets perhaps some of the apathy and indifference we encounter every day would be alleviated.

Now I want to express my appreciation and thanks for your very considerate answer to my letter and the pamphlets you sent me. And now I have a request. I am so anxious for others to read these reports, please send me posthaste copies of the papers you sent me as listed below:

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10 - A reprint for the FBI law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA".
10 - "Communist Target-Youth"
10 - "God and Country or Communism?"

and anything more you have that might help to awaken people to our dangerous enemy. I enclose $5.00 . If this is not enough

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I will send whatever more you need.

Six each of these papers I will give to The John Birch Society to distribute as our very sincere leader sees fit.

No answer to this letter is expected. Your time is too valuable.

Sincerely

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Mount Vernon
Washington State

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Aug 17, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]

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August 24, 1960

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Santa Ana, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 15, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

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(Mrs.) [redacted]

Santa Ana, Calif.
August 15, 1960

Mr. Tolson
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Miss Gandy

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

Dear Sir:

I wish to congratulate you on your fine report that was used by the House Un-American Activities Committee in the pamphlet, entitled "Communist Target-Youth", concerning the San Francisco riots.

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I am a member of the John Birch Society and I hope to use this report to open the eyes of some of my complacent friends, as to the seriousness of the situation.

Thanks again for your excellent work..

Yours very truly,,

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Camarillo, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 14, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate the generous comments about the pamphlet from you and your husband, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Camarillo, California
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Mr. H. Edgar Hoover:
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is indeed a great pleasure to write to you today and tell you how much my husband and I have always admired you for your courageous stand against the communists and their subversive activities in the United States. We have read most of your books and have passed them out among our friends and acquaintances. We know too what great difficulties you must face each and every day.

We wish especially to thank you for the superb report you made in the pamphlet, entitled Communist Target -- Youth. We intend to order as many copies as possible for distribution in our community.

We learned of this pamphlet from Mr. Robert Welsh of the John Birch Society of which we are very proud to be members. As members of this excellent society we know we are not just sitting still so to speak waiting for the enemy to take us unawares, but we are fighting now and we intend to continue to do so until our last breath.

As we know you are a very busy person we expect no answer to this letter, but we did want you to know we are with you 100 per-cent.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) [redacted]

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August 24, 1960

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Palos Verdes Estates, California

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Dear Miss [redacted]

The thought prompting your letter postmarked August 15, 1960, is appreciated.

It is encouraging to know that you and your friends are alert to the growing menace of communism, and in view of your interest, I am sending you some reprints along these general lines. Certainly it is vitally important that all citizens accept the responsibility of becoming fully informed as to the exact nature of the widespread undemocratic elements in our country today.

Sincerely yours,

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August 9, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

As a member of The John Birch Society, I want to thank you for your report on the San Francisco riots in the pamphlet, "Communist Target-Youth."

Last night I saw pictures on television of these riots at a friend's home and we were all shocked and incensed.

For years we have been trying to wak e up our friends and didn't have much luck but now- they are beginning to wake up with a bang. Thanks for your wonderful work to try and save our Republic.

No reply is expected to this little note of appreciation

Sincerely,

/s/

(Miss) [redacted]

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The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
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Palos Verdes, Cal., Calif.

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Seattle 99, Washington

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Dear Miss [redacted]:

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 18, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

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I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Miss [redacted].

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SEATTLE 99, WASHINGTON

August 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society and as an American citizen, you have my heart-felt thanks for your most comprehensive report on the San Francisco Communist-inspired riots.

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None of us can be grateful enough for the remarkably outstanding job you have done for all of us for so many years in exposing Communism for the evil that it is. It is my sincere belief that if the powers that be had given an attentive ear to you, there would not now be a single Communist in any branch of our government.

No reply is necessary to this letter.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) [redacted]

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Brigadier General William L. Lee, USAF (Retired)
Senior Vice President
American Trust Life Insurance Company
4120 Paramount Boulevard
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear General:

Your letter of August 18, 1960, has been received, and it was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." I want to thank you for your good wishes. In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to this subject which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CP, USA
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NOTE: The John Birch Society is headed by Robert Welch, a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is ostensibly an anti-communist group and by SAC letter the field has been alerted to furnish the Bureau with any information regarding its activities. In one of their publications the members were requested to write letters of congratulations to the Director regarding "Communist Target--Youth." The National Sojourners is a Masonic Club and we have furnished them speakers in the past and the Director holds an honorary membership.

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Bufile 62-22718 reflects that General Lee, while in Italy in 1946, became involved in an altercation with a representative of President Truman's staff and shortly after he was returned to the United States and reduced in rank to his permanent grade. It was indicated that he was not suitable to move in the circles which his rank demanded.

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WILLIAM L. "JERRY" LEE
BRIG. GEN. USAF (RET.)
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

American Trust Life Insurance Company

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A Capital Stock Company
HOME OFFICE
Wichita Falls, Texas

TELEPHONE FL6-0839
4120 PARAMOUNT BLVD.
Amarillo, Texas

18 August 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just finished reading the pamphlet: Communist Target--Youth. I would like to congratulate you on the excellent report you made on the San Francisco riots. It should be an eye opener to the American people.

I am a member of The John Birch Society and I am the 2nd National Vice President of the National Sojourners. Both organizations are after the Communists with tooth and toenail. I hope we can wake the complacent people up before it is too late.

With best wishes always in all ways, I am

Cordially yours

/s/ William L. Lee
32° K. C. C. H.

No reply is expect.

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Cordially yours
William L. Lee
32° K.C.C.H.

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No reply is effect.

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17 August 1960

BIRCH JOHN SOCIETY

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

Dear Sir:

I found your article "Communist Target-Youth" most informative. It is truly frightening to realize what is happening today--to our great American heritage. I myself plan to become as well informed as is possible to this great threat of Communism.

Articles such as "Cummunist Target-Youth", and also your book "Masters of Deceit", should be read by every American. Thank your for them.

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MRS [redacted]

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

/s

P.S. No reply is necessary.

DALLAS TEXAS

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Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was very thoughtful of your wife and you to write me on August 16 and 17, 1960, regarding my recent analysis entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

Your comments concerning this statement are indeed appreciated, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing several other articles on communism which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

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AUG 24 1960
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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention, CP
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NOTE: Neither correspondent nor his wife is identifiable in Bufiles.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

August 16, 1960

BIRCH, JOHN SOCIETY

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

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading your pamphlet "Communist Target-Youth". It is most thought provoking and informative. I am confident that we Texans will demonstrate our patriotism by encouraging Mr. Walter and his committee to study our area, and exhibit to those who have become lackadaisical and apathetic that all is not "peaches and cream" in the Lone Star State.

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P.S. No reply is necessary.

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August 25, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]

Dallas 8, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter postmarked August 18, 1960, regarding my comments concerning the demonstration which took place recently at the hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in San Francisco.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about this, and your expression of confidence in me is deeply appreciated. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted]

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[redacted]
Dallas 8, Texas

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of the John Birch Society and an American who is concerned about the Communist threat to our country. I congratulate you on your excellent report on the San Francisco riots, which certainly should awaken all Americans to the Communism in this country.

God bless you in your fine service to our country.

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Yours truly,

[redacted]

(Mrs.) [redacted]

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August 25, 1960

Dr. [redacted]
[redacted]
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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DATE 8/21/81 BY

Dear Dr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 20, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Dr. [redacted] cannot be identified in Bufiles.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been a silent admirer of your outstanding contributions to our country for many years. As a member of the John Birch Society, may I thank you for your excellent report in the House Un-American Activities Committee pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth."

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

NOTE:
No reply necessary or expected.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

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8/20/60

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been a silent admirer of your outstanding contributions to our country for many years. As a member of the John Birch Society, may I thank you for your excellent report in the House un-American activities Committee pamphlet 62-1-244 Communist Target - Youth. REC-68 b6 b7C

Sincerely [redacted]

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No reply necessary or expected.
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August 25, 1960

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Odessa, Texas

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DATE 8/21/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked August 18, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you. In response to your request, I am also forwarding under separate cover 25 additional copies of my pamphlet.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th Convention, CP, USA
Exposé of Soviet Espionage

1 - Mr. Morrell, Room 4235--USC--25 copies "Communist Target--Youth."

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Miss [redacted] Street address verified by Odessa telephone directory check. She indicates in her letter that she is a member of the John Birch Society and would appreciate being furnished additional copies of the Director's pamphlet to distribute to prospective members of this organization. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Welch has been quite

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Odessa, Texas
August 13, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I want to compliment you on writing ~~that~~ the pamphlet entitled Communist Target--Youth. If we only had more men in our government like you we would be a lot better off. I am a member of the John Birch Society, and would like to have some extra copies of this pamphlet to pass out to some of our prospective members.

Thank you again. Keep up your wonderful work.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Odessa, Texas
August 13, 1960

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

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DATE 8/21/84 BY SP6 BSR/mlr

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I want to compliment you on writing ~~the~~ the pamphlet entitled Communist Target — Youth. If we only had more men in our government like you we would be a lot better off. I am a member of the John Birch Society, and would like to have some extra copies of this pamphlet to pass out to some of our prospective members.

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Thank you again. Keep up your wonderful work.

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]

Loomis, California

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DATE 8/21/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 19, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate that we have enjoyed prior correspondence with Mrs [redacted] and there is nothing derogatory on her.

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Loomis, Calif.
Aug. 19, 1960.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Personally and as a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to thank you for the work you contributed to the Un-American Activities Committee pamphlet, entitled. COMMUNIST TARGET ** YOUTH. We have a great deal to thank you for in your continuing efforts to expose communism.

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Cordially yours,

(Mrs) [redacted]

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No answer needed, -- Thank you for what you do!

No answer needed, -- Thank you for what you do!

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

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DATE 5/21/87 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your note of August 19, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MRS. [redacted]

[redacted]

Phoenix, Arizona Aug. 19, 196

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

This brief note comes to congratulate you regarding your very fine report entitled Communist Target--Youth.

We are members of The John Birch Society--and sincerely want you to know how we appreciate the work you are doing.

I know that you are a very busy man - and I do not expect any acknowledgment of this note.

But would simply like to say God bless you and help you to continue on in your fine work!

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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MRS [redacted]
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Aug. 19, 196

Dear Mr. Hoover,
This brief note comes to Congratulate you regarding your very fine report entitled Communist Target.. Youth.
We are members of The John Birch Society - and Sincerely want you

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MRS [redacted]
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I ~~Home Office Building~~
Washington D.C.

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I know that you are a very busy man - and I do not expect any acknowledgment of this note.

But wanted simply like to say God bless you and help you to continue on in your fine work!

Sincerely
Mrs. [redacted]

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August 25, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Sumter, South Carolina

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DATE 8/21/84 BY SP6BJA/MLW

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 17, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sumter SC.
Aug. 17 - '60

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a member of a John Birch Society--
I wish to congratulate you on all of your wonderful work --
especially your pamphlet on "Communist Target--Youth"--

I have a lot of confidence in the F. B. I. and
TheHouse Com - on Un American Activities--

Sincerely--

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C
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Sumter S.C.
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a member of a John Birch Society — I wish to congratulate you on all of your wonderful work — especially your pamphlet on "Communist Target — Youth" —

I have a lot of confidence in the F.B.I. and the House Com. on Unamerican Activities —

Sincerely —

Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]
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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your card of August 16, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Nat'l Convention, CP, USA.
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
What You Can Do To Fight Communism.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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I wish every family in our country would send for it and read it .

Our thanks to you and the John Birch Society for making it known to us.

Sincerely

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

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Mr. [redacted]

Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mr [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 18, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 18, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society, I would like to congratulate you on the excellence of your report constituting the bulk of the pamphlet, entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I am a high school student who is deeply concerned with the success of the Communist infiltration into American schools. Your report will certainly help to get this point across to friends--friends who are quite sceptical because they themselves have been so subverted.

Again I thank you for your report--a comprehensive and well presented summation of the obvious subversion in the schools.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Sincerely

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Santa Barbara, California

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DATE 8/21/84 BY

Mrs. [redacted]
Oreana, Illinois

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you and your husband to write me on August 19, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th Convention, CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate previous correspondence from Mrs. [redacted] in April, 1956, regarding the controversy over certain progressive education methods in the Argenta Community Unit District No. 1, Macon County, Illinois. Mrs. [redacted] was advised by a Special Agent of our Springfield Office that the issues in question did not come within the scope of the FBI's authority and that there was no manner in which the Bureau could help her or her group with her problem. It was her contention that the educational methods, especially relative to sex education, were conducive to juvenile delinquency. Correspondent's husband and she ~~were~~ ARE identified as members of the John Birch Society. The Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is

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Oreana, Illinois
August 19, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

We want to thank you for your excellent work for America and particularly for your testimony in COMMUNIST TARGET --YOUTH. We are sometimes troubled by the thought that sometime another person might be called to carry on your work and we seriously doubt that such a person is available.

If you should find yourself wondering at times whether your work is worth the effort let us assure you that we appreciate it. We saw the film of the riot against the House Un-American Activities Committee and are convinced that without the work of this Committee and the F. B. I. our nation would not exist today. It is our prayer that the Lord with bless you with strength and wisdom to carry on this work.

We are doing our best to help alert our friends but without much success. However, we will continue. We are members of The John Birch Society and believe this may help to organize our efforts.

You need not take time to answer this letter.

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Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]

Midland, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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I have received the letter of August 20, 1960, from you and your husband, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Midland, Texas
August 20, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We want to thank you for the excellent presentation which you made of the Communist inspired San Francisco youth riots against the House Un-American Activities Committee as given in the pamphlet COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH. We are very proud of the FBI "Gang-Busters" and the wonderful job that they have been doing in keeping abreast of the Communist threat.

Please don't feel obligated to answer this letter. We just wanted to let you know how we felt and that we are fully behind you in your pursuit of these threats.

Respectfully,
Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]
Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]
Members, John Birch Society

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Mrs. [redacted] [redacted]
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Detroit 39, Michigan

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of August 17, 1960, regarding my statement, "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about this, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing some other material on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP, USA
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Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Detroit 39, Mich
August 17, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very happy to hear of the pamphlet put out by the House Un-American Activities Committee consisting of your report on the San Francisco riots. So it can happen here also!

I am a member of the John Birch Society and since many of us will be writting you please don!t bother to answer

Yours truly

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/s/ (Mrs.) [redacted]

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Detroit 39, Mich
August 17, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
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Stamford, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 19, 1960, regarding my recent analysis entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your kind comments about this pamphlet, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing some other material on the general subject of communism.

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STAMFORD, CONN.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:-

I HAVE RECENTLY HAD THE PLEASURE OF READING YOUR STARTLING BUT EXCELLENT REPORT ON THE SAN FRANCISCO RIOTS, ENTITLED "COMMUNIST TARGET-YOUTH."

I AM A MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY WHICH HAS AS ITS PURPOSE MAKING PEOPLE AWARE OF THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY AND TAKING POSITIVE ACTION TO COMBAT IT.

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WITH FACTUAL DATA SUCH AS YOUR REPORT BASED ON THE H.C.U.A. HEARINGS, MUCH CAN BE DONE. MY SINGLE COPY HAS BEEN CIRCULATED WIDELY, WITH GRATIFYING RESULTS. I INTEND TO PROCURE ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR CIRCULATION.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR EXCELLENT WORK. I DO NOT EXPECT AN ANSWER TO THIS LETTER, BUT JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FINE REPORT.

SINCERELY,

/s/ [redacted]

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DATE 8/21/84 BY

Mrs. [redacted]
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Morristown, New Jersey

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 17, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you and your husband for your support. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information re Mrs. [redacted] and we have enjoyed limited cordial correspondence with her.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your report on "Communist Target--Youth" is excellent & I am ordering 6 copies through The House Office Building.

My husband & I will be forever grateful to you for your courageous fight against Communism. Don't let the good-intentioned people who want to give away our freedoms divert you as I know it won't. Please don't answer this letter but we just want you to know how grateful we are:

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]

P. S. We are members of the "John Birch Society."

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MRS. [redacted]
MORRISTOWN, N. J.

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Sincerely yours,

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August 25, 1960

Mr [redacted]

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St. Petersburg 8, Florida

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DATE 5/21/91 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 18, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth," and analysis of the 17th Annual Convention of the Communist Party, USA.

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Miss Gandy

August 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

May I heartily commend you on your statement made to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, released on January 17th, 1960; also for the data you supplied to House Committee on Un-American Activities covered by its pamphlet "Communist Target—Youth", published July 18th, 1960.

It is inconceivable that facts such as these can be published year after year and completely ignored by most of Congress and most of the public. I am a member of the John Birch Society to do what little it can to awaken people generally and to encourage those leading the fight, such as you.

Would there were a dozen J. Edgar Hoovrs!

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Respectfully,

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houston 5, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was thoughtful of you to write me on August 16, 1960, and I am glad to know that you are alerted to the widespread subversive elements in our society today.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
What You can do to Fight Communism

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Houston, 5, Texas
August 16, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to tell you how much I appreciate your work in exposing the San Francisco student riots. Please continue to keep the American public advised on Communism in the United States, in order that our citizens may realize its danger to our country.

I request that no answer to this letter be made because of the burden under which your office is working.

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Very truly yours,

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Mr. [redacted]

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 19, 1960, has been received.

It was kind of you to comment so favorably concerning my remarks in "Communist Target--Youth," and certainly all citizens should be fully informed in these critical times as to the exact nature of the communist menace. Enclosed are additional publications along such lines which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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God and Country or Communism?
Introduction March, 1960, LEB, & 17th National Convention CP, USA.
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage.

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August 19, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I just wanted to let you know how much your report on communist activity among the young people of our country was needed and appreciated. As a member of the John Birch Society I am somewhat aware of the communist conspiricy in the United States and the free world. Any information put out by yourself or your department carries a tremendous impact in waging the fight against this conspiricy.

Very truly yours

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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

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Miss [redacted]

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Austin, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of August 18, 1960, has been received, and your generous and most complimentary remarks are sincerely appreciated.

It was thoughtful of you to bring your observations regarding the menace of communism to my attention. In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material dealing with this subject which may be of interest to you. Included is a copy of "Communist Target--Youth" in the event you have not read the pamphlet.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent may be referring to the Americans for Democratic Action by her reference to A. D. A.'s. The film, "Operation Abolition," is the one regarding the House Committee on Un-American Activities riots in San Francisco. No record Bufiles identifiable with the correspondent.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Austin, Texas
August 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like for you to know how sincerely we appreciate your efforts. How I wish a man of your abilities and convictions was in the office of President today. And how I wish that that office strived as hard at trying to do the right thing as your's does.

As a student at the University of Texas, and a member of the John Birch Society chapter here, I work to keep myself informed, and to inform others of the threats against our great nation. Last meeting we saw the film, Operation Abolition. I feel sure it will have the desired effects on the students this fall. I will do everything in my power to get as many of them to see it as possible.

Several of us have been working most of the summer to create a group effective enough to counteract the A.D.A.'s which are quite strong here. Our avowed purpose is to re-educate the average student. We are endeavoring to show him that there is nothing vulgar and bourgeoise about patriotism, and that our country became the greatest nation on earth under its present constitution without any sweeping "liberal" reforms or world government.

My best wishes and sincere thanks.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 18, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in the FBI and me.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] In view of the difficulties that we experienced earlier this year with the Constitution Party of Texas with regard to their persistent efforts to have the Director run for the presidency on their ticket, no response is being given to her remarks concerning it. For the same reason our reply is being addressed to her apparent home address as opposed to the Constitution Party return address which is stamped on the envelope.

She points out in her letter that she is a member of The John (Birch) Society. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Midland, Tex.
Aug. 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations on the fine work that you are doing. The pamphlet entitled COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH is a fine report. I wish that it were possible for every citizen in this country to read it carefully.

Because I know that you are an extremely busy and important person, I do not expect an answer to this letter.

I am doing all that I can to help save our beloved country, and I know that you are doing the same. I am an active member of The John Society.

Looks like we just might have a new face in Congress from our 16th district. Many may be greatly surprised that we in the Constitution Party of TEXAS mean business. Our candidate will be another Bruce Alger running on a ticket that leaves no one wondering what our platform is.

Keep up the excellent work. My prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/25/60

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MIDLAND, TEXAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

For information of the Bureau, on August 18, 1960, Mrs. [redacted], Midland, Texas, who has requested that her name remain strictly confidential, advised SA ROY C. DAHL that she had attended a meeting of a chapter of the John Birch Society which was being organized in Midland, Texas. She said that the meeting was held in [redacted], Midland, Texas, and was attended by approximately 20 people. She said that Mr. [redacted]. She said the program opened with prayer, and after that a discussion was had concerning MAT CVETIC and his book. The Blue Book of the John Birch Society was offered for sale as was the book of MAT CVETIC. She said that there was a discussion of the DAN SMOOT reports, and a collection was taken up so that the chapter could subscribe to these reports. She said that the program proceeded by the playing of a tape made by Mr. EHRENS, Co-Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, which tape was on the subject of the growth of Communism, and took about one and one-half hours. She said there was some discussion about the growth of Communism in this and other countries, and a pamphlet from Human Events entitled "Growth-The Latest Socialistic Pitch" which was published July 14, 1960, was passed out to each person.

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Mrs. [redacted] Texas, and was interested in the fight against Communism.

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As per Bureau instructions, no investigation is being conducted in this matter.

The City Directory of Midland, Texas, lists Mr. [redacted] as [redacted], Midland, Texas. His wife is [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] said that meetings are to be held on a weekly basis and as far as she knew, the meetings would be held in [redacted].

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August 25, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you and your wife to write me on August 17, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth." I want to take this opportunity to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations concerning it.

In response to your request, I am forwarding, under separate cover, additional copies of my pamphlet along with some other material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. or Mrs. [redacted]

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

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August 17, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We recently saw and read your report on the San Francisco riots, Communist Target - Youth, as condensed by U. S. and World News from the pamphlet published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It is excellent and just the type of thing we need to get before the public to wake people up.

We are members of the John Birch Society and admire the work you and your department are doing. ~~We do not expect~~ an answer to this letter but if you have a few extra copies of your original report as printed by the Government Printing Office we would appreciate receiving them.

Respectfully,

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]

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Los Angeles 14, California

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Dear Mr [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 15, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target - Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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August 15, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of The John Birch Society, I wish to add my congratulations on the excellence of your report which made up the bulk of the phamplet published by the House of Unamerican Activities Committee entitled "Communist Target - Youth".

Please do not take time to reply to my letter, but accept my congratulations and sincere desire that you will continue the good work for the benefit of my children and all other children throughout America.

Sincerely,

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Mr. + Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Pecos, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you and your husband to write me on August 17, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Pecos, Texas

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As members of the John Birch Society and a foe of Communism we wish to congratulate and thank you for your excellent report on the communist inspired San Francisco riots in the pamplet entitled "Communist Target - Youth".

No acknowledgement of this letter is necessary, we merely want to express our appreciation for your vast efforts in exposing the encroachment of international communism upon us and informing us of their crimes.

Yours very truly,

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/s/ Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]

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Yours very truly
Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]
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Los Angeles 5, California

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J. Edgar Hoover

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LOS ANGELES 5, CALIFORNIA

August 16, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations on the excellence of your report which constituted the bulk of the House Un-American Activities Committee pamphlet entitled Communist Target - Youth. As a member of The John Birch Society I have been impressed time and time again by the zeal of your fight against the Communist menace.

No reply is expected to this note.

Respectfully yours,

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Miss [redacted]

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your card postmarked August 20, 1960, concerning my recent report, "Communist Target--Youth."

The thought prompting you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you for your generous comments regarding the pamphlet. Enclosed is some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Miss [redacted] In an attempt to clarify her address, a check of the telephone directory revealed that [redacted] is the address of [redacted] Inasmuch as [redacted] relationship to him is unknown, the salutation of "Miss" is deemed appropriate.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to congratulate you on the excellence of your report contained in the pamphlet released by the House Un-American Activities entitled Communist Target--Youth.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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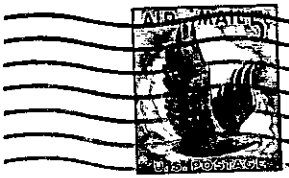

Hon J. Edgar Hoover.
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Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

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Thank you very much for your letter of August 15, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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NOTE: Nothing in Bufiles re correspondent.

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Santa Barbara, Calif.

August 15, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

As a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to express my appreciation and congratulation for your excellent report on the recent San Francisco student riots.

Your courageous work has certainly lessened the spread of thier poisonous propaganda and has awakened some of our people to the evil danger that we face.

I know that your office must be deluged by mail, therefore I do not expect a reply to this letter.

Sincerely

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Mrs. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Burlington, Washington

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 16, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. Enclosed is some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March, 1960, LEB Introduction, 17th National Convention, CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] On August 17, 1960, the Director wrote to Mrs. [redacted] also of Burlington, Washington, in response to a similar letter. Mrs. [redacted] indicates in her letter that she is a member of the John Birch Society.

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P. O. Box [redacted]
Burlington, Wash.
Aug 16, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a member of the "John Birch Society," founded by Robert Welch Jr. One of our assignments this month is directed to you to congratulate you on your report to the, House Committee on Un-American Activities." (Communist Target--Youth)

I was fortunate to have recieved three hundred copies of this report through our wonderful Congressman, Jack Westland. I am turning these over to the John Birch Chapter in this area. Our project is too try to obtain enough copies for each high school student in this area, mainly, Burlington, Sedro Wooley and Mount Vernon, Washington

We have also ordered the 16m. m. film taken at the San Francisco student riot and hope to show it in the schools. We can raise the money to pay for the film, but perhaps we will not be able to finance the distrituition of the pamphlet, but we are going to try. If you, Mr. Hoover can give us any help or advise it would be deeply appreciated.

We of this chapter are so fortunate to have as our chapter leader the Principal of Burlington High School, Mr. Rex Willard. He is a dedicated man in every sense of the word.

I sometimes wonder if we, who care so much, about are beloved country, are too late. In any case we must continue to work for Christian ideals and the continued freedom of this beloved country.

You, Mr. Hoover, supply us all with the inspired will to "do or die" for these ideals, and no attack upon you or the F. B. I. will ever change us, and I know I write this sentiment as an expression of all John Birch Society members. Thank you

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Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
South Dartmouth, Massachusetts

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of August 22, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in me is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted]

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TRUE COPY

Aug. 22nd. 1960

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Very sincerely yours

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/s/ [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]
Texas Legal Division
Cities Service Oil Company
Leggett Building
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 17, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth" and the article which appeared in the December 22, 1959, issue of the "Texas Bar Journal."

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your very generous comments about the two statements, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring.

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Sincerely yours,

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have several copies of one of your latest pamphets, "Communist Target-Youth", and I think it is excellent. I have given most of my copies away and urged others to write for more as well as other publications you have out.

Your article which the Texas Bar published was also top notch. You are to be commended ~~for your~~ fine endeavors in keeping the American people alerted to the dangers of the communist conspiracy in this country. I am doing my level best to see that these publications reach the right people - those who will also go out and publicize the danger of the conspiracy to the United States.

I am a Chapter Leader of the John Birch Society and this is the most effective organization that I have seen or belonged to. It is really catching hold in West Texas (and other places I am sure) and we intend to back you up every step of the way. Also, we intend to first educate our members and then aid them in taking effective action under the direction of our very able President, Robert Welch.

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Keep up the good work, it surely is appreciated by all freedom-loving Americans.

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Sincerely yours,

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August 26, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Bellaire, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of August 21, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in me is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TRUE COPY

Aug. 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As an individual American and as a member of The John Birch Society, I wish to thank you for your work in the interests of our country's freedom. In particular, I wish to congratulate you on the release of the phamphlet, Communist Target--Youth, Hoping that it will do much to enlighten and awaken our countrymen.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Dallas 1, Texas

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DATE 8/21/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 18, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you as a member of the John Birch Society and as an interested American Citizen to compliment you on the pamplet printed by the United States Government printing office and published by the House Committe on Un-American Activities. Your report was excellent and it is wonderful to know we have a man such as you in Washington, and in a position of authority. I do not expect a reply to this letter but wish to write you and thank you for all of your wonderful work.

Very truly yours,

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August 25, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Lakewood 11, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated August 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Mrs. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Adolph Menjou and Tom Duggan, mentioned by the correspondent, are well known to your office.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that Adolph Menjou, on the Tom Duggan television show, discussed politics and communism and urged the listeners to join the John Birch Society. She has written to this society, and is interested in joining, but desires to check on the organization before doing so. She states she would appreciate knowing if it is all it is supposed to be. b7D

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Duggan is a television personality in Los Angeles, and is a controversial figure. He received unfavorable publicity several years ago when his wife shot at him for going out with another woman. (94-45641)

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August 18, 1960
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Lakewood 11, Calif.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: The John Birch Society
Belmont 78, Mass.

Recently I saw Mr. Adolph Menjou on the Tom Duggan television show and he made many statements regarding politics and communism in Hollywood, most of which I agreed with. He is also a strong supporter of Senator Barry Goldwater, whom I also greatly admire. Mr. Menjou said anyone wishing to support the Constitution & help rid our country of Communists, etc., should join the John Birch Society, & gave the address.

The next day Tom Duggan was suspended from his TV program, supposedly because of an anti-Catholic joke his wife had previously told on his program. I noticed in the Times a few days later that the American Legion (composed of 200 members) was calling on the station manager to determine the real reason of his suspension, & then the next day, the paper stated that Tom Duggan had been re-instated & would appear again at his usual time.

I wrote the John Birch Society for literature and am interested in joining. However, my husband says that now days so many patriotic sounding organizations are just Communist fronts and for me not to join anything without checking with you first. So I would certainly appreciate knowing if it is all that it's supposed to be. I think everything possible should be done to awaken people to the Communist threat and I want to help support an organization such as this one, if it is bona fide.

I will certainly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]

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a few days later that the American Legion (composed of 200 members) was calling on the station manager to determine the real reason of his suspension, & then the next day, the paper stated that Tom Duggan had been re-instated & would appear again at his usual time.

I wrote the John Birch Society for literature and am interested in joining. However, my husband says that now days so many patriotic sounding organizations are just Communist fronts and for me not to join anything without checking with you first. So I would certainly appreciate knowing if it is all that it's supposed to be. I think everything possible should be done to awaken people to the Communist threat and I want to help support an organization such as this one, if it is bona fide.

I will certainly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 18, 1960, regarding my statement entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was certainly thoughtful of you to write me about this, and I want to thank you for affording me the benefit of your observations. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Santa Barbara, Calif.
August 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Sincerely yours,

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Santa Barbara, California

No reply to this letter is expected.

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August 18, 1960

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Washington, D. C.

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Mr [redacted]
[redacted]
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr [redacted]

Thank you very much for your note of August 16, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Aug 16, 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover.

I know you are a very busy man these days. Unfortunately so, as the busier you are means there is more crime and more subversion to worry about- you are and have done a magnificent job and I pray to God for all the help you can get. Please keep up the good work.

I would like to commend you also on the excellence of your report that was the bulk of the recent bulletin "Communist Target Youth" on the San Francisco riots. I hope the great conservative patriotic Americans will wake up before it is too late.- We in the John Birch Society are trying to do our little bit in awakening the people and ourselves along with it.

God Bless You

/s/ [redacted]

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

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DATE 8/24/84 BY [illegible]

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God Bless you

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Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter dated August 20, 1960, has been received, and it is a pleasure to forward to you, under separate cover, 100 copies of "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," as you requested. You should receive them in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Pittsburgh 16 Pa.

August 20, 1960

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

Re: Phamphlet entitled:
"Communist Illusion and
Democratic Reality"
by J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

Thank you for recent literature sent to me, which included a copy of the above phamphlet. This has no form number; is stapled-22 pages; is "adopted from an article by Mr Hoover which was prepared for Members of the National Strategic Seminar held in Wash., D.C. during July, 1959."

If it is possible, I would like to request 50 to 100 copies of this phamphlet for distribution to a Mailing list of interested adults. I would also like to give some to a friend of Mine who teaches in a local neighborhood high school.

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Very truly yours

/s/ [redacted]

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August 20, 1960.

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

Re: Phamphlet entitled:
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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Dallas, Texas

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DATE 8/21/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of August 23, 1960, regarding the John Birch Society.

Although I deeply appreciate your interest in writing, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. For this reason, I am unable to help you, and I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have in our files material relating to this organization.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did about my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory with respect to [redacted] with whom we have had no previous correspondence. He

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wanted to know whether the John Birch Society is a communist front organization. The Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

August 23, 1960

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the past several weeks, I have become aware of "The John Birch Society" and desire to join this organization. Could you please inform me, if this Society is above board, and not a Communist front organization.

I would also take this opportunity to commend you and your organization for the fine dedicated work that you are doing to combat communism. I read with great interest your report on communism published last month by the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

SGS/mh

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Dallas, Texas

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Los Angeles 16, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your recent letter and your interest in communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am unable, therefore, to comply with your request for information.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Los Angeles

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Correspondent stated he was interested in joining the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts, and requested to be advised if it is in any way subversive.

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE TO SAC, LOS ANGELES, CONTINUED:

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent's letter is not dated and the postmark is not legible. Therefore, we are making reference only to correspondent's recent communication.

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Los Angeles 16 Calif.

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Dept. of Justice
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

To whom it may concern:

I am interested in joining the John Birch Society Belmont 78 Mass.

Would you please inform me if this Society is in any way subversive.

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Your reply will be appreciated

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Respectfully

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Green Bay, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

I have received your letter of August 23, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was kind of you to comment as you did about my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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[redacted]
Green Bay, Wis.
August 23, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover.

This is just a short note to express my appreciation for your efforts in helping the House Committee on Un-American Activities to produce the pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth". I feel very deeply about this gathering nightmare of Communism and appreciate your efforts very much.

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It is not necessary for you to answer this letter. I frequently write letters to people on the subject of the Communist Conspiracy. I am also a member of the John Birch Society.

Sincerely

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Green Bay, Wis.
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Sincerely

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 22, 1960, has been received, and it was certainly thoughtful of you to comment on my statement "Communist Target--Youth." I wish to thank you for your generous remarks. In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to this subject which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas
August 22, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

As a young man not too far removed from the college campus, I congratulate you and your bureau on the excellence of your report entitled COMMUNIST TARGET--YOUTH.

Only through the dedicated efforts of men like yourself have I become aware of the seriousness of the Communist threat from within.

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No answer to this letter is expected.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]
The John Birch Society

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Chicago 46, Illinois

MRS [redacted]

Dear Mrs [redacted]

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Thank you very much for your letter of August 22, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs [redacted]

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MRS [redacted]
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CHICAGO 46, ILLINOIS

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I extend to you my sincere congratulations for your outstanding report on "Communism Target-Youth."

There are many of us who are fully aware of the fortitude you have shown and the discouragements you have met in your ceaseless efforts to make known the closeness of the Communist peril.

Those of us who are members of the John Birch Society are thankful to Almighty God that we have men of your calibre, who have the moral conviction to stand for what is right.

Please do not feel obligated to reply, rather kindly accept my heartfelt gratitude.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]

San Marino, California

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DATE 6/21/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 23, 1960, has been received, and I am glad you enjoyed reading the material previously sent you.

Although I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret I am unable to help you, and I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: A letter postmarked 8-10-60 was received from Mrs. [redacted] in which she commented favorably concerning "Communist Target--Youth." Bulet 8-18-60 thanked her for her observations and forwarded general publications on the subject of communism. She did not mention at that time that she was affiliated with the John Birch Society. This organization is allegedly an anticommunist group with branches throughout the country. At one time in the past, its head, Robert Welch, indicated that he believed forming a group which resembled a front organization might be a clever manner in which to attract true subversives.

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[redacted] San Marino 9, California b6 b7C

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Thank you so much for your answer to my last letter and for the literature you sent to me. I am writing again about a matter that has begun to concern me greatly just recently.

Several months ago I joined the John Birch Society feeling I wanted to do my part in helping to fight communism in this country. Membership in this society has been a good thing for me. I have read more and have become much better informed about what is going on in the world. While I think what he is trying to do is basically good, I am beginning to wonder about Robert Welch. He seems to be a little too much of a fanatic to suit me. I recently read an article by Jack Mabley in the Chicago Daily News which quoted Welch as claiming in a letter that Eisenhower and most of his aides - John Foster and Allen Dulles, Earl Warren, Neil McElroy - are communists. Either this is a mis-quote (which I don't believe a Columnist, no matter how liberal, would do) - or I have mis-read the article - or Welch is a complete "crackpot." I find myself wondering which side the communists are on. On of their aims certainly is to undermine the confidence of the American people in their government - and Welch seems to be doing an awful lost of just that.

I would appreciate very much having the F. B. I.'s opinion of Robert Welch and his John Birch Society.

This is a difficult battle we are engaged in. The enemy takes so many different forms - I do want to be sure we are following the right leader -

Thank you for your help and interest.

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] San Marino 9, California

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Thank you so much for your answer to my last letter and for the literature you sent to me. I am writing again about a matter that has begun to concern me greatly just recently.

Several months ago I joined the John Birch Society feeling I wanted to do my part in helping to fight Communism in this country. Membership in this society has been a good thing for me. I have read much and have become much better informed about what is going on in the world.

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While I think what he is trying to do is basically good, I am beginning to wonder about Robert Welch. He seems to be a little too much of a fanatic to suit me. I recently read an article by Jack Mabley in the Chicago Daily News which quoted Welch as claiming in a letter that Eisenhower and most of his aides - John Foster and Allen Dulles, Earl Warren, Neil McElroy - ~~of being~~ are communists. - Either this is a mis-quote (which I don't believe a columnist, no matter how liberal, would do) - or I have mis-read the article - or Welch is a complete

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"crackpot". I find myself wondering which side the communists are on. One of their aims certainly is to undermine the confidence of the American people in their government - and Welch seems to be doing an awful lot of just that.

I would appreciate very much having the F.B.I.'s opinion of Robert Welch and his John Birch Society.

This is a difficult battle we are engaged in. The enemy takes so many different forms - I do want

To be sure we are following the right leader -

Thank you for your help and interest.

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EX 104

August 31, 1960

Mr [redacted]
[redacted]
Leesburg, Florida

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Dear Mr [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 23, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding my recent reports, "Communist Target--Youth" and "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA." Your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring.

In response to your request, I am forwarding, under separate cover, several copies of the material you requested with the exception of "A Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." For copies of this reprint, may I suggest that you write to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Corner of North Capitol and H Streets, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C. These will be made available to you by that office at a cost of thirty-five cents each. You may also be interested in obtaining the list of subversive organizations as prepared by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Copies of this listing may be obtained by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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12 copies each of:
Communist Target--Youth
Analysis of 17th National Convention of CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: No record can be ascertained in Bufiles for Mr. [redacted] He points out in his letter that he and his wife are members of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was formed by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch, however, has been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 brings this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to forward any information regarding their activities to the Bureau.

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Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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Leesburg R. 3, Florida

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August 23, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

I have just read your report on "Communist Target - Youth" and your March 1, 1960 reprint from the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Bulletin for March.

I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart for the powerful job you are doing in exposing the communists and their workings.

Please be assured that you have the wholehearted support of me and my family in the tremendous work you are doing for our country. My wife and I have recently joined the John Birch Society headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass. whose purpose it is to help alert fellow Americans to the insidious dangers of socialism & communism right here in the U.S.A.

May I request the following: about a dozen of each if possible) 1. the latest list of subversive organizations in the U.S.A. 2. Communist Target - Youth 3. Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A. 4. Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality Dec '59 5. God & Country or Communism - Nov. '57 6. Expose of Soviet Espionage May 1960

Please advise me what the charges are for this material. As the [redacted] I am certain that we can get this material read by many of our local people. Incidentally too, many of our local Farm Bureau leaders will be helpful in this area.

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God bless you and the whole F.B.I. it's one of the few Federal organizations left that I can respect.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

Leesburg R. 3, Florida

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover August 23, 1960
Director of F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

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John Birch Society

CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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Leesburg R. 3, Florida

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Please advise me what the charges are for this material. As the President of the Leesburg, Florida Kiwanis Club I am certain that we can get this material read by many of our local people. Incidentally too, many of our local Farm Bureau leaders will be helpful in this area.

God bless you and the whole F.B.I. it's one of the few Federal organizations left that I can respect.

Sincerely,

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August 30, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you very much for your letter of August 22, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

AUG 31 1960

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17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted] His name was clarified in the Shreveport telephone directory.

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The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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[redacted] b6 b7C
Shreveport, La.
Aug 22, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

As a member of the John Birch society and a American who loves his country I would like to congratulate you on your report of "Communist Target--Youth."

Please do not feel obligated to answer this letter but use up as much time as you can to fight the greatest internal menace which faces this beloved country. Keep up your good work and my will and my prayers will be with you.

Yours truly,

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/s/ [redacted]

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Miss Gandy

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

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J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

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Yours Truly,

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Mesa, Arizona

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Dear Mr [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 24, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place recently at the hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in San Francisco, has been received.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning the FBI. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted] and we have had no previous correspondence with him.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

[redacted]
Mesa, Arizona
August 20, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept this expression of gratitude for the many years of devoted, unflinching duty to the preservation of our freedom.

Without your efforts, we could not presently be engaged in our battle for America.

This letter is prompted by the very lucid account of the "student" riots which occurred at the San Francisco hearings of the House Unamerican Activities Committee.

This report, along with more quiet demonstrations of communist infiltration have prompted me to join with the John Birch Society.

If my all too inadequate abilities are ever needed, I will do whatever is asked.

No acknowledgement is required.

With sincere best wishes for you and your compatriots, I remain,

Young [redacted]

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August 20, 1960

Dear Sir:

Your excellent account entitled Communists Target Youth--, dealt a real blow to many complacent people. So many are waking up to the fact that a real crisis is here. Anytime any of your material is available it is passed around many times. Even the complacent preachers cannot deny your findings, which we find is a real measuring stick, as they continue to discount any reliable source by inferring it is taken out of context ect. Due to the John Birch Society and other groups the ranks of loyal Americans are swelling. As a mother of five children, I must continue to expose and fight this in any way I can. I shall be looking forward to much more of your material.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Baytown, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]:

I have received your letter of August 23, as well as your wife's of August 20, 1960. The thought which prompted the two of you to write me is deeply appreciated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind remarks you made regarding my pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and your expressions of confidence are indeed reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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BELLAIRE 101, TEXAS

August 23, 1960

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Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As an American citizen and as a member of the John Birch Society I should like to take up some of your ~~time in congraduiating~~ you on your recent report covering the San Francisco riots.

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Let this inform you that there are many, many loyal Americans standing behind you all the way and will give all and any kind of support that may be required to help in continuing your work to reveal what lies in some of these activities.

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P.S. I should like to have a copy of this report mentioned above should there sufficient copies to mail another.

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Mr. [redacted]
Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company
Box 2580
Dallas 21, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated August 23, 1960, has been received, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI as an investigative agency does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting upon the organization you mentioned.

I am also unable to refer you to another Government agency or source which could furnish the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

The correspondent advised that the John Birch Society has been recommended as an organization to fight communism. He, therefore, wrote to the Bureau to determine if we had any information regarding the organization or if we could refer him to some individual or agency which has such information. He stated he did not desire to join the John Birch Society without a thorough investigation. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

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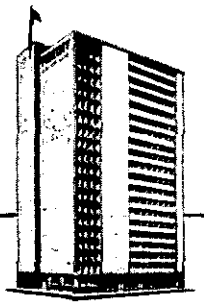

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AUGUST 23, 1960

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY HAS BEEN STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO ME AS AN ORGANIZATION FOUNDED SPECIFICALLY TO FIGHT THE EVILS OF SOCIALIZATION AND COMMUNISM.

I FEEL THAT IT IS MY DUTY TO FIGHT THESE TWO EVILS WHICH THREATEN OUR DEMOCRACY. IN THAT CONNECTION, I AM WRITING TO YOU SPECIFICALLY TO FIND OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ORGANIZATION, OR IF YOU CAN REFER ME TO SOME RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL OR AGENCY WHO DOES. I AM QUITE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE SOME ORGANIZATIONS WHICH APPEAR TO BE ANTI-COMMUNIST, BUT WHICH ARE ACTUALLY COMMUNIST FRONTS. I DO NOT WANT TO JOIN THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY WITHOUT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

I SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER, AND IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO FORWARD THIS TO SOME OTHER INDIVIDUAL OR AGENCY FOR SPECIFIC ANSWER, I SHALL FURTHER APPRECIATE YOUR DOING THAT RATHER THAN RETURNING THE INQUIRY TO ME DIRECTLY. OF COURSE, IN THE EVENT SUCH ACTION IS NECESSARY, I SHALL APPRECIATE A CARBON COPY OF YOUR LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL. b6 b7C

SINCERELY,

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Mr. [redacted]

Sedro Woolley, Washington

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DATE 8/22/94 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

I have received your kind letter of August 20, 1960, concerning my pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your wife for your kind comments regarding it. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sedro Woolley, Wash
Aug. 20, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover.

My congressman, Jack Westland send me your pamphlet Communist Target--Youth.

This is to thank you for writing it. As a member of the John Birch Society we are going to see that every high school student in this area reads this pamphlet.

Please don't reply -- use the time to keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]

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Sedro Woolley, Wash
Aug. 20, 1960

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

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John Birch Society

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Please don't reply - use the time to keep up the good work.

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Houston 35, Texas

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DATE 5/22/84 BY 6010 SUP/MLR

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 23, 1960, regarding my recent report on the demonstration which took place at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, has been received.

The thought which prompted you to write is deeply appreciated, and in response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of my pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," along with some other information on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding Mrs. [redacted] and we have had no prior correspondence with her.

Members of the John Birch Society were instructed in a monthly publication of their organization to direct these congratulatory letters to the Director. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anti-

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LETTER TO MRS. [redacted] b6 b7C

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communist organization which was founded by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Welch has been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. This organization was brought to the attention of the field by SAC letter 60-5, and this letter instructed the field to forward any information regarding this organization's activities to the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

Houston, Texas
August 23, 1960

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

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your years of devotion and courage in fighting the menace of communism to this country -

I understand from some friends of mine who are in the John Birch Society that you have written an excellent report on the San Francisco riots entitled Communist Target Youth. I would appreciate having a copy of this report very much. If not available from your office, where may I get a copy?

Please keep up the good work and speak out at every opportunity.

May God bless you.

Yours truly,
Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
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Houston, Texas
August [redacted], 1960

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

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your years of devotion and courage in fighting the menace of communism to this country.

I understand from some John Birch Society friends of mine who are in the John Birch Society that you have written an excellent report on the San Francisco riots entitled Communist Target Youth. I would appreciate having a copy of this report very much. If not available from your office, where may I get a copy?

Please keep up the good work and speak out at every opportunity.

May God bless you.

Yours truly,

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 28, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstrations which took place at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, has been received.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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LEB Introduction 3-60, 17th National Convention of CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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NOTE: Mrs. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Dallas 5, Texas
August 20, 1960

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your report as contained in the pamphlet of the Un-American Activities Committee, "Communist Target -- Youth".

Undoubtedly you are receiving other communications from other members of the John Birch Society and it would be a burden to answer them all. Please do not feel that it is necessary for you to do so.

With prayers and best wishes for your continued good work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 24, 1960, concerning my report on the demonstration which took place before the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in San Francisco, has been received.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments regarding this Bureau. In the event you have not read my statement, I am enclosing a copy of the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth" along with some other material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Analysis of 17th Convention CP, USA & March 1960 LEB Intro
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Miss Scheid. Miss Scheid is a member of the John Birch Society which was formed by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch, however, has been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 brings this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to forward any info regarding their activities to the Bureau.

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August 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have recently learned of your Anti Communistic release reguarding the San Francisio riots. And wish to express my gratitude and congradulation on another good job. Please keep up your excellnt work and make every effort to see that such important information is made readily available to the American public.

Our local John Birch group is one hundred percent for you in such efforts.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Houston 25, Texas

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August 21, 1960

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have recently learned of your Anti Communistic release regarding the San Francisco riots, and wish to express my gratitude and congradulations on another good job. Please keep up your excellent work and make every effort to see that such important information is made readily available to the American public.

Our local John Birch group is one hundred percent for you in such efforts.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Houston 25, Texas

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August 31, 1960

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Houston, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of August 22, 1960, regarding my statement, "Communist Target--Youth," and my book, "Masters of Deceit," has been received.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me about the publications, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)

17th National Convention of CP, USA, and March 1960 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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NOTE: Bufile 9-33999 is an Extortion Main File which lists one [redacted] as the victim. It is noted that the case covered the period 2-21-58 to 4-22-58, and at the time Miss [redacted] was a 12-year-old juvenile residing in Fort Worth. USA, Fort Worth, declined prosecution and case was closed. The salutation "Miss" is used inasmuch as the spelling '[redacted]' is typical for a female.

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Letter to Miss [redacted]

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding their activities to the Bureau.

A monthly publication of this organization instructed all members to write to the Director regarding his pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth."

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[redacted]
Houston, Texas
August 22, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I have recently read your "Master's of Deceit" and pamphlet entitled "Communism Target--Youth." May I congratulate you on the excellence of this report; I have ordered copies and will circulate those, as well as your book, as fast as I can.

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On schedule, I plan to see your departments' film, released to the public, of the San Francisco attack on the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Thank you for your support of this Committee and to the welfare of our nation in helping the public hear the truth to enable us to better help you in defending our country against Communism.

Respectfully

s/[redacted]
John Birch Society

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Houston, Texas
August 22, 1960

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

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Dear Sir: John Birch Society

I have recently read your "Masters of Deceit" and pamphlet entitled "Communism Target - Youth". May I congratulate you on the excellence of this report; I have ordered copies and will circulate those, as well as your book, as fast as I can.

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On schedule, I plan to see your Department's film, released to the public, of the San Francisco attack on the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Thank you for your support of this Committee and to the welfare of our nation in helping the public learn the truth to enable us to better help you in defending our country against Communism.

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Respectfully

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John Birch Society

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI

DATE: 8/12/60

FROM : SAC KANSAS CITY (62-NEW)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS AGAINST COMMUNISM
WICHITA, KANSAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Kansas City letter 5/28/58.

John Birch Society

The following enclosures are submitted herewith:

1. A favorable cartoon which appeared in the August 1960 edition of "The Kay Cee Kay". This is the monthly publication of the Chamber of Commerce in Kansas City, Kansas.

2. A post card distributed by Citizens Against Communism, entitled "Who Murdered Bang-Jensen?"

3. Post card distributed by Citizens Against Communism, entitled "We Should Give Them More Foreign Aid".

4. Post card distributed by Citizens Against Communism captioned "Is it our program to surrender on the installment plan?"

5. A post card distributed by Citizens Against Communism, entitled "The Supreme Court turns the rats loose. Will they destroy us?"

6. A post card distributed by Citizens Against Communism, entitled "Which mask shall I wear when I push her over?"

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KC 62-CITIZENS AGAINST COMMUNISM
Wichita, Kansas

The August 1960 issue of "The Kay Cee Kay", which has just been released, contained as a feature cartoon, the item which is described as enclosure #1. In view of the favorable light in which the FBI is presented in this cartoon, inquiry was made of Mr. MAURICE TUDOR, Editor, to determine whether the cartoon was original or syndicated. Mr. TUDOR advised that this cartoon was furnished his paper by captioned organization. He said they expected to receive further cartoons of an anti-Communist nature for publication in subsequent monthly editions.

Referenced Kansas City letter advised of the formation of captioned organization for the purpose of purchasing and distributing 1,000 copies of the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit". In referenced letter, three prominent and wealthy individuals were identified as sponsoring the organization, including Mr. FRED KOCH, President of the Wood River Oil Company.

Kansas City letter dated July 31, 1957 captioned FRED C. KOCH, 321 West Douglas, Wichita 2, Kansas, furnished background information concerning KOCH, including information concerning a trip by KOCH to the USSR in 1956. This information was furnished the Bureau in connection with a letter from KOCH to the Director dated July 19, 1957.

Kansas City letter dated January 7, 1960 furnished information concerning the reproduction in the Wichita evening Eagle at Wichita, Kansas of an unfavorable editorial which appeared originally in the Louisville, Kentucky Courier-Journal. Also set out was information concerning a petition signed by 44 individuals who vigorously protested to the Wichita Eagle, publication of the Courier-Journal article. By letter to the Director dated January 5, 1960, Mr. KOCH called attention to this matter and indications are that he sponsored the petition in support of the Bureau.

Kansas City letter dated June 2, 1960, captioned ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING, (INTERNAL SECURITY). This letter further identifies KOCH as having business interests throughout the world and to be connected with numerous oil companies. KOCH's support of the formation of a John Birch Society in Wichita was set out. KOCH is described as supporting ROBERT H. WELCH financially in the formation of the John Birch Society in the Wichita area.

KC 62-CITIZENS AGAINST COMMUNISM
Wichita, Kansas

Kansas City files further reflect that on June 6, 1960, Captain [redacted] U. S. Marine Corps, Wichita, Kansas, furnished information concerning the John Birch Society, the Marine Corps League and captioned organization. Captain [redacted] was concerned because of the association between the Marine Corps League and captioned organization. He explained that the League had no official connection with the Marine Corps but because of the name "Marine", the League's action would reflect on the Marine Corps. Captain [redacted] furnished five post cards, which are described above as enclosures 2 through 6. He stated these cards were "so rabid they might cause lack of faith in Government leaders". b6 b7C

A memorandum dated August 1, 1960, reflects information received from [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] identified herself as a [redacted] for the Kansas City Kansan newspaper. She advised that FRED C. KOCH was the speaker at a luncheon meeting on July 28, 1960 and that he commented to the effect that 20 "bombs" in the United States are under the control of Russia, that the head man in the Pentagon is a Russian spy and that the Russians have infiltrated every phase of American life. b6 b7C

It appears very likely that further cartoons will be distributed by captioned organization and that further post cards will be available. In view of his strong pro-Bureau attitude and excellent reputation, UACB, Mr. KOCH will be discreetly contacted on or after August 23, 1960 for information concerning enclosure #1 described above, and for copies of any other post cards and cartoon mats which relate to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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August 31, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Los Angeles 4, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received the letter of August 23, 1960, from you and your husband and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write. Your expression of confidence is most reassuring.

I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
17th National Convention of CP, USA, and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record on Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] They indicate under their signature that they are members of the John Birch Society. The Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in Dec., 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information re their activities to the Bureau. A monthly publication of this organization instructed all members to write to the Director re his pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth."

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Mr. [redacted] Aug 23 - 60
[redacted] Los Angeles 4, California

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

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your publicizing the San Francisco Riot thru the Un American Activities Committee

Please keep it up.

No answer necessary

Sincerely

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s/Mr & Mrs [redacted]
(John Birch Society)

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Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles 4, California

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

Dear Sir:

We thank you for your publicizing the San Francisco Riot thru the Un American Activities Committee

Please keep in up.

No answer necessary

Sincerely

Mr & Mrs [redacted]

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 20, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write. Thank you for your very generous remarks and your prayers.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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MRS. [redacted] · MIDLAND, TEXAS

August 20, 1960

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

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DATE 8/22/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Sir;

In these very troubled and perilous times my one solace is that you are still director of the F. B. I. It seems yours is the only government organization that is truly American and is trying to keep our country free.

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I want to commend you on the excellence of your pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth." I belong to the John Birch Society and through our organization we are seeing to it that your report is widely read. Every parent and educator should read this to become more aware of the dangers that are present.

Thank you for your constant vigilance. I pray that may continue with your work. Please do not feel that you must answer this letter. You have much more important communications to answer I am sure.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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August 20, 1960

John Birch Society

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir,

In these very troubled and perilous times my one solace is that you are still director of the F.B.I. It seems yours is the only government organization that is truly American and is trying to keep our country free.

I want to commend ~~[illegible]~~ the excellence of your pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth." I belong to the John Birch Society and thru our organization we are seeing

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Sincerely

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11 DIRECTOR
8/25/60

September 1, 1960

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DR [redacted]

Houston 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received the letter of August 26, 1960, from you and Dr. Hutchins, and the thought which prompted you to write is deeply appreciated.

It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may find to be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: It is noted that on February 13, 1960, [redacted] held a meeting in their home for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the John Birch Society in the Houston area. We have had no previous correspondence with them.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch at Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch has been quite critical of

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President Eisenhower and his administration. This organization was brought to the attention of the field by SAC Letter 60-5 which instructs the field to forward any information regarding this or organizations activities to the Bureau. A monthly publication of the John Birch Society instructed its members to write these congratulatory letters to the Director on his pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth."

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[redacted]
Houston 5, Texas
Aug. 26, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a short letter (with no answer expected) to complament you on the excelent phamphlet which we understand you had a part in, "Communist Target-Youth." Now if you can come up with an answer as to how to get people to read it and believe it, you will have found the answer as to how to save our country! Keep up the good work!

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Very truly yours,

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Glenview, Illinois

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DATE 8/22/74 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 24, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco has been received.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous comments concerning my statement, "Communist Target--Youth," and I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which you may find to be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
The Communists Are After Our Minds

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mr. [redacted] He mentions in his letter that he is a member of the John Birch Society. The Society was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December 1958 by Robert Welch. Mr. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding this organization's activities to the Bureau. Members of the Society were instructed to write these congratulatory letters to the Director in one of their monthly publications.

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Glenview, Illinois

August 24, 1960

Mr. J Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept my congratulations on the excellence of your report contained in the pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth." I myself am a youth, being seventeen years of age, and many of my friends in the high schools and colleges in the Chicago area join with me in encouraging you in your noble pursuits in the fight against Communism. Many of us are, like myself, members of the recently formed and enthusiastically growing John Birch Society, and that society also wishes to congratulate and encourage you and any who would follow you.

Sincerely,

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August 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a member of the John Birch Society, may I congratulate you on your excellent report which constitutes the bulk of COMMUNIST TARGET--YOUTH.

In these days of disasterous undermining by the Communist in this nation, we are indeed fortunate to have such a patriot as you, doing all you can, in spite of such great odds.

I am one of many who are aware of the problem and your work concerning it and though you do not hear from all of us, you may be sure that we are here.

Please do not take the time to answer this note, as no answer is required and enough of your time has been taken reading this.

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Yours truly,

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Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Houston 17, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 21, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth," and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which you may find of interest. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to [redacted] She indicates in her letter that she is a member of the John Birch Society.

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Letter to Miss [redacted]

NOTE cont....

Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to forward any information concerning the Society's activities to the Bureau. Members of the Society were asked to write these letters of congratulations to the Director in one of their monthly publications.

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have read your letter of August 25, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco.

The thought which prompted you to write is appreciated, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. In view of your interest in combating the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: No record can be ascertained in Bufiles for Mr. [redacted] He indicates that he is a member of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in Dec. 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Let 60-5 brought this organization to attention of the field and instructed them to forward any information regarding its activities to the Bureau. Members of Society were instructed in one of their publications to write these congratulatory letters to the Director.

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Milwauk[redacted], Wisconsin

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August 25, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

As both a concerned American and an interested student on the communist conspiracy, I have written to the House Committee on Un-American Activities to obtain information. Just this week I wrote the committee and requested the pamphlet which was produced under your direction; "Communist Target- - Youth", by name.

I am concerned about all phases of the communist drive to conquer the world, but more so about the happenings right here in America. What so many people think is a bunch of nonsense and can't happen here (my own minister included) is already occurring and has. Two examples are the San Francisco and Newport student riots. With the afore mentioned pamphlet, I hope to dispell the false securities established by those complacent people I've met, especially with such timely evidence on the recent riots.

I'm sure I can more capably eulogize your pamphlet after I read it. But as I have not received my requested copy, I shall, for the time being, contain my praise in my appreciation for your timeliness in this effort. The light is on for those who will open their eyes and see the truth, even while the rumblings of thet communist inspired outbursts have not yet dissipated. I feel, too, that the education for American salvation from communism is advanced another step whenever accurate information of this sort is made available.

I do not expect you to answer my letter in this case, not that I would refuse the obligation. I only realize that you will undoubtedly receive many letters on this situation aside from being very busy anyway. Many of the letters you will receive will be from John Birch Society members like myself.

The John Birch Society would not be mentioned here, as that name is not flaunted in almost any instance, were it not for the general feeling (of the group) that your department know of the type of material we think necessary to combat communism. Needless to say, "Communist Target -- Youth" can and will be used as a literary "fixed bayonet".

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With sincere regard for your efforts, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received the letter of August 25, 1960, from you and your husband, and the thought which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

Your kind remarks concerning the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and expression of confidence are most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion
Expose of Soviet Espionage

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] They indicate that they are members of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in Dec., 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Let 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to forward any information regarding its activities to the Bureau. Members of the Society were instructed in one of their monthly publications to write these letters of congratulations to the Director.

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Aug 25, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to congratulate you on the excellence of your report in the pamphlet, "Communist Target-Youth."

Wish our country had many more staunch supporters of our American way of life, like yourself.

No reply to this note is necessary nor expected. Just keep up the good work.

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Your's truly,

/s/ Mr. & Mrs [redacted]

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Aug 25, 1960

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
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Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Wish our country had many more staunch supporters of our American way of life. Like yourself.

No reply to this note is necessary nor expected. Just pep up the good work.

Your's truly,

Mr. & Mrs.

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Mr. Malone
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Mr. Rosen
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Miss Gandy

August 24, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to congratulate you on the excellence of your report which constituted the bulk of the pamphlet published by the House Un-American Activities Committee entitled Communist Target--Youth.

I do not expect an answer to this letter.

Very truly yours,

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Member, The John Birch Society

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Mr. [redacted]

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Houston 25, Texas

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Dear Mr. Wallingford:

Your letter of August 24, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstrations which took place at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, has been received.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage
NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable references to Mr. [redacted]
He indicates under his signature that he is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to forward any information regarding this organization's activities to the Bureau.

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Houston 25, Texas
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August 24, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to congratulate you on the excellence of your report which constituted the bulk of the pamphlet published by the House Un-American Activities Committee entitled Communist Target--Youth.

I do not expect an answer to this letter.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted]
Member, The John Birch Society

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Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 25, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place recently at the hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in San Francisco, has been received.

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It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning the pamphlet. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted]

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The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

[redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana
August 17, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to thank you for your excellent report on the San Francisco riots as published by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Such work is just what we need in our fight for freedom, and it is extremely urgent that it be brought to the attention of the American people.

You may be sure that the members of the John Birch Society, to which I belong, are behind you 100% in this fight and that we intend to use the information to the very best of our ability.

I do not expect an answer to this letter as I am sure you will have many more on the same subject and cannot answer them all.

Sincerely,

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Dallas 30, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter postmarked August 25, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth" has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous comments concerning it. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th National Convention CP, USA, & March 1960 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] It is noted that she is a member of the John Birch Society. The Society was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December 1958 by Robert Welch, a wealthy candy manufacturer. Welch has been quite critical of

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President Eisenhower and his Administration. By SAC letter 60-5 this organization was brought to the attention of the field, and they were instructed to furnish any information concerning the activities of it to the Bureau. A monthly publication of the Society instructed their members to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] - dallas 30 - texas

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I personally want to congratulate you on your excellent report, Communist Target--Youth. As a member of the John Birch Society I feel it can be used effectively as a communist weapon--to educate the public of this imminent threat. No answer to this letter is expected of course.

Sincerely,

s/Mrs. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I personally want to congratulate you on your excellent report, Communist Target - Youth. As a member of the John Birch Society I feel it can be used effectively as a communist weapon - to educate the public of this imminent threat. No answer to this letter is expected of course.

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Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

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

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August 31, 1960

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The Newport Harbor Ensign
2850 East Coast Boulevard
Corona del Mar, California

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked August 22, 1960, and I want to thank you for your generous comments and prayers. Your expression of support is most reassuring to me.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism along with a copy of my report, "Communist Target--Youth," which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references with either Miss [redacted] or the Newport Harbor Ensign. It is noted that in her last paragraph she states that she does not wish the Director to reply to her letter unless there is some derogatory information about The John Birch Society in our files. This general reply is deemed appropriate in view of this

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FOR ALL YOUR PRINTING NEEDS ---

--The Newport Harbor--
ENSIGN

"Serving the Entire Newport Harbor-Costa Mesa Area"

2850 E. Coast Blvd. Corona Del Mar, Calif. Harbor 1114

August 15, 1960

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

Dear Sir -

Although I haven't yet received My copy of your report on The San Francisco riots, I understand you have done a masterful job of analying this frightening incident.

I want to thank you for The Magnificent job you have been doing for our country these many years. I wish you continued success in this Momnonth job. Our prayers are with you and the appreciation of Many Americans. I shudder when I learn of the power of The "enemy within"!

Please don't trouble to answer this letter UNLESS you have some derogatory information about The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. I am a member of this group & we hope we are working in The right direction.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

August 26, 1960

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

Dear Sir —

Although I haven't yet received my copy of your report on the San Francisco riots, I understand you have done a masterful job of analyzing this frightening incident.

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I want to thank you for the magnificent job you have been doing for our country these many years. I wish you continued success in this

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Sincerely yours,

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The Ensign Newspaper
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September 1, 1960

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Houston 24, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of August 24, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place at the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings recently in San Francisco.

It was thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and your kind comment is deeply appreciated. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with Mrs. [redacted] She wrote under her signature that she is a member of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to forward any information regarding their activities to the Bureau. Members were instructed to write these congratulatory letters in a monthly publication of the Society.

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Miss Gandy

[redacted]
Houston 24, Texas
August 24, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

Just a word of appreciation for your excellent report in the pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth", which was recently released by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I have ordered several copies in order that I might circulate them among some of my friends with the hope of awakening them to the great peril which our Nation faces today.

I realize that you are very busy, so please do not take the time to answer this letter.

Thank you for the fine job you are doing.

Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]
(Mrs.) [redacted]
Member, John Birch Society

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September 1, 1960

[redacted]
Tempe, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on August 25, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding Mrs. [redacted]

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Mr. Callahan
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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

August 25, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you so very much for your years of service to your country. I only wish that we could learn even more of Communistic attempts to subvert out government before it is too late. I have just finished reading your report to the HUAC dealing with Communist Target--Youth. I have made every attempt to place a copy of it into the hands of as many teenagers as I can find. Why do these God-hating animals want to destroy the free Christian world? But since it is quite obvious, even to this housewife that they do, we must do everything possible within the law to stop them. Please keep us informed. In our local chapter of the John Birch Society, we have obtained a copy of the recent film on the San Francisco Riots. We will show this to everyone! We won't let them smear you and your organization in our area, and know that others throughout the country will join in the fight against them. Again may I thank you for my children's sake,

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Tempe, Arizona

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[redacted]

Cut Bank, Montana

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 24, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place recently at the hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in San Francisco, has been received.

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It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding Mrs. [redacted] and we have had previous cordial correspondence with her; last outgoing 4/13/60.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

TRUE COPY

Cut Bank, Mont
Aug 24, 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover,

You and your department are to be commended for the fine report of the San Fransisco Riot, which I received from the H. U. A. C., and for you constant vigilance and efforts to alert the public on the dangers of communism.

Keep up the fight.

I do not expect a reply, for I know you are all so busy.

Sincerely,
/s/Mrs. [redacted]
A John Birch Member

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Cut Bank, Mont
Aug 24, 1960

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

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Dear Mr Hoover,

You and your department are to be commended for the fine report of the San Francisco Riot, which I received from the H.U.A.C., and for your constant vigilance and efforts to alert the public on the dangers of communism.

Keep up the fight.

I do not expect a reply, for I know you are all so busy.

Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

A John Birch Member

John Birch Society

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September 1, 1960

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EX-102

[redacted]

Melrose 76, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of August 25, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks concerning my statement, "Communist Target--Youth," are appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. Therefore, I am unable to answer your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material concerning the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention Communist Party
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communism--The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is headed by Robert Welch, a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. The field by SAC letter

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has been requested to advise the Bureau of any activities regarding this anticommunist group which come to their attention. Correspondent's name could not be verified in telephone directory.

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August 25, 1960
[redacted]
Melrose 76, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am writting as a member of the John Birch Society of Belmont, Mass. I would like to congradulate you on the excellent job done on the House Un-American Activities Committee report entitled, "Communist Target--Youth."

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Since I am a new member of this Society, which you have undoubtley heard of, I would like to ask your opinion of the quality and general operations of the Society. I sincerely hope you will reply.

Thank you

/s/ [redacted]

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August 25 1960

[redacted]

Melrose 76, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am writing as a member of the John Birch Society of Belmont, Mass. I would like to congradulate you on the excellent job done on the House Un-American Activities Committee report entitled, "Communist Target -- Youth."

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Thank You

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September 2, 1960

[redacted]

Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 1960, regarding my report "Communist Target--Youth."

Your kind comments concerning the pamphlet are indeed appreciated, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB CP USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted]. She indicates that she is a member of the John Birch Society which was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding this society's activities to the Bureau. ~~The Bureau is actively investigating the John Birch Society~~.

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Aug 27, 1960

[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Knowing you are very busy man, I will not take up a lot of your time, but wanted to congratulate you on your excellent report in your pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth."

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I am a member of the John Birch Society of Midland, Texas and certainly hope & pray you and the organization you head can keep up the marvelous job you are doing -.

I feel the FBI is the only thing left now between the Free World & Communist Domination.

Congratulations again on your pamphlet, I remain ----

Yours for a free World

/s/ [redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Aug 27, 1960

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Midland, Texas

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Knowing you are very busy man, I will not take up a lot of your time, but wanted to congratulate you on your excellent report in your pamphlet "Communist Target — Youth."

I am a member of the John Birch Society of Midland, Texas and certainly hope & pray you and the organization you head can keep up the marvelous job you are doing.

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Congratulations again on your pamphlet,

I remain

Yours

Free World

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September 2, 1960

[redacted]
Dallas 25, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have read your letter of August 28, 1960, and want to take this opportunity to thank you for the very kind remarks contained in it.

It was thoughtful of you to write me about my report "Communist Target--Youth," and your expressions of confidence in the FBI and me are most reassuring. In view of your interest in combating the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
What You can do to fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for Miss [redacted] It is noted that she is a member of the John Birch Society which was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. This organization is allegedly anticommunistic with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 brings this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding this society's activities to the Bureau. ~~The Bureau is actively investigating the John Birch Society~~.

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August 28, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover: -

It is impossible to express in writing how grateful I am to you for your report Communist Target--Youth.

I am ordering additional copies of this Report to distribute as widely as possible. If this doesn't shock people into a realization that something is seriously wrong in this country, then nothing will shock them!

You are a brave and outstanding American and one greatly admired by the American people! With men of your caliber doing all that is possible to alert the American people, I am sure we will win this battle.

Please do not take your valuable time to reply to this letter. It is a "thank you" note from one American to another American.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted]
Dallas 25, Texas

P.S. For your information, I am writing as a member of the John Birch Society ------

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August 28, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover -

It is impossible to express in writing how grateful I am to you for your Report Communist Target - Youth.

I am ordering additional copies of this Report to distribute as widely as possible. If this doesn't shock people into a realization that something is seriously wrong in this country, then nothing will shock them!

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Sincerely,

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Dallas, Texas

P.S. For your information I am writing as a member of the John Birch Society

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[redacted]
Lubbock, Texas

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DATE 8/22/87 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have read your letter postmarked August 27, 1960, regarding my recent report, "Communist Target--Youth."

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It was kind of you to comment as you did concerning the statement and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which you may find to be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Introduction - March 1960, LEB and 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA
What You can do to Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable references to Mr. [redacted] It was noted that he is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch at Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.

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Letter to Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE (continued) SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to forward any information regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau. ~~We are now conducting an investigation regarding this Society.~~

A monthly publication of this organization instructed their members to write congratulatory letters to the Director.

TRUE COPY

August 25, 1960

[redacted]
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The pamphlet, Communist Target - Youth, that you released is very thought provoking and should have concentrated consideration of every true American. b6 b7C

No answer to my correspondence is at all necessary. For like "thank you" notes, the person receiving the "thank you" has already done his job; and in your case, a very commendable one.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

Member: John Birch Society

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Aug. 25, 1960.

[redacted]

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoover,

FBI, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME INTELLIGENCE UNIT
DATE 8/23/84 SP6B3A/mre

The pamphlet, Communist Target - Youth, that you released is very thought provoking and should have concentrated consideration of every true American.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Member: John Birch Society

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[redacted]

Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have read the letters of August 28, 1960, from you and Mrs. [redacted] regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was kind of you to comment as you did about my statement, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may find to be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
What You can do to fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to [redacted] They indicate in their letters that they are members of the John Birch Society, which was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 12-58. This organization is allegedly anticommunistic with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 brings this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding this society's activities to the Bureau. ~~The Bureau is actively investigating the John Birch Society~~.

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[redacted]
Shreveport, La.
Aug. 28, 1960

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

Dear Sir,

I want to congratulate you on your superb report in the pamphlet, Communist Target--Youth. Also, I want to thank you for all your efforts in trying to awaken the American people.

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An answer to this is not expected since I am writing as a member of, The John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Shreveport, La.
Aug. 28, 1960

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

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Dear Sir,

I want to congratulate you on your superb report in the pamphlet, Communist Target -- Youth. Also, I want to thank you for all your efforts in trying to awaken the American people.

An answer to this is not expected since I am writing as a member of, The John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted]

Shreveport, La
Aug. 28, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover.

Just a note to congratulate you on your report in the pamphlet, Communist Target - Youth. I want to thank you for your efforts to awaken the American people.

[redacted]
Shreveport, La

I do not expect you to answer this note. I am writing as a member of the John Birch Society.

John Birch Society

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Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Shreve port, La
Aug. 28, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Just a note to congratulate you on your report in the pamphlet, Communist Target - Youth. I want to thank you for your efforts to awaken the American people.

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I do not expect you to answer this note. I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of August 28, 1960, concerning my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was thoughtful of you to write, and I want to thank you for giving me the benefit of your observations. I am enclosing some other material on communism which you may find to be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention CP, USA, & March 1960 LEB Introduction
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record can be ascertained in Bufiles for Mr. [redacted] It is noted that he is a member of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist organization which was organized by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 brings this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding their activities to the Bureau. ~~We are currently investigating the Society.~~

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DATE 8/22/74 BY [illegible]

[redacted]

MIDLAND, TEXAS

August 28, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I have read your report to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, entitled COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH. It certainly explains many aspects of communist infiltration we Americans need to know. I have given copies to my friends and they think the report is very good, too. I do not expect a reply to this letter. However, it may interest you to know that I am a member of the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely

[redacted]

CORRESPONDENCE

mail code 9-6-60
R.W. Wall

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September 6, 1960

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EX 109

[redacted]

Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 30, 1960, has been received.

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I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comment, and in view of your interest in combating the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you. In response to your request for my opinion of the John Birch Society, I wish to inform you that the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency precludes our making any evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the integrity of any individual, organization or publication.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
What You Can Do To Fight Communism

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding Mrs. [redacted] Our only correspondence with her has been an outgoing dated August 24, 1960, in response to her letter to the Director congratulating him on "Communist Target--Youth." Complete name and address per prior

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correspondence. It is noted that she and her husband are members of the John Birch Society.

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Aug. 30

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In the past several months I have become quite aware of the advances made by communism in this country & I am alarmed at the way people react to this danger. Especially there "do nothing altitude.

My husband & I have joined the John Birch Society & feel that this is a start. Robert Welch of Mass. organized it and with a board of distinguished members, runs it. Our objective is to send letters to our congressmen & men in the government to combat the Communist mail on legislative matters etc. Another thing we do is read all we can (that is approved by the Society) to get ourselves informed and try to wake up other people.

I am very much interested in your opinion of this organization and would be grateful if you have any other suggestions on what we can do.

The John Birch Society is against the Connelley Amendment, Foreign Aid to our enemys (which is almost everyone). We also appreciate the good work you do.

Sincerely,

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Wichita, Ks

P.S. Six monthes ago I was afraid of a bomb--but not anymore & was very uninformed but I feel like the John Birch Society has helped me to see their methods & aims.

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Burbank, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 30, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason, I am unable to answer your inquiry. In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to that subject which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
What You can do to fight Communism
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention Communist Party
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is headed by Robert Welch, Belmont, Massachusetts, and the group is purported to be an anticommunist organization. ~~The organization is currently under investigation.~~

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As an ex-naval officer and a loyal citizen, the continued growth of communism in our country is of great concern to me and my family. It is with this thought in mind that we attended a meeting the other evening at the request of a personal friend, who is also an ex-naval doctor. The meeting was conducted by a member of the John Birch Society, address Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

They apparently primarily concern themselves by keeping abreast of current communist activities, Especially proposals which might influence our legislation. It would appear that this may be one way a responsible citizen can help in combatting communist inroads. I would appreciate your comments regarding the John Birch Society and if they are exactly what they appear to be on the surface.

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Sincerely,

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Burbank, California

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 27, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth" has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

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I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning it and also for your observations about my book, "Masters of Deceit." I am enclosing some information on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Introduction - March, 1960 - LEB and 17th National Convention of Communist Party, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted] In his postscript he mentions that he is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch at Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.

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Letter to Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE (continued) SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to forward any information regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau. ~~We are now conducting an investigation regarding this Society.~~

A monthly publication of this organization instructed their members to write congratulatory letters to the Director.

[redacted]

Midland, Texas
August 27, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

I have just read your report entitled "Communist Target-Youth" published by the House Un-American Activities Committee. It certainly should be an eye-opener to anyone who reads it. Congratulations for the excellent job.

I have also read "Masters of Deceit". Many thanks for writing this book. This is what really opened my eyes as to what is happening in our country. I hope that it does the same for millions more.

The United States is indeed fortunate in having a man of your stature in the position you are in at this extremely critical period in our history.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

P.S. I also wish to advise you that I am a member of the John Birch Society.
Also, I do not expect a reply. I merely wished to commend you for the good work that you are doing.

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September 6, 1960

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Glenview, Illinois

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

I have received the letter of August 29, 1960, from you and your husband, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth," and in view of your interest in combating communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
17th National Convention CP, USA, & March 1960 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with [redacted] Name verified by telephone directory check. They indicated in their letter that they are members of the John Birch Society. The Society is an allegedly anticommunist organization which was organized by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 brings this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish the Bureau any information regarding their activities. ~~We are currently investigating the Society.~~

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August 29, 1960

Dear Sir,

We wish to congratulate you on your excellent phamphlet, Communism Target--Youth.

The phamphlet will certainly help to shock our complacent friends who do not wish to realize that there is something seriously wrong in the world today. As members of the John Birch Soc. we feel that it is imperative to have informative literature on communism in circulation today.

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Sincerely yours

[redacted]

Return address on envelope:

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Glenview, Ill.

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August 29, 1960

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Sincerely Yours

[redacted]

Skokie, Illinois

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Los Angeles 24, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated August 23, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Los Angeles (See Note)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Correspondent requests the Bureau's opinion of the John Birch Society. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Mr. [redacted]

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated he has become interested in the John Birch Society. He requests the Director's opinion of this organization.

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

August 23, 1960

Dear Sir;

I recently became aware of and quite interested in an organization known as The John Birch Society, Inc. It appears to be very sincere and dedicated to the fight against the ever increasing threat of communism in our country.

Your opinion of this organization would be greatly appreciated and certainly respected.

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Yours Very Truly,

Los Angeles 24, California

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September 8, 1960

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Dallas 8, Texas

Dear Mrs.

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Thank you for your letter of August 31, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was kind of you to comment as you did concerning the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. In view of your interest in combating the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
17th National Convention, CP, USA, and 3-60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to Mrs. She indicates in the body of her letter that she is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert Welch, wealthy candy manufacturer. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to furnish any information regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau. ~~We are now actively investigating this organization.~~

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Dallas 8, Texas

Aug. 31, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

Having just read your excellent report in the pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth," I feel that I must take time to thank you for this and every warning you give to try to awaken sleeping Americans from their apathy. As you probably know, we members of the John Birch Society are doing all we can in the struggle for the Americanist philosophy of life as opposed to the Collectivist (Communist) philosophy. If the majority of our government officials were as selfless and dedicated in performing their duties as you are, our task would be much simpler.

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Please do not take any of your valuable time to answer this note of appreciation which I should have written long ago. God bless you and keep you always.

Sincerely,

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Dallas 8, Texas
Aug. 31, 1960

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Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation
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[redacted]
Houston, 27, Texas

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

Dear Sir,

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This is to express my appreciation for your fine presentation of the San Francisco student riots, and for your very enlightening pamphlet "Communist Target---Youth."

The riot films are being viewed here continually by small groups, and tomorrow night it will be shown at our downtown Music Hall to a city-wide audience, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Most people are eager to get the non-press behind the scenes truth about several important matters. I believe your anti-communist efforts will ha ve a very wide support from the general public if they can get at more of the unadulterated truth.

No reply expected.

[redacted] MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION [redacted] HOUSTON, TEX

John Birch Society

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Houston 27, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received both your letter of September 1, 1960, and that of Mr. [redacted] and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

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It was very kind of you and Mr. [redacted] to comment as you did about my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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[redacted]
Houston 27, Texas
Sept. 1, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

For a long time I have admired your work and appreciated what you are doing. Thank you very, very much.

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Your repotts and suggestions to parents have encouraged me to keep trying - in spite of all the contrary advice to be had.

However, my special purpose in writing this letter is to thank you for the excellent work in connection with the San Francisco riots last May. You are wonderful.

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September 7, 1960

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Los Angeles 42, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 30, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding the pamphlet, and I am enclosing some information on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to congratulate you on the excellence of the report of the San Francisco riots.

No reply is needed.

Yours very truly,

CRI:EM

Member, John Birch Society

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September 7, 1960

Mrs. [redacted]
Grenada Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Grenada, Mississippi

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 27, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place at the hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, has been received.

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It was kind of you to comment as you did about the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. In view of your interest in combating the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Grenada Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Grenada, Mississippi

Aug. 27, 1960

H. L. Honeycutt, President
Louie S. Honeycutt, Manager

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

As a Christian patriot and as a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to commend you for the great contribution you have made - are making - to the safety of our country and the welfare of our citizens.

Recently, our attention was focused on the students' riot in California and your subsequent report on this grave situation. May I congratulate you on the excellence of this report and tell you of the appreciation of our group of patriots? Your deep concern for our youth and your endless efforts to solve the problems involving them stir our admiration and loyalty, and we assure you of our cooperation at all times in their behalf and in the defense of our beloved America.

No reply to this letter is expected.

Sincerely,

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GRENADA COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY

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DRINK Coca-Cola IN BOTTLES

H. L. HONEYCUTT, PRESIDENT
LOUIE S. HONEYCUTT, MANAGER

August 7, 1960

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Parsons
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

As a Christian patriot and as a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to commend you for the great contribution you have made - are making - to the safety of our country and the welfare of our citizens.

Recently, our attention was focused on the students' riot in California and your subsequent report on this grave situation. May I congratulate you on the excellence of this report and tell you of the appreciation of our group of patriots? Your deep concern for our youth and your endless efforts to solve the problems involving them stirs our admiration ~~and loyalty~~, and we assure you of our cooperation at all times in your behalf and in the defense of our beloved America.

No reply to this letter is expected.

Sincerely,

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September 2, 1960

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San Marino, California

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Dear Mrs [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 24, 1960, and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments regarding my recent report "Communist Target--Youth." In response to your request, the additional copies of this pamphlet you desire will be sent to you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record could be ascertained in Bufiles for Mrs. [redacted] It is noted that she is a member of the John Birch Society which was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. This organization is allegedly anti-communistic with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 brings this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding this society's activities to the Bureau. ~~The Bureau is now investigating the John Birch Society.~~

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August 24, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend you on your excellent report released by the House Un-American Activities Committee. It makes the Communist Conspiracy too clear for controversy and should awaken the American people from their complacency --before it's too late.

Endeavoring to do my bit as a member of the John Birch Society, I only wish it were possible to have a supply of your pamphlets entitled Communist Target--Youth for mass distribution to all friends, neighbors, business and social organizations in the Pasadena area.

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Very sincerely yours,

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1 - Mr. Simpson

September 2, 1960

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[redacted]

Iraan, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated August 22, 1960, and your interest in communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the FBI as an investigative agency cannot furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the public disclosure of information contained in our files.

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I trust you will understand the necessity for these regulations and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire. I am also unable to suggest a source which can furnish the information you have requested. However, to determine whether certain information is documented in the files of the Un-American Activities Committee, it is suggested you may desire to communicate directly with the Chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - El Paso (enclosure)
ATTENTION: SAC, EL PASO

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles indicate that correspondent, as [redacted] was employed by the Bureau in Washington, D. C., from March 3, 1947, until January 10, 1948, at which time she

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE TO EL PASO, CONTINUED

resigned in order to enter school. During the period of her employment she was assigned to the Files Section and her services were satisfactory. Nothing of a derogatory nature is known concerning her.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The Cinema Educational Guild, whose Director is Myron C. Fagan, is allegedly an anticommunist group which has been responsible for the distribution of anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. Fagan in the past has attempted to use the Director's name in furtherance of his programs and it has been necessary on several occasions to contact him and request that he refrain from mentioning the FBI in any way. (62-87267)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises she has been approached to join the John Birch Society and would appreciate any information concerning it. She states that material distributed by the Society is most startling and, if true, the average citizens should attempt to take action. She indicates that one of its tracts entitled "Red Stars - No. 3," published by the Cinema Educational Guild, names various Hollywood personalities as being affiliated with communism. She states that she was formerly employed with the FBI.

Box [redacted]
Iraan, Texas
August 22, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

In recent weeks, I have been approached to join an organization called the "John Birch Society." This group is alleged to be a patriotic organization dedicated to combating communism in our society.

I would appreciate any information pertaining to this society, particularly its founders, and any knowledge you can make available to me regarding its actions in the past. To wit, is it in reality a patriotic group or does it have subversive elements.

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The literature distributed by the members of the group is most startling, and if true, we, the average citizens, should become alarmed and attempt to take action. The integrity of your bureau has never been questioned, and it is for this reason that I direct this letter to you. If you are unable to supply me with information, but know of some source which may, I would appreciate your advising me.

In one of their tracts entitled RED STARS - No. 3, published by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., P. O. Box 46205, Hollywood, a long list of names of Hollywood personalities is given with the allegation that they are all active communists and fellow-travelers, and the statement that this record is documented in the files of the House Un-American Activities Committee. To whom would I direct an inquiry as to the facts in this matter?

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I was formerly employed by the bureau in Washington Bureau Headquarters, and had at that time and still retain the highest regard for your organization. My employment was listed Mildred Ethel Jones, social security number 466-24-6352. Your reply will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Mr. [redacted]
Perkins Funeral Home
1025 Foote Street
Corinth, Mississippi

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 25, 1960, regarding my recent report, "Communist Target--Youth." With respect to your request, the additional copies of the pamphlet you desire will be sent to you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

~~Follow-up made for 9-10-60.~~ Sent on 9/9/60. RVA

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NOTE: No record could be ascertained in Bufiles for Mr. [redacted] He indicates in his letter he is a member of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch at Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to forward any information regarding this organization's activities to the Bureau. STOCK OF REPRINTS TEMPORARILY DEPLETED. WILL BE SENT IN NEAR FUTURE.

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

Dear Sir:

As a member of The John Birch Society I would like to congratulate you for writing COMMUNIST TARGET--YOUTH and if possible I would like to have several of these pamphlets.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours:

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September 8, 1960

[redacted]
Negaunee, Michigan

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

The material you forwarded with your notes postmarked August 31, 1960, has been received, and your interest in making this material and your observations available is deeply appreciated.

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In the event you acquire further data which you believe to be of concern to the FBI, please feel free to contact the representatives of our office located at 913 Federal Building, Detroit 26, Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

ENCLOSURE

MAILED 25
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1 - Detroit
ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent enclosed voluminous literature disseminated by the John Birch Society on which she made enigmatic notations, possibly indicating her distrust of their motives and aims. No cover letter was received with this material, and Mrs. [redacted] is not identifiable in Buffalo.

NOTE: The envelope transmitting attached material by registered mail clearly indicates that this data was forwarded by above individual. Various notations she has placed thereon indicate that she has collected this material from friends who have received it from the John Birch Society. This Society, ~~currently being investigated by the Bureau,~~ is an allegedly anticommunist group with branches throughout the country.

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] 9-8-66 del

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-2-60

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN FRANK T. BOW DATED AUGUST 24, 1960, REGARDING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Attached is a letter from Congressman Bow referring a newspaper article regarding the John Birch Society in Wisconsin which was referred to Congressman Bow by Mr. George Deuble of Canton, Ohio. Bufiles contain no record regarding Mr. Deuble.

Congressman Bow is a member of the Appropriations Committee and a good friend of the Bureau. It is felt that he should be confidentially informed regarding the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. a wealthy candy manufacturer, in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. The organization is allegedly anticommunist and has branches over most of the country.

Welch has been extremely critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. He has in the past gone so far as to even call the President a communist. It is not known to what extent Mr. Welch is able to control his followers; however, it is known that he has a great deal to do with the Society's publications, the construction of their "reading list" and he is the author of the books, "The Politician" and the "Blue Book," which he has widely distributed to his followers. He has endeavored to give the members of the various branches his personal touch by preparing tapes which are played back to the members at their meetings. These tapes have reached 2 1/2 hours in length.

~~We are actively investigating this Society, and~~ We have alerted the field to forward any information on their activities to the Bureau. This is being done because Welch has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives.

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RECOMMENDATION: That someone in your office call Congressman Bow and discreetly inform him regarding the John Birch Society and acknowledge ~~receipt of his~~ letter.

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September 9, 1960

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Newport Beach, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] I have received your letter postmarked August 30, 1960, concerning my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth" and also my book, "Masters of Deceit."

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It was indeed good of you to give me the benefit of your observations regarding these publications, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. In view of your interest in combating the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable references to Mrs. [redacted] She indicates that she is a member of the John Birch Society.

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[redacted]
Newport Beach, Calif.
Aug. 28, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a member of the John Birch Society, I am very happy to write & commend you on your excellent work. Please do not feel this letter should be answered.

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Your recent report on the student riots in San Francisco is extremely well done & I especially want to congratulate you on this.

I have read your "Masters of Deceit" & have passed on copies to friends. If every American would read this book, I feel confident we could turn the Red tide in no time. I & many other patriotic Americans will do all we can to see that others are informed & I'm sure this is the best way to show our appreciation for the wonderful job you are doing.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ (Mrs. [redacted]

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Newport Beach, Calif.
Aug. 28, 1960

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1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
September 8, 1960
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Harrington.

Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

REC- 29 Director, FBI 62-104401-365

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 30, 1960.

This Bureau has furnished the Attorney General memoranda dated March 6, 1959, September 11, 1959, and September 16, 1959, all captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning" regarding the activities of Welch and the John Birch Society. One Photostat each of these communications is enclosed herewith.

In view of the information contained therein and the fact that no information has been received indicating any subversive elements in the Society, no investigation will be conducted unless a subsequent request is received.

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memorandum Belmont to Parsons dated 9-7-60 captioned as above by: J.T. Harrington: ser/kmo.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: August 30 1960

FROM: J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: John Birch Society

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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Attached is a Photostat of an article which appeared in "The Milwaukee Journal" on July 31, 1960, and was forwarded to us by the Criminal Division.

The Department's records contain no Bureau reports on either the John Birch Society or Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., its founder. The Bureau is requested to conduct an investigation of the captioned organization for possible designation under provisions of Executive Order No. 10450. If an investigation has already been conducted, copies of these reports are requested.

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ENCLOSURE

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Group Branding Ike as Red Has 10 Wisconsin Chapters

John Birch Society Numbers 150 to 200 Members; Growth Disturbs Officials

By ALEX P. DONNER
Of The Journal Staff

Ten chapters of the John Birch society, founded by a man who believes that President Eisenhower is a dedicated Communist, have formed in Wisconsin in the last year.

The ostensible purpose of the society is to fight communism and influence American politics. Its members include such leading citizens as William J. Grede, Milwaukee industrialist.

Four branches have been formed in Milwaukee and one each in Wauwatosa, Green Bay, De Pere, Oshkosh, Appleton and Eagle River.

Retired Manufacturer

Mrs. John Rueber, 3014 S. Delaware av., the wife of a medical technician, is the Milwaukee area "co-ordinator." Richard Johnson, Green Bay, an accountant, is in charge of upstate activities.

The founder of the society is a wealthy, retired candy manufacturer, who lives in Belmont, Mass. He is Robert H. W. Welch, jr., 61, a persuasive speaker, conservative and the author of "The Politician."

"The Politician" is a manuscript of 302 pages which has been privately reproduced in book form by the photo-offset process. Leaders of the society have received copies from Welch with the admonition that the contents are "strictly confidential and for your eyes only."

The book tries to prove that Mr. Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscientious agent of the Communist party.

It claims that Mr. Eisenhower's brother, Milton, is the president's superior in the party and that a dozen other highly placed government men are either outright Communists or tools of the party.

Claims Presidents "Used"

Former President Roosevelt, the book says, was unknowingly used by the party. Ex-President Truman was knowingly used, it continues. As for President Eisenhower, page 268 reads:

"In my own opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

Welch, Johnson and Mrs. Rueber deny that the book is used at meetings. Group leaders like Johnson and Mrs. Rueber have copies, however.

Neither Johnson nor Mrs. Rueber would disavow the contents of "The Politician." Mrs. Rueber said she had not reached a conclusion, adding: "I am not obligated to explain my personal conclusion, if I have reached one, to anybody."

Curious About Book

She wanted to know where The Milwaukee Journal had obtained a copy since the book was not supposed to be seen by "ordinary" society members or outsiders.

"Someone," she said, "broke a confidence."

Johnson said he shared the bulk of Welch's views, but shied away from hanging a Communist label on the president.

He said at first that he "had no idea" if Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist.

"I only know that if he is not, he might as well be," he said. "It is a moot question. The results of his administration are the same."

Later he added: "I don't think Eisenhower is bright enough to be permitted to be one of the party."

Welch's goal is a million members. He declined to say how many members were in the

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Milwaukee Has Four John Birch Groups

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society nationally or in what states chapters had been organized. He said organization was going "nicely in Wisconsin," adding that Wisconsin was a "good, conservative state."

Asked if he still held the views expressed in "The Politician," he said he would not comment.

On his letterhead inviting selected persons to join, Welch lists two other Wisconsin industrialists, besides Grede, as members of the society's national council.

They are E. P. Hamilton, Two Rivers, president of the Hamilton Manufacturing Co., maker of washing machines, dryers and office and drafting equipment, and Cola B. Parker, Neenah, former chairman of the board of Kimberly-Clark Corp., paper manufacturer. Both were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Membership Confirmed

Grede confirmed that he was a council member. He said he didn't think Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist and said he had no comment about the book.

Welch describes the society in the "Blue Book," which he also wrote and which is distributed more widely among members than "The Politician."

"The men who join the John Birch society . . . are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway," he wrote.

"We are going to use that loyalty, like every other resource, to the fullest possible advantage that we can. Whenever and wherever, either through infiltration by the enemy or honest differences of opinion, that loyalty ceases to be sufficient to keep some fragment in line, we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates.

Opposes Factions

"We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every question theme. Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out."

In the same book, Welch outlines his philosophy.

"Democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans found out, and as I believe . . . democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

The society is named after John Birch, an American army captain and fundamentalist Baptist minister, who allegedly was murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after V-J day. The society was founded by Welch on Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, with the support of a small group of businessmen.

Started in 1959

In Milwaukee the society began late in 1959 after Welch gave a privately attended talk here.

Mrs. Rueber's reason for organizing the first branch, she said, was:

"I couldn't sit back and wait for someone else to do it. Communism had been winning for some time."

She wrote to Welch saying that she was interested, and received instructions on how to organize and other necessary material. She knows Welch personally.

"I consider him a fine man," she said.

Mrs. Rueber said two chapters were on the east side, two on the south side and a fifth in Wauwatosa. Meetings usually were in private homes. She declined to say where meetings were held or when the next one will be. She said the press could not attend.

Under the Welch program, each chapter gets a monthly "John Birch Bulletin," which Welch edits. This usually gives the "assignment" for the month and lists suggested reading matter. Frequently there are suggestions for a letter writing campaign to congressmen on legislation.

Dues are $24 a year for men and $12 for women.

Although only high leaders know membership figures, the society is growing fast, according to law enforcement sources. Wisconsin has between 150 and 200 members, according to Johnson and Mrs. Rueber. They were enrolled in less than a year. This factor, plus the high level of influence and intelligence of members, disturbs law enforcement officials.

Movies Are Utilized

Welch writes skillfully and uses movies effectively of himself speaking in making his points.

He was born in Chowan county, North Carolina. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina; attended the United States Naval academy for two years and, finally, Harvard law school. He was in charge of sales and advertising of the firm that bears his name. He was vice-chairman of the Massachusetts Republican finance committee and, in 1950, a candidate for the lieutenant governor's post on the Republican ticket.

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ENCLOSURE

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/9/60

FROM : SAC, Butte

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re paragraph C, SAC letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60, captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)."

Enclosed is a letter dated 8/21/60 from [redacted] Montana, that is self-explanatory.

On 9/6/60 SA GEORGE M. KUKER personally acknowledged receipt of the above letter by contacting [redacted] at her home in [redacted] Montana.

During this contact [redacted] volunteered that she and her husband, [redacted] have been active members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, [redacted] County Branch, since the spring of 1960. She said there are approximately 16 members of this society, with Mrs. [redacted] Montana, in charge. [redacted] said that [redacted] County Commissioner, is an active member and handles all the correspondence for the society. [redacted] said the purpose of the society is to fight against Communism and to "restore the United States Constitution." [redacted] said society meetings are held once a month at the home of Mrs. [redacted] At these meetings they discuss the monthly pamphlet sent out by the society from Belmont, Massachusetts, and they follow the instructions and suggestions set out in these monthly pamphlets.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] Montana, a member of the society, is a close friend of Mrs. [redacted] who on occasions speaks to their group.

[redacted] advised she has received literature from ALBERT STROUT, People's World Representative, East 203 Bridgeport Avenue, Spokane 22, Washington, and from "The Voice of the People," Bridgeport, Washington. [redacted] said

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that she is not aware of where these two organizations got her name, but stated that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY does not approve of either.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

[redacted] MOnt., Aug, 21, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover,

M dear Mr. Hoover.

We have written to get acopy of your pamphlet, COMMUNIST TARGET--YOUTH, but wishto express our appreciation of this ex cellent report

W read your report in the July 25th U.S. NEWS and WORLD REPORT and perhaps it is the same.

W wrote to the FORUM od the SpokesmanReview and they published the a letter in which SAID that the San Francisco riot was only a forerunner of riots like the one in Japan, etc. We got one commending us, but three letters form ones who were evidently Reds, and all kinds of papers of that ilk. b6 b7C

We are members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, and are doing our best to fight for our country.

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W donotexpect an answer to this letter, but did wish to express our apprciation to you.

Sincerely,

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[redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of September 5, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individuals since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason, I am unable to comment regarding the individual you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Robert Welch, a wealthy candy manufacturer, from Belmont, Massachusetts, is the organizer of the "John Birch Society." The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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P.O. Box [redacted]
Rutherfordton, N.C.

September 5, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I be favored with advice from you respecting the loyal American citizenship of Robert Welch, who, under the name of Robert Welch, Inc., publishes the "American Opinion" magazine from the address Belmont 78, Massachusetts?

Thanking you in advance for whatever information you may have available about Robert Welch, I am

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Sept. 6, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Because of the John Birch Society I have just had the opportunity of reading your report on "Communist Target - Youth," and wish to congratulate you on presenting the facts so effectively.

I wish every individual in this country could read your report and perhaps that might help shock many out of their complacency.

Very truly,

[redacted]

Nashville, Tenn.

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[redacted]

Burlington, Washington

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked August 30, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place recently at the hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in San Francisco, has been received.

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It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning the pamphlet. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Communism--The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] Her remarks concerning the Air Force Manual affair is being purposely ignored.

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Note Continued

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations. ~~The Bureau is now investigating this organization.~~

[redacted]
Burlington, Washington
August 24, 1960

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

220S04
DATE 8/23/84

Dear Sir:

I have recently read your report of the riots in San Francisco against the House Un-American Activities Committee and wanted to write you and thank you for this report. It is material such as this that will wake some people up as to what is happening here in our own country.

I also had the opportunity last evening to see the film put out by the House Un-American Actitivies Committee about these riots. In fact, my husband and I are members of the John Birch Society and our group has purchased this film and intend to show it in all the schools in our county and at as many clubs as we can.

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One thing that puzzles me no end is why there has been no investigation of communism in religion. You know when the Air Force Manual printed the facts about communist infiltration in religion last winter, there was quite an uproar and the letters that came into Congress calling for an investigation was very heavy. Yet nothing came of it. In the the instance of the infiltration in our youth, you wrote the above mentioned report. Why didn't you write a report about communist infiltration in religion. It is certainly a danger there also. Perhaps if someone such as yourself would come out with a report, some of our ministers might wake up. (My own, for instance.)

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Mrs.

CORRESPONDENCE

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[redacted]

Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter dated August 23, 1960, has been received.

I have noted your kind comments and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, HOUSTON

Correspondent, in a very complimentary letter, expressed admiration for the Director's recent report entitled "Communist Target - Youth." She indicated that she is a member of the John Birch Society and stated that "all members of the John Birch Society say God bless J. Edgar Hoover and our FBI."

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE TO HOUSTON, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

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August 23, 1960
[redacted]
Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your report in the July 18, 1960, HUAC pamphlet was terrific!

A group of my husbands friends bought the film "Operation Abolition" and within 3 days after receiving the film had shown it to approximately 500 people and after showing the film read exerpts from the pamphlet. It's doing a jam-up job of awakening many who hate to admit the Communist' have accomplished so much in this country.

We did our best here in Houston to expose James Roosevelt when he spoke Aug. 17th Shamrock Hotel - there were several wonderful men who had Roosevelt Hanged in Effigy --- there were appropriate signs to carry the point through!

Please don't bother to answer - just wanted you to know that all members of the John Birch Society say God bless J. Edgar Hoover and our FBI.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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EX 104

September 9, 1960

MRS. [redacted]

[redacted]

Dallas 30, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your note postmarked September 1, 1960, concerning my recent report on the demonstration which took place before the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco.

The thought which prompted you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you for your kind remarks regarding the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your interest in combating the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] She indicates that she is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly anticommunist with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to furnish any information regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau. We ~~are now conducting an investigation of this organization.~~

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I'm writing to congratulate you for the report you made to the House Un-American Activities Committee on the San Francisco riots. You pointed out clearly the Communist inspiration and domination of those riots. As a member of the John Birch Society, I am becoming more and more aware of the Communist influence and will do all I can to spread "Communist Target - Youth" pamphlet.

I expect no reply to this note.

God bless and guide you.

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September 9, 1960

[redacted]

Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter postmarked September 2, 1960, has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my recent pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth."

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in giving me the benefit of your observations regarding communism, and in view of your interest in combating this menace, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you. Your offer to be of service is most reassuring.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona
August 29, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I recently read your report to Congress on the San Francisco riot. Please allow me to congratulate you on "a job well done." Our great nation might at this time be completely dominated by the "Satanic Gangsterism" known to most as communism, if it were not for the F. B. I and the House UnAmerican Activities Committee.

I recognize the fact that all Christian Freedom loving people are in great danger of losing their freedom and probably their lives. The international Conspiracy of communism is at war with us! In an effort to take positive action against the enemy, I have joined the John Birch Society and as a member of such, and as an individual I am thankful for you and your FBI.

I am only one American Citizen, but I am One! If ever there should arise an opportunity for me to be of service to the FBI, I should consider it a great honor. (This is a bit like a mouse offering to protect a lion, perhaps.) I expect no answer to this letter, and thank you for reading same.

Sincerely,
/s/ [redacted]

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Phoenix, Arizona
August 29, 1960

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Sincerely,

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[redacted]
Palm Beach, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 31, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to comment as you did regarding my reports, "Communist Target--Youth," and "Expose of Soviet Espionage." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to that subject which may be of interest to you.

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I certainly enjoyed the picture and description of your home, and will keep in mind your kind invitation to go fishing on your beautiful yacht.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality.

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NOTE: Enclosure was a photograph of [redacted] home with a description of it and the yacht on the reverse side. Bufiles contain information regarding "College Graduates Against Educating Traitors at Government Expense" as being an anticommunist front organization which was formed at the suggestion of a New England individual and with the approval of Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, who heads the anticommunist organization, John Birch Society. No record Bufiles identifiable with [redacted] Address per Reading Room.

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College Graduates Against Educating Traitors at Government Expense

"The loyalty oaths must NOT be repealed!"

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PARTIAL LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George S. Birch, Macon
Eugene H. Clapp, Boston
D. Hayes Murphy, Hartford
Hubert W. Kregeloh, Holyoke
J. W. Clise, Seattle
Aloise B. Heath, Hartford
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Revilo P. Oliver, Urbana
Adolphe Menjou, Beverly Hills
Robert Welch, Belmont
George C. T. Remington, Palm Beach
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Knwoing that you are about the busiest person in the U.S.A., I do not expect a reply and merely hope that you will have time to glance at this letter.

Just a few lines to compliment you and extend my hearty congratulations on your splendid REPORTS: "Communist Target-Youth" and "Expose of Soviet Espionage May 1960."

In behalf of our Local Chapter #34 of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, I purchased the 16 mm Sound Film "Operation Abolition" which we plan to show extensively over Palm Beach County.

After seeing the film for the first time, I cannot help but wonder why such characters as Douglas Wachter, his father Saul, Archie Brown, Merle Brodsky (who looks like Victor Borge in the film), Frank Wilkinson, Juanita Wheeler, and the other bums, were not given stiff jail sentences for Inciting to Riot, Impeding Justice, Disorderly Counduct etc., I know that most of these people have already been in jail and it would be nothing new to them.

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I further realize that the present Warren Supreme Court has been a great hinderance to the Department of Justice and a great comfort to the communists. We certainly lack sufficient legislation to even attempt to control these public enemies. If you ever come to Palm Beach from February to June, I would enjoy taking you out on KENHYRD for a try at a Sailfish, which is really relaxing.

Most sincerely

[redacted]

Member:
Society of Colonial Wars, Military Order of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Society of the Order of Founders & Patriots of America, Naval Reserve Assn, John Birch Society, Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies.

[redacted] Palm Beach, Fla.

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This is "HALEKEA" [redacted] Palm Beach, and it faces west towards the sea wall of Lake Worth on which is our dock and where "KENHYRD" is docked from February to June. She is a Huckins 45' Diesel Cruiser, and altho built in 1947 is still fast. Last June I clocked her between buoys 1 mile apart @ 2 minutes 25 seconds or better than 25 kn. In 1953 I took out Mr. [redacted] and he caught his first Sailfish having tried it for 5 years. "KENHYRD" is a Yacht NOT a Charter Boat, and enrolled with the Fleet of the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia.

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Being a retired sailor, I now sell Allen Electronic Organs(Macungie,Pa), and find that most of my sales are to churches. Since I meet the clergy almost daily, this has greatly improved my former salty vocabulary and I seldom use ~~for~~ FOUR letter words any more.

G.C.L.P.
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Perhaps H.S.T. should take up my profession!!!

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[redacted]

Alhambra, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 29, 1960, with enclosure, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind remarks concerning this Bureau.

Enclosed is some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March 1, 1960 LEB Intro and 17th Convention CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding Mrs. [redacted] and we have had no previous correspondence with her. Her enclosure consists of a rambling letter she sent to Vice President Nixon. It consists of her opinions concerning the Connally Reservation; her opinion as to why we should maintain the Loyalty Oath; and also her "documented" reasoning for censuring the Supreme Court.

She indicates that she is a member of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana

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August 29, 1960

[redacted]
Alhambra, California

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The people of the United States have many things for which to be grateful. One is you and your organization, and the care and excellence with which you perform your investigations and reports. You have been as a guiding light through the years.

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I made a copy of a letter I sent Vice President Nixon, which I shall include. We do care what happens to our country.

Sincerely,

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Member of John Birch Society

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August 22, 1960

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Alhambra, California

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Hon. Richard M. Nixon
c/o Mr. Charles K. McWhorter
Legislative Assistant
Office of the Vice President
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Vice President Nixon:

Re: Connally Amendment — Loyalty Oath — SUPREME COURT

In regard to my letter of June 6, 1960, I am chagrined to have been fooled by Senator Johnson. I should have been cognizant of his voting record before making such a rash statement with regard to him. I have since learned his voting record is one point below Senator Kennedy's, which is very low. Also that he used his position as leader of the South to blackmail his way onto the ticket for Vice President (See signed AP article, publisher John S. Knight, of Knight Newspapers. Knight's statement is in regard to Johnson and the Vice Presidency, only.)

OPINION

CONNALLY RESERVATION

The material you enclosed was helpful and interesting. However, I am not a politician and will not attempt to answer as such. I am concerned with the lack of leadership in our country. Leadership which would conserve and protect our country, not give it away inchmeal. I know you and I do not agree concerning the Connally Amendment, but surely you know that this sneak abandonment of the Connolly Reservation was instigated, in my opinion, by one or more persons in the State Department. "This whole back-door abandonment of the CONNALLY RESERVATION has been rushed through the Senate without debate and even without printed records for the Senators themselves." (Guardians Of Our American Heritage, July 1960, Vol. IX, No. 69). The vote on the protocol, the executive N of the Annex V, on compulsory settlement of disputes with regard to "The Law of the Sea" is still to be brought before the Senators. YOU SHOULD BE TAKING THE LEAD to inform the Senate the abandonment of the Connolly Reservation will mean the World Court could tell us, in effect, to vacate our Naval Base in Cuba; it could order the United States out of Panama; it could decide to whom the mineral deposits along our coast belong; it could control anything connected with the seas, including the territorial seas and contiguous zones. There cannot be a World Court in the true sense, until there is a common judicial denominator.

OPINION REGARDING

LOYALTY OATH

It seems to me the need of the Loyalty Oath has been very definitely

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proven by the events which occured in San Francisco. The RIOTS against the HCUA which were inspired and incited by communists, prefessors (300), and some students, AND IN WHICH MANY STUDENTS PARTICIPATED, were occurances which many Americans said could never happen here, BUT THEY HAVE HAPPENED. NO ONE CAN DENY IT. One of the participants was Evelyn Einstein, granddaughter of the late Albert Einstein. She was arrested the Friday of the rioting, and charged with disturbing the peace, rioting, and resisting arrest; she is a student at the University of California, and her father, Hans A. Einstein, is a California engineering professor. Was he one of the PROFESSORS inciting the students to riot? (Information regarding Einsteins, Los Angeles Times 5/16/60, Part I, p. 12). Linus Pauling is reported to have stepped out of the line of march to say to a reporter that he was there to lend his support to abolishment of the HCUA. It is believable since this same Linus Pauling, Professor at California Institute of Technology refused to tell the California Senate Investigating Committee on Education whether or not he was a Communist. Louis Budenz, former Communist and editor of The Daily Worker, testified under oath he was "officially advised" that Dr. Pauling "was a member of the Communist Party under discipline." He is still teaching at Caltech and says he believes Communists should be allowed to teach in our schools. (Information on Linus Pauling from FACTS IN EDUCATION, Inc., Vol. VIII, No. 3, May-June, 1960, p. 7). Now this OATH is a good and necessary provision (no need for me to repeat the OATH, as I am sure you know it) and it's only fault is the communists FEAR it because they can be convicted of perjury for making false statements, knowingly, while under oath. As for the cry the Oath is an invasion of intellectual freedom, that is ridiculous. That is part of the communist's TACTICS — tell people their freedom is being invaded and the so called "intellectuals" immediately take up the hue and cry. ALL OF THE STUDENTS ARE NOT ASKED TO TAKE THE LOYALTY OATH, ONLY THOSE WHO DESIRE TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE PAID FOR BY THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS. It seems to me it should be a privilege to swear allegiance to the United States of America and state one does not believe in or support any method for the overthrow of the Government of the United States. Are you going to turn our colleges over to the communists (21 prominent institutions, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, the University of Chicago, Amherst College, the University of California, etc., have refused to participate in the student aid program because of the Oath). WHY? Participants are not asked to swear anything except allegiance to the U. S.; no one's belief is questioned, unless one is a member of an organization "which seeks to overthrow the government of the United States by illegal means." Perhaps the members of the House of Representatives will be more stalwart and keep the Amendments and Oaths that help protect our country.

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SUPREME COURT

Another important consideration would be censoring the Supreme Court. In my opinion, beginning with, and since Roosevelt's time most decisions by the judges have been made in favor of communists or socializing our

country. When our Supreme Court approves teaching adultery, our country is not a "worn out and limping horse", (from your "Economic Growth Through Freedom") but a country being led and pushed along an ever more rapidly descending path to immorality, socialism, and oblivion. The path chosen for us by the Communists. This Supreme Court decision says it is proper and legal to teach adultery, the breaking of the marriage vows, because "It is an idea" and comes under the head of "Free Speech". The Court had previously ruled that it is legal to teach or advocate the overthrow of our Government because that also is just an "idea" and comes under the head of "Free Speech". (Information from Guardians of Our American Heritage, January 1960, Vol. IX, No. 63). Frank Wilkinson, cited for contempt of Congress, found guilty of contempt and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment has appealed the conviction and the appeal is presently pending before the Supreme Court of the United States. (Read Communist Target - Youth, report by J. Edgar Hoover, published by the HCUA). If the Nine Justices follow their previous pattern they will hold him not guilty. When Earl Warren, the Chief Justice left Sacramento, he sealed all records from his office and ordered them to remain sealed for ten years after September, 1953. Such was the fear engendered by the man during his decade in the office as Governor of California, no one has dared countermand that order or to question its legality. (Human Events, Vol. XV, No. 1, January 6, 1958). Was there information as terrible and condemning to hide as that which the State Department of the United States has lent every effort to conceal from the public concerning Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, and even Truman's? There are so many more subjects, but it would take a volume to list them all. However, be suspicious of every bill and study it carefully, and do NOT vote for party but for country. (If and when you have any time, read Skousen's THE NAKED COMMUNIST; Jordan's FROM MAJOR JORDAN'S DIARIES; McCarthy's AMERICA'S RETREAT FROM VICTORY; Barron's INSIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT; Gordon's NINE MEN AGAINST AMERICA, as a starter.)

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Sincerely,

cc Hon. Barry Goldwater
Hon. Homer E. Capehart
Hon. August E. Johansen
Hon. E. W. Hiestand
Chief Justice, Earl Warren, copy of part re Supreme Court
Hon. Russell Long
Hon. Everett Dirksen
Mr. Dan Smoot
Hon. Strom Thurmond

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September 8, 1960

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[redacted]
Los Angeles 4, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of August 29, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth," has been received.

The thought which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind remarks. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Nat'l Convention, CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] She indicates below her signature that she is a member of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organizaton to the attention of the field and instructs them to forward any information re their activities to the Bureau. ~~We are now conducting an investigation of the Society.~~

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August 29 -

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a long time admirer of you and your courageous work under great obstacles, I am most happy to write you to congratulate you on your excellent pamphlet on the San Francisco riots. Due to men like you with your great patience and perseverance, people are beginning to awaken and altho it's late, let's hope not too late.

Most sincerely,

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John Birch Member.

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Dear Mr. Hamm,

As a long time admirer of you and your courageous work under great attacks, I am most happy to write you to congratulate you on your excellent pamphlet on the San Francisco

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Most sincerely,

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John Burchmeier.

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Wichita 8, Kansas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of August 31, 1960, has been received.

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While I would like to be of assistance to you, I wish to advise you that the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to making evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Although I cannot be of service to you in this matter, in view of your interest in combating the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted]

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations. ~~The Bureau is now investigating the John Birch Society.~~

August 31, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I have been supplied some information in the form of printed booklets on an organization known as The John Birch Society, Inc. I have browsed through this literature ~~and find that it appears~~ to be of good character and well meaning, in that it proposes all out support of our Constitution and the form of government that was originally conceived by the people that framed our Constitution.

I want to help preserve our Constitutional form of government and free enterprise, and do not want to be duped by the Communists into supporting their cause. Please give me the opinion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on The John Birch Society, Inc., of Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

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Yours truly,

Wichita 8, Kansas

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Columbus 21, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of September 3, 1960, has been received, and in response to your request, I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, 200 copies of "God and Country or Communism?" Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you. If you desire additional copies of any of this literature, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent was forwarded letter dated 8-31-60 at which time she was advised that "God and Country or Communism?" was available. At this time she was not forwarded any other literature. She is not found identifiable in Bufiles.

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[redacted]
Columbus 21, Ohio

Sept. 3, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In your letter just received you state I may have up to two hundred copies of "God & Country or Communism" free. May I please have the limit. We have around 150 members of the "John Birch" society and it is only 2 months old.

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I will use the rest for my American Legion Post.

Thank you again,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Thank you [redacted]

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Date: 9/9/60

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
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Via AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13570)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
IS-Miscellaneous

Mrs. [redacted], Milwaukee, Wis., telephonically advised this date that she attended a school for American Security on 9/1/60, which was held in the auditorium at the U.S. Naval Base, Glenview, Ill. She said that she met [redacted] C.M., Catholic Priest, who is [redacted] of the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, 750 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. [redacted] advised Mrs. [redacted] that the John Birch Society was holding a "very secret" meeting at St. Louis, Mo. on Monday, September 12, 1960. Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not advise her as to the exact location of this meeting and that she had no other information concerning the meeting.

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St. Louis' attention is called to SAC letter 60-5, (C). The above is being called to the attention of the St. Louis Office for their information.

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Memphis Tenn.
August 15, 1960.

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Dear Mr. Hoover, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

This is just a note of appreciation to you for all your efforts all these years to keep America on the right track. My husband and I have four lovely children (14yr-10yr-8yr-6yr) and it is such a comfort to know that you are vitally interested in the youth of our land.

Thank you for that excellent pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth"!

May all our nation ask God to "heal our land" as we ask forgiveness for our sins, both national and individual.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

P.S. Greetings from the "John Birch Society"!

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September 9, 1960

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Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Dunavant:

Thank you very much for your letter postmarked September 2, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sincerely,
/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

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[redacted] 7, Wis.
September 2, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In a recent issue the Brooklyn Tablet published your report entitled "Communist Target-Youth." May I congratulate you on the excellence of this report. I have rewritten to the HCUA requesting copies of it to use in connection with a discussion group on Communism which we are starting this month for the teen-agers of our parish. b6 b7C

We feel this is an important endeavor since it shall be a big task to combat the propaganda being advanced by the Communist Party.

As a member of the John Birch Society I join the many, many Americans who wish you well. May you continue in your excellent work.

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Sincerely

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Incidentally no reply expected. CJP

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Milwaukee 7, Wis.
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: September 7, 1960

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The Department by memorandum 8-30-60 forwarded a Photostat of a newspaper article in "The Milwaukee Journal" on 7-31-60 concerning the formation of ten chapters of the John Birch Society in Wisconsin. Department advised that their records contained no reports on the John Birch Society or Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., its founder, and requested an investigation of captioned organization for possible designation pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

John Birch Society is an organization founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Welch is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is editor and director of the publication "American Opinion" which he irregularly publishes and of which have in the past contained anticommunist articles. Welch has written a manuscript entitled "The Politician," which is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. Welch has not published the manuscript but has a limited number of copies which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends. The Bureau is in possession of a copy of it. Neither Welch nor his publication has been the subject of Bureau investigation. The field was alerted by SAC Letters 59-13 and 60-5 dated 3-10-59 and 1-26-60, respectively, concerning the activities of Welch and the John Birch Society and was requested to advise the Bureau of any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use this Society or its chapters. To date no information has been received concerning any subversive elements in the Society.

The Attorney General and the White House were advised by memoranda 3-6-59, 9-11-59 and 9-16-59 captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning" regarding the activities of Welch and the John Birch Society.

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Harrington

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Memorandum to Mr. Parsons
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
62-104401

The Department should be referred to previous memoranda concerning the background and activities of Welch and the John Birch Society and advised that in view of the information contained therein no investigation will be conducted on the John Birch Society unless further requested. We will furnish the Department with one Photostat each of the three memoranda to the Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter to the Department be approved and transmitted.

Sept. 6, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have just finished reading "Communist Target - Youth." May I congratulate you on the excellence of your report. It certainly points out the Communist inspiration, preparation + domination of these riots in our country.

With hopes of being able to "do something" about the Communist threat ~~that~~ 107 REC-30 62-104480 382 taking ~~on~~ SEP 15 1960 I have joined ~~the~~ John Birch Society. ~~Thus far~~ it seems to be the only organization really

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active in fighting Communists along these lines.

I also enjoyed reading "Masters of Deceit," and have passed my copy on to a friend.

May God bless you and your efforts in fighting evil and Communism in your role as director of the FBI.

Yours In Christ,

[redacted]

Thiensville, Wis.

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September 14, 1960

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[redacted]
Thiensville, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. [redacted] John Birch

I have received your letter postmarked September 8, 1960, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted]

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations. ~~The Bureau is now investigating the John Birch Society~~.

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Sept. 6, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have just finished reading "Communist Target - Youth". May I congratulate you on the excellence of your report. It certainly points out the Communist inspiration, preparation & domination of these riots in our country.

With hopes of being able to "do something" about the Communist threat over-taking us daily, I have joined the John Birch Society. Thus far it seems to be the only organization really active in fighting Communists along these lines.

I also enjoyed reading "Masters of Deceit," and have passed my copy on to a friend.

May God bless you and your efforts in fighting evil and Communism in your role as director of the F. B. I.

Yours In Christ,

/s/ [redacted]

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

May I, as a member of the John Birch Society, thank you for your part in writing "Communist Target—Youth." Surely no right-thinking person could read this pamphlet without being disturbed as to the future of our country. Thank you for your fine effort to awaken our sleeping nation!!!

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Dallas, Texas

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No ack nec. - no return address given - not identif. in Bu files or Dallas telephone dir.
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Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

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I have received your letter dated August 29, 1960, and I appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

I deeply appreciate your generous comments about my recent report entitled "Communist Target - Youth," and your expressions of confidence in the FBI are most reassuring. I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent does not make any inquiry of the Bureau. She indicates her sole purpose in writing is to commend the work of the Director and the FBI during the past years. She states she has seen the film concerning the communist-inspired riots in San Francisco and comments upon the excellent report of the Director concerning these riots.

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Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent; however, her husband, Mr. [redacted] directed a similar letter to the Bureau dated 8-7-60 in which he praised the Director and the Bureau for their work against communism and indicated that he and his wife are members of the John Birch Society which organization had requested all of its members to write to the Bureau concerning the Director's report on the San Francisco riots.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization organized in December, 1958, in Indianapolis.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "How to Beat Communism."
2. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
5. "The Communists Are After Our Minds."

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Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin

August 29, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Director
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

For some time now, it has been my intention to write to and commend you on the outstanding work that you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been so dedicatedly performing all these years. Many ordinary citizens, just like myself, feel that we owe you so much, for your devotion to duty and your integrity are an inspiration and the kind of wholesome example, that we would like to see our younger generation follow.

I recently had occasion to see the film of the obviously Communist inspired student riots against a duly constituted committee of our United States government, in San Francisco, and as much as many of us had read about the riots, it was absolutely shocking to see the amount of havoc, confusion and defiance of constitutional law and order that the Communists create, manipulate and exploit, and this was just a glimpse of the evil Communist operation at work. What is even more shocking is the fact that most of our nation are still unaware of these events, or are appallingly indifferent to this awesome challenge of Godless materialism.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I consider it a personal, civic responsibility to bring this film, and your excellent report on these riots, to the attention of everyone that I possibly can, - particularly parents, school-teachers and the young people. (We started off with our own youngsters).

It was your highly informative book, - so aptly entitled - "Masters of Deceit" that first made me aware of the advance and objectives of the Communist International Conspiracy - and I read your book about two years ago Mr. Hoover. Since that time I have devoted all possible spare time to studying the words and advice (including yours) of the qualified on this subject, and am determined to offer whatever humble contribution of service that I can, to protect and preserve our beloved United States, our American Constitution, our children and future posterity.

God Bless you Mr. Hoover, and please accept the deep appreciation and best of good wishes from our family.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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Cochituate, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of September 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason, I am unable to answer your inquiry. In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to that subject which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
17th National Convention, CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society which is headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The organization is purported to be anticommunist, and by SAC letter the field was requested to furnish any information coming to their attention regarding this group. Above answer

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is deemed most appropriate in that Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Above answer will eliminate a complete clearance of the organization by the Bureau.

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[redacted]
Cochituate Mass.
Sept 9, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

A friend of mine has asked me to join the John Birch Society which is violently anti-communist. Their literature and aims seem to be worthy but today with so many commie front organizations one has to wonder somewhat. Since you and your splendid organization have more information than the average citizen can ever hope to assemble, I am asking you for your opinion on this organization. I love my country very much and want to do all that I possibly can to defeat the Red menace. The leader and founder, Mr. Robert Welch advocates beating the Reds at their own game by setting up small chapters throughout the country, setting up fronts, and flooding the congress with letters on the important issues of the day. To me it seems very worthwhile, but you must have more background than I, so I'm asking your advice.

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I have, within the past few months become intensely interested in current events and U.S. politics in particular and am reading as much as possible to make up for the prior years that I was so lacking in this field. I intend to read your "Masters of Deceit" very soon and if I did, maybe I could find my answer. However I would still appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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San Marino, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked September 8, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco.

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The thought which prompted you to write is appreciated, and it was kind of you to comment as you did concerning the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth." I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which you may find to be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
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Members were instructed in their monthly publication to write these letters of congratulations to the Director.

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[redacted]
San Marino, California

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your report on the San Francisco riots certainly supplied facts that should awaken many Americans. The dangers of Communism are so serious and far reaching, we feel very inadequate to fight it strongly enough. Do not feel an answer to this letter is necessary. We of the John Birch Society simply wish you to know we are backing you all the way and heartily commend you!

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Sincerely

/s/ Mrs [redacted]

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SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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If this letter is necessary, we of the John Birch Society simply wish you to know we are backing you all the way and heartily commend you!

Sincerely

Mrs [redacted]

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Altadena, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Thank you very much for your letter postmarked September 6, 1960, and enclosures, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

September 4, 1960.

My dear Mr. Hoover;

I have just finished reading your report "Communist Target-Youth" and viewing the film, made available to many, by the Tues. Morning Study Group. I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to have several of my un-imformed friends see how the communists are using our youth, and how so many of the past tragic events have been inspired and carried out by our godless united nations, (UNESCO).

Men, of your dedicated efforts, that will help us gain our Republic back., by bringing the American people the true facts, are so limited, therefore let me thank you for never giving up and the work of the FBI and House Committee on Un-American Activities, will soon awaken the people. The only way we are going to fight this conspiracy is by being informed and we need every documented article to help us.

I am a member of the John Birch Society, which has as its founder, Mr. Robert Welch, I believe we are fast becoming the most effective citizen-patroit group. Our purpose is "Less Government, more Responsiblity" and to become effective we need to expose this threat, by fighting them with facts.

Mr. Hoover, there are many Americans who highly respect you and your staff for your tireless fight to "SAVE, AMERICA". May God be with you,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) [redacted]

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WHY STAY IN THE U. N. ?

A Millstone 'Round Our Necks

(Reprinted from THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR)

Two weeks ago we quoted the Wall Street Journal as saying that the United States is "no longer master of its own foreign policy." Developments this last week make that even more obvious.

At his press conference President Eisenhower was asked if the United States planned any economic aid or border protective actions in the Middle East. He replied, "These things should be done in the United Nations. And *we are prepared to go along with any decision of that kind.*"

What he is saying is simply that he has committed the people of the United States, the economic and military power of the United States, in advance, to do whatever the United Nations tells us to do. He doesn't even know what the U.N. might do. Yet so slavishly devoted to the idea that the United Nations comes before everything else is he, that he is willing to submit America's freedom of action, America's policies and plans to United Nations direction.

So, we are no longer "masters of our own foreign policy."

Other nations, large and small, are telling the United States how it should act, when it should act, how much it should spend and whether or not it must suffer war or privation. The American people have nothing to say about how their power is being used. The Congress is brushed aside or stands aside while the fortunes of our people, the future of our institutions, and liberty we prize above all else are placed into the hands of nations that neither know nor care about the interests of the United States.

For years our government under both parties has operated under the delusion that the United Nations can solve the world's problems in the face of failure after failure and war after war. We have put ourselves at the service of the United Nations and every time come out the loser. We have suffered humiliation, our first military defeat, continued loss of power and prestige to the Soviet Union. It was the United Nations that kept us from winning the Korean war and freeing North Korea. It was the United Nations that stalled us and stopped us from saving north Viet Nam from Communist China. It was the United Nations that haggled and hesitated and fumbled while Russian troops battered down the free people of Hungary in merciless slaughter. And now it is the United Nations that is going to decide what the United States should do in the Middle East!

This is the slow but sure way to national suicide. No other nation is so dumbly subservient to the U.N., weak or strong. The French roughly told the U.N. to stay out of its affairs in Algeria. The British ignored any U.N. attempt to interfere in Cyprus. The Soviet Union has told the U.N. time after time to keep its nose out of Hungary or Poland or any other place where Soviet interests are involved. Even little Israel has told the U.N. to stop monkeying around with its borders and the Arab refugee problem, and the U.N. stopped monkeying.

But not the United States — the great and powerful and rich United States. When the U.N. speaks we listen and follow. When we see American interests threatened we go hat in hand to the U.N. for approval or disapproval. We pay a third of its costs and fight and finance its wars, we subsidize its boondoggles and failures. Yet we humbly do what we are told when this international body without any head waves its hand.

What is the matter with the United States government anyway? Cannot our leaders decide for themselves what is best for the American people and just go do it? Have our leaders not the brains, the experience and the courage to run our own foreign policy show in the service of America?

Apparently not. For now we are told that our government is studying a regional development plan for the Middle East run by the United Nations! It was proposed by U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

If we want America's job done, we ought to do it ourselves. The best way to secure the liberties of our people and the security of our country is to depend upon ourselves. Why can't we do as we have always done successfully—keep strong, keep free from binding commitments to other nations, and decide every policy on what is best for America, first, last and always.

We can only do this successfully if we get out of the United Nations. But if we do, and if we run our own show in our own way, not only the United States but the whole world will be better for it.

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The Network, Box 2003D
Pasadena, California

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"IF YOU WILL NOT FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT WHEN YOU CAN EASILY WIN WITHOUT BLOODSHED:—YOU MAY HAVE TO FIGHT WHEN THERE IS NO HOPE OF VICTORY BECAUSE IT IS BETTER TO PERISH THAN TO LIVE AS SLAVES."

WINSTON CHURCHILL

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Mr. [redacted]
Insurance Building
Forest City, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been approached by a representative of the John Birch Society and that he has paid a month's dues and signed an application for membership. He states that, on second thought, such an organization could be a "real good front for another subversive activity." He requests the Director's appraisal of this organization as a "vehicle for services of patriotic American citizens."

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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INSURANCE BUILDING
FOREST CITY, N. C.

September 9, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

I have been approached by an organization called The John Birch Society. The organizer for the society was a very persuasive young man and presented himself and his society as patriot citizens banded together to fight the onslaught of Communism in this country and in the world at large. At first glance, the organization seems to be what it claims, and last night I signed my name to an application for membership and paid a months dues.

Today several of my friends have joined me in a feeling that such an organization as this could be a real good front for another subversive activity. This is especially so since the organization is run from the top with no pretense at any democratic processes.

We would appreciate your appraisal of this organization as a vehicle for services of patriotic American citizens.

Yours very truly,

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September 15, 1960

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Green Bay, Wisconsin

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DATE 3/24/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 8, 1960, concerning my recent report, "Communist Target--Youth."

The thought prompting you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you for your generous comments regarding the pamphlet. Enclosed is some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Green Bay, Wis
Sept 8, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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As a member of the John Birch Society I wish Congratulate you on the excellence of your report, "Communist Target, Youth"

Thank you

/s/ Mrs [redacted]

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Green Bay, Wis.
Sept 8, 1960

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SOUTH FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
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PLEASE WIRE COLLECT BY TUESDAY AFTERNOON THE OPINION OF THE FBI ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, IN COMBATTING COMMUNISM IN USA THANK YOU

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cc: Mr. Jones

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Arcadia, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth" was received on September 12, 1960.

The thought prompting you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you for your kind remarks concerning the pamphlet. Your expression of confidence is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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to the attention of the field and instructs them to forward any information regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau.

Members were instructed in their monthly publication to write these letters of congratulations to the Director.

TRUE COPY

September 6, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 1 D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a parent and also as a member of the John Birch Society, I'm writing to congratulate you on the excellence of your report contained in the recent release by the House Committee on Un-American Activities entitled "Communist Target - Youth."

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you have done and are doing to alert the citizens of this wonderful country of ours to the dangers that confront us because of the Communist conspiracy.

May God bless you!

Sincerely,
/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Arcadia, Calif.

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

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Sincerely

Mrs. [redacted]

Arcadia, Calif.

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Knoxville 20, Tennessee

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Dear Mrs. Roever:

I have received your letter postmarked September 10, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

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It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

[redacted]
Knoxville 20, Tenn.
September 7, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have just viewed a showing of the HCUA film, Operation Abolition, which the John Birch Society Chapters in Knoxville have purchased. The John Birch groups, as you no doubt are aware, are dedicated to anti-communist activities. This film and the pamphlets Communist Target - Youth we hope to use to alert civic groups to "what has happened here". This letter is to thank you for making it available.

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Sincerely,

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September 15, 1960

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Knoxville 19, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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I have received your letter postmarked September 8, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

The thought which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated, and I want to thank you for your kind comments concerning the pamphlet. In view of your interest, I am enclosing additional copies of my statement along with some other reprints on the subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
3 copies of Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] Complete name per current Knoxville telephone directory.

Robert Welch, mentioned in her letter, is the founder of the John Birch Society. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to furnish any information regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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[redacted]
Knoxville 19, Tennessee
September 6, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I was informed of a recent pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth" and ordered the same on the the recommendation of Mr. Robert Welch (head of John Birch Society). I heartily will endorse this pamphlet as "required" reading for my friends. Thank you for making this information available to the public in such a practical form. I write this letter solely for the purpose of voicing my approval of this excellent pamphlet.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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September 15, 1960

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Grafton, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Thank you very much for your letter postmarked September 8, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you and your husband to comment as you did about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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Sept. 6th, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband and I want to congratulate you on your latest report, "Communist Target-Youth" and want to encourage your constant vigil against the threat of Communism. Please don't bother to reply to this note as we just want to add our voices to your support.

Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C
Grafton, Wisconsin
Member of the
"John Birch Society."

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Mr. and Mrs.
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Grafton, Wisconsin

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Sincerely yours,

Mr [redacted]
Member of the
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September 15, 1960

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Texarkana, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of September 8, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place recently at the hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives in San Francisco, has been received.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments concerning the pamphlet. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
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Texarkana, Texas
Sept 8, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Just a short letter to let you know as a Patriotic American, I appreciate your report on the San Francisco riots, published in a House Un-American Activities Committee phamplet "COMMUNIST TARGET---YOUTH".

I daily thank GOD that there are a few Great Americans like you, who still have the courage and convictions to stand for American principles.

As a member of the John Birch Society, again I say "THANK YOU".

I do not expect an answer to this letter, as I know your time is limited.

Yours Truly,

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Texarkana, Texas

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September 15, 1960

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Wilmington, Massachusetts

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked September 8, 1960, concerning my report on the demonstration which took place at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Exposé of Soviet Espionage

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[redacted]
Wilmington Mass.

Dear Mr. Hoover

As an individual and also a member of the John Birch Society I'm writing to congratulate you on the excellence of your report in the article entitled "Communist Target - Youth"

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It makes the Communist inspiration, preparation, and domination of those riots too clear for controversy, and supplies facts which will certainly help to shock some of my complacent friends into a realization that something is seriously wrong. Thank you.

Respectfully

/s/ [redacted]

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Wilmington, Mass.

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received the letter of September 5, 1960, from Mrs. [redacted] and you concerning my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth." It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding the pamphlet, and your generous remarks relative to my statement, "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA," are also appreciated. In response to your request, I am forwarding, under separate cover, copies of it and my treatise, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," along with other material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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25 copies of Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
25 copies of Expose of Soviet Espionage
25 copies of Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
25 copies of What You Can Do To Fight Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with Mr. [redacted] [redacted] It is noted, however, that Mrs. [redacted] directed a letter to the Bureau on December 9, 1955, concerning SAC Crosby's entertaining of Mr. [redacted] while they were forum guests of the Phoenix Press Club in December, 1955. Her letter

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was critical of Crosby's action. She stated that this action "appears to lend them (the [redacted] an aura of governmental protection and sponsorship" and that she "would like to add that this is confusing to those of us who are trying to keep ourselves informed on the subject of subversion, etc." The Director noted "I hope Crosby's usefulness in Arizona will not be affected by this unfortunate incident. H." The press also gave this incident unfavorable publicity. Her letter was acknowledged by outgoing of December 14, 1955. Bufiles contain no other references identifiable with Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Phoenix, Arizona

September 5, 1960

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

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8/24/84

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As citizens of the United States who are tremendously disturbed by the advance of communism in our midst, and as members of The John Birch Society, we are writing to congratulate you on the excellence of your report which consituted the bulk of the House Un-American Activities Committee pamphlet entitled Communist Target - Youth. We have been instrumental in distributing over a hundred of these pamphlets in this area and know of others who have done the same thing.

HOUSE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We are part of a group who have bought the HUAC movie showing the student riots in San Francisco for showing to the many organizatbns here who have already expressed an interest in seeing it. There is also a second copy of it here which will be shown frequently.

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We have also beenimpressed by your Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party USA as reprinted from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March 1960, and have distributed the few copies we had. If your office could tell us how we can get more of these we will appreciate it.

You and your staff have our very sincere thanks for the work you are doing. We only regret that you are hampered by laws and the Supreme Court in bringing your findings to public attention.

While we are directing this letter to your personal attention please realize that we do not want you to take your valuable time for a personal reply. We will appreciate it if your staff will send us your pamphlet "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" and any thing else which will help up to jolt some of our deadhead acquaintances into an awareness.

Very sincerely

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Mr. [redacted]

Houston 35, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of September 11, 1960, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me as you did regarding my statement, "Communist Target-Youth." In view of your interest, I am enclosing some other material on communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th National Convention, CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
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Houston 35, Texas
September 11, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

As a private citizen and a member of The John Birch Society, I wish to thank and congratulate you on your report entitled "Communist Target --- Youth".

Yours very truly,

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Houston 27, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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It was very kind of you and your husband to write me on September 10, 1960, regarding my statement concerning the demonstration which took place recently in San Francisco.

Your generous comments about the work of this Bureau are indeed appreciated. I am enclosing some material regarding the evils of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect reference on one [redacted] who was [redacted] of the OPA office in Houston; however, there was no correspondence and nothing derogatory. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the Country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Houston 27, Texas

Sept 10-1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover.

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As a member of the John Birch Society we are writing to commend you on your superb report, with pictures of the San Francisco riots --

You have always gave Beyond your duty as a dedicated American to curb the subversive activities. We are very proud of you and take this method of appraising you of our respect for you and your men in your department - Thanks again,

Gratefully Yours

/s/ Mr & Mrs [redacted]

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Houston 27, Texas

Sept 10

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover.

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Thanks again,

Sincerely yours

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Pasadena 3, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason, I am unable to answer your inquiry. In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to that subject which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB and 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Target--Youth
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society has never been investigated. It is purported to be an anticommunist organization headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The above answer is deemed most appropriate in view of Welch's outspoken criticism of Pres. Eisenhower and his administration.

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September 10, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am one of many Americans who, of late, have become greatly concerned about the future of our great and Wonderful country.

It seems to me that the communists are making great gains all around the world and it seems to me that this country by its liberal philosophies is doing a lot to help them.

I feel the communists are all around us, in our own country & want to do something to help awaken our American people.

My question is this--several of our friends are becoming members of the John Birch Society--have you heard of this group and what is your personal opinion of this group. Would you recommend that I join? I am a good American and want to do the right thing. This group sounds very American but as you well know there are so very many organizations in this country and I want your personal approval before I join.

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A Dedicated American to our
Republican Form of Free Government.

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Pasadena, Calif.

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Pasadena 3, California

SEPTEMBER 10, 1960

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR F.B.I.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR MR. HOOVER,

I AM ONE OF MANY AMERICANS WHO, OF LATE, HAVE BECOME GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR GREAT AND WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE MAKING GREAT GAINS ALL AROUND THE WORLD AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS COUNTRY BY ITS LIBERAL PHILOSOPHIES IS DOING A LOT TO HELP THEM.

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MY QUESTION IS THIS — SEVERAL OF OUR FRIENDS ARE BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY — HAVE YOU HEARD OF THIS GROUP AND WHAT IS YOUR PERSONAL OPINION OF THIS GROUP. WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT I JOIN? I AM A GOOD AMERICAN AND WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING. THIS GROUP SOUNDS VERY AMERICAN BUT AS YOU WELL KNOW THERE ARE SO VERY MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY AND I WANT YOUR PERSONAL APPROVAL BEFORE I JOIN.

A DEDICATED AMERICAN TO OUR REPUBLICAN FORM OF FREE GOVERNMENT

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Portland 13, Oregon

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of September 7, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write and your kind remarks are appreciated.

In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to that subject which may be of interest to you. Included is a copy of my statement, "Communist Target--Youth," in the event you have been unable to obtain one.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is reported to be an anticommunist organization. By SAC letter the field has been requested to furnish any data regarding the organization which comes to their attention.

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September 7, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I understand that in July, the House Un-American Activities Committee released a pamphlet entitled "Communist Target - Youth", which included your own report on the San Francisco riots.

As yet, I haven't seen this pamphlet but have today written for several copies.

It is important that we Americans are supplied with facts about Communism in our country and your part in giving us these facts is sincerely appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

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John Birch Society

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Burlington, Washington

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 4, 1960, has been received, and it was certainly thoughtful of you to comment regarding my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." Your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

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In view of your concern relative to communism, I am enclosing some material dealing with that subject which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-60 LEB Introduction and statement re 17th National Convention, CPUSA
God and Country or Communism?
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: We have had one prior letter from Mrs. [redacted] 6-2-60. Her remark regarding our stand in the Air Force Manual controversy is being ignored.

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Burlington Wash
Sept. 4, 1960

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

I wish to congratulate you on the superb report of the San Francisco Riots. If gives such a clear and concise picture of Communism in action.

I have been active in the fight against Communism since 1946. When my husband became [redacted] of the local American Legion, he & I gained a good deal of knowledge through the Legion's exposure of their methods and strategy.

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We (local members) of the John Birch Society, recently purchased the film of the San Francisco Riots and plan an extensive showing of it to local schools, colleges and civic functions.

There has been a question raised about the Air Force Manual, concerning the reason why your office hadn't come out with any particulars on the subject.

I wish to thank you for your efficient and devoted work for our glorious country.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Burlington Wash
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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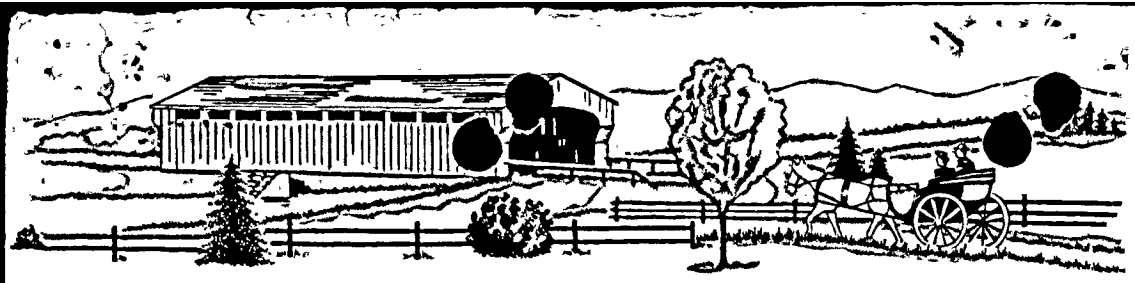

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

SEP 12 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulation, first of all, on your recent article "Communist Target - Youth" telling about the riots in San Francisco. Also, belated congratulations on your fine book "Masters of Deceit".

After reading my friend's copy of the book, I finally was able to find a book store where I could purchase a copy and am loaning it, along with the article, to as many people as possible.

As a concerned, Christian, patriotic American, I want to do everything expected to fight Communism, and therefore, have joined the John Birch Society.

Please keep on printing as much as you possibly can and try to get your articles to the clergymen. Our pastors quote you very often in their sermons. Communism is indeed Anti-God, plus as many other evils, but some people just don't want to hear about it from

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ordinary people as myself. But it will start them thinking more seriously when they read what you say and hear ministers preach about it.

Thanks again and keep up the excellent work. With God's help, we'll win over all.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Grafton, Wisconsin

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GRAFTON, WISC.

September 9, 1960

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Thanks again and keep up the excellent work. With God's help, we'll win o'er all.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Grafton, Wisconsin

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Grafton, Wisconsin

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received the letters of September 9, 1960, from Mrs. Schultz and you concerning my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth." I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous comments regarding the pamphlet and also my book, "Masters of Deceit."

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in giving me the benefit of your observations, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. In view of your interest in combating the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Buffles contain no references identifiable with Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country.

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Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write Director these letters of congratulations.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Felt
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Grafton, W
September

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

Dear Sir:

I recently wrote to the Hon. Francis E. Walter requesting several Government publications regarding un-American activities and was delighted to receive the report you gave to the House Committee on Un-American Activities entitled "Communist Target - Youth". If only more patriotic Americans would be able to obtain a copy of this publication and others like it, they would be better informed on the rapidly spreading communist disease and what can be done to stop it. I also purchased your book "Masters of Deceit" and found it very interesting and awakening. I intend to purchase additional copies of the book for "give-aways" to friends and relatives. Please keep up the good work, for without consecrated patriots like yourself in responsible positions in our government, this wonderful country of ours would soon evaporate before our very eyes.

Since I have become a member of The John Birch Society, my eyes have been opened and my American spirit has been revitalized to a point where I am becoming active and conscious of what is taking place in our United States as well as all around us. The "Society" thinks a lot of you and your work and so should every American citizen who is interested in leaving for their children a world fit to live in.

You needn't reply to this letter for I know how busy you are; - it was written to show our appreciation for your efforts in light of the many discouragements which you may face at times.

Very truly yours

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DATE 9/24/84 BY SP6 Bulpore

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 6, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests any information as to the regard in which the Bureau holds the following: the John Birch Society, "American Mercury" and "Human Events?" He states that he has recently been asked to join the John Birch Society.

NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO.

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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE:

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The "American Mercury" is owned by Russell Maguire, who is allegedly anticommunist and has the reputation of being particularly anti-Semitic. The publication was the subject of a Registration Act investigation in 1958 based upon indications of an exchange of funds between Maguire and the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. This allegation was not established and the case was closed in October, 1958. (94-3-4-1)

Bufiles reveal that "Human Events" is a newsletter published in Washington, D. C., which generally is critical of the Soviet Union and communism. "Human Events" has not been the subject of an investigation by the Bureau. (105-8697)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Hotel Adolphus
DALLAS 21, TEXAS

Leo F. Corrigan, President H. H. Anderson, Managing Director

September 6th

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate any information as to the regard in which the bureau holds the following.....

The John Birch Society

American Mercury — publication — U.S.A.

Human Events — publication — D.C

I have recently been asked to join the society, and have been quoted stories from the two publications mentioned above. I want to be sure that I am not becoming involved in some un-American or subversive group.

Sincerely yours,

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Dallas, 30, Texas

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UNITED STATES [redacted]ENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 9/13/60

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Dallas Office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. [redacted] Mexia, Texas, enclosing a copy of an Application For Membership in The John Birch Society. This letter has been acknowledged by Dallas.

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Inasmuch as Mexia is covered by San Antonio, the letter and enclosure are forwarded herewith to San Antonio.

Mrs. [redacted] inquired as to whether or not the John Birch Society carries the 'seal of approval" of the FBI. She advised a chapter "is trying to be formed" in Mexia, and some of the people would like to know what the FBI thinks of the organization.

Mrs. [redacted] was advised that our files are confidential and that this Bureau could neither recommend nor not recommend any organization.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and San Antonio.

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Columbus 21, Ohio

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of September 6, 1960, concerning my recent report, "Communist Target--Youth."

The thought prompting you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you for your generous comments regarding the pamphlet. Enclosed is some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
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NOTE: Bulletins contain no references identifiable with Mr. [redacted]

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Miss Gandy

Columbus, Ohio
Sept. 6, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of the John Birch society, I am writing to congratulate you on the splendid article in the Pamphlet entitled "Communist Target-Youth", recently published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which I have just finished reading. All effort to support this essential committee will be appreciated by every informed American.

No answer to this is necessary or expected.

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Very Truly Yours,

Columbus 21, Ohio.

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September 16, 1960

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of September 7, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason, I am unable to answer your inquiry. In view of your concern regarding communism, I am enclosing some material pertaining to that subject which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention Communist Party
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No investigation has been conducted on the John Birch Society. It is purported to be an anticommunist organization which is headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The field by SAC letter has been requested to furnish any data regarding the group which comes

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Note continued. Not so. It is published by Robert Welch who also founded the John Birch Society. DHC

to their attention. "American Opinion" is a publication of the John Birch Society. No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. It is believed above acknowledgement most advisable in that Welch has in the past been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration.

September 7, 1960

The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

I have recently been exposed to some literature and conversation regarding the John Birch Society, whose headquarters are in Belmont, Massachusetts, and since an organization of this nature would probably be a matter of interest to your bureau I am requesting information regarding it.

I feel that a dedicated anti-communist organization, other than those functioning under governmental control, could be of great assistance in ridding ourselves of the internal communistic menace and, on the surface, the John Birch Society appears to be an organization of that type. However you, better than anyone, know that when some surfaces are scratched many ugly things are uncovered.

As any private citizen my opinions can only be based on information obtained through conventional news media, periodicals, verbal exchanges, etc. and in a matter of such importance I do not believe these are adequate to enable me to decide whether or not to join this society. Therefore, if it is consistent with your policy, I would like the following information:

(a) To your knowledge is any person connected with the society, or the periodical "American Opinion", of questionable loyalty?

(b) Any opinion you may have or any information you may have as to the merits or otherwise of this society.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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September 19, 1960

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Mexia, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked September 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society as to whether or not it is truly a patriotic endeavor.

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Phone GYpsy 6-38[redacted]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Could and would you please tell me what your office has on the activities of the John Birch Society, i.e., whether or not it is a truly patriotic endeavor, or otherwise?

Thanking you,

Yours very truly

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Washington, D.C.

The Cars with the "Touch of Tomorrow"

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he is contemplating active support of the John Birch Society. He requests any information the Bureau can give him pertaining to this organization.

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Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

9 September 1960
[redacted]
Topeka, Kansas

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

Dear Sir:

I have been given some printed material dealing with the organization and plans of the John Birch Society, Inc.

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I am contemplating active support of this organization providing the organization and its founders are as patriotic and public-spirited as this material denotes.

Any information or advice you could give concerning this organization would be greatly appreciated.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/19/60

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13579)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Appleton, Wisconsin
IS-MISCELLANEOUS

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Reference is made to Milwaukee letter to Bureau, dated August 3, 1960, captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Milwaukee, Wis. - IS-MISC. This letter enclosed an article from the "Milwaukee Journal" of July 31, 1960, which alleged the existence of 10 chapters of this Society in Wisconsin, one of them located in Appleton. It also identified COLA B. PARKER, former Chairman of the Board of the Kimberly Clark Corp., of Neenah, Wis., and former President of the National Association of Manufacturers, as a member of the Society's National Council. Cola G. Parker

A review of the Appleton "Post-Crescent" newspaper for July and August, 1960 by SA [redacted] on August 30, 1960, reflected only the following articles concerning this orgainzation from which it is noted no Appleton Chapter of this organization could be identified as active.

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The articles, copies of which are enclosed, are as follows:

Article in 8/1/60 issue captioned "Birch Society Right-Wing, Not Dangerous, Says Leader".

Article in 8/10/60 issue captioned "18 John Birch Members Meet", describing a meeting of the "Green Bay-De-Pere Chapter of this Society.

Article in 8/26/60 issue captioned "Democrat Lashes Birch Society, Parker for Views on Democracy".

No active investigation is being conducted in the above captioned matter and the enclosures are submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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Birch Society Right-Wing, Not Dangerous, Says Leader

News Article Called It Group 'Branding Ike Red,' 200 Members

The John Birch society is a "mildly right-wing organization about as harmful as a ladies' aid society," commented one of its leaders in response to an article calling it a "group branding Ike as red." The society's members are free to believe or disbelieve that President Eisenhower is a communist, the leader added.

Richard N. Johnson, 907 Park street, Green Bay, furnished the description after an article on the society appeared in the Sunday Milwaukee Journal. The article states that 10 John Birch society chapters existed in the state with a membership of 150 to 200. The society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Massachusetts.

Cola B. Parker

Cola B. Parker, Neenah, former Kimberly-Clark corporation board chairman, was among Wisconsin members of the society listed by the Journal.

Parker said today that he knew of no members or chapters in the Fox Cities area, that the membership rolls are kept at national headquarters near Boston. Parker said that he was not active in the operation of the society, but was a member of the national council in an advisory capacity. The council meets every three months at national headquarters. The council's function is unclear. Parker belongs, he said, "to see what I can do to combat communism."

"I have known Welch for 15 years or more, he has been a guest at my home, and he is a dedicated anti-communist. As far as I'm concerned, that's the purpose of the society. Anyone who knows me knows I'm anti-communist," Parker said.

On Eisenhower

As far as President Eisenhower being labeled a red or communist, Parker declined to comment directly. "The communist party has a lot of tools among those who don't understand what they're doing, but whether Eisenhower is one of these, I don't know. Some things have been going on that I don't agree with in respect to the Eisenhower administration. I don't like to see communists making hay in other parts of the world," the industrialist said.

Asked if communist victories around the world were Eisenhower's fault, Parker declined to comment.

No Members Here?

The Post-Crescent has been unable to find any members though several persons of a of the society in Appleton, al-

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conservative political bent admit having heard of the group. Apparently a meeting of the Wisconsin Association of Manufacturers about a year ago heard from Welch in an appeal for conservative action groups.

Johnson, a public service corporation office worker, was among the most enthusiastic supporters of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy and was part of a small Green Bay area effort for the third-party ticket of T. Coleman Andrews in the 1956 presidential election.

Johnson said the Journal's description of the society was unfair because it left the impression the group was secret and that part of its creed was that President Eisenhower is a communist. This conclusion is contained in a document circulated among some society members, but it is up to individuals to make up their own minds, he said.

Johnson has made up his mind. He believes Eisenhower may not be a communist, but that his administration has had the same result anyway.

"Infested With Reds"

"The results of the Eisenhower administration have been completely red. It is infested with reds. That is my conclusion and should be the conclusion of any people who can read," he said.

Johnson said a telephone conversation was not sufficient to build the record against Eisenhower, but that he could list Eisenhower's conduct of World war II and his "go groveling before them at summit conferences" as examples of helping communism.

The society has about 17 or 18 members in a chapter in Green Bay-DePere, several members in Appleton and a chapter in Oshkosh, he said. When membership in one chapter reaches 20, Johnson said, a new chapter is formed.

Society Not Secret

Johnson ridiculed the idea that the society was a secret organization, although he withheld the names of Appleton leaders because "some conservatives are too timid to stand and be counted at times like this." He said the press was welcome to attend the next Green Bay - DePere chapter meeting Aug. 9.

"It is silly to say we are some sort of secret society. We are about as harmful as a ladies' aid society. We are anxious to have the public learn of our activities," he said.

The publicity over the group shows that it is having effect in fighting communism and "we are happy to see that we are being put on the same level by the communists as Joe McCarthy," Johnson said.

Johnson said the monthly meetings study books and films and organize letter writing campaigns to congress or to newspapers on behalf of conservative writers. A recent project, while not a direct act of society, was sending telegrams to delegates to the Republican convention to plug Sen. Barry Goldwater, he said.

Charges in Book

Welch, a 61-year-old retired Belmont, Mass., manufacturer, has written a privately circulated book which charges that President Eisenhower is a communist, his brother, Milton, is his superior in the party and the president is guilty of treason. The book is called "The Politician." Welch was a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts in 1950.

The society apparently started about 1959 in Wisconsin and was founded nationally in 1958. It is named after a fundamentalist Baptist minister who was a missionary in China, joined the Flying Tigers as an intelligence agent and is said to have been murdered by Chinese communists 10 days after the war ended in the Pacific, a biography by Welch indicates.

Society dues are $24 annually for men, $12 for women.

18 John Birch Members Meet

Rockefeller Bound to Socialism; Kennedy a Stooge, Group Is Told

BY JAMES BARTELT
Post-Crescent News Service

Green Bay — The dedicated band of political beatniks who are the Green Bay-De Pere chapter of the John Birch society met Tuesday night, paying little attention to the disclosure that their national leader thinks President Eisenhower is a communist and a traitor.

The 18 members met at the home of Robert Wolf for their first gathering since the writings of Robert Welch about Eisenhower were reported in midwest newspapers. Welch, 61, a wealthy retired manufacturer and former Massachusetts Republican politician, is the founder and self-declared national leader of the John Birch society.

Welch's comments about Eisenhower were included in a privately-circulated document which was not an official society publication, Wolf explained. A monthly bulletin published by Welch for society chapters includes "suggestions" which members can follow if they agree with them but nobody takes orders, Wolf said.

Monolithic Body

In the latest bulletin Welch wrote that four-fifths of the members did not know about the Eisenhower writings and that half of the one-fifth who did probably did not agree with him. Welch said he disagreed with the late Sen. Robert Taft on 30 per cent of issues but that this did not mean that Taft was not his leader.

The society's 182 - page "Blue Book" says that the society is to be "a monolithic body," that democratic forms when fighting communism lend themselves to infiltration, and that the society "will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels." An application for membership states it must be understood that a member can be kicked out at any time without the reason being stated.

"And democracy, of course, in government and organization, as the Greeks and Romans both found out . . . is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud," the book says.

Three Reporters There

Three reporters accepted the invitation to attend the Tuesday night meeting, and society publications were pressed upon them.

Only person present, a young Republican officer in the McCarthy days, asked that identification not be made. She said that she did not want to get an employer, a Catholic agency, involved. Only two others could be recognized as having been involved in partisan politics, both casual Republicans.

The group got organized, Wolf explained, when most of its members completed a 10-part course as members of the Cardinal Mindzenty study group and heard about the John Birch society. The society believes in action through letter writing, promoting conservative literature, and forming action groups for a specific political objective.

One of the main purposes, said Richard Johnson, Green Bay, a Fox Valley organizer for the society, is to get mail to Washington — on issues. Groups for which communists pull strings can "get 54,000 letters to the hill at a given moment," he said.

One project was to protest Eisenhower's going to the ill-fated summit conference.

Johnson said suggestions in the past monthly bulletin which were accomplished included writing delegates to the national GOP convention to plug Sen. Barry Goldwater for president or vice president, inquiring about conservative books at public libraries and sending printed questionnaires to congressional candidates.

The latest bulletin urged action on recruiting membership and more attention to a boycott of products from communist countries. Johnson said this was a pet project of his.

Boycott Yule Trimmings

"The crowning blow, which most people don't realize, is that most Christmas tree ornaments come from Czechoslovakia," he warned.

The meeting opened with the showing of colored slides with a tape-recorded explanation prepared by Dr. George Benson, of Harding college, Arkansas, on the spread of communist domination, even to Cuba, as predicted in 1919 by Lenin.

Fidel Castro was portrayed as the George Washington of Cuba by the government, press, TV networks and even the religious publications, Our Sunday Visitor and the Christian Herald, the tape said.

Communists in the government and press can defeat any legislation they choose, the presentation warned. America must be mobilized and warned against the technique of fright which soon will have influential leaders suggesting we should surrender to Russia, it said.

Nixon an Opportunist

"The Blue Book" says Vice President Richard Nixon is an opportunist who took part in the defeat of Taft at the 1952 Republican convention. If Taft ~~had been~~ nominated, communists would have been driven from government and "McCarthy would be alive today," the book says.

But while Nixon has no beliefs, he is better than Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who is "definitely committed to trying to make the United States a part of a 1-world socialist government," the book says. Sen. John Kennedy is dismissed as a "stooge" of Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers.

One society periodical is a "scoreboard" showing how communist each nation of the world is. The United States, it reports, is from 30 to 50 per cent communist now.

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Assembly Candidate

Democrat Lashes Birch Society, Parker for Views on Democracy

Oshkosh — A right-wing organization, its founder who resides in Massachusetts, and a Winnebago county member who is not a political candidate were criticized at the Thursday night meeting of county Democrats here.

Three Democratic candidates for the state assembly expounded views on the coming election.

Robert E. Nordlander, Menasha, Third district candidate, lashed at the John Birch society, which he labeled "neo - fascist," and at its prominent Winnebago county member, Cola G. Parker, former board chairman of Kimberly-Clark corporation and former president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

William Manske, Oshkosh, First district assembly candidate, defended the Democratic party as not being "spenders," contending that each biennium's state budget has increased 20 or more per cent whether Republicans or Democrats were running the state government.

Came From GOP Event

Herman Brandt, Omro, Second district candidate, who came to the meeting directly from the Republican corn roast at Winneconne, said the "Republican party has outlived its usefulness, but this election they are giving a last big 'heave-ho' to a dying organization."

In hitting at the John Birch society (so named for a minister reportedly slain by the Chinese communists in 1949) Nordlander quoted Robert Welch, Jr., society founder, who wrote: "Democracy is a merely deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud." The statement appears in a privately published book circulated to society members by Welch, who also is a former vice chairman of the Massachusetts Republican party.

Nordlander questioned Welch's debunking of democracy and pointed to Parker (who is not a political candidate) as "one who has respect for the knowledge and energy of Welch." The speaker criticized Parker's defending his membership in the John Birch society.

"Fearful Breed"

Nordlander said: "It seems ironic that some people who have achieved a certain measure of success in the world of industry and commerce are so fearful of communism that they will accept any alternative that is available.

"Usually the alternative accepted by the fearful breed of man as represented by Mr. Parker is a species of fascism. These men seem to forget that a dictatorship of the right is as undesirable as a dictatorship of the left."

Parker is away from the Fox Cities area until the end of September and could not be reached for comment.

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Houston 35, Texas

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Dear Mr. Cooper:

Your letter of September 13, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco has been received.

The thought which prompted you to write is appreciated, and it was kind of you to comment as you did concerning the pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth." I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which you may find to be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted]

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information

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regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau.

Members of the organization were instructed to write these letters of congratulations to the Director in their monthly publication.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Houston 35, Texas

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just witnessed the film, "Operation Abolition", showing the Communist riots in San Francisco as they broke up the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings.

I understand you have contributed to a pamphlet put out by that committee entitled "Communist Target - Youth". There is a need for this information in our land today. I am ordering several copies through my congressman for distribution to churches, schools, civic clubs, etc. Our government can track down and expose Communist, but I can see it is the job of us, the American people, to avail ourselves of this information and circulate same.

May I thank you as the father of five children, for "standing in the gap" as the world is on fire with international communism.

How I wish there were more voices like yours to "cry in the wilderness" and awaken our people.

I have grounded my children in the Word of God, and they know the Living Word, "The Lord Jesus Christ", and His saving grace. Therefore, they are prepared to die for our freedoms and be face to face with the Lord rather than live under Communist tyranny.

Respectively you

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P.S. I know you are busy and I prefer no reply. I am a member of the John Birch Society.

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 15, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. For this reason, I am unable to comment regarding the publication you mentioned, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: "American Opinion" is irregularly published by Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., founder of the John Birch Society and it has in the past contained anti-communist articles. Neither Welch nor his publication has been investigated by the Bureau. The field offices have been alerted to advise the Bureau of any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use the Society or its chapters.

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PEASE AIR FORCE BASE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

15 September 1960

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Pease Air Force Base
New Hampshire

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Being [redacted] for the Pease Officers Wives Club here at "S.A.C.'s Out-Post" in new Hampshire, I have been informed of a documentary film on Communism. A Mr. [redacted] of Belmont, Mass has generously volunteered to run the film and Mr. Herb Philbrick will comment on it also.

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My big question is, Mr [redacted] is connected with the magazine "American Opinion" of which I know nothing, and I would like some more information on this publication. I am deeply concerned about the insidious spread of the Red hand across our country and other countries and feel sure there must be something I can do to help chop off that Red hand. My concerns are the concerns of an American women who loves her county and wants it to stay "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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Waniting for your opinion on "American Opinion" I remain,

Very truly yours,

SEP 23 1960

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 16, 1960, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your interest in writing to me.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are maintained as confidential and available for official use only; therefore, I am unable to comment regarding the questions you raised. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
How to Fight Communism
Don't Be Duped By the Communists!*
Communist Party, USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Target--Youth

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Mrs. [redacted] 9-22-60

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Dr. Frederick Charles Schwarz is Executive Director of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning Schwarz or his organization and they have not been the subjects of Bureau investigation. Schwarz has been touring the country in recent years lecturing on communism and conducting schools for anticommunists. Schwarz is reportedly a physician from Australia.

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

September 16, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Would you possibily take time from your busy schedule to answer a few questions of considerable controversy among myself and friends?

As Christians who would welcome the privilege to work for the cause of freedom to overcome communism:

1. What local and national organizations can we trust?

2. Fred C. Schwarz, M. D., Sydney, Australia, President of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade — can we trust him?

3. John Birch Society - can we trust this?

Perhaps the above questions sound absurd, but they are being discussed. I have been told that some societies are communists fronts, etc. etc. I freely admit to being most gullible. Neither can I consider myself well read in this field. Have ordered your book "Masters of Deceit" and trust that it will enlighten my questions considerably.

I am anxious to work for freedom and would greatly appreciate your help in my decision of where and how to begin.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. [redacted]

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September 22, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Centex Construction Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 36
Arlington Heights, Illinois

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DATE 8/24/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 15, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like very much to answer your inquiries, I wish to advise that the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization. Please do not infer, however, in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files of the specific type you desire. Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

If you desire lists of groups and periodicals which have been cited as being subversive by various state and Federal agencies, it is suggested that you submit requests to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., and to the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Corner of North Capitol and H Streets, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C. From the latter can be purchased, for thirty-five cents, a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB and 17th National Convention CP USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

CENTEX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Inc.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

BRANCH OFFICE
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD
& OAKWOOD DRIVE
ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

MAILING ADDRESS
P. O. BOX 36
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

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September 15, 1960

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

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DATE 8/24/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am requesting information about any organizations in our country that are clean and organized to fight communism.

The day has arrived that full blooded Americans should wake up and begin fighting before it is too late.

One in particular that I am interested in is the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. It seems to be well organized and in the right direction.

Your comments and information will be greatly appreciated.

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Yours very truly,

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September 22, 1960

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[redacted]
Glendale 2, California

Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 14, 1960, concerning my report, "Communist Target--Youth."

It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the menace of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
17th National Convention CP, USA, & March 1960, LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Miss [redacted] The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. The Organization is allegedly anticommunist with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them to furnish any information regarding the Society's activities to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed to write these letters of congratulations to the Director in their monthly publication.

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Sept. 14, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

As an American citizen, Mr. Hoover, I wish to express my deep gratitude for your efforts against Communism in America. Your very excellent report "Communist Target--Youth" I have received, read and expect to have my friends read it also.

I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society and expect no reply to this letter.

Very sincerely,

[redacted] b6 b7C

Glendale 2, Calif.

P. S. I have also seen that horror film "Operation Obolition" re the S. F. riot. How dreadful!

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

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Dear Sir:

As an American citizen, Mr. Hoover, I wish to express my deep gratitude for your efforts against Communism in America. Your very excellent report "Communist Target-Youth" I have received, read and expect to have my friends read it also.

I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society and expect no reply to this letter.

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Very sincerely,

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Glendale 2, Calif.

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[redacted]

Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 8, 1960, and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

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I am, of course, pleased that you found "Masters of Deceit" of value. Certainly, the questions which you pose indicate that you have given serious consideration to the real menace of communism. The immediate problem people dedicated to destroying communism face is the stimulation of interest in others in learning more about the objectives and operations of this danger to our liberty.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention, CP, USA, and 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [redacted] [redacted] This letter is in very general terms since her questions are not clear ly expressed and do not lend themselves to positive answers. Question regarding book listing subversives is being purposely ignored.

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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Nease
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover

I have just finished reading your excellent book "Masters of Deceit". I learned a great deal but felt you should have stressed how much serious trouble is being caused daily by high up communists within our government. Certainly it should be criminal not to get the known subversives in the government out.

You say our present ills here at home could be cured by more morality, faith and patriotism --- it is pretty hard to grow stronger with a bad ulcer in your middle, which is the equivalent of our present communist infiltration. It is getting so Americans shouldn't believe a lot of what they read, hear, or see in the movies or on TV as so much is slanted. It is hard to grow stronger and healthier under these circumstances!

Since your book showed clearly that when the Communist Party went underground during the years of 51 to 55 it lost power rapidly and moved backwards, why isn't it underground now? Could you give any suggestions as to how the public could best go about accomplishing that---I think many more people would be behind a movement like that now than perhaps a couple of years ago. In a couple more years, at this rate, it may be too late.

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Would publishing a paperback book with names of the subversives in the United States help? I'm sure that is illegal now but couldn't it be made legal?

I would appreciate any suggestions you could make as to where to start or even suggestions as to who to contact for ideas on how to help. I am joining the John Birch Society movement later this month and I'm sure everyone there will want to help any way they can.

Yours very truly

[redacted]

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Phoenix, Ariz.

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Galveston, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 12, 1960, and appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

It was very kind of you to comment as you did regarding my report, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted]

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is a self-styled anticommunist organization with branches over

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various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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[redacted]
Galveston, Tex
Sept 12, 1960

J Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I have just seen the excellent pamphlet you and your wonderful organization have put out on the San Francisco Riots - the one entitled Communist Target - Youth. It is indeed a work of excellence. This report will be most valuable to us who are battling communism in our communist fighting organizations - The John Birch Society.

May God Bless your men

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

P.S.
Because of the terrific pressure you and your deptartment labor under I ask you do not answer my letter.

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Galveston, Tex
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Washington, D.C.

CORRESPONDENCE

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May God Bless your men

Sincerely,

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P.S.

Because of the terrific pressure you and your ~~[illegible]~~ department labor under I ask you do not answer my letter.

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September 21, 1960

[redacted]

Santa Monica, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 13, 1960, has been received.

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It was kind of you to write me and comment as you did concerning my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth" and my book, "Masters of Deceit." I found the expression of confidence you and your husband extended most reassuring, and I also appreciate your offer to be of assistance. I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Members were instructed to write these letters of congratulations to the Director in their monthly publication.

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Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

September 13, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

This letter is an expression of gratitude for your efforts on behalf of a free and moral mankind.

Just recently the pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth" was brought to my attention* and I found it extremely well presented. I shall make every effort to see that a large number of young people reads it. Within the last few months I have become awakened to the Communist conspiracy and its menace to our country and have been immeasureably helped in my studies by this and other writings of yours, such as "Masters of Deceit."

Perhaps it will be of some value to you to know that my husband and I hold you, your Department and your activities in the highest regard and can always be called upon for whatever support and assistance we are capable of giving.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. [redacted]

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No reply necessary - address furnished for identification only

[redacted]
Santa Monica, California

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* the John Birch Society

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[redacted]

Midland, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of September 13, 1960, regarding my report on the demonstration which took place at the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in San Francisco has been received.

It was kind of you to comment as you did concerning the pamphlet, and I want to thank you for your generous remarks relative to the work of this Bureau. I am enclosing some material on communism which you may find to be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

[redacted]

Midland, Texas
September 13, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Just a note of appreciation for the wonderful job you are doing in your fight against communism. You have my full support!

I have ordered a copy of the House Un-American Activities Committee's pamphlet entitled COMMUNIST TARGET -- YOUTH. I understand it contains an excellent report by you on the San Francisco riots. Our country needs more men like you!

I felt the need to do my part in this great fight we have against the communist threat, so I joined the John Birch Society. I therefore speak for my chapter and myself when I say -- Keep up the good work and with God's help we can defeat world domination by the communists.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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Glendale 3, California

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter dated September 15, 1960, has been received.

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Enclosed is material on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
God and Country or Communism?
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist group with branches throughout the country. Its head, Robert Welch, has bitterly denounced President Eisenhower in the past, and all field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of his group.

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GLENDALE 3, CALIFORNIA

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September 15,
1960

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

Dear Sir:

In the last few months, I have been approached by colleagues and friends to join a Society called "The John Birch" Society.

This apparently is an embryo society, anti-communist society, which is growing throughout the United States and is apparently being at least partly directed by a Mr. Robert Welch.

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The society has an office in Belmont, Massachusetts.

Will you please advise if the sponsorship of this organization is approved by the Bureau of the FBI. Would you have any information in your files which would be of value to us as to its foundation and purpose? Also, exactly who Mr. Robert Welch is.

We shall appreciate your comments and information.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of September 12, 1960. The thought which prompted you to write is deeply appreciated, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous remarks. Your expression of confidence is most reassuring, and I sincerely hope that my administration of this Bureau's affairs will continue to merit your approval.

I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas
September 12, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have wondered for a number of years how it is that you can stand so straight among the politicians and government employees in Washington. Your consistancy is admirable in a world where everyone shifts from one side to the other as fast as their type of audience changes. A true statesman, with the backbone to stand up for the United States first, is rare indeed.

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I am a member of the John Birch Society and hope that in my small way I can help to do what you and a few like you have carried alone for so long.

With kindest regards, I am

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Lake Bluff, Illinois

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of September 19, 1960, concerning my recent report, "Communist Target--Youth."

The thought prompting you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you and your husband for the generous comments regarding the FBI and my administration of its affairs. Enclosed is some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted] or Mrs. [redacted]

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The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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[redacted]
Lake Bluff, Illinois
September 19, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband and I wish to congratulate you for the fine report "Communist Target--Youth". We also wish to express our great personal admiration for the fine direction you have given the FBI.

We have been most negligent in not expressing our pride in our FBI before being prodded by the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours

[redacted]

Lake Bluff, Ill.

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EX-102

[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received the letter dated September 15, 1960, from you and Mrs. Tarney, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some literature which may be of interest to you.

I have noted your kind comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he has read some material from the John Birch Society written by Robert Welch. He expresses concern in regard to the communist menace and requests any information available concerning the John Birch Society and Robert Welch. Correspondent states "May God Bless you and your good work in these very trying times."

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or his wife.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Communist Party, USA," reprinted from "Ave Maria," April, 1960.

[redacted]
Columbus, Ohio
September 15, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

We have been reading some material from "The John Birch Society" written by Robert Welch. Mr. Welch makes some shocking statements about Communism and what has been going on and what will happen here in our United States. If what we read is true the people of this country better wake and do it fast unless they want to be Communist dominated.

We have no real doubts of Mr. Welch good intent but we would like to know more about "The John Birch Society" and Mr. Welch including his qualifications and perhaps where he gets his information.

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Surely you know of him and this society. Can you send us any information regarding them?

Like many other Americans we too have been plodding along our merry way until we read his material. Now we want to get in the fight even if we do no more than to enlighten some of our friends and neighbors to the plight our country is in.

May God Bless you and your good work in these very trying times.

Sincerely yours,

Mr & Mrs [redacted]

Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]

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September 26, 1960

REC- 25 62-104401-426

[redacted]

Spindale, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on September 18, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

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I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: No record could be ascertained in Bufiles for Mr. [redacted]

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

[redacted]

Spindale,N.C.
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Mr.J.Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B.I.
Washington,D.C.
Dear Mr. Hoover;

I have just finished reading the booklet "Communist Target - Youth".I find it informative, concise,and to the point.My only regrets in regard to this publication is that I am afraid that not enough people will have an opportunity to read the booklet and get TRUE facts in regard to what is a real threat to our American way of life. Congratulations to you on a job well done,and, may God enlighten our people before it is too late to hurl back the Communist threat to our country.

I realize that you are a busy man and I do not want or expect you to take time out to acknowledge this note.Just wanted to let you know that a few people are aware of some of the work that you are doing and it is certainly appreciated by right thinking people.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

Member of the John Birch Society

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[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your concern regarding the communist threat to our country, I am enclosing some literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that he has recently become "acquainted" with the John Birch Society. He expresses concern over the communist threat to our country. Correspondent states "Please advise if, to your knowledge and opinion, this group is honestly endeavoring to fight communism as it appears to be doing."

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The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
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3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"

[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas
September 15, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have become concerned recently over the communism threat to our country and have been looking for some active way to help correct this situation. In the process I have become acquainted with an organization known as the John Birch Society whose home office is in Massachusetts.

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Although I agree with their methods and outward appearance, I have become increasingly suspicious of all organizations and their "hidden motives". I would like to join their movement if I know the leaders themselves are not using this organization for ulterior motives.

It appears to me you are the only one we as citizens can turn to for safe advice and assurance regarding individual's and organization's loyalty and intentions to the United States.

Please advise if, to your knowledge and opinion, this group is honestly endeavoring to fight communism as it appears to be doing.

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September 26, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]
Sula, Montana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 18, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your favorable remarks concerning "Communist Target--Youth." It was kind of you to comment so generously regarding the work of this Bureau and your expression of confidence is most reassuring. In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
3-60 LEB introduction & 17th Convention, CP USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning Mrs. [redacted] The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Sula, Mont.
Sept. 18, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for a job well done on the pamphlet - Communist Target - Youth. We Americans owe you and the F. B. I. a real debt, for the tremendous job you are doing for us by giving us the information we need to fight the Communists who are taking our Country.

I recently joined the John Birch Society because I believe it to be one way for me, a housewife and mother, to do something to save us.

Please keep the facts coming. It is a comfort to know the F. B. I. is with us when nearly every other institution has been subverted.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Mont.
Apr. 18, 1960

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

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Sincerely,

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Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your recent letter has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I have noted your kind comment, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that she has had great respect through the years for the Director and the FBI. She requests information concerning the John Birch Society and the Fund for the Republic. She states that she has been invited to attend meetings of the John Birch Society.

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

The Fund for the Republic was created in 1951 by a $15,000,000 grant from the Ford Foundation. The Bureau has never investigated the Fund for the Republic. Numerous individuals connected with this organization have in the past had questionable associations with persons or organizations suspected of having subversive affiliation. The Fund for the Republic has at times been very critical of the Bureau, the loyalty program and internal security problems. (100-391697)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Correspondent's letter was not dated and the date of the postmark cannot be determined.

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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John O Birch Society

Dear Sir:-

Having had great respect through the years for you and your department I have decided to write you for whatever information you can give me about an organization — MC

The organization is the John Birch Society, headed by Robert Welch of Belmont,

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Massachusetts - It is very active in Santa Barbara - I am not a member but have been asked to attend a meeting, which I have not done -

I will appreciate any thing you can tell me about this group and also the Fund for the Republic which is also in Santa Barbara -

Mrs [redacted]

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

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] Santa Barbara, California

Dear Sir:-

Having had great respect through the years for you and your department I have decided to write you for whatever information you can give me about an organization.

The organization is the John Birch Society, headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is very active in Santa Barbara. I am not a member but have been asked to attend a meeting, which I have not done.

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I will appreciate any thing you can tell me about this group and also the Fund for the Republic which is also in Santa Barbara.

Sincerely,

/s/Mrs. [redacted]

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Tampa, Florida

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Dear Mrs. Price:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 21, 1960, regarding my recent report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

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It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with Mrs. [redacted] Complete name per Tampa Telephone directory.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

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September 21, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover -

I want to congratulate you for the excellence of your report in the pamphlet COMMUNIST TARGET--YOUTH and thank you for your continuous struggle against seemingly insurmountable odds to save our country from complete domination by the World Communist conspiracy. It is your fine example and constant courage which keeps all of us fighting for American ideals and freedom.

I am a member of the John Birch Society, and in our small way we hope to aid you and great Americans like you in the struggle for freedom over slavery, individual liberty over the state, and our Christian heritage over the Communist Anti-Christ.

Please don't feel you must reply to this letter, it is merely a long overdue "thank-you" note.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Dear Mr. Hoover -

I want to congratulate you for the excellence of your report in the pamphlet COMMUNIST TARGET - YOUTH and thank you for your continuous struggle against seemingly insurmountable odds to save our country from complete domination by the World Communist Conspiracy. It is your fine example and constant courage which keeps all of us fighting for American ideals and freedom.

Ltr 9-23-62 jm

ack 9-28-62 RUA:MC

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I am a member of the John Birch society; and in our small way we hope to aid you and great Americans like you in the struggle for freedom over slavery, individual liberty over the state, and our Christian heritage over the Communist Anti-Christ.

Please don't feel you must reply to this letter, it is merely a long overdue "thank-you" note.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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EX-102

[redacted]
Westminster, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 14, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 25
SEP 28 1960
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent who expresses a desire to combat the communist threat requests information concerning the Patrick Henry League and the John Birch Society. Correspondent enclosed a leaflet distributed by the Patrick Henry League on the subject of mental health. This pamphlet expresses strong opposition to mental health programs as they exist in the United States today.

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The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

The Patrick Henry League has not been the subject of an investigation by the Bureau. Bureau files reveal that this organization has as its stated purpose an active war against communist ideas and goals.

Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Sept 14, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I am giving out leaflets from The Patrick Henry League. I will enclose one. People say they are put out by the communists. I checked with the president and he said he was a Catholic and I know from what they say in these pamphlets that it isn't Communist as I have read many HUAC reports and your book "Masters of Deceit" and material Congressman Walters sent me. You get so you recognize names and what they stand for. I would also like to check the John Birch society. They put out some pretty strong stuff in The American Opinion magazine. I have heard of Alfred Kohlberg and Clarence Manion as great fighters against communism and of course know Mr. Adolphe Menjou as a fine gentleman. I have seen him on TV out here. I don't want to support anything that isn't for America and I don't know how I can check these organizations.

Yours truly,

/s/ [redacted]

Westminster, Calif.

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Sept 14, 19[illegible]

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

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Dear Sir:

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Yours truly,

Mrs. [redacted]

Westminster, Calif.

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V.S.S.

THE PATRICK HENRY LEAGUE

Compromise with injustice is the lowest form of tyranny.

September, 1960 Issue of Mental Health

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ITS AIMS

Our Mental Health program is principally financed from the three-billion dollar budget of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW). What are the purposes of the Mental Health program and its champions? "By their works you shall know them." The aims are to turn America Freudian and to gain extraordinary control over the American people via moral disarmament.

Our own tax money is used by DHEW to tell us that religious inhibitions must be shed when they disturb the personality, that those who see a threat from internal subversion are often "paranoid," that children subconsciously hate their parents, that most feelings of guilt must be driven off as the result of unworthy external conditioning, etc., etc. The entire Freudian ethic constitutes a religion, or an anti-religion, and it might be properly suggested that the present DHEW Mental Health adventure is in violation of separation of Church and State.

Certainly, everyone regards mental soundness as a blessing. But, it does not follow that everyone must regard Freud as a hero or must consider justified the granting of absolute power to the Freudians.

ITS METHODS

"Ring the bell for Mental Health." The drive is on to have us all hoist our ids high on the flagstaff of One Worldism for the champions of bureaucratic, internationalistic centralism to cure us of religion and patriotism. Benevolent reticence on our part presents a challenge to the Mental Health people. So, they turn to school children.

Children are less likely to take exception to the importunities of the Freudians and are more apt to accept without challenge their doctrine of moral weakness. Questionnaires and pamphlets pour into our schools, therefore. The questionnaires have their inquiries phrased in such a way as to suggest certain attitudes and conclusions to the students. The pamphlets are elementary courses in Freudian psychology.

When we attack the school questionnaires, we are NOT fighting valid I.Q. or Aptitude Tests. Rather we are opposing so-called Psychological Testing in the schools. These psychological research surveys, with their probing inquiries, are very similar to those used on children by the Reds in North Korea and China. It is time to inform every student that he should not answer any questionnaires including references to religion, home life, sex attitudes, political exposure, and the like. It is time to inform every parent that unauthorized psychological tests are illegal. Experimental probes into the minds and souls of our children are dangerous; especially so when we consider the moral policies of those who formulate the questions and accumulate the information. When young people fill out these tests, they expose themselves to Freudian inferences and they supply all the information necessary to an enemy planning to brainwash a generation.

An example of the Mental Health pamphlets designed to "help" our young people is "How to Live With Parents" by Gladys Gardner Jenkins and Joy Neuman. It is one of many published and distributed by Science Research Associates, Chicago. This pamphlet tells students that they must not feel guilty over the urge to rebel against parental authority: "Revolt against parental ties and authority is a very natural thing for young people, and a healthy sign that they are beginning to mature."

After reading all the solutions given to young rebels — "understand the problem," "talk things over," "adjust to the situation" — we can only wonder what happened to the best solution of all, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

"How to Tell Your Children About Sex" by James L. Hymes of the California Society for Mental Hygiene has been distributed to parents at P.T.A. meetings. This gem of Mental Health advises that pre-school (ages 2 to 5) children be given complete descriptions of the procreative act. And it concludes, "You may worry that, once children know, they will want to play out intercourse. Some experimentation may go on ... some trying out is a very human characteristic." God's Commandments have some answers to this, too, but we hesitate to quote least they take us all away for shock treatments.

The great subversion of American morals is being intensified. Children are the victims, we are the financiers, and Mental Health is the front organization.

ITS HISTORY

Hon. Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota spoke in the House of Representatives on June 13, 1957. He quoted a speech of the late head of the Russian Secret Police, Lavrenti P. Beria. Speaking at Lenin University to a class of "American," Communist psychiatrists, Beria advised: "You must labor until we have dominion over the minds and bodies of every important person in your nation. You must achieve such disrepute for the state of insanity and such authority over its pronouncement that not one statesman so labeled could again be given credence by his people. You must work until suicide arising from mental imbalance is common and calls forth no general investigation or remark."

Thus, Mental Health did its part when Povl Bang-Jensen was found dead on November 26, 1959, in a Long Island park. Two New York psychiatrists volunteered the information the next day that Bang-Jensen was depressed and showed suicidal tendencies. In 1957, Bang-Jensen had written in a memorandum, "...(the Reds) might have decided that it is necessary to risk having me disappear out the window, or similarly, in 'a fit of depression' ...under no circumstances would I ever commit suicide." Notwithstanding the assurances of Povl Bang-Jensen, the psychiatrists succeeded in having their theory popularly accepted.

A more obvious example of the workings of the enemy through Mental Health is found in the story of Robert A. Winston, Captain, U.S.N.R., who wrote a book, *The Pentagon Case*, under the pen-name of "Colonel Victor J. Fox." While employed as a Special Assistant on the staff of former Under Secretary of the Navy Thomas A. Gates, Winston came upon clear evidence of collusion with known Communists by senior U.S. officers on active duty. He submitted a report on his findings. Winston was fired and contradicted, but not until an Assistant to Mr. Gates had tried to hide him under a Mental Health blanket.

The Assistant Secretary called Winston into his office and told him solicitously: "You've been under a great strain lately, and we want to help you. The Navy's Surgeon General, Admiral Hagan, is waiting outside in my car. He'll personally go with you to Bethesda Naval Hospital where you will receive the finest medical treatment they can provide." The offer was turned down, of course. The Surgeon General had never even seen Capt. Winston. Yet, he called on the Captain's brother and diagnosed the psychiatric condition. It was an attempt to have Robert Winston's brother sign commitment papers; the attempt failed. This whole affair was aired before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. (The Subcommittee counsel had cautioned Winston: "Don't go near Bethesda Naval Hospital under any circumstances. If you do, they will 'railroad' you.")

During the TV hearings in which the late Sen. McCarthy opposed the Pentagon and Sherman (Goldfine) Adams, the fighting Senator tried to visit Gen. Lawton of Fort Monmouth who was a patient at Bethesda. He was told that the General was under a *mental strain* and could not be seen. Sen. McCarthy himself later died at the Naval Hospital. It was an untimely death, as was that of Sec't. of Defense James Forrestal, in the same institution.

The history written by the Mental Health crowd has been one of subversion of truth, disregard for human rights, and repeated association with Communist causes.

OUR CONCLUSIONS

We do not say that government has no right to be concerned with the mental welfare of its people. We do say that the U.S. government has no right to allow DHEW to apply tax money for fostering of a philosophy that represents nothing in our traditional way of life.

We do not say that parents should run our schools. We do say that schools should TEACH

and avoid the temptation to psychoanalyze students individually or collectively.

We do not say that all psychiatrists are subversives. We do say that those doctors dedicated to curing the mentally ill should hasten to disavow the Left-wing policies and ulterior motives so obviously pursued by many of their state and national organizations.

We do not say that Povl Bang-Jensen committed suicide. We do say that he was murdered.

We do not say that present Sec't. of Defense Gates is a Red agent. We do say that various past actions on his part require lucid, honest explanations if he wishes to command the public's respect and trust once again.

We do not say that Bethesda Naval Hospital is crawling with subversives. We do say that it is a sensative spot and a fine-tooth investigative comb would be a wholesome thing. (Only lice fear a fine-tooth comb).

We do not say the present Mental Health program has a few defects. We do say the whole program is riddled with dangerous faults serving the purposes of world communism.

OUR PROGRAM

Mental Health fund-drives have great popular support. Repeat the truth about what it is. Disenchant the public.

Attend P.T.A. meetings and suggest that a copy of all non-curricular tests given students be made available for the parents to review. If the motion is not carried, organize a group of parents, enlighten them, and make the proposal a fighting goal. (25¢ a copy: "Christian Guidance vs. Secularism," a critical analysis of psychological methods currently used in schools. Addressed to Catholics, but of universal interest and value. Order from The Wanderer, 128 E. Tenth St., St. Paul 1, Minn.)

Hon. Edgar Hiestand, California Republican, has introduced a bill which calls for Congressional investigation of Mental Health programs. Write to him at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C., in support of this bill, H. Con. Res. 145.

Read and pass along these books: *Brainwashing* by Edward Hunter and *The Freudian Ethic* by Richard LaPiere.

FOOTNOTES

Deputy Commissioner of Mental Hygiene in New York State is Hyman Forstenzer, who was identified as a Communist Party member in a June, 1956 report of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

Last year, a New York teen-aged drug addict died of hepatitis and the M.D.'s theorized that the condition was introduced into the body by a hypodermic needle. Sen. McCarthy died of hepatitis and he had received many injections at Bethesda. This is admittedly far-fetched, but no more so than the Liberal's conclusion that, since hepatitis may be caused by alcoholism, the Senator drank himself to death.

We might turn waggish with Liberal defenders of Mental Health programs and tell them they see mentally disturbed children under every bed and imagine that our government has card-carrying schizophrenics in high places. "We like the Mental Health people but we can't approve of their methods." No, that will not do for a motto; we don't even like the Mental Health people.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the newly formed Textbook Evaluation Committee should write Operation Textbook, America's Future, 542 Main St., New Rochelle, N.Y. This major project is designed to rid high school textbooks of misleading propaganda and to offer objective, professional, documented evaluations of specific books to teachers, parents and the general public.

Copies of this leaflet are available at 30 for a dollar or 200 for five dollars, all postpaid. A variety of monthly leaflets and an invitation to join us will be sent free on request. Permission is hereby granted to quote all or part of our material provided credit (League name and Address) is given.

E.J. Canavan, *Pres.* — P.K. McCauley, *Vice-Pres.* — B.T. Lardner, *Sec'y-Treas.*

THE PATRICK HENRY LEAGUE
Box 383, Main Post Office
Yonkers, N.Y.

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September 29, 1960

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 23, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are maintained as confidential in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

An organization has recently come to my attention which calls itself "The John Birch Society".

I would like to know if you are familiar with this organization, and if so, for how long have you known it. I am particularly interested in finding out if the aims and activities of this organization are compatible with the welfare of the United States.

Thank you for any information you can give me.

Yours truly,

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September 28, 1960

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Lubbock, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked September 20, 1960, concerning my report, "Communist Target--Youth."

The thought prompting you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you for your generous comments regarding the FBI. Enclosed is some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

TRUE COPY

[redacted]
Lubbock, Texas
Sept 10, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter in appreciation for your excellent work for the United States as Director of the F. B. I. Your constant alertness has kept our country awake. I am writing to Mr. [redacted] [redacted] to get a copy of the pamphlet Communist Target-Youth. Without your knowledge and ability this would not have been so good. I am very anxious to read it and pass it on to several of my family and friends.

I am sure by now that you have received many other letters of this kind and hope that you will receive many more. For I am a member of the John Birch Society and am glad to let you know that I am-as just an ordinary citizen as I am, you may realize that this is something that we can do to help save our America.

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We are so thankful that we have someone like you to gather such excellent information. I do not expect an answer to this letter. I had rather know that your time would be spent gathering more information.

Thanks for being a true American.

I am-

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Lubbock, Texas
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Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr Hoover;

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I am sure by now that you have received many other letters of this kind and hope that you will receive many more. For I am a member of the John Birch Society and am glad to let you know that I am. As just an ordinary citizen I am, you may realize that this is something that we can do to help save our America.

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We are so thankful that we have someone like you to gather such excellent information. I do not expect an answer to this letter. I had rather know that your time would be spent gathering more information.

Thanks for being a true American.

I am -

Sincerely,

Mr [redacted]

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 22, 1960, has been received.

You may be interested in contacting the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., to obtain a list of those organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States. It may be possible for you to locate a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" in your local library.

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Enclosed is an item which was not available at the time of my letter of August 23, 1960.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
One Nation's Response to Communism, 9-60

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Mrs. [redacted] furnished some information regarding the John Birch Society to the El Paso Office on 8-18-60. Bufiles also indicate that we corresponded with her by letter dated 8-23-60 and forwarded her some communist literature and advised her we could not evaluate the

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the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society is headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and the group is anticommunist, and the field has been requested by SAC letter to furnish any information obtained regarding the organization.

John Birch Society

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Midland, Texas
September 22, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your materials on communism in this country. In answer to my inquiries about subversion and subversive organizations, you referred me to "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" which could be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents. My check has been returned with a statement indicating that this pamphlet is permanently out of stock.

Is there any way a citizen can be informed of subversive organizations and individuals? It is impossible to fight an enemy which can't be identified.

I will appreciate any information obtainable on these subjects.

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October 4, 1960

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The Welch Grape Juice Company, Inc.
Westfield, New York

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DATE 9/29/81 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 27, 1960, and appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization; therefore, I am unable to answer your specific inquiries.

I can advise you, however, that this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the individual you mentioned, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of his activities by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles show limited cordial correspondence with Mr. [redacted] Robert Welch, operator of Welch Grape Juice Company, Inc., founded the John Birch Society in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter

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60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Bufiles indicate we have had very cordial relations with Dr. George S. Benson, President of Harding College, Searcy, Ark., who has been an outspoken admirer of the Bureau. We have not investigated the National Education Program with which he is connected.

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THE WELCH GRAPE JUICE COMPANY, INC.

WESTFIELD, NEW YORK

September 27, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are using materials in an information program about communism supplied to us by the National Education Program of Searcy, Arkansas, of which Dr. George S. Benson is president.

At the earliest possible time, will you please give us your personal appraisal of the National Education Program and of Dr. Benson? We would also appreciate having your opinion of the film strip produced by the National Education Program entitled, "Communism on the Map."

Sincerely,

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Medford, Oregon

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Thank you very much for your letter of September 24, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: No record could be ascertained in Bufiles for Mr. Howard.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

[redacted]
Medford, Oregon
September 24, 1960

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

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Gratitude, is less than adequate to describe the feeling we must harbor toward you, and your organization for your past, and recently, in particular for your report to the House Un-American Activities Committee concerning the communist attempts to capture our American youth!

A reply from you is not expected, I know, however, we are thankful for your help. This help is priceless because of its marvelous reflection of the truth, which in this case is a terrible load to act upon, but frightfully less of a burden than the impending slavery.

I speak as a creature of God, who will be held accountable for his actions; As an American Citizen with further responsibilities, and as a member of the John Birch Society which may prove to be a powerful means of fulfilling the latter.

Thank you Sir

/s/ [redacted]

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Washington, D.C.

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Dallas, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on September 26, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

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I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dallas, Texas

Sept 26, 1960

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

Mr. Hoover--

I have heard that you and your staff did a wonderful job in bringing out the information for the House Un-American Activities Committee in their recent pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth". b6 b7C

I have heard a good deal about this pamphlet and the events that happened at San Francisco. I'm looking forward to a study of this pamphlet when it arrives from my Congressman, Bruce Alger.

As a very concerned citizen and also a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to thank you personally for your constant fight against the Communist schemes that seem to be all around us.

Please keep up the good work and maybe, with God's help, more Americans will wake up before it is too late.

Sincerely,

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John Birch Society —

Dallas, Texas

Sept 26, 1960

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Wash., D.C.

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pamphlet when it arrives from my Congressman, Bruce Alger.

As a very concerned citizen and also a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to thank you personally for your constant fight against the Communist schemes that seem to be all around us.

Please keep up the good work and maybe, with God's help, more Americans will wake up before it is too late.

Sincerely,

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Hartland, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 28, 1960, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. Our files are maintained as confidential by a regulation of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that our files do or do not contain data relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Sept. 28, 1960

Dear Sirs:

I would like your opinion and facts on the John Birch Society. Is it really a very good anti-communist organization? Also, what is known about Robert Welch, its leader?

Thank you,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Hartland, Wis.

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San Diego, California

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of September 29, 1960, has been received.

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While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of it by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted]

Bufiles contain numerous references to the John Birch Society and there have been similar inquiries in the past. Although this organization was brought to the attention of the field by SAC letter 60-5 which instructed them to furnish information concerning their activities to the Bureau, it has not become the subject of any Bureau investigation. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly anti-communist with branches over various parts of the country.

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NOTE CONTINUED..... Welch reportedly has stated that the Society may take on the appearance of a front organization in order to attract true subversives. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.

[redacted]
San Diego, Calif.

29 September 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate any information that you may have concerning the activities, either American or un-American, of the John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
The Hill Realty Company
63 Powhatan Avenue
Columbus 4, Ohio

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 27, 1960, and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, it is not possible for me to comment on the affirmative statement regarding communist influence set forth in your letter since I am not aware of the full context of the speaker's remarks. Certainly, it is true that the world-wide communist movement is zealous in its desire to increase its influence in our affairs and seeks every opportunity to further its ambitions. Its lack of success in the United States is directly attributable to the effectiveness of our internal security programs and determined opposition of our patriotic organizations and churches as well as the steadfast loyalty of American citizens in all walks of life.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material concerning the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target - Youth

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with [redacted] "American Opinion" is published at irregular intervals by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. This organization is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches in various parts of the country. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and requests that any information concerning its activities be forwarded to the Bureau. It is not believed appropriate to give direct answer to [redacted] inquiry, and general statements in this letter are adequate.

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The HILL Realty Company
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63 POWHATAN AVE. COLUMBUS, OHIO BR. 4-7317

To Circle Society

September 27, 1960.

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

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Today, I had the privilege of viewing a film showing the riots of Last May at the HCUA hearings in San Francisco.

The man who presented the films made a statement that seemed to shock many of the people at this gathering.

He stated that the communist influence in the United States now amounts to from 40 to 60 per cent. He gleaned this information from a booklet "American Opinion" edited by Robert Welch. 710 100.

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My purpose in writing to you is simply to ask if you are in a position to verify the above figure.

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Yours very sincerely,

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Hill Realty Co.,
63 Powhatan Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio

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October 6, 1960

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 26, 1960, concerning my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth," has been received.

It was good of you to comment as you did concerning the pamphlet, and it was kind of you to inform me of the efforts of the citizens in your area in combating the atheistic evil of communism. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you. Your offer to be of service is most reassuring.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB and 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] She indicates she is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch, in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his

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NOTE (Continued): administration. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to furnish any information concerning the Society's activities to the Bureau.

Members were instructed in their monthly publication to write these letters of congratulations to the Director.

[redacted]

September 26, 1960

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

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Sir:

I wish to thank you for your dedication to our country and its citizens.

I have recently obtained copies of your report, "Communist Target-Youth", and I consider it a superb report. I have seen the film "Operation Abolition" and your report supplements the shocking evidence clearly visible in the film.

Our P.T.A. is going to show the film in January and I hope to have enough copies of your report by then to circulate to all of its members. Despite the continuous efforts being made to discredit you and the F.B.I. I am confident most people will be more deeply aroused by the action in the film after reading your report on it.

As a member of the John Birch Society I am at your service. If you have any advice or task for us please feel free to contact us.

With deep respect,

Mrs. [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 10/6/60

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FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-0-26862)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9/29/84 BY

Remylet to Bureau, 2/2/60, captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)."

On 9/9/60 [redacted] Wheeling, W.Va., whose identity should be concealed, advised SA WARNER G. MAUPIN that a week or so before that a Mr. [redacted] at Hoge-Davis Drug Store, Main St., Wheeling, W.Va., inquired about a room in the City-County Bldg, at Wheeling, for a meeting of the John Birch Society, and extended an invitation to him to attend; that he named a group of people who were supposed to be nationally known who were members of the Society, the only one of which he could recall was ADOLPH MENJOU; that Mr. [redacted] said it was an anti-Communist organization to acquaint the American people with the peril facing them; that he said he had also invited Judge MC KEE of the Ohio County Intermediate Court to attend as well as a couple of Wheeling City Councilmen; and that he referred Mr. [redacted] to Judge MC KEE for use of his court room for the meeting which was to be held some time the following week.

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On 9/15/60 Mr. [redacted] advised that the meeting was held in the Intermediate Court Room on 9/14/60, but he did not attend.

On 9/15/60 Mrs. [redacted] Wheeling, W.Va., who is a prominent clubwoman in the city and who has previously contacted this office on several occasions to furnish nonspecific information, advised SA MAUPIN that she had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH Society in the Intermediate Court Room in the Wheeling City-County Bldg, on 9/14/60, which was not public and attended by invitation to about 100 people of some prominence in clubs, PTAs, and other city groups. She said the meeting was ostensibly anti-Communist and Mr. [redacted] was the Chairman and introduced a DOUG HEINSON of Seviersville, Tennessee, as the main speaker. She also advised that Mrs. DOROTHY FRANKSTEN, Wheeling, National President of the Minute Women of America, seemed to be one of the promoters of the Society. She said THOMAS SWEENEY,

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prominent insurance man of Wheeling and unsuccessful candidate for the U. S. Senate, was another person present. She said she joined the Society as did several others and received some literature. She said she had joined the Society in good faith with the understanding that it was not un-American in any way and was actually anti-Communist.

The Wheeling City Directory lists a [redacted], Wheeling, as [redacted] of the Hoge-Davis Drug Co., Wheeling. It is noted [redacted] was formerly an admitted follower of WILLIAM DUDLEY REILLEY and was subject of investigation by this Bureau in 1941.

On 9/19/60 [redacted] former NA from Wellsburg, W.Va., and presently in charge of [redacted] at Wheeling Steel Corp's plant at Yorksville, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Wheeling, W.Va. RA and made an inquiry concerning "The John Birch Society." He stated that invitations were sent out to residents in this area to attend a meeting of this organization in the City-County Building, Wheeling, on 9/14/60. He said that he was one of approximately 100 persons who attended this meeting. He said that many of the more prominent residents of this area attended the meeting, including Judge MC KEE.

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[redacted] said that the meeting was presided over by a young man whose identity he did not learn. He said that the Communist Party and its functions were discussed and the purpose of the meeting was to form a local chapter of the society to combat Communism and its underground activities. He said that applications were furnished those in attendance. He asked if he should execute an application in order that he might follow the activities of this organization and he was told that this was up to him, that this Bureau could not advise him one way or the other.

On 9/26/60 Mrs. [redacted] advised that she had received a membership card showing that she was a member of Chapter 20 of the John Birch Society and that the Chapter leader was [redacted] Wellsburg, W.Va. She said she was told that she would be notified of the next meeting. She said she would advise this office of any further developments in connection with her membership in this Society.

The above is submitted for information. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

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Mr. [redacted]
Cushman, Oregon

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DATE 9/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your telegram of October 6, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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PLEASE SEND EVALUATION OF ANTI COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BELMONT MASS. REPLY TO [redacted] CUSHMAN OREGON

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cc: Mr. DeLoach

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La Grange, Illinois

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Dear Mrs.

Your letter of September 30, 1960, has been received. It was good of you to inform me of the efforts of some of the citizens in your area in combating the menace of communism. I am enclosing some information on this subject which may be of interest to you.

While I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection that we either do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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[redacted]
La Grange, Ill.
Sept. 30, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I recently attended a seminar, "Education for American Security" held at Glenview Naval Air Base, Ill. and was more concerned than ever with the need for patriotic Americans to become better informed and to act against growing Communism in this country.

After seeking a way to organize and coordinate our efforts in order to be more effective, a group of us in this area were made aware of just such an organization already in existence. It is called The John Birch Society and was founded by Robert Welch in December, 1958.

I am sure that the FBI is well informed on all such organizations, and I would appreciate, at your earliest possible convenience, your stamp of approval, if possible --- if not, then your honest appraisal of it. We are anxious to serve our country to the best of our ability, and feel the need to reverse the trend towards Communism.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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La Grange, Ill.
Sept. 30, 1960

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Yours truly,

Mrs. [redacted]

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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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La Grange, Ill.

PRAY FOR PEACE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington
D. C.

VIA AIR MAIL

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Newport, Oregon

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated October 1, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information of the type you desire in our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist group with branches throughout the U. S. Its head, Robert Welch, has bitterly denounced the Eisenhower administration in the past, and our field offices have been alerted to following the activities of the John Birch Society.

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Oct 1, 1960

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Newport, Oregon

Dear Sir.

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I have some friends that are interested in "The John Birch Society". They are talking like communists to me. They have not joined this organization yet and I would like to know about it before they do so I could talk to them if it is red backed.

Thank you

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Newport, Oregon

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Newport, Oregon

Dear Sir.

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 Byrne

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of October 2, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Oct. 2, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

An organization entitled "The Blue Book of The John Burch Society" is seeking members in our town. They claim to be fighting the communistic trend in todays society.

In view of the fact that it is hard for the average person to know what group is good or bad, I am seeking information from you.

Would this be a good organization to join to help keep my country free of communism and perpetuate American ideals?

I will appreciate your answer.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

La Marque, Texas

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Oct. 2, 1960

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

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Dear Sir:

An organization entitled "The Blue Book of The John Birch Society" is seeking members in our town. They claim to be fighting the Communistic trend in todays society.

In view of the fact that it is hard for the average person to know what group is good or bad, I am seeking information from you. R

Would this be a good organization to join to help keep my country free of communism and perpetuate American ideals 62-104401-446

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I will appreciate your answer

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Very truly yours

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[redacted]
Dickinson, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of October 2, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, may I point out that information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential and available for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you have requested. I am returning the pamphlet which you forwarded with your communication, and enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
correspondent's enclosure
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a pamphlet which has come to the Bureau's attention in the past from the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., Hollywood, California. This group is allegedly anticommunist and has been responsible for the distribution of anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. Myron C. Fagan, National Director, has in the past attempted to use the Director's name in furtherance of his programs, and it has been necessary on several occasions to contact him and request that he refrain from mentioning the FBI in any manner. (62-87267) The John Birch Society is an anticommunist group headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. Correspondent's name could not be verified in telephone directory and no record Bufiles re [redacted] b6 b7C

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October 2, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just finished reading a reprint of your article "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality". I am rereading your book "Masters of Deceit".

As a member of the John Birch Society, headed by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, I have lately become more aware of the internal as well as the external threat facing our nation.

I recently received this phamplet in the mail from Congressman James B. Utt. I know we have an extremely serious situation but I do not believe we can go "hog wild" about it or adopt the methods of our Communist "peace lovers". If it is not prohibited could you let me know about the Cinema Educational Guild and the people listed on this sheet? I have very little doubts about such people as Stanley Kramer and Frank Sinatra but are the others merely misguided dupes or could it be worse?

Very truly yours,

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Dickinson, Texas

Eddie E. Francis

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Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 30, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, I must inform you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiries and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have in our files the specific information you desire.

In view of your interest, I am forwarding publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (7)
God and Country or Communism?
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's Statement Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 3-26-47
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Enclosures cont'd:

Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anti-communist group having chapters throughout the country. Its Head, Robert Welch, has bitterly denounced President Eisenhower, and our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities.

Frequent inquiries are received concerning Moral Re-Armament, and nothing subversive concerning it appears in our files. Usually we state in response to such inquiries that we have not investigated the group, but in view of Mrs. [redacted] request also concerning the John Birch Society, above reply is being forwarded.

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September 30, 1960

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

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 BJA/JKE

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am as much of an anti-communist as there is around this country, but we find we are being bombarded on all sides by anti-communist literature.

Since you are and have been doing such a wonderful job for our country, I feel you are the one to turn to for a true answer on just what is the situation in regard to these societies. Are they really anti-communist or are they communist Fronts.

The ones in question are

1) The John Birch Society
Belmont, Mass.

2) Ideology and Co-Existence
Moral Re-Armament
640 Fifth Ave. N. Y. C.

Would appreciate any information you can give me on these two organizations.

Are they worthwhile and effective in combating communism or are they actually communist Front?

Thank you and May God bless you in your good work.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Norwalk, Conn.

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September 30, 1960

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

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Are they worthwhile and effective in combating communism or are they actually communist front?

Thank you and may God bless you in your good work.

Respectfully,
Joan Snyder

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is confidential due to the regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the organization or the individual you mentioned.

In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent wrote to the Bureau in September, 1960, as a member of the John Birch Society commending the Director on the booklet "Communist Target--Youth." She was thanked for her comments by letter of 9-19-60. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. SAW:elw/mem (3)

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Enclosures:

Breaking The Communist Spell
The Communist Are After Our Minds
"How To Fight Communism"
Communist Party, USA
Struggle On A New Plane
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in The United States?
God and Country or Communism

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Oct 4, 1960

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The questions I am about to ask may be classified information which you can't answer. However, I am so troubled that I feel I must turn to you as the only completely honest and clear-thinking person in this whole crazy, mixed up world!

Because I have, for years, been concerned about the communist situation in this country, I was ready when my doctor [redacted] [redacted] to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society to hear a film talk by Robert Welch. I was

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so impressed with their out-spoken dedication to fighting communism that I joined the Society. The first thing we were asked to do was to write you a letter congratulating you for the excellent job you did in writing the article "Communist Target - Youth". That - I was happy to do - also to write to our Congressman, Sam Stevens, asking for copies of the article, etc.

The information we have received from the John Birch Society and the letters we've been asked to write have all seemed the sort of thing I've been wanting to hear and do.

Now however I'm completely appalled to receive the latest bulletin from the J.B.S. in which Robert Welch states —

" Dag Hammarskjold is one of the most contemptible agents of the Kremlin ever to be supported by the American Taxpayers ".

Mr. Hoover can you possibly tell me your opinion of the John Birch Society, Mr. Robert Welch and their statement about Dag Hammarskjold ??? I am anxious to do anything possible to aid in the fight against communism in our country but how can I be

Sure who to listen to and believe in these days?

If you've read this far I thank you

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Columbus 14, Ohio

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Oct 4, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The questions I am about to ask may be classified information which you can't answer. However, I am so troubled that I feel I must turn to you as the only completely honest and clear-thinking person in this whole crazy mixed up world!

Because I have, for years, been concerned about the communist situation in this country, I was ready when my doctor [redacted] invited me to a meeting of the John Birch Society to hear a film talk by Robert Welch. I was so impressed with their out-spoken dedication to fighting communism that I joined the Society. The first thing we were asked to do was to write you a letter congratulating you for the excellant job you did in writing the article "Communist Target - Youth." That - I was happy to do - also to write to our Congressman, Sam Devine, asking for copies of the article, etc.

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If you've read this far I thank you

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Columbus 14, Ohio

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September 26, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Attorney at Law
Route 2
Sevierville, Tennessee

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 19, 1960, which was also signed by your wife. The thought prompting you to write me concerning my report, "Communist Target--Youth," is appreciated.

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It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding the pamphlet, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous remarks concerning this Bureau. I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Mr. [redacted] and no references to his wife.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the Country. Welch has been quite critical of President

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Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructions to furnish any information concerning the organization's activities to the Bureau.

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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ATTORNEY AT LAW

ROUTE 2

SEVIERVILLE, TENN.

September 19,1960.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a citizen, a member of the American Legion, and of the John Birch Society, I feel that it is not only a duty, but a privilege to attempt to express to you some measure of the appreciation which you so richly deserve for your Bureau's efficient and unflagging war against the Communist infiltration of our American institutions.

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You are particularly to be congratulated upon the good work of your staff in digging out the facts leading to the publication of the House Un-American Activities Committee's report: "Communist Target-Youth."

My wife, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, joins in expressing our appreciation for your excellent work.

No acknowledgement of this letter is expected.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs [redacted] → Sevierville Tenn

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Mr. [redacted]
Jennings, Strouss, Salmon and Trask
Sixth Floor
Title and Trust Building
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 7, 1960, concerning my report entitled, "Communist Target--Youth," has been received.

It was good of you to write and comment as you did concerning the pamphlet, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous remarks as I found this expression of confidence to be most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which you may find to be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
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Letter to Mr. [redacted] 10-14-60

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent and we have had no previous correspondence with him. It is apparent that he is a member of the John Birch Society.

It is noted that members of the John Birch Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write letters of congratulations to the Director concerning his report, "Communist Target--Youth." The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches throughout the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA
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October 7, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I add my congratulations on your excellent report on Communist activity and assure you that in the opinion of the members of our John Birch Society there is no greater American living today than you.

We recognize the desperate fight we are all going to have to make against this Communist menace and are most appreciative that you are dedicating your life in this fine service.

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Yours very sincerely,

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DATE 5/29/84 BY SP6 [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 11, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can tell you, however, that this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired. Therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you. Please do not infer that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization.

May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material dealing with that subject which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Advise your personnel to offer this type of answer when an individual inquires about subversive lists.

Enclosures (5)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
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Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist organization formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The field has been alerted to the activities of this organization and have been requested to furnish any information concerning activities to the Bureau. We have conducted no investigation regarding the group.

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325-34 amarillo building · DR 4-0355
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October 11, 1960

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

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DATE 9/29/84 BY

Sir:

I was recently approached by a doctor in our city to attend a meeting of a group of individuals in the doctor's home. The group called themselves a chapter of the John Birch Society. From what I have been able to find out about this John Birch Society, they are staunch Conservatives, who are dedicated to preventing further centralization of the Federal Government and combating the threats of communism and preserving our American heritage--freedom.

Unlike too many Americans, I am greatly concerned with the Communist threat to our national security and am anxious to do whatever I can to fight this movement. After reading your book, Masters of Deceit, I have a better understanding of the problems we face and direct your attention to your discussion on page 241 of Communist-front organizations and how they may be detected.

Until I was approached by this doctor, I had not heard of the John Birch Society and its founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. After attending a meeting and reading some of their literature, I wanted to know more about this organization before joining this group. I made a personal visit to our local F. B. I. office to inquire about the people who are backing the society and their loyalty to our country. The agents were very considerate but not very helpful. They said that they had heard of such a movement starting here but knew nothing about it. Mr. Hoover, they didn't even have a list of un-American organizations in their office. I did find a loyalty oath form dated 1956 at the Naval Reserve. It is my understanding that the John Birch Society has only been in operation for a little over two years.

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Please advise me at your earliest convenience as to the position the Federal Bureau of Investigation holds in regard to the John Birch Society and Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. If this group is in any way

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subversive, I want to know so that I can advise my friends of the situation before they align themselves with such an organization. Please direct your answer to the following address:

[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

Thank you and the men of your department for your endless vigilance. May God help us to help ourselves.

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Yours respectfully

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October 18, 1960

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Irving, Texas

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DATE 8/29/94 BY SP6 [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 10, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI. I would also like to advise that I am not a member of this organization.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent's address and name could not be clarified by ~~Irving~~ telephone directory check.

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

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Also I would like to know specifically what this organization has for its goal and how it plans to meet these ends.

Respectfully yours.

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Irving, Texas.

P.S. I have heard that you are a member yourself -- Is this true?

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Mr. [redacted]
Swanson and McCord
3107 Dawes Drive
Westmoreland Heights
Dallas 11, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

In response to your request of October 10, 1960, it is a pleasure to enclose a copy of "Expose of Soviet Espionage," together with other reprints on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

With reference to your other inquiry, I must inform you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can tell you, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the organization about which you inquired. Therefore, I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

Thank you sincerely for your kind message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Mr. [redacted] 10-18-60 b6 b7C

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SWANSON & MCCORD
OPTOMETRISTS
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DALLAS 11, TEXAS

October 10, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Walter Winchel, on his T.V. program Sunday night October 9 th, mentioned a pamphlet that could be obtained from your office for the asking. As best I can remember it was entitled, "Soviet Espionage 1960." If I have the correct title I would appreciate one of them.

Secondly, I have recently been invited to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society. Do you have any information on this organization that would help me to decide whether or not to get very involved.

I would also like to express my appreciation to you and your organization for the work it has done for as many years as I can remember.

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United Core, Inc.
Post Office Box 6536
Houston, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of October 14, 1960, and I appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted you to write. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the organization about which you inquired, and therefore, we can be of no assistance to you on this occasion.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
One Nation's Response to Communism
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information re the correspondent. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. We have not investigated the organization.

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October 14, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I was invited last evening to see a movie and hear a talk by the representative in Houston of the John Birch Society. On the surface, it seemed to be an organization which was wholly dedicated to fighting communism in every way possible from the standpoint of Democratic process.

It seemed on the surface to be a worthy organization to join and follow; however, so many unworthy organizations are masked on the surface with good intentions. Several of my neighbors attended this meeting last evening and were interested in the talk in the movie given by a Mr. Robert Welch of Indianapolis.

Before I join this organization, I would like to know from the F. B. I. of whether this Society has been investigated, whether it is a worthy cause and truly anti-communistic.

Will you please send me any information concerning any investigation of this Society as to whether it is a communist front using adroit methods of a membership drive.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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[redacted]

Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Your letter of October 12, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization which you mentioned in your letter has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

May I point out that I have no desire to serve other than in my present capacity as long as I am able. In view of your interest regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material concerning that subject which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Oct. 12, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

We have just joined the John Birch Society and are very impressed.

In trying to get new members, tho, we are constantly asked "Are you sure Mr. Welch and his associates have been investigated and approved by the F.B.I. This may be communism in it's most insidious form."

So I am writing to ask if they have been investigated. And we will appreciate any information you may have.

Mr. Hoover, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you are, and for all you have done, through the F.B.I., for America.

We have talked to a lot of people. And when you say "well, who would you trust." Everyone has said "I trust Mr. Hoover and I trust the F.B.I." And we feel the same way.

Mr. Welch has suggested that we write Mr. Nixon to appoint you Atty. General, if he is elected. Do you want us to do this? Will you be needed there more?

the American people are so anxious to do what is right. But they are confused. If we can trust Mr. Welch & the John Birch Society, this, I think, will help. But people want to be sure.

thank you for reading this. I hope you will have time to answer.

I am just an ordinary wife and mother. But one million of us, going in the right direction, might save America.

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In the last bullitin from the John Birch Society, Mr. Welch says that Day Hammerschueld is an agent of the Kremlin. this has shocked a lot of people.

Any help from the F.B.I. on the John Birch Society, or Mr. Welch, or his associates, would be appreciated. I am a dedicated member, but we must grow to be effective.

thank you, again, for everything you have done for what you mean to the American people.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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SAVANNAH, GA.

Oct. 12, 1960

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

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So I am writing to ask if they have been investigated. And we will appreciate any information you may have.

Mr. Hosier, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you are, and for all you have done, through the F.B.I., for America.

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Sincerely,

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SAVANNAH, GA.

October 24, 1960

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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DATE 5/22/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 16, 1960, has been received, and your kind remarks regarding my book are sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization which you mentioned in your letter has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

In view of your interest regarding the menace of communism, I am sending to you, under separate cover, some material pertaining to that subject.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 16, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing for information regarding The John Birch Society, founded by Mr. Robert Welch in December, 1958.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of this Society as a guest of the local chapter. After listening to the lecture, viewing the film that was narrated by Mr. Welsh, and studying the literature, it seems apparent that this organization is more than just a discussion group aimed at informing the public of the communist conspiracy, but rather one whose goal is to take definite steps in making their opinions, regarding the constitution and the communist influence in our government, heard in Washington.

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For years I have been deeply concerned about communism in America and have always wanted to take a more active part rather than just being well informed and discussing the problem with others. The John Birch Society may give me this opportunity. However, inasmuch as many communist fronts are in existance throughout the United States, I would not want to be a member of any American organization unless I can be sure of its respectability. The John Birch Society does speak out strongly against some past great Americans, calling them "sleepers", which may well be correct if the organization is as well informed and sincere as it advocates.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would give your opinion of this organization and state whether or not it is one of which an American can be proud to be a member.

May I say that I enjoyed your book "Masters of Deceit" and have encouraged all my friends to give it their immediate attention.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Respectfully yours,

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Tampa (100-91)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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This is to advise that background information concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., and the John Birch Society was set forth in SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3-10-59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1-26-60.

In the event your office is not in possession of those two SAC Letters, you should so advise and copies will be furnished you. However, in the event your office is in possession of these two SAC Letters you should insure that they are appropriately indexed as to subject matter and content.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/24/60

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Bureau is requested to furnish any information it has re above captioned organization.

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Los Angeles 5, California

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DATE 6/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked October 17, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the subjects of your inquiries, and I am unable to help you. With reference to your question on the subject of the United Nations, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington 25, D. C. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by this Bureau which you may find of interest.

I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI. In connection with the other matter you mentioned, I must inform you that I have no political aspirations since I feel that I can best serve my country in my present capacity.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE: Bufile 65-19096-125 mentions one [redacted] Bel-Air, California, who was [redacted] of the Scripps Board of Trustees in 1944. No other pertinent references in locale which might be identical with correspondent's husband or Mrs. [redacted]

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LOS ANGELES 5 CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Hoover :-

About six months ago I joined the "John Birch Society", as I wanted to help in the fight against the infiltration of Communism in the United States -

I would like to have your opinion of the methods being used by Mr. Robert Welch, the leader of the above mentioned Society -

It seems to me that there is great danger in an organization which accepts suspicion and distrust of the great majority of our government leaders, and by so doing undermines the confidence of the people in the U.S.A. Isn't this just what Russia desires?

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LOS ANGELES 5 CALIFORNIA

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I would also like to know whether your investigations have shown ~~that~~ Mr. Dag. Hammerskoild is a "stooge" of Mr. Kruschev, and whether the U.N. is a great danger ~~to~~ the freedom of the U.S.A - as Mr. Welch claims -

Thanking you for your trouble, and with great admiration of the wonderful job you have, (and are) doing, I am

Truly yours,

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P.S - Mr. Welch is now writing we write to Mr. Nixon to appoint ~~you~~ as attorney general, if he is elected [redacted]

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Los Angeles 5 California

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Cody, Wyoming

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked October 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

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

Dear Sir,

I would like to know about the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. Is the organization proper for a good conservative american to join. Is it subversive in any way? Do you endorse this society?

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

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Dental Building
907 Park Avenue
Hereford, Texas

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Dear [redacted]

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

John Birch Society

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Mrs. [redacted]
Naples, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 11, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments about the work being done by this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and is not authorized to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the individuals or organizations you mentioned.

With respect to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, its aims and responsibilities and those of the FBI are the same--the protection of the internal security of this Nation. While the methods whereby this goal may be accomplished differ, I feel the work the Committee has performed, and is performing, serves as a guide for sincere groups in this country who are carrying on a militant campaign of exposure of communist activities. For information regarding the Committee's procedures, I suggest you write to it directly at 225 Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

In view of your concern over the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The organizations and individuals she mentioned are all known to the Bureau and numerous inquiries have been received regarding them. Comments relative to the House Committee were taken from the Director's statement before that body on March 26, 1947.

Enclosures:
How to Fight Communism
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in the United States?*
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Struggle on a New Plane
Don't Be Duped by the Communists!*
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6B/ALM/KE

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Very truly yours,
/s/ Mrs. [redacted]
Naples, Texas

Naples, Texas
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Date: 10/24/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8/29/81 BY SP6 [illegible]

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-New)

SUBJ: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Re Bureau file 62-104401 and SAC letter number 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

On 10/24/60, [redacted] confidentially advised SAs [redacted] and THOMPSON BERRY WEBB that he had been invited to attend a secret organizational meeting at [redacted] known to him as The John Birch Society by a [redacted]

This meeting was held on [redacted] at the home of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] claimed to be a member of the organization at Little Rock, Arkansas.

An individual by the name of AKARD BEALL of Houston, Texas, was at the [redacted] home to organize this organization at [redacted] BEALL was reportedly on his way from some community at or near [redacted] where he had been organizing a chapter of this organization.

Mrs. [redacted] and BEALL stated the purpose of this organization is to fight Communism.

[redacted] stated that he had asked several pertinent

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questions concerning the purpose, reason and what type work the members of the organization would be expected to do and that BEALL gave him what appeared to be an evasive answer and stated at the appropriate time assignments would be given to each member of the chapter. Mrs. [redacted] stated that this organization was headed by ROBERT H. WELCH, a former candy manufacturer at Belmont, Massachusetts and that he was a narrator on an approximately three hour film on Communism shown at this organizational meeting.

[redacted] advised that there were about 12 people most of them influential people of the [redacted] community that attended this meeting. He stated that [redacted] was the local leader or promoter of this organization at [redacted] He stated that the dues to belong to the organization are $2.00 per month.

[redacted] furnished the following names of people that he observed at this meeting:

[redacted] three other individuals he could not recall at this time. He stated that Mr. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that there is a drive to obtain two million members in this organization and that he believed the headquarters for this organization is located at an unknown address in Alabama. He stated the organization is only about 18 months old. [redacted] advised that there is a chapter of this organization organized at Little Rock, Arkansas, and has had two meetings in the office building of the Faucett Realty Company and that a [redacted] (Ph) is the leader of the organization in Little Rock.

[redacted] described AKARD BEALL as follows:

Name	AKARD BEALL
Address	Houston, Texas
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	38 to 40
Height	5'8"

Weight	160
Hair	Brown, getting bald on top
Eyes	Unknown, wears dark horn-rimmed glasses
Complexion	Dark

[redacted] advised that he was somewhat suspicious of this organization due to the fact that it is secret in nature and that it appeared that only the leading citizens of [redacted], and the key personnel of [redacted] of [redacted] were invited to this organizational meeting. b6 b7C b7D

One copy of this is being furnished to the St. Louis Division and one copy to the Houston Division for information purposes only since instructions in referenced SAC letter stated that no investigation should be conducted.

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DATE 9/29/81 BY SP6 Swayne

Mrs. L. Mendel Rivers
3643 Trinity Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Rivers:

Your letter of October 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of service to you, I thought you might like to know that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, is not permitted to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I can advise you, however, that the organization about which you inquired has not been the subject of investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

If, in the future, we can be of assistance to you in some way, I hope you will not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. She is the wife of Congressman L. Mendel Rivers of CHarleston, South Carolina. We have enjoyed very friendly and cordial relations with Congressman Rivers. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished the Bureau. It has not been investigated by the Bureau.

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3643 Trinity Drive
Alexandria, Virginia
October 6, 1960

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
The U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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However, some of Mr. Welch's writings seem incredible. I should greatly appreciate your writing me your opinion of Mr. Welch and of the John Birch Society. My husband has a high regard for you and I should like to discuss this matter with him when he returns from abroad.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Margaret Rivers
(Mrs. L. Mendel Rivers)

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The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely yours
Margaret Rivers (Mrs. L. Mendel Rivers)

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Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Milwaukee (100-13581)

November 9, 1960

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Director, FBI (62-104401) REC 466

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Reurlet 10-28-60.

The first paragraph, page two, of relet states that one Mrs. [redacted] contacted your office on 9-25-60 stating she was opposed to communism and proposed that she would contact the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress in an effort to place herself on that organization's mailing list, hoping thus to become better acquainted with Communist Party literature and propaganda. It is believed the date of the contact of Mrs. [redacted] is erroneous inasmuch as the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress has been out of existence since 1956.

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You are instructed to advise whether this date is erroneous and, if so, the correct date thereof. In the event the date is correct you should advise under instant case caption together with a statement indicating that the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress has reactivated. Thereafter you should submit a letter under the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress caption advising of its reactivation and your recommendation for further investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/28/60

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-13581)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

OO: MILWAUKEE

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ReMilet to Bureau 8/3/60 captioned "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Milwaukee, Wis., IS-MISCELLANEOUS."

Relet enclosed an article from Milwaukee Journal, a Milwaukee newspaper, 7/31/60, which alleged the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had a branch in Oshkosh, Wis.

Back issues of Oshkosh Daily Northwestern newspaper of Oshkosh, 9/26/60, for a three month period and subsequent examination of issues of that paper through 10/20/60, by SA [redacted] failed to reflect any activity of an Oshkosh chapter have been reported. It was noted the 8/1/60 issue carried an article referring to above Milwaukee Journal article and also quoted COLA PARKER, Neenah, Wis., former president of National Association of Manufacturers and former Board Chairman of Kimberly-Clark Corp., as having "confirmed today" that he is a member of the advisory council of the Society. He is also quoted as saying, "The purpose of the society, he added, is to combat Communism; to say to Mr. KRUSCHEV he is wrong when he says he's going to buy us." No reference was made in this article to the Oshkosh chapter.

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On 8/23/60 [redacted] of the Oshkosh Public Museum, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH that among members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY are [redacted] Oshkosh. [redacted] Oshkosh, and [redacted] The 1958 Oshkosh City Directory lists [redacted] as [redacted] at Badger Lumber Co., Oshkosh, [redacted] of above address as [redacted] at Ben B. Ganther Co., and [redacted] at the Wisconsin Public Service Co.

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On 9/25/60 one Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Oshkosh, contacted SA [redacted] of the Milwaukee Office, and advised that in her capacity as president of the Twentieth Century Club, a federated women's club in Oshkosh, she as a "hobby" had studied Communism and its activities. She was personally very opposed to Communism. She proposed, however, to contact the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress in an effort to place herself on that organization's mailing list, hoping thus to become better acquainted with Communist Party literature and propaganda. She did not want such a circumstance to reflect unfavorably on her loyalty as a U. S. citizen.

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Above is for information of Bureau. No active investigation of Oshkosh chapter of instant organization is being conducted.

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[redacted]

Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 21, 1960, has been received, and your concern regarding the evils of communism is certainly understandable. In response to your request, enclosed is a copy of "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."

May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

With regard to the organization you mentioned in your communication, this Bureau has not conducted any investigation of the group. Therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you in this respect. Enclosed is some other material pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to your family and you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism

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Very Truly Yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Houston 6, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 Bryant

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John Edgar Hoover
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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
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3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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[redacted]
Houston 6, Texas
October 20, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am contemplating joining The John Birch Society founded by Robert W. Welch of Belmont, Mass. and would like to have your opinion as to the adviseability of such a step. You must know of this Society, its objectives and aims, and the relative accuracy of the various information furnished to its members.

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Any information in this regard you could furnish me would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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Houston 6, Texas
October 20, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am contemplating joining the John Birch Society founded by Robert W. Welch of Belmont, Mass. and would like to have your opinion as to the adviseability of such a step. You must know of this Society, its objectives and aims, and the relative accuracy of the various information furnished to its members.

Any information in this regard you could furnish me would be greatly appreciated.

Your very truly,

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Lufkin, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 21, 1960, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your kind comments about the work of this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and is not authorized to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Lufkin, Texas
October 21, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been invited to join The John Birch Society and in this day of communist front organizations and facist organizations, I want to be absolutely sure that an anti-communist organization is exactly that and not some other equally anti-American organization.

Would you please send me whatever information you have or your own opinion of this organization.

I have long admired your fight against crime and for the American way of life and would highly respect and appreciate any opinions you might divulge on this society.

Yours truly,
[redacted]

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Amarillo, Texas

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DATE 5/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated October 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, unable to comment on the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he understands the John Birch Society is an antisocialist, anticommunist organization and that he realizes many organizations are actually fronts for subversive groups. He requests the Director's opinion of the John Birch Society.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED, PAGE TWO

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

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AMARILLO, TEXAS

October 24, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

Will you please be good enough to let me know your opinion of the John Birch Society. It is my understanding that this is an anti-socialist, anti-communist organization. Realizing that many organizations are actually fronts for subversive groups, I am now writing to inquire from you as to the exact nature of this John Birch Organization.

Very truly yours,

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[redacted]
Odessa, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated October 23, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting upon the organization you mention, nor can I suggest a course of action to be followed by you in this matter.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this literature which may be of interest to you.

I have noted your kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he is interested in combatting the communist menace and requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He asks if the Director feels that he should join this Society or if the Director can suggest a better way to combat communism. Correspondent expresses his appreciation of the "splendid and courageous work" that the Director has done for our nation. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

(1) "Communist Target - Youth"
(2) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
(3) "One Nation's Response to Communism"
(4) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"

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DATE 5/29/84 BY [illegible]

October 23, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am interested in actively participating in a non-political organization stressing conservative political and anti-communist actions. Would you please advise me if the "John Birch Society" (305 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts) meets those qualifications. Have you any reason to suspect communist infiltration or subversion of that organization, or any pro-communist intentions of its founder, Mr. Robert Welch?

Further, do you know of any reason why patriotic American citizens should hesitate to join such a society? Can you suggest a better way for individuals to combat the Communist menace that threatens our country?

May I also take this opportunity, Mr. Hoover, to express my sincere appreciation of the splendid and courageous work that you have done for our nation.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 SP/mlr

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired and, therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Enclosed are some booklets pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to your wife and you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No records Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist group. We have conducted no investigation regarding this organization.

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Milwaukee, Wis.
October 28, 1960.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have taken this opportunity to write you because I feel if any one person in the United States is qualified to comment on Communism in the U.S. you most certainly are without equal.

My wife and I have recently joined a Cardinal Mindszenty study group to become better informed on the Communist threat to us. We are frankly scared, appalled, and outraged by the facts we are discovering about Communism. We both feel this study group is only the 'Door-opener' to taking a more active part in the fight against Communism. Our problem is that being young, Catholic, patriotic, Democrats, we want to direct our energies into the most effective channels.

The 'John Birch' Society here in Milwaukee is praised by a few as an effective Anti-Communist organization and lampooned by many; including the Milwaukee Journal, as being a crack-pot group of 'far right radicals'. What Sir, is your opinion of the John Birch Society? Do you consider it an effective or ineffective means of combatting communists?

We are parents of four young sons and feel very strongly about doing all that we possibly can to insure the future freedom of our boys.

We sincerely hope you will be able to advise us.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

Milwaukee 11, Wis.

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Odessa, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 26, 1960, has been received, and I am enclosing some material regarding communism in the United States.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and is not authorized to furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
Where Do We Stand on Communism?
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Director's Statement on 10th Annual Convention of CPUSA ~~(3-12-57)~~
McCarran Report on Communism
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

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It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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MIDLAND
BOX 4005, VILLAGE STA.
OXFORD 4-2531

October 26, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

Would appreciate knowing what the situation is in the U.S.A. on communism.

Is it under control, or is there a need for an organization, such as the John Birch Society?

Would also like your opinion of the John Birch Society. Thank You!!

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Oxnard Beach, California

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 27, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and is not authorized to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

This Bureau does not issue or maintain a list such as you mentioned. A list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 can be secured by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society has not been investigated by the FBI. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches in various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch the activities inasmuch as its founder, Robert Welch indicated that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization, might be effective in infiltrating true subversives. Correspondent's enclosure, a self-addressed, stamped envelope, was used in reply.

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October 27, 1960

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Oxnard Beach, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society of Belmont Massachusetts has come to my attention which, so far as I can ascertain, appears to be patriotic, intensely pro-American. Seemingly it is a good one to join and work with for the good of our country.

Before making any efforts in this direction will you please let me know whether or not this is on your subversive list, or if you can recommend it as being what it seems?

I should appreciate an immediate reply, as I will not be at this address after November 14th.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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

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Odessa, Texas

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DATE 5/29/84 BY SP4 [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated October 27, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like very much to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you mentioned, and I am unable to be of assistance. Please do not infer in this connection that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Odessa, Texas
October 27, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope you won't mind my taking your time for a personal inquiry. Some of my friends are members of the John Birch Society which has its headquarters in Belmont, Massachusetts.

As nearly as I can determine, the conservative anti-communist ideas held by this organization coincide with my own; however, before attending a meeting and becoming affiliated with the group, I wanted to check directly with you and obtain your personal evaluation of their aims and purposes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of October 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired and, therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this group by the FBI.

Enclosed are some booklets pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Atlantic City, N.J.
October 28, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am very interested in information concerning the spread of communism in the United States. I would also appreciate any information you can supply to me regarding "The John Birch Society" of Belmont, Massachusetts.

Any aid you can give to me in these matters will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 10/28/60

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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On 10/10/60 [redacted] Dallas, Texas, advised that two acquaintances of hers, whose names she declined to mention, are associated with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. She reported this group was supposedly anti-Communist and from what she knows of the organization they are "against everything." She stated the group did not offer any constructive ideas and criticized the government. She said the group claimed that the Americans for Democratic Action was run by Communists. Mrs. [redacted] said that one of the unnamed acquaintances had subscribed to a newspaper known as "Human Events" which Mrs. [redacted] described as a publication which criticizes everything but offers no remedies for the things in our government it opposes. By way of background information concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas, Mrs. [redacted] Dallas, Texas, has advised she attended an organizational meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY which was held at [redacted] Dallas, on 6/28/60. As a result, Mrs. [redacted] was placed on the mailing list and was mailed a pamphlet entitled "American Opinion" which was critical of the government in various ways, including the farm policy. She remembered that one of the topics was entitled "How Christian is Christian Herter," and criticized HERTER's policies as Secretary of State. The society espoused Senator BARRY GOLDWATER of Arizona for President, and claimed to be an anti-Communist organization, she said. Mrs. [redacted] stated that TOM HILL is the co-ordinator of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas, and shows motion pictures and runs tape recordings for the various groups comprising the society. The Dallas area is broken into small groups which she compared with church circles, with HILL being the overall co-ordinator of the society in the Dallas area. At the meeting Mrs. [redacted] attended, the co-ordinator stated the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY has 5,000 members in the U. S., and has a goal of 1,000,000 members. HILL stated that only 1,000,000 members would be effective because that was about the number of persons who could understand the motives of Communism. She stated that they have a seminar which lasts for two days at which time they run tape recordings lasting from 16 to 18 hours and a movie is shown for about three hours.

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Regarding the organization of the society, HILL stated that ROBERT WELCH is the chairman and that he had appointed a Board of Directors for the society. According to Mrs. [redacted] the Board of Directors in turn have appointed co-ordinators throughout the U. S. which are paid and co-ordinate the various local groups throughout the country. She believed the society to be autocratic in that HILL stated the directors could not be removed and were all appointed by WELCH, the head of the society. She made available a dues schedule which reflected that a life membership in the organization is $1,000; regular membership for men $24, and for women $12. The membership dues for men and women may be paid at $2.00 per month for men and $1.00 for women per month to the local chapter leader.

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By letter dated 10/20/60, Mr. [redacted], Pampa, Texas, wrote to the Dallas Office stating that he was interested in the organization known as the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which indicated that this society may be recruiting in the Pampa, Texas, area.

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Bellaire, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of October 29, 1960, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

It was very thoughtful of you to comment about the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material regarding communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
17th National Convention CPUSA & March 1960 LEB Introduction
One Nation's Response to Communism
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[redacted]
Bellaire, Texas
October 29, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir,

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Your report in the pamphlet is excellent.

I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society, and an answer to this letter is not expected.

Have written to my congressman and to The House Committee on Un-American Activities for more copies of the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

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October 29, 1960

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Your report in the pamphlet is excellent REC-44 62-104401-478

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Sincerely,

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[redacted]
Wichita 19, Kansas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY 220504

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your postal card dated October 27, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests the Director's opinion as to whether or not the John Birch Society is communistic.

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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW FROM PAGE ONE:

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-10440)

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

Sir:

Thursday
27 Oct 60

If you have investigated it, I would appreciate your considered opinion of the John Birch Society (i.e. - is it communistic, against American form of government, etc.). Thank you,

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Wichita, Kansas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 Bybpne

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Your letter dated October 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued various items of literature concerning the menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society, which he has recently joined. He expresses a desire to learn more about communism. The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

(1) "Communist Target - Youth."
(2) "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960."
(3) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
(4) "One Nation's Response to Communism."
(5) "What You Can Do to Fight Communism."

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas
October 29th, 1960

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

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Sir:

I know that you and your staff are very busy, but I would appreciate it if you could give me some help. From what little I know about the subject we must all do what we can to stop the alarming spread of Communism or it will be too late for us or our children.

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Over the last two months I have seen a film "Communism on The Map" put out by Harding College of Searcy, Arkansas. The film was provided by "The John Birch Society". The film and the society have now come under considerable attack from several sources, such as the faculty at our municipal university and the Air Force Reserve unit of which I am a member had come up in the discussion a sharp challenge from some of its members.

To me the film was excellent showing the history of the spread of Communism. Also from what I know about "The John Birch Society", they are making an effort in the right direction. I am not a joiner by any means, but I have joined this organization.

Would you say I have placed my allegiance in a wrong place or is this the usual attack that can be expected when any opposition is given to Communism? I have found no other organized effort against Communism in which a member of the public can participate. Many people see the danger and do not wish to sit and twiddle their thumbs while the communists take us over.

Your help would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Houston 8, Texas

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DATE 1/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 2, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like very much to help you, the FBI has not investigated the organization you mentioned, and I cannot be of aid. Please do not infer that this is either a clearance or nonclearance by this Bureau of the group in question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Houston 8, Texas
October 27, 1960

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

Dear Sir,

This letter is, I am sure, ~~be~~ one of a great many that has been written you by patriotic Americans as a result of the forming of the organisation known as THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Any information you could give me regarding the pros an cons of this society as a way and means of fighting Connunism would be greatly apperciated.

Thank you,

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November 7, 1960

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Beaumont, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Dr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 31, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should, however, not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
341-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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BEAUMONT, TEXAS

October 31, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I've heard and read some things concerning the John Birch Society which is anti-communistic in its motives.

I wish that you would please inform me if this is the case and if it is a truly American society and not a Communistic front organization.

Sincerely,

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November 2, 1960

[redacted]

Georgetown, Connecticut

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau. This should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4) One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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NOTE CONTINUED..... The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Correspondent inquired about the John Birch Society and gives information concerning one of the local meetings he attended.

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[redacted]
Georgetown, Conn.
October 24, 1960

Dear Sir,

I would like information regarding "The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass.

Several weeks ago I was invited to a meeting at my brother John's house, along with twenty or so other people. We were told we would receive information on how to fight Communism on the home front. Most of us attending are connected with some kind of business or trade in town in which we come in contact with people every day.

The meeting consisted of several reels of film being shown by a Mr. Thomas N. Hill, a paid worker for Mr. Welch, head of the John Birch Society.

All we saw and heard was Mr. Welch speaking to us on Marxism, Leninism, etc. and other aspects of communism.

During changes of reels I questioned many statements and inuendos made in the films. None of them were answered to my satisfaction by Mr. Hill.

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Mr. Welch claimed that Mr. Truman and Jack Kennedy supported communism in Algeria. When I asked how, I was told they had supported free elections in Algeria just as we are fighting for the world over. Mr. Welch had already stated in the film that they were a small minority in the country so I could not see why he was afraid of free open elections. He suggested that the "Commies" are working in great numbers in the pentagon and all other high military areas. The state dep't. and foreign service is overrun with "Commies." When I asked later for facts, I received none.

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The things that I heard in the last two films aroused my curiosity and anger and prompted me to write to your organization for further information.

Mr. Welsh suggested that we work for the removal of the United Nations from our shores and suggested we withdraw. That we cut back and eventually do away with our Missile program. That we do away with foriegn aid. All this was what Mr. "K." was advocating in the U. N. at that very time and it disturbed me.

We were then asked to join the society and become dues paying members. They amounted to twenty-four dollars per year.

We would receive our material for meetings directly from the headquarters each month. They would be read but could not be questioned or discussed at the meeting. You follow them implicitly or resign. We were told that our next two leaders had already been chosen in case of Mr. Welsh's death. That is when I had to leave.

I sincerely hope I am 100% wrong about this way of fighting Communism. Giving up rights of discussion and questioning directives is not fair in any society. The similarity between what they are fighting and their own program came too closely related for me. That is why I finally decided to clear my mind and ask your help.

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Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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Sincerely,

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FBI

Date: 11/8/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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DATE 8/22/84 BY 6038 PMK

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John Birch Society

On 11/5/60, Mr. ROBERT WELCH, 8 Hamlin Lane, Wilmington, Mass. telephonically advised that on that date his wife received a phone call from Western Union advising that Western Union had a telegram addressed merely to ROBERT WELCH, Melrose, Mass. The Western Union employee, unable to locate anybody of that name presently living in Melrose, learned that Mr. and Mrs. WELCH of Wilmington, Mass. had formerly resided in Melrose.

The telegram read as follows:

"Conservative group indicted and arrested for exposing Socialist record of candidate for State Office. JBS members in group could back-fire against leftists. Advice from headquarters needed. Signed [redacted]"
(PORTLAND, OREGON)

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It appears that the "JBS" in telegram may refer to "The John Birch Society" organized by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. of Belmont, Mass. in December, 1958, and that possibly the telegram was meant for this individual.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Information concerning ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR. and "The John Birch Society" appears in SAC Letters 59-13 dated 3/10/59 and 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

Portland should follow instructions in SAC Letter 60-5 in event a chapter of "The John Birch Society" is organized.

No investigation conducted at Boston.

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Telegram sent from Portland, Oregon, per serial 489.

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November 9, 1960

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W.A.

[redacted]

Tempe, Arizona

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter dated October 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am forwarding to you under separate cover various items of literature available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which may be of assistance to you in connection with your study groups. I would also like to suggest that you may desire to refer to my book "Masters of Deceit" which also relates to the subject of communism in the United States. This book may be obtained through your local library.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a minister, requests information concerning the John Birch Society and the National Council of Churches. He specifically asked if the John Birch Society is sanctioned by the FBI and about the extent of communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He also asked if the Director can recommend specific books on the subject of communism.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent under separate cover.

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Expose of Soviet Espionage."
3. "God and Country or Communism."
4. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
6. Reprint from March, 1960, "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," with analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
8. "One Nation's Response to Communism."

[redacted]

TELEPHONE [redacted]

St. Augustine's Parish

Episcopal

1735 COLLEGE AVENUE

TEMPE, ARIZONA

October 26, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have recently come in contact with members of the John Birch Society which purports to be organized for the purpose of fighting communist infiltration in the United States.

Some of the claims and accusations which they make are alarming to say the least.

I am seeking, in so far as it is possible, to try to find out whether they are honestly presenting evidence which has been uncovered by agents of the United States Government or whether they are themselves a front organization for some other purpose (such as anti-United Nations, or anti-integration.)

I would greatly appreciate any information which you could send me regarding the John Birch Society - i.e. does it have the sanction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

I would also appreciate any information which you could send me regarding the extent of communist infiltration into American Churches and the National Council of Churches.

In reading through your article in the October 24th issue of "Christianity Today" you urged the formation of discussion groups to acquaint church people with the dangers of communism. Could you recommend any specific books or pamphlets which might be used for such discussion groups? The type of thing which I am specifically seeking is source material which is as free as possible from extraneous motivations - for example a recent anti-communist speaker in this area took the position that the Revised Standard Versinn of the Bible is communist infiltrated - the speaker was a Baptist minister who personall objects to the RSV translation in Isaiah where the word young woman is used rather than "virgin" as it reads in the King James Version.
Knowing that he was fighting a personal theological battle over the translations left doubt as to the validity of his original premise.

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I know how difficult it is for any author to seperate his own personal convictions from his thinking , that is,how difficult it is to truly approach a subject from a totally objective point of view. Are there any books which deal with the menace of communism which are straight-forwardly objective in their approach? I would greatly apprec knowing of any which you would recommend.

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Sincerely yours,

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HOME OF EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/17/60

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-0)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

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Re SAC letter 60-5, which contained information concerning the above society. Reference also is made to Bureau letter directed to Mr. [redacted] Post Office Box [redacted] Eugene, Oregon, dated 8/22/60, a copy of which was forwarded to Portland, enclosing a letter from [redacted] to the Director, in which he commended the Director for his work against communism. In his letter [redacted] had said that he was a member of The John Birch Society.

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Recent inquiries of the Portland Division indicate that a chapter of this society may be active in the vicinity of Florence, Oregon, a small community on the Oregon coast. The most recent inquiry was one on 10/7/60, from [redacted] American Legion, Portland, who advised that his organization was in receipt of a letter from Mrs. [redacted] in which she said that The John Birch Society recently had been holding meetings in Florence and had requested the use of the American Legion building for the meetings. [redacted] said that inquiries had been made concerning the organization, as to its goals and motives.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau. No other data is available concerning the activities of this society in the Florence vicinity. There also has been no information received which would indicate that any subversive element has any interest in this group.

No further investigation or inquiry is being conducted by the Portland Division.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/9/60

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13570)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

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Re Milwaukee letter to the Bureau, 8/3/60, and Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau, 9/9/60.

This is to advise the Bureau that the only information since relet which has come to Milwaukee's attention about the captioned organization consists of material published by the "Milwaukee Journal" in two articles. The two articles are as follows:

1. "Founder Denies View is Shared," 8/3/60, which reported a Journal interview with ROBERT WELCH of Belmont, Massachusetts, the founder of the John Birch Society. WELCH was reported as saying that his belief President EISENHOWER was a Communist was not a tenet of his Society; that the "Milwaukee Journal" story of 7/31/60 about WELCH, the John Birch Society and the Society's growth in Wisconsin was fallacious because it attributed WELCH's personal beliefs about Mr. EISENHOWER to the Society and that there was no evidence the Society had ten chapters in Wisconsin.

2. "Birch Society is Urged to Take Over PTA's," 9/25/60, which reported that WELCH's September Bulletin to John Birch members told them to join and "take over" local chapters of the Parent-Teachers' Association, to "straighten out" PTA thinking and gain control to "exert a wider influence." The article added that the bulletin was a guide, not an exposition of regulations; that Mrs. [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisc. area [redacted] for the Society, refused to discuss the matter; that Mrs. [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisc. active in the Society, referred questions to her lawyer husband, who himself declined to say whether he was a Society member and claimed not to have seen the bulletin.....The news article quoted WELCH as asking

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his followers to harass Secretary of State HERTER, as attacking HENRY CABOT LODGE, the current Republican Vice-Presidential candidate, as the man who "done the most to build up the pretense for gullible Americans that the United Nations can serve some useful purpose, while subtly surrendering to Soviet pressures...."

The current Milwaukee City Directory identifies one [redacted] as associated with Wickham, Borgelt, Skogstad and Powell, lawyers, the husband of [redacted] It also identifies one [redacted] administrator for the Wisconsin International Guard, the husband of [redacted] It lists [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisc.

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Milwaukee files show that on 1/28/60, Milwaukee Office sent to the Bureau a letter entitled, "Christian Anti-Communism Crusade," concerning a Milwaukee School of Anti-Communism scheduled to be held February 9 - 13, 1960 at the Pfister [redacted] Hotel, Milwaukee. [redacted] were mentioned respectively as a finance committee member and executive committee registrar for that school.

Milwaukee indices are negative on the [redacted]

The Milwaukee Office has received no information that subversive elements have tried to take over or use the John Birch Society. No investigation has been conducted.

Case closed here. Should any pertinent information be received the Bureau will be promptly advised.

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Alhambra, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Your letter dated October 31, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the thought which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am returning your enclosure since you have indicated that you desire to have further inquiry made concerning this material. Please do not infer, in this connection, that the return of the enclosure is either a clearance or nonclearance of this material.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires whether "The Southern American" is subversive. She states if this is a subject the Director is not at liberty to discuss, perhaps he would ask Mr. [redacted] of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to look at the publication and if he has any information on it, to send such information to the correspondent. Correspondent states that the publication was sent through the organization "Western Minute Men, USA." Correspondent states that if the publication is not subversive, to please return it to her. She enclosed a copy of "The Southern American" pointing out it mentions the Director in a manner which she finds distasteful. The item she refers to states, "It's strange that Mr. Hoover always persecutes patriots trying to save our country, but never sees any of the criminals who work around the clock to destroy us all; maybe, even Mr. JEH."

Bufiles disclose that by letter of 8-29-60 correspondent indicated she is a member of an anticommunist organization. Her letter made kind remarks concerning the Bureau. It enclosed a rambling letter she sent to Vice President Nixon setting forth her opinion as to why we should maintain the loyalty oath. A cordial acknowledgment was sent to her with material on the subject of communism.

"The Southern American" is published under the auspices of the National Patrick Henry Organization, Inc. This organization has been the subject of a Bureau investigation and Atlanta was office of origin. The investigation was closed in 1956 in view of lack of activity of this organization. It had been organized during the Fall of 1946 as a society to fight communism; however, since its founding, its activities indicate that its anticommunist attitude is merely one phase of its hate tactics in that many pamphlets are anti-Jewish, anti-Masonic and anti-Negro. Bufiles contain no pertinent information concerning "Western Minute Men, USA."

October 31, 1960

[redacted]
Alhambra, California

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

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a publication which was handed to me to read. I checked this in "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" which was revised and published as of January 2, 1957, but could not find it listed. One particular reason for my inquiring into this publication is the fact it mentions Mr. Hoover in a manner which I find distasteful. This paragraph is outlined in green, by me.

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Would you, if possible, let me know the standing of "The Southern American" -- is it subversive? If this is a subject you are not at liberty to discuss, perhaps you would ask Mr. [redacted] of the HCUA to look at the publication and if he has any information on this to send it to me. I understand this was sent out through the organization "Western Minute Men, USA"

If all is as it should be, would you please return the publication to me.

Thank you for your courtesy in the past.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
John Birch Society

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. Belmont
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Mr. DeLoach
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Miss Gandy

FBI

Date: 11/9/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Boston airtel dated 11/8/60 captioned as above, inadvertently omitted information that the telegram addressed to ROBERT WELCH, Melrose, Mass. was sent from Portland, Oregon.

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[redacted]
Cassopolis, Michigan

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of November 1, 1960, has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind remarks you expressed concerning the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and my book, "Masters of Deceit." I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
One Nation's Response to Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to correspondent. It is noted that she is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. The Society is allegedly anticommunist. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 alerted the field to inform the Bureau of any information they receive concerning the Society's activities.

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Cassopolis, Mich.
Nov. 1, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Dir. F. B. I.
House Un-American Activities
Committee
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read about your report on July 18, 1960 released in the pamphlet, "Communist Target - Youth." I have sent for some to use in a senior government class at the Dowagiac, Mich. high school.

It gives one a quivering ache when your children say, "Mr. Clark says socialism means progress for the mass of people. Conservatives are interested mostly in their own property dollars" - etc. He cleverly says to make up their own minds but surely glorifies the left side.

Our girl awakened her class with an oral book report on your, "Masters of Deceit."

I am grateful for your contribution. It should mean so much to America.

I hope better solutions to keep local control of schools will be forthcoming. Our Mich. Superintendent of Public Instruction is now appointed, not elected. He and the State Board of Education over-rule County Board decisions on property transfers, weakening primary districts, also against legislation defeat of K-12 Bill.

I am a member of the John Birch Society and expect no reply to my letter.

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Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Cassopolis, Mich.
Nov. 1, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Dir. F.B.I.
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Thank you again and best wishes

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Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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Republic National Bank of Dallas
Dallas 22, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should, however, not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
Director's speech 10-18-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
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17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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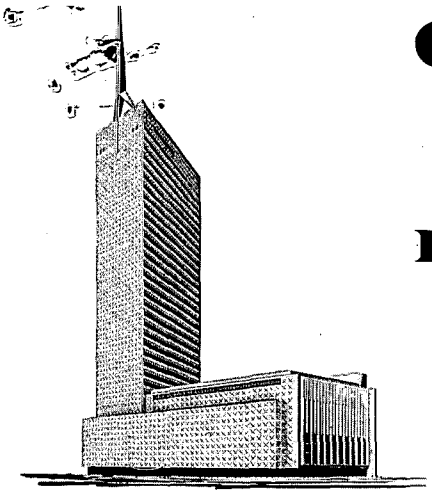

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November 4, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

I have recently received literature from the John Birch Society, whose office is in Belmont, Massachusetts, the founder of which is Mr. Robert Welch.

I am informed that this organization promotes the formation of John Birch Society Chapters throughout the country, the purpose of which is to meet periodically and discuss matters of interest to the nation and to take action considered in the best interests of the country and particularly in opposition to the growth of communism.

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I am considering joining a chapter of the society or organizing a new chapter but before doing so I would like to know that the organization and its purposes have been cleared by your office and found to be truly American in nature and not a communist front organization.

I will appreciate anything you can give me to guide me in my decision to participate in the work of the John Birch Society.

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Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

DIRECTOR, FBI 11/2/60

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FLORIDA COALITION;
INTERNAL SECURITY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

(OO: Tampa) John Birch Society

The following items are enclosed for the Bureau:

1) One seven-page thermofax copy of organizational plans for purported "Anti-Subversive" "South Carolina Coalition."

2) Four thermofax pages of literature, appearing to be formal bulletins of an "Anti-Subversive" group in the State of Florida.

3) Booklet entitled, "American Opinion," Vol. #III, Number 7.

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On 10/20/60, Mr. [redacted] University of South Carolina, contacted the Columbia, S. C. Resident Agency, and furnished the following information.

Sometime during August 1960, he was contacted by one [redacted], Greenville, S. C. He stated that [redacted] told him that he had been referred to him by one [redacted] of Winter Park, Fla. According to [redacted] had contacted him relative to his, [redacted], setting up an "Anti-Subversive" committee in the State of S. C. [redacted] indicated to [redacted] that he was connected with the "Florida Coalition," an "Anti-Subversive" group operating in the State of Fla.

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[redacted] allegedly told [redacted] that he did not have time to engage in this activity whereupon [redacted] gave [redacted] name and suggested that [redacted] contact [redacted] and ask [redacted] to set up the committee and serve as State Chairman.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he had never met [redacted] prior to his first contact with him in August 1960, and that he does not know how [redacted] obtained his name.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that the purpose of this committee was to seek out subversive persons and activities in the State of S. C. and forward any information obtained to an organization in Washington, D. C. Mr. [redacted] stated that he cannot recall the name of this organization, but stated that he recalled that [redacted] stated that the organization was of the type that conducted investigations relative to industrial hiring. [redacted] explained to him that he should contact reputable persons in various cities throughout the state and solicit their aid in this committee work. He stated that [redacted] suggested that these persons would have to attend all types of meetings in their respective cities, political, church and social and report any suspicious activities or personages to him, [redacted], who in turn would forward the information to the main office in Washington, D. C.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that he should be very security conscious and that he should keep the identity of his contacts unknown to one another. This committee work was to be done on a voluntary basis and participants would receive no remuneration.

[redacted] furnished [redacted] with the enclosed thermofax organizational chart and the four pages of what appears to be a formal bulletin issued by an "Anti-Subversive" group in Florida. These latter bulletins indicate a mailing address of the organization as "FNB, P. O. Box 1542, Winter Park, Florida."

[redacted] stated that he had no intention of conducting any activity along these lines and had forgotten about the incident until October 19, 1960, when he received through the mail the copy of the booklet, "American Opinion." He stated that the return address on the envelope read: "[redacted] Greenville, S. C."

This booklet is published by Editor ROBERT WELCH, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

The enclosed issue of "American Opinion" purports to be "A panoramic survey of the degree of Communist influence in each of 107 countries."

[redacted] stated that upon receipt of this booklet, he recalled his contact with [redacted] and decided to furnish the FBI with this literature and information for whatever value it might have. He stated that he does not intend to have anything to do with this organization, and has not had any contact with [redacted] since the initial contact.

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The four thermofax pages of what appear to be a news bulletin of a Florida "Anti-Subversive" group, refer to organizational operations; the possibility of groups renting tape recordings of "Schwartz' Christian-Anti-Communist Crusade," a series which records talks by Dr. SCHWARTZ, RICHARD ARENS and HERBERT PHILBRICK." Bulletin also refers to plans having been made to start a "Florida Red File," in which members are urged to report information on individuals or organizations on 3x5 cards, making two copies of such a card, "(one for the FBI)."

The bulletins also refer to JEROME DAVIS and [redacted] of Clearwater, Florida, who visited the Soviet Union and had a three-hour visit in the Kremlin with Deputy Premier A. I. MIKOYAN.

This literature appears to be the house organ of a "Super Patriot" type of organization.

The above information and enclosures are being furnished the Bureau for information in the event similar information has been received from other sources.

No further action is being taken by the Savannah Division.

LEADS:

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will furnish the Bureau any pertinent information in their files with regard to [redacted] Greenville, S. C.

THE TAMPA DIVISION

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will furnish the Bureau any pertinent information contained in files with regard to [redacted], Winter Park, Fla., and also any information regarding an organization possibly known as "The Florida Coalition," with an address of "FNB, P. O. Box 1542, Winter Park, Fla.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 10/21/60

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13581)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet to Milwaukee 11/9/60.

This is to advise the date referred to as 9/25/60 on which one Mrs. [redacted] furnished information to the Bureau is in error. The date should be 9/25/53. b6 b7C

This typographical error has been corrected on the Milwaukee file copy of Milwaukee letter of 10/28/60 and the Bureau is requested to change the date on the copies received at the Bureau.

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Dallas 32, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 11, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments about my book, "Masters of Deceit."

While I would like to be of service with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI. In view of your concern, I am forwarding, under separate cover, some material which may be of aid to you.

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BY [illegible]

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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How To Beat Communism
Don't Be Duped By The Communists!
Where do We Stand Today With Communism in the U. S.
Breaking the Communist Masquerader
How To Fight Communism
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Self-addressed stamped envelope (airmail). Envelope forwarded by correspondent used in reply.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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[redacted]
Dallas 32, Texas
Oct. 11, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently there has been brought to my attention The John Birch Society, organized about 1959 by one Robert Welch. It professes to fight communism. Your book Masters of Deceit is an eye--opener and has answered some of my questions, but what I should now like to know is how an average citizen like me goes about determining the veracity and reliability of such organizations. We, as a nation, certainly need to unite and actively fight communism, but how does one know when one is really doing the job and when one is being duped into helping the communists?

Our local F.B.I. and Attorney General's office can give me no information concerning this society. Can you?

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Cut Bank, Montana

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter dated November 2, 1960, has been received, and I am pleased that you found the material sent you of interest.

In response to your request, my address before the National Convention of The American Legion and the article relating to the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, are presently being reprinted; however, 20 copies of each will be forwarded just as soon as they are received from the printers. I am currently sending you, under separate cover, material available for distribution by the FBI along the other lines you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - D. C. Morrell - 4235
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20 copies each: Communist Target--Youth
Warning to US Teen-Agers
Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency
Youth in Crime
January, 1960, LEB Introduction
We Must Choose Between Discipline and Barbarism

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NOTE: There has been prior cordial correspondence with Mrs. [redacted] She indicated in a letter 8-24-60 that she was a member of The John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in

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LETTER TO MRS. [redacted]
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December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

Bulet 9-1-60 forwarded a reprint of the March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention of the CP, USA; consequently, her current letter is requesting 20 copies of that reprint.

Correspondence and Tours will forward, when available, the copies requested of it and the Director's Speech 10-18-60.

Sent 11/23/60

TRUE COPY

CUT BANK WOMAN'S CLUB
CUT BANK, MONTANA

Nov 2, 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover,

First of all, I wish to thank you for your nice letter and the two addresses. They were excellent. Now I know patriotism isn't dead.

May we have 20 copies of the address before the American Legion Convention on October 18th 1960? I am giving the copy you sent to a youth leader who is concerned with the way they are being "brain-washed."

We also would like 20 copies of your letter to all law enforcement officers, and anything you can send us on "Sit-In" strikes Student Riots, juvenile delinquency and other areas of life that could be improved if we had the information.

Any material you send us will be put in good hands throughout this area.

Thank you.

Sincerely

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Cut Bank, Mont.

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Cut Bank Woman's Club

Cut Bank, Montana

Nov 2, 1960

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

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Thank you.

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

November 10, 1960

MR. MOHR:

SAC Brown, Pittsburgh, called and talked to Kemper. He said that one [redacted] Pennsylvania, had called the Pittsburgh Office, stated that he had been in a local flower shop this morning and that one [redacted] (no record Pittsburgh files) was circulating a petition urging that the Director be removed as head of the FBI and made Attorney General of the United States.

[redacted] said that he thought that the petition, which was being directed to President-Elect Kennedy, was being circulated by the Burke Society.

This ~~is undoubtedly~~ COULD BE the John Birch Society, headed by Robert Welch, wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. This group is subject of Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13. In January, 1959, Welch met with a group of leading industrialists in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, lecturing on communism and presented his plan to establish ostensibly communist front groups which, in reality, would be anticommunist groups. Above SAC Letter alerted the field of these plans and instructed the field to promptly advise the Bureau of any information concerning Welch's activities in this regard. Welch wrote a book entitled "The Politician" which came to the Bureau's attention in March, 1959. Only a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to friends and certain individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. This book attacks the reputation of the President of the United States, particularly Chapter 9 which is a violent attack upon President Eisenhower.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-7-60

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN JACK WESTLAND DATED NOVEMBER 2, 1960, REGARDING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Attached is a letter from Congressman Westland dated November 2, 1960, which enclosed a copy of a letter from Mrs. [redacted] Bow, Washington who inquired about the John Birch Foundation. Based on limited information furnished, Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mrs. [redacted]

We have enjoyed extremely cordial relations with Congressman Westland, and it is believed that he should be confidentially informed regarding the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. The organization is allegedly anticommunist and has branches in many parts of the country.

Welch has been extremely critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. He has, in the past, gone so far as to even call the President a communist. It is not known to what extent Mr. Welch is able to control his followers; however, it is known that he has a great deal to do with the Society's publications, the construction of their "reading list," and he is the author of the books, "The Politician" and the "Blue Book," which he has widely distributed to his followers. He has endeavored to give the members of the various branches his personal touch by preparing tapes which are played back to the members at their meetings. These tapes have reached 2 1/2 hours in length.

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We are not actively investigating this Society, but we have alerted the field to forward any information on their activities to the Bureau. This was done because Welch has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your office call Congressman Westland and discreetly inform him regarding the John Birch Society and acknowledge receipt of his letter.

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Enclosure

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2 ENCLOSURES

JACK WESTLAND
2D DIST., WASHINGTON

ROOM 1419
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

MEMBER:
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY

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November 2, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have received from one of my constituents, Mrs. [redacted], Bow, Washington, inquiring about the John Birch Foundation.

If you have any information which you could give me concerning this organization to forward to Mrs. Squires, I would appreciate receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Westland

Jack Westland
Member of Congress

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CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted] Washington
October 27, 1960

Hon. Jack Westland
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Westland:

There is a great deal of discussion going on around our town, on Communism and how it has infiltrated into such well known organizations as United Nations and the National Education Association. UNICEF is especially condemned. These charges and inuendoes disturb me.

I believe this information or misinformation is distributed by an organization called the John Birch Foundation. These people appear to be sponsored by the American Legion. The speaker at a meeting in the American Legion Hall in Burlington on October 26 was [redacted] I have just read an article by this man called "Facts About UNICEF." He is described as Vice-Chairman Department Anti-Subversive Committee of the American Legion. His address is [redacted] Washington.

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I know you are a very busy man but I also feel you will be aware of this movement and will know better than the average citizen from whence it comes and what attitude an honest American should take towards it.

I will appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Signed) [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

November 16, 1960

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[redacted]
Newtonville, Massachusetts

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter dated November 6, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has from time to time issued various items of literature on the menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing under separate cover some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Miss [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and specifically whether or not the organization is or is not a front organization. She also requests the Director's approval or disapproval of the John Birch Society and his reasons for his position in this regard. Correspondent enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being used for this reply. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent under separate cover:

1. "America - Freedom's Champion."
2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

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Newtonville, Mass.
November 6, 1960

Dear Sir, John Birch Society

I would like to check on "The John Birch Society", founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts in 1958. I have been given a gift membership, as a result I am receiving literature from it. I am deeply concerned whether this is the type of society with which I want any dealings. The given purpose of the group is to fight communism. I would like to know if this is so or is it a front organization to aid the communists. I would appreciate your approval or disapproval of the organization and the reasons thereto.

Sincerely,

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[redacted]
Newtonville, Mass.
November 6, 1960

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Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 10, 1960, has been received, and I am pleased to know of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you mentioned, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not, however, infer that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which you may find of interest. To secure a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, it is suggested that you submit your request to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice Building, Washington 25, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)

Director's Speech 10-18-60
God and Country or Communism?
Communist Party, USA
Communist Party, USA (Ave Maria)
Communist Target-- Youth
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Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

P.S. Could you please send me a list of subversive organizations. These "peace" groups bother me.

November 10, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

F. B. I.

Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Here in Wichita there is a group of men who belong to the John Birch Society (with which I am sure you must be familiar.)

I personally feel that they are doing a fine job of informing the public about the danger of the Communist menace. The one and only newspaper here, "The Wichita Eagle and Beacon", has allowed them to be smeared by certain other Wichita citizens who have called them many things; the most commonly used term, in regard to them has been "fascistic".

Upon reading your book, "Masters of Deceit" it occured to me that perhaps I could turn to you for information about this John Birch Society. If you have any such information that would enable me to clear them of these charges and aid them in furthering their work against the Communists, I would appreciate your sending it to me.

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Sincerely yours,

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Wichita, 8, Kansas

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P.S. Could you please send me a list of subversive organizations. These "peace" [illegible] bother me.

1 - Mr. Farrow

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Columbus 21, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter dated November 5, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I have noted your kind comments and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to our country, I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures - 7

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been asked to join the John Birch Society but before he does so he would like to make certain that it is not a subversive organization. He states that he appreciates the work the Director is doing against communism and he would like some guidance so that he might also work against communism. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.
62-104401

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

1. "Expose of Soviet Espionage."
2. "Communist Target - Youth."
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."
6. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

[redacted]

Creator of Fine Jewelry

REPAIRING ENGRAVING DIAMOND SETTING

[redacted] COLUMBUS 15, OHIO

November 5, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter in regard to the John Birch Society. My wife and I and a group of our friends have been asked to join this society. We understand that it is a group of people fighting Communism which we are all for. However, be fore I pledge myself to the work carried out by this organization, I would like to be certain be yond question that it is as represented, and not a subversive organization.

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I feel that you above anyone e lse can give me this information. I would certainly appreciate anything that you may tell me.

I appreciate the work you are doing against Communism and want in some way to have some guidance so that I might also work against Communism towards the preservation of our freedom.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

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Columbus 21, Ohio

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~~CORRESPONDENCE~~

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EX-136

November 17, 1960

[redacted]

Columbus 14, Ohio

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Dear Mr [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 10, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not, however, infer in this connection that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

Director's Speech 10-18-60
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction March, 1960, LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert E. Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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November. 9, 1940

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently became interested in the John Birch Society, an organization whose purpose is to help combat the spread of communism in our country.

Before becoming involved, I am seeking your advise, and opinion as to whether this organization is clean and all American.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Columbus, 14, Ohio

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November 9, 1940

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Columbus, 14, Ohio

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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The Northwestern Mutual
Life Insurance Company
Suite 608
110 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, I am unable to suggest a source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

In view of your interest in communism, I am enclosing some material on this topic which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He states that if the Director is unable to furnish information to him, he would appreciate being referred to a source that could. He states that he questions the validity of this organization because the John Birch Society has indicated that it felt President Eisenhower was a communist. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

(1) "Communist Target - Youth."
(2) "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
(3) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
(4) "One Nation's Response to Communism."
(5) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

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November 3, 1960

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently as president of our local PTA unit, it was requested of me to provide time at one of our PTA meetings for a discussion of anti-communist material to be made available by the John Birch Society.

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Certainly all of the members of our community desire to fight the inroads of Communism, and we are anxious to cooperate. But in our local paper not too long ago, there was an article about this society which indicated that they felt that President Eisenhower was a Communist, and this gives me sufficient cause to question the validity of this organization.

Do you have any information about this organization or can you refer me to where I can get further details?

It appears that the society was begun in 1958 in Indianapolis by a Bostonian by the name of Robert Welch.

Your assistance would be appreciated.

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Lufkin, Texas

Dear [redacted]

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Your letter of November 7, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the individual or organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
Director's Speech before American Legion Convention, 10/18/60
3/60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CP USA
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: No record in files identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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LUFKIN, TEXAS

November 7, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

I have recently become interested in the John Birch Society. Could I get your personal and professional opinion of Mr. Robert Welch and the John Birch Society?

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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Simpson

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November 15, 1960

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Mrs. John R. Boe
1144 N. E. Beacon Drive
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Boe:

Your letter dated November 5, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

I can well understand your desire to obtain accurate information concerning various individuals and organizations, and I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you in such matters. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, cannot furnish clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I trust you will understand my position in this regard and will not infer that our files do or do not contain information pertinent to your inquiry.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, however, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. John R. Boe

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, furnishes her observations concerning the John Birch Society and states that she has begun to wonder if this organization is correct in its accusations and methods and inquires if it is an organization that is in disfavor with the FBI. She also states that she is asking for the Bureau's help and inquires in what way can a sincere and concerned individual be of most help in fighting communism.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

Correspondent's inquiry as to how an individual can help in fighting communism is believed well answered in the literature which is being furnished to the correspondent.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What you can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
6. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with an analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.

JOHN R. BOE, M. D.
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
108 N. E. SAVAGE
GRANTS PASS, OREGON PHONE GR 6-7747

November 5, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I'm confused.

And because I feel sure my confusion is a state of mind shared by many other sincere, concerned, thoughtful Americans, I am asking you for the answers to several questions--which I hope will enable me to clarify my thoughts. Your department is the only source of factual information on which I can depend--and I hope my faith in your evident sense of responsibility to the individuals of this nation is productive.

Within recent months my concern about the inroads of Communism, which now seem to crosshatch every activity in these United States, has changed from one of passive deploration to active anti-Communist evangelism; on a stricly individual, non-affiliated, basis.

However, I know that no matter how many individuals become aware of the seriousness of the situation--this intellectual conviction without implementing action--is not going to remove any Communists from influential positions anywhere.

So, accepting the personal responsibility to defend one's patriotic convictions with the same dedicated aggressiveness that the Communists show, one begins to look for ways to implement this decision. And one becomes aware that eventually, to be effective, this must become political action.

Recently, the John K. Birch Society represenatives presented the program of their organization in this area. Frankly I had gone to their first presentation hoping to find an organization through which I could more effectively expend my energies in combating Communism, but my first reaction to their information and theories was that this was way too far at the other end of the pendulum swing. On the basis that it is unfair to form an opinion without information, however, I did take all of their literature--including the Blue Book--and read it carefully. While it was comparable to a teetotaler taking a double shot of straight Scotch--it did make me wonder if they were right in their accusations and methods.

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In mentioning this organization to the president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers (I am also a member of the state Board of Managers of this group, and held a similar position in Kansas before we moved to Oregon), I discovered that at the recent Board of Managers meeting of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, a warning to beware of this group had been issued. I wrote to the National P.T.A. office and asked for the source of their information about the John K. Birch Society, and was sent copies of Jack Mabley's column in the Chicago Daily News for July 25, 26, 30, and September 13.

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Ack.
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CORRESPONDENCE

JOHN R. BOE, M. D.
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
~~Sunset Gift Wares Building~~ 108 N. E. SAVAGE
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In these columns, Mr. Mabley denounces "a 302-page, black paperbound book" written by Robert Welch (founder of the Society), titled, "The Politician." Mr. Mabley states that this book "accuses President Eisenhower of treason"... "flatly calls him a Communist, and for 302 pages attempts to document the charge." He further calls the book, "fantastic" and "incredible." In another column he quotes Welch as having written in the September Bulletin (which goes to all members of the Society): "Join you local PTA at the beginning of this school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over." These columns are headed, "BARES SECRETS OF RED-HATERS," "STRANGE THREAT TO DEMOCRACY,"JOHN BIRCH OUT AFTER PTAs."

I have written for copies of both this September Bulletin and the 302-page book so that I can interpret Mr. Welch's statements, particularly concerning the PTAs, for myself; I have questioned everyone I know who has heard of this Birch Society--including a man who ran an R & I check on Robert Welch and said he found nothing suspicious. Now I am asking you: is this an organization that is in disfavor as far as your knowledge is concerned? I know it is in disfavor with socialistically inclined liberals. But I certainly would not want to champion an organization--or allign my thinking with it--if it were actually undermining the very tenets I am so stubbornly defending.

There are further reasons for my confusion.

Just three days ago our local paper printed a lengthy article based on your report, evidently just released, about the Communist exploitation and manipulation of youth and student groups throughout the world; in the same issue was a full page announcement of the pamphlet, "Ideology and Co-Existence," printed by the Moral Re-Armament group, which we would be receiving in the mail--followed two days later by my receipt of it.

All of these articles impress any thinking adult with the urgency for action. Because PTA has as its sole concern, so stated in its Objects, the welfare of children and youth, it should be vitally concerned in combating Communism; yet if I stand up at our next Board meeting November 15th and tell our state congress that perhaps they should investigate the charges against the John K. Birch Society before they dogmatically condemn it, I will undoubtedly be thought to be antagonistic to the National PTA, if not worse.*

When Mr. Welch speaks out, even though even in Jack Mabley's words he is "an acknowledged, sincere and rabid anti-Communist," the press writes headlines like those quoted above--which imply that it is something disgraceful, even treasonous, to be against Communism! It almost makes one give credence to Mr. Welch's statement that the press is controlled by Communists.

Another example. In this morning's Oregonian, it is reported that four arrests have been made, on "political-criminal libel" indictments, of persons who are alleged to have issued handbills attacking Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, as being connected with various Socialist and Communist front organizations--which he denies. In reporting these arrests, the Oregonian states, "two of the seven"(indicted) ...are Louise Gronnert, long identified in Oregon as an anti-Communist leader and Claude G. Pike, religious leader who has campaigned against Communism over station KGON."

*--notwithstanding the statement in the Moral Re-Armament pamphlet that one dictate of the Communist party strategy for the U.S. is to put Communists "into neighborhood associations (Parent-Teacher Associations, etc.)".

JOHN R. BOE, M. D.
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
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The dilemma I am trying to outline is this: one of the avowed techniques of Communist brainwashing is to make every man an island within himself--to make him distrust everyone; yet if a person accepts everyone's actions without question and at face value, in good faith, I am sure that person is guilty of not recognizing some Communists--since they are so diabolically clever at presenting a very good face value! Then if one does speak out, and questions the motives and convictions of specific individuals, he is running the risk of being indicted for libel, or at best being considered a fanatic by those who say that "we mustn't allow our fear of Communism to cause us to listen to people who, in fighting Communism, will do more damage to our ideals and our 'democracy' and our wonderful American feeling of 'brotherhood' than would the Communists themselves." *

To further add to my confusion--in a way that, if it weren't so serious, would be hilarious!--I am also the President of the League of Women Voters of Grants Pass, an organization which I am told is infiltrated by Communists at the national level.

So I am asking for help. In what way can a sincere and concerned individual be of most help in fighting Communism? How can he be most effective?

Being a devout Episcopalian, I have even discussed the religious aspects of this dilemma with our parish priest. Being the wife of a professional man in a small town, I am concerned with being effective and morally honest without being damaging to my family's welfare. But also, being the 40 year old mother of two teen-aged daughters, I am soberly and vigilantly concerned over the future of this country.

I do sincerely hope you will look upon this lengthy outpouring as being an expression of the baffling confusion that exists in the minds of so many people today, and that you will be able to give some direction to our willing--but baffled--intent.

Most earnestly,

Mrs. John R. Boe

Mrs. John R. Boe
1144 N. E. Beacon Drive
Grants Pass, Oregon

*--and then one wonders if these people, who in a sense actually promote Communism by making the task of the anti-Communist more difficult, say such things with studied intent or through misguided ignorance.

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 4, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I have noted your kind comments and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

All patriotic Americans can aid the FBI in carrying out its responsibilities in the internal security field by promptly furnishing any information of a subversive nature coming to their attention.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material on this topic which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and desires to make sure that it is not in any way connected with communism. She states "Please let us know how we can best help to keep the F.B.I. an effective force." She thanks the Director for his fight against the communist menace. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.
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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."
2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March , 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."

November 4, 1960

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

Dear sir,

Recently I have become interested in the John Birch Society. I am wondering if you could give me any information pertaining to the reliability of this group. It is my intention to give as much support and recruiting as I possibly can to some such organization, therefore, I would like to be certain of the intentions and loyalties of any group before joining.

I have read The Blue Book, which seems to have a very positive program, and is of greatest interest to me, but perhaps you know of another organization which is doing more to combat Communism and the increasing Socialism in America. If so, I would appreciate, very much, any information you might give me.

Thank you very much for any comments you might have on any portion of this book, or other information.

Our thanks also for the personal fight you and your organization are making on the Communist menace in our country. Please let us know how we can best help to keep the F.B.I. an effective force.

Sincerely,

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Phoenix, Arizona

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 8, 1960, has been received, and your interest in the welfare of our Nation is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this group by the FBI.

In view of your interest, enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Director's 10-18-60 speech
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch and is purported to be an anticommunist group. We have conducted no investigation regarding this group.

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Amarillo, Texas

Nov. 8, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a young man deeply concerned about my country. It is my desire to do something beneficial in fighting communist influences. Recently, someone told me about the "John Birch Society" and what they are trying to do. It all sounds very good but I would like to be sure that this organization is headed by the proper type of people.

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I would appreciate it if you would advise me of any information you might have on this group.

Yours very truly

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 JAM/MJR

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

I am unable to offer a source where you may obtain the information you are seeking. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's Speech before American Legion Convention, 10/18/60
3/60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CP USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society founded by Robert Welch is alleged to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding them.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 8/29/24 BY [illegible]

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This short letter of inquiry--from the stand point of personal interest--is very important.

A group of local citizens have begun to organize chapters of the "John Birch Society" here. Some of my friends have been asked to join, and I have been solicited to join. I have written to the Catholic Freedom Foundation for informtn--They recommend that chapters be established in local areas--there chapters are designed to do "anti-subversive" work.

When Sen. Goldwater visited Amarillo, some of those that are interested ask him if he knew of the Society. I am told he did know of it and approves of it.

Lately, I have heard some adverse opinions of this society--That is--in a manner that would make one actually resent the organization--doubt its motives & distrust its members. Will you--or one of your personnel--let me hear from you regarding this organization? Or, if you are not in a position to, or cannot let me know, will you tell me where I might get information on its members (those who are organizing the society)

If it can do what I am told it is designed to do, I am for it 100%--but I need (as do some of my friends) some place to seek needed information before we get into some thing we might regret. If you need more information from here, let me know what it would be, other wise, may I hear from you before their meeting early in December. I should like to be in a position to make a decision at that time.

Very Sincerly yours

/s/ [redacted]

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Amarillo, Texas
November 7, 1960

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

Re: John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This short letter of inquiry — from the stand point of personal interest — is very important.

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Very sincerely yours

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of November 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Director's speech 10-18-60, NCAL
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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[redacted]
Midland, Tex.
Nov. 9, 1960.

Dear Sirs:

At the moment I am considering joining the John Birch Society.

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It is headed by one Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass. What I have seen of the literature seems to me to be perfectly all right. But several of my friends suspect this of being a subversive organization.

Would you please let me know your own findings on this organization.

Thank you -

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Midland, Tex.
Nov. 9, 1960.

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Would you please let me know your views on this organization.

Thank you — I

Mrs. [redacted]

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Miss [redacted]
Rogers Park Hotel
6807 Sheridan Road
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of November 12, 1960, has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you in connection with the organization about which you inquired, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau but this should not be construed as clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (6)
Director's Speech before annual Conference of International Association of Chiefs of Police in Washington, D.C., 10-3-60.
Director's Speech before The American Legion, Miami Beach, Florida, 10-18-60
March 1960 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
C.H. Item (3)

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. She enclosed with her letter a slip of paper which appeared to be the masthead of "The Independent American," listing Kent Courtney as publisher and Phoebe Courtney as editor. Bufiles contain no identifiable data of a subversive or derogatory nature concerning Kent Courtney or Phoebe Courtney. He is connected with "The Independent American," formerly known as "Free Men Speak." The publication is allegedly dedicated to the defeat of socialist and communist influences and to promote the cause of individuals and organizations which believe that a political party based on constitutional states rights is the answer to socialism. Neither Courtney nor his publication has been investigated by the Bureau.

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

November 12, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen; [redacted] New Orleans 18,

Last week I caught what I considered an extremely informative and intelligent radio speech by the Publisher of the INDEPENDENT AMERICAN who solicited listeners to write him for more information. This I did.

I had a most cordial letter from Mr. Kent Courtney, Publisher, acquainting me with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY which he informed me was a 'national network of tightly knit organized citizen study groups who take political action.' The address of this organization was not given me in his letter but I have requested same.

He also added - 'if you are interested in joining an anti-communist study group I will send you the name of their national organizer.' which I also requested.

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As an American Citizen I am interested in promoting the best interests of my country; but I want to make absolutely sure that all the above are dedicated to the same principles and not cover-ups for insidious groups.

Your advise in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Naturally any information I have herewith given you is confidential and I request that my name be kept out of any investigations you may make in checking all the above.

I await your reply.

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WICHITA [redacted], KANSAS

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEGRAM NOVEMBER ONE EIGHT, THE FBI HAS NOT INVESTIGATED GROUP NAMED. PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS CLEARANCE OR NONCLEARANCE.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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cc: Mr. DeLoach

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am interested in joining the John Birch Society in Amarillo, Texas. After checking into this organization locally, and from all outward appearances this society seems to be working for a good American cause. Please advise me as to the status of this organization, whether subversive or not, as I will not join until I have checked into its activities to the best of my ability.

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 9, 1960, has been received, and your generous comments are appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

With regard to your inquiry pertaining to the reprint of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, may I suggest that you correspond with this body at 225 Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C., in this respect.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's speech 10-18-60, NCAL
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention
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NOTE: Bufiles indicate a prior letter from correspondent dated 5-9-59 to the American Friends Service Community, Pasadena, California, which was a copy. (NOTE continued next page)

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NOTE CONTINUED: a copy. This letter was not acknowledged as it was not addressed to us. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

From the study of [redacted]

[redacted]
Lemon Grove, Calif

Telephone [redacted]

November7, 1960

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

Dear Sir,

There fell into my hands, from separate sources on almost the same day, the Blue Book of the John Birch Spciety, Belmont 78, Mass (also their June bulletin) and a reprint of an interview by staff members of the Committee on Un-American Activities with Dr F C Schwarz of Australia on May 29, 1957.

The latter impresses me greatly but seems too long and too technical for general use. Has any brief synopsis pf this been issued and circulated?

The Blue Book mentioned has many good points but there are some things I cannot go along with; especially criticisms of Dulles, Herter, Esisenhpwer, Nixon and all of Foreign Aid, also the dictatpr attitude of Robert Welch. Can you give me fuller details of this movement?

I am a Friends Minister, retired, a pacifist (pax - facere) but most definitely not a passivist as some Quakers have become. I am against aetheist communism with all my heart.

I am grateful for what you are doing: I have your book "Master of Deceit".7

Gratefulky yours,

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November 21, 1960

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 14, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I cannot help you. I hope you will not infer in this connection, however, that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Enclosed are publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention, CP USA
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Communism--The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Target--Youth

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November 14, 1960

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr, Hoover,

I am interested in finding out any particulars about the John Birch Society. Is this in any way subversive? Can you give me any information about this group?

I have considered joining because I understand that they are interested in fighting Communism.

Very Sincerely yours,

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November 23, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Longview, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 15, 1960, has been received.

I am glad to know of your desire to help combat the growing menace of communism, and enclosed are publications which I hope you will find of interest. Certainly, an aroused and enlightened citizenry is needed if we are to defend our democratic way of life against the subversive forces facing us today.

I am unable, however, to answer your specific inquiries since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will understand my position and will not infer that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance of the groups in question.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

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Box [redacted] Longview, Texas

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November 15, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

During the past few weeks we have had several people approach us in this area about the possibility of becoming members of and supporting the program of an organization called The John Birch Society. This organization purports to be primarily concerned with combating the spread of Communism in our country and abroad through the use of an organization of cells for instruction political meetings. I have read some of their literature and have talked with a number of people who are presently supporting their program, but the results have been inconclusive. It appears from this cursory examination that this organization has some radical elements and in some areas is very extreme. However, I felt that it would be appropriate to solicit your advice regarding this organization and ask you to provide me with whatever date you might have concerning the history of The John Birch Society and the background of the people primarily concerned with its operation. I would also appreciate an indication of the feeling of the people in your organization as to whether this society is beneficial to our country and if it is one to which a person who is interested in the security of our nation should become connected.

One of the things which has disturbed me among the things which I have heard from the people now supporting the John Birch Society, is their criticism of the League of Women voters. It is their contention that the League of Women voters is too liberal and is primarily an organization whose objectives are the furtherance of the principles of the more liberal elements of the Democratic party. This accusation is to be expected from the true conservatives in our part of the country since, by far, the large marjority of the people are members of the Democratic party and are prone to support the ideals and the platforms which some of the rest of us feel are too liberal. However, I have seen no reason to feel that these people are too radical in their approach and I do not know what reputation this organization enjoys on a national basis. Therefore, I would appreciate your opinion on the same matters as requested concerning The John Birch Society regarding the objectives and the people involved.

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In addition to the information which I have requested concerning these two specific organizations, I would be very interested in knowing what steps your department feels that the public can take in educating the general citizenry in the dangers to our democratic system from the threats of Communism and Socialism, and if there are any particular publications or organizations which would assist us in our desires to protect the American way of Life.

I appreciate very much your interest in my request and I will look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

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Houston 35, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 15, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I am unable to be of aid. Please do not infer, however, in this connection that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Enclosed are publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
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Houston 35, Texas.

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

Dear Mr Hoover;

I am anxious to learn more about a society called, "The John Birch Society" organized in Indianapolis, Indiania on December 9th.,1960.

I am not interested in affilliation with this society. Some of my acquaintances are being solicited for membership and I would like to know more about its origin, the reasons for same , its principals, its ambitions, the historic character if that is available in can be divulged of its founders.

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Forgive me if I am asking for information that you feel I should not have. I am a simple American Citizen, not easily swept off my feet by fanaticism. I just want to know more about this "SOCIETY" in order that I may have a ready and good answer for not affilliating when and if I am solicited, if I should desire not to affiliate.

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100 % American, Like I believe you to be,

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance regarding your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

We do not distribute or maintain a list such as you described; however, a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 can be obtained by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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November 15, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been invited to join the John Birch Society and have checked into its operations on a local level. It appears that they are organized for a good American cause, but one never knows these days for sure. It is requested that you advise me if this organization is on your subversive list.

I shall hold up joining this organization until I receive your reply.

Yours very truly,

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Methuen, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 14, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the individual and publication about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest, and I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society, founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have not investigated the group. "American Opinion" formerly "One Man's Opinion" is published irregularly by Welch. It is a magazine consisting of reviews of current topics by various authors and comments by Welch. Many articles are anticommunist.

[redacted]
Methuen, Mass.
November 14, 1960

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

For the past three years I have been reading, regularly, a magazine called American Opinion. This magazine began as One Man's Opinion, published by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It then became American Opinion, published by the same man only he had a board of advisors, etc.

I have great faith in this man and his writings. I also have great faith in some of his reporters: William Schlamm, J. B. Mathews, Revilo P. Oliver.

My wife thinks Robert Welch is a Communist or has Communist leanings. I think he is trying to wake up America to the facts of world affairs.

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I would appreciate it if you would inform me as to whether or not American Opinion is a Communist-inspired magazine or if it really is the anti-Communist magazine it claims to be.

Enclosed you will find a self-addressed, stamped envelope in which I would appreciate your promptest reply:

Thanking you very much for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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North Syracuse 12, New York

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Dear Major [redacted]

Your letter dated November 14, 1960, has been received.

I am glad to know of your desire to combat the growing menace of communism, and enclosed are publications available for distribution by the FBI which offer citizens suggestions as to how they can defend our democratic way of life against the subversive forces facing us today. I am unable as a matter of policy to recommend to you any additional specific publication, and you will, no doubt, appreciate my position.

With reference to your other inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I cannot be of help. I hope, however, you will not infer in this connection that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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14 November 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am an Air Force Officer, and while on a recent leave in my home town of Columbus, Ohio, I was invited by a friend to attend a meeting sponsored by an anti-communist organization in that city. The meeting consisted of a filmed presentation of a speech given by a Mr. Robert Welch, representing an organization called the John Birch Society. The picture this man painted of the success and extent of the Communist conspiracy in our country was truly startling. Especially shocking to me were the veiled and indirect accusations of treason regarding prominent individuals whom I have always thought of as outstanding and loyal Americans.

I decided that if what this man had to say was true, then I was duty-bound as a loyal citizen to do everything in my power to help fight this menace, especially through organized and concerted action such as that offered by his organization. Although I did not doubt the sincerity of this man I was not fully convinced that the success of communist subversion could be as great as he claimed without more people being aware of it and doing something about it. Therefore, I felt that my first obligation was to educate myself in every way possible on this subject.

I am writing you this letter, sir, in the hope that you might furnish me with a list of books, pamphlets and sources of information from which I might gain a first-hand knowledge of communist activities. I hesitated to take up your valuable time in this manner, but I was encouraged to do so in the belief that you may have such information readily available for distribution as a result of similar requests from other people. Most of all I felt that this matter is important enough to justify going directly to you in order that I may be sure of getting started in the right direction.

I am not wholly ignorant of the aims and methods of Communism, and in this regard I am especially familiar with your book, "Masters of Deceit". What I am seeking is first-hand information and evidence of the extent and success of Communism as claimed by Mr. Welch. I am thinking especially of such evidence as would be available through the government printing office (sworn testimony before the Un-American Activities Committee, etc.)

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I am one of those who was never really convinced that Senator Joe McCarthy was not on the right track, and now I am more uncertain than ever. I simply must try to settle my own doubts and act accordingly.

If you can take a few moments from your heavy responsibilities and busy schedule to answer my simple request, I shall be most grateful.

Respectfully yours

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November 25, 1960

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Little Rock, Arkansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or non-clearance of this organization by the FBI. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Exposé of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with Correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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November 14, 1960

[redacted]
Little Rock, Arkansas

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

My husband and I have been invited to join an organization called the John Birch Society, whose stated purpose is to promote Americanism and conservatism.

This organization encourages its members to read conservative books, such as Senator Barry Goldwaters' book; protest certian movies, such as "Inheret the Wind"; and to write our congressmen on various affairs, such as the promoting of J. Edgar Hoover to Attorny General, among other things. They are also showing a film entitled "Communism on the Map".

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Outwardly, these activities seem harmless enough to the American way of life, but we feel that because so many subversive organizations seem innocent enough at first, that we should contact the F.B.I. before becoming involved.

We would appreciate your comment before joining.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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Columbus 11, Ohio

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 11, 1960, has been received, and I have noted your kind comment.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing some literature on the topic of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He desires to know whether or not the Director approves of the organization. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. He states "Thank you for your advise and God bless you and the entire bureau for at least four more years."

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The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What you can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
2. "America - Freedom's Champion."
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

TRUE COPY

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

[redacted]
Columbus 11, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Although I am sure the bureau must be unusually pressed after the election I must make this request. Most certainly the answer can be at your convenience as I am in no hurry. I do request you answer personally if at all feasible to do so.

Like many loyal Americans I am contemplating active member participation in the John Birch Society whose aims are to win the battle against the communists. They seem a bit radical in their action, yet I cannot see how they can be otherwise to actually win the battle. I have recently completed some major responsibilities and if I join this group I'll give it all my heart and energy plus my intelligence. Members are free to act as they wish and need not follow their "recommended" action 100%. Please advise me as to the F.B.I.'s feelings about this group; whether or not, in your judgement, they are a loyal american - anti-communist group that can aid our country and preserve what we have so dearly paid for - our freedom. I am a World War II, marine corps veteran and have held a successfully more senior executive position since graduating from Ohio University in 1950. Importantly, I am in a position to be a very good help in the John Birch effort should I elect to do so. Your answer will be extremely important to me and many of my friends both in the Society and those contemplating entrance to the group. Thank you for your advise and God bless you and the entire bureau for at least four more years.

Cordially yours,

/s/ [redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

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Cordially yours,

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Columbus, Ohio

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1 - Mr. Farrow

November 23, 1960

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[redacted]
Houston 25, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI which is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the communist menace to our country, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that she has been invited to join the John Birch Society. She requests information concerning the John Birch Society, "The Reporter," and "Human Events." Bufiles reveal that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] of Houston, Texas, were given a tour of the Bureau on June 28, 1937. (94-2-3703)

The John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

Bufiles reveal that "The Reporter" magazine has been characterized as a "liberal" forthightly magazine of facts and ideas started in 1949. This magazine has not been investigated by the Bureau. "The Reporter" has in the past carried articles critical of the Bureau. (100-364570)

Bufiles reveal that "Human Events" is a newsletter published in Washington, D. C., which generally is critical of the Soviet Union and communism. This publication has not been investigated by the Bureau. (105-8697)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism," Sept. 1960.
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."

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[redacted]
Houston 25, Texas

November 10, 1960.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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My husband and I are very interested in the fight against communism, especially since reading your book "Masters of Deceit."

We have been invited to join a study group of The John Birch Society We would like to know just how you feel about this Society. Also are anxious to know about a magazine that is being sent to my husband - The name is The Reporter. it is unlike any magazine we have ever read. WE would like to know too about the publication "Human Events"

Mr. [redacted] and I are new in this type of work but not young in years. WE lost a son, West Point graduate, in World War II. and have a son in the army now, serving as a doctor - so you see WE would love to do our bit if only to help some other parents and sons.

Thanking you, I am Sincerely
/s/ [redacted]
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Houston 25, Texas

November 10, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband and I are very interested in the fight against communism, especially since reading your book "Masters of Deceit".

We have been invited to join a study group of The John Birch Society. We would like to know just how you feel about the society, also are anxious to know about a magazine that is being sent to my [redacted]. The name is The Reporter. It is unlike any magazine we read. We would like to know too about the publication "Human Events".

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Houston 25, Texas

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Thanking you I am Sincerely.

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November 21, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 14 and enclosures, which are very interesting indeed. I do have opportunities to make speeches on American Citizenship and the material that you have sent me will be extremely helpful in the preparation of those talks.

I am sure I voice the opinion of all loyal Americans in expressing to you my appreciation as one citizen, of the splendid work being conducted by your office in the interest of a stronger America.

Sincerely,

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John Birch Society

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 11/14/60

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 11/2/60, Mrs. [redacted], Dallas, Texas, advised that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY has three paid coordinators in Dallas, Texas, at the present time with TOMHILL being one of these coordinators. It was Mrs. [redacted] belief that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY currently has 20 chapters in Dallas. She was unable to give the membership of any persons in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, except the name of Mrs. [redacted] who resides on [redacted] in Dallas, Mrs. [redacted] made available a "Research Report" from the Fact Research Service, Inc., 179 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. A letter from this organization to Mrs. [redacted] dated 10/10/60 gives the following documentation of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. The letter quoted from the "Chicago Daily News" in an article entitled "Bares Secret of Red-Haters," by JOHN MABLEY, 7/25/60, page three:

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"The John Birch Society is an organization of ultra-conservatives, banded together to fight communism in America.

"It is not a secret society in the normal sense of the word, but it tries to avoid publicity. Until this moment, it has been successful.

"The head--and absolute head--of the John Birch Society is Robert Welch, of Boston. The society has members in every state and active chapters in half of the states. There are ten chapters in the Chicago area.

"The goal is a million active members.

"With its announced program of fighting communism, the society has attracted thousands of well-meaning, conscientious men and women throughout the country.

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"Here is an exact quote from the book: 'While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt.'

"He says also of the President '... there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason.'

"The immediate reaction on confronting this writing is to dismiss it as the work of a crackpot. However, the circumstances of Welch's position and influence dictate further examination...'

"We further quote from the Chicago Daily News, 'Strange Threat To Democracy', by John Mabley, July 2[illegible], 1960, page 1.

"Robert Welch, the leader of thousands of conservative Americans in the John Birch Society, not only believes that President Eisenhower is a Communist, but takes a dim view of democracy.

"'Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud', he told founders of the John Birch League in 1958. He has continued to maintain this in a book given to new members.

"Wealthy conservatives support Welch. He lists as members of the advisory 'Council' Cola G. Parker, Ernest G. Swigert, and William J. Grede, all past presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers, Clarence Manion of the Manion Forum, the late James Simpson Jr., former Illinois Republican congressman, and a number of other well-known conservatives.

"Welch is a persuasive speaker. Many responsible people are attracted to the John Birch Society by the lofty aims expressed by Welch and 'coordinators' who lead local groups.

"However, members are never told about a book written by Welch. It is called The Politician...

"Welch writes that Roosevelt was used by the Communists. He also says that Truman was used by them, but with his knowledge and acquiescence because they 'made him president'. In the third stage of Communist conspiracy, writes Welch, 'the Communists have one of their own actually in the Presidency'..."

"It was founded December 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, and named for John Birch, a captain in the U. S. army, allegedly murdered in cold blood by Chinese Communists ten days after VJ-Day.

"Welch gave up his career as a candy company executive to lead the society.

"He was educated for four years at the University of North Carolina, two years at the United States Naval Academy and two years at Harvard law school. He was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years.

"The society has the backing of wealthy, conservative businessmen. Three former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers are listed by Welch as members of the 'Council' of the society.

"I have seen the appeal of the society in its own suburban community of 18,000. There are four active units in the village. At a meeting two weeks ago tonight, more than 200 persons turned out.

"The organization is monolithic, or, to use another word which Welch himself introduced, dictorial. He is the absolute and unquestioned head, the 'hard-boiled, dictorial and dynamic boss' need to run such an organization. The quotes are his.

"The above facts relate closely in the following. I have obtained a copy of a book by Welch intended for distribution only to the leaders of the society.

"It is a 302 page black paperbound book, reproduced by the photo off-set process, with looseleaf binders. The title is The Politician. The book accuses President Eisenhower of treason.

"It flatly calls him a Communist, and for 302 pages attempts to document the charge.

"It accuses most of his aides--John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, Chief Justice Earl Warren, former Defense Secretary Neil McElroy and dozens of others, of being a part of the Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

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The above is for information purposes.

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REC- 91 62-104[illegible]-522 November 28, 1960

[redacted]
Kwikset Division
The American Hardware Corporation
516 East Santa Ana Street
Anaheim, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of November 17, 1960.

You were very kind to give me the benefit of your observations, and it was most reassuring to learn of your efforts to inform the people in your community regarding the menace of communism. This Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society; consequently, it is not possible to comment concerning it. I am sure you will understand why I am not in a position to comply with your request, and I regret that I cannot be of service to you in this instance.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of "Expose of Soviet Espionage," as well as some other material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's Speech before IACP, 10/3/60
Director's Speech before American Legion Convention, 10/18/60
3/60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CP USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: In view of correspondent's common name no information regarding him could be located in Bufiles based on the limited information furnished. It is noted that he identified himself as local Chapter leader of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information regarding its activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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THE AMERICAN HARDWARE CORPORATION

516 EAST SANTA ANA STREET · ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA · KEYSTONE 5-8111

NOVEMBER 17, 1960

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

I READ WITH INTEREST, AN ARTICLE IN "CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS" RELATIVE TO YOUR REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE ENTITLED "EXPOSE OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE, MAY, 1960. I WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND HOPE THAT YOU CAN SPARE THE TIME TO SEND ONE TO ME.

AS A CITIZEN, I READ EVERYTHING I CAN GET MY HANDS ON REGARDING THE COMMUNIST MENANCE. I DO NOT FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT TO BE INFORMED IS ENOUGH. WE MUST AS CITIZENS TAKE SOME ACTION TO COUNTERACT THE COMMUNIST SUBVERSION OF OUR WAY OF LIFE. I DO THE USUAL THINGS EXPECTED OF ANY GOOD CITIZEN. I WRITE MY CONGRESSMAN, MY SENATORS; I WORKED DURING THE ELECTIONS; I REPRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE REGARDING THE COMMUNIST MENACE; I HAVE ARRANGED SHOWINGS OF THE FILM "OPERATION ABOLITION", ETC. IT STILL DOES NOT SEEM THAT I AM DOING ENOUGH. I AM FRUSTRATED AND APPALLED AT THE APATHY OF THE AVERAGE CITIZEN. FORTUNATELY, WE RE-ELECTED THE GREATEST CONGRESSMAN ON CAPITAL HILL, JAMES B. UTT OF THE 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, BUT HE CAN NOT DO THE JOB ALONE.

I HAVE JOINED AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY HEADED BY ROBERT WELCH WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I AM THE LOCAL CHAPTER LEADER OF THIS ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SOUND AMERICANISM. I WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THIS AND PARTICULARLY YOUR EVALUATION OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE AS CITIZENS CAN DO TO PRESERVE OUR GREAT HERITAGE I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE MATTERS.

Ack 11/25/60
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November 28, 1960

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Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 17, 1960, with enclosures, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

I am enclosing some material regarding communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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Mr. [redacted] 11-28-60

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Houston 35, Texas
November 17, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

The Houston office of the FBI, upon my recent request for information concerning the John Birch Society, recommended that I contact the Attorney General's Office in Washington, D. C. Enclosed is a copy of the reply I received and of the list included.

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My purpose in seeking this information was to assure myself that the leadership of this organization is sufficient to effectively fight communist activity in our country, and naturally to assure my own personal protection.

This letter from the Justice Department is inconclusive, and does not answer my question. I am most anxious to be of service to my country, and am appealing to you to advise me as to the proper steps I should take to secure this information.

Yours very truly,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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and Refer to Initials and Number

October 17 1960

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

In response to your letter of September 27, 1960 this is to advise that, in furnishing information from its files, if any is available, this Department is limited by law to servicing the executive departments and agencies of the Federal government in the exercise of official functions. Moreover, while this Department is authorized to designate organizations pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, relating to the Federal employee security program, it has no authority to clear organizations.

There is enclosed, however, a consolidated list dated November 1, 1955 of all the organizations designated by this Department pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, the only authority under which it may characterize organizations. Membership in, or affiliation with a designated organization, is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By: Oran H. Waterman

ORAN H. WATERMAN
Chief, Civil Section

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ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10450

Compiled from Memoranda of the Attorney General dated April 29, July 15, September 28, 1953, January 22, 1954, April 4, September 21, and October 20, 1955

CONSOLIDATED LIST—NOVEMBER 1, 1955

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Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois
Action Committee to Free Spain Now
Alabama People's Educational Association (see Communist Political Association)
American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.
American Branch of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions
American Christian Nationalist Party
American Committee for European Workers' Relief (see Socialist Workers Party)
American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
American Committee for Spanish Freedom
American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Birobidjan, Inc.
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc
American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe
American Council for a Democratic Greece, formerly known as the Greek American Council; Greek American Committee for National Unity
American Council on Soviet Relations
American Croatian Congress
American Jewish Labor Council
American League Against War and Fascism
American League for Peace and Democracy
* ~~American Lithuanian Workers Literary Association (also known as Amerikos Lietuvių Darbininkų Literatūros Draugija)~~
American National Labor Party
American National Socialist League
American National Socialist Party
American Nationalist Party
American Patriots, Inc.
American Peace Crusade
American Peace Mobilization
American Poles for Peace
American Polish Labor Council
American Polish League
American Rescue Ship Mission (a project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee)
American-Russian Fraternal Society
American Russian Institute, New York, also known as the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union
American Russian Institute, Philadelphia
American Russian Institute of San Francisco
American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles
American Slav Congress
American Women for Peace
American Youth Congress
American Youth for Democracy
Armenian Progressive League of America
Associated Klans of America
Association of Georgia Klans
Association of German Nationals (Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung)
* ~~Association of Lithuanian Workers (also known as Lietuvių Darbininkų Susivienijimas)~~
Ausland-Organization der NSDAP, Overseas Branch of Nazi Party
Baltimore Forum
Benjamin Davis Freedom Committee
Black Dragon Society
Boston School for Marxist Studies, Boston, Massachusetts
Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt Defense Committee
Bulgarian American People's League of the United States of America
California Emergency Defense Committee
California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California
Carpatho-Russian People's Society
Central Council of American Women of Croatian Descent, also known as Central Council of American Croatian Women, National Council of Croatian Women
Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)
Central Japanese Association of Southern California
Central Organization of the German-American National Alliance (Deutsche-Amerikanische Einheitsfront)
Cervantes Fraternal Society
China Welfare Appeal, Inc.
Chopin Cultural Center
Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges
Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side (New York City)
Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder
Citizens Emergency Defense Conference
Citizens Protective League
Civil Liberties Sponsoring Committee of Pittsburgh
Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations, including:
- Civil Rights Congress for Texas
- Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York

Civil Rights Congress for Texas (see Civil Rights Congress)
Columbians
Comite Coordinador Pro Republica Espanola
Comite Pro Derechos Civiles (See Puerto Rican Comite Pro Libertades Civiles)
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
Committee for Constitutional and Political Freedom
Committee for Nationalist Action
Committee for Peace and Brotherhood Festival in Philadelphia
Committee for the Defense of the Pittsburgh Six
Committee for the Negro in the Arts
Committee for the Protection of the Bill of Rights
Committee for World Youth Friendship and Cultural Exchange
Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland (See Congress Against Discrimination; Maryland Congress Against Discrimination; Provisional Committee to Abolish Discrimination in the State of Maryland)
Committee to Aid the Fighting South
Committee to Defend Marie Richardson
Committee to Defend the Rights and Freedom of Pittsburgh's Political Prisoners
Committee to Uphold the Bill of Rights
Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas
Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates
Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including:
- Alabama People's Educational Association
- Florida Press and Educational League
- Oklahoma League for Political Education
- People's Educational and Press Association of Texas
- Virginia League for People's Education

Congress Against Discrimination (See Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland)
Congress of American Revolutionary Writers
Congress of American Women
Congress of the Unemployed
Connecticut Committee to Aid Victims of the Smith Act
Connecticut State Youth Conference
Council for Jobs, Relief and Housing
Council for Pan-American Democracy
Council of Greek Americans
Council on African Affairs
Croatian Benevolent Fraternity
Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan)
Daily Worker Press Club
Daniels Defense Committee
Dante Alighieri Society (between 1935 and 1940)
Dennis Defense Committee
Detroit Youth Assembly
East Bay Peace Committee
Elsinore Progressive League
Emergency Conference to Save Spanish Refugees (founding body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee)
Everybody's Committee to Outlaw War
Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims
Families of the Smith Act Victims
Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U. S. A., Inc. (Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani, Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America)
Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society
Florida Press and Educational League (see Communist Political Association)
Frederick Douglass Educational Center
Freedom Stage, Inc.
Friends of the New Germany (Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands)
Friends of the Soviet Union
Garibaldi American Fraternal Society
George Washington Carver School, New York City
German-American Bund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)
German-American Republican League
German American Vocational League (Deutsche-Amerikanische Berufsgemeinschaft)
Guardian Club
Harlem Trade Union Council
Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee
Heimusha Kai, also known as Nokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai, Zaibei Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and Zaibei Heimusha Kai (Japanese Residing in America Military Conscripts Association)
Hellenic-American Brotherhood
Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists)
Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society—a group of Japanese War Veterans)
Hokubei Zaigo Shoke Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association)

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Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense
Hungarian-American Council for Democracy
Hungarian Brotherhood
Idaho Pension Union
Independent Party (Seattle Washington)
(See Independent People's Party)
Independent People's Party
(See Independent Party)
~~Independent Socialist League~~
Industrial Workers of the World
International Labor Defense
International Workers Order, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates
Japanese Association of America
Japanese Overseas Central Society (Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai)
Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940
Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization)
Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City
Jewish Culture Society
Jewish People's Committee
Jewish People's Fraternal Order
Jikyoku Iinkai (The Committee for the Crisis)
Johnson-Forest Group
(See Johnsonites)
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(See Johnson-Forest Group)
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
Joint Council of Progressive Italian-Americans, Inc
Joseph Weydemeyer School of Social Science, St Louis, Missouri
Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U S Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan)
Knights of the White Camellia
Ku Klux Klan
Kyffhaeuser, also known as Kyffhaeuser League (Kyffhaeuser Bund), Kyffhaeuser Fellowship (Kyffhaeuser Kameradschaft)
Kyffhaeuser War Relief (Kyffhaeuser Kriegshilfswerk)
Labor Council for Negro Rights
Labor Research Association, Inc.
Labor Youth League
League for Common Sense
League of American Writers
Lictor Society (Italian Black Shirts)
Macedonian-American People's League
Mario Morgantini Circle
Maritime Labor Committee to Defend Al Lannon
Maryland Congress Against Discrimination
(See Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland)
Massachusetts Committee for the Bill of Rights
Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace (not connected with the Minute Women of the U S A, Inc.)
Maurice Braverman Defense Committee
Michigan Civil Rights Federation
Michigan Council for Peace
Michigan School of Social Science
Nanka Teiboku Gunyudan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans)
National Association of Mexican Americans (also known as Asociacion Nacional Mexico-Americana)
National Blue Star Mothers of America (not to be confused with the Blue Star Mothers of America organized in February 1942)
National Committee for Freedom of the Press
National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners
National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims
National Committee to Win the Peace
National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East (a Conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy)
National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent
National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
National Labor Conference for Peace
National Negro Congress
National Negro Labor Council
Nationalist Action League
Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico
Nature Friends of America (since 1935)
Negro Labor Victory Committee
New Committee for Publications
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theatre)
North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
North American Spanish Aid Committee
North Philadelphia Forum
Northwest Japanese Association
Ohio School of Social Sciences
Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners
Oklahoma League for Political Education (see Communist Political Association)
Original Southern Klans, Incorporated
Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle, Washington
Palo Alto Peace Club
Partido del Pueblo of Panama (operating in the Canal Zone)
Peace Information Center
Peace Movement of Ethiopia
People's Drama, Inc.
People's Educational and Press Association of Texas (see Communist Political Association)
People's Educational Association (incorporated under name Los Angeles Educational Association, Inc.), also known as People's Educational Center, People's University, People's School
People's Institute of Applied Religion
Peoples Programs (Seattle, Washington)
People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
People's Rights Party
Philadelphia Labor Committee for Negro Rights
Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art
Photo League (New York City)
Pittsburgh Arts Club
Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
Polonia Society of the IWO
Progressive German-Americans, also known as Progressive German-Americans of Chicago
Proletarian Party of America
Protestant War Veterans of the United States, Inc.
Provisional Committee of Citizens for Peace, Southwest Area
Provisional Committee on Latin American Affairs
Provisional Committee to Abolish Discrimination in the State of Maryland
(See Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland)
Puerto Rican Comite Pro Libertades Civiles (CLC)
(See Comite Pro Derechos Civiles)
Puertorriquenos Unidos (Puerto Ricans United)
Quad City Committee for Peace
Queensbridge Tenants League
Revolutionary Workers League
Romanian-American Fraternal Society
Russian American Society, Inc.
Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society, or Cherry Association—composed of veterans of Russo-Japanese War)
Samuel Adams School, Boston, Massachusetts
Santa Barbara Peace Forum
Schappes Defense Committee
Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee
School of Jewish Studies, New York City
Seattle Labor School, Seattle Washington
Serbian-American Fraternal Society
Serbian Vidovdan Council
Shinto Temples (limited to State Shinto abolished in 1945)
Silver Shirt Legion of America
Slavic Council of Southern California
Slovak Workers Society
Slovenian-American National Council
Socialist Workers Party, including American Committee for European Workers' Relief
~~Socialist Youth League (see Workers Party)~~
Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society)
Southern Negro Youth Congress
Suiko Sha (Reserve Officers Association, Los Angeles)
Syracuse Women for Peace
Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia Pennsylvania
Tom Paine School of Westchester, New York
Trade Union Committee for Peace
(See Trade Unionists for Peace)
Trade Unionists for Peace
(See Trade Union Committee for Peace)
Tri-State Negro Trade Union Council
Ukrainian-American Fraternal Union
Union of American Croatians
Union of New York Veterans
United American Spanish Aid Committee
United Committee of Jewish Societies and Landsmanschaft Federations, also known as Coordination Committee of Jewish Landsmanschaften and Fraternal Organizations
United Committee of South Slavic Americans
United Defense Council of Southern California
United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization
United May Day Committee
United Negro and Allied Veterans of America
Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York (see Civil Rights Congress)
Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Virginia League for People's Education (see Communist Political Association)
Voice of Freedom Committee
Walt Whitman School of Social Science, Newark New Jersey
Washington Bookshop Association
Washington Committee for Democratic Action
Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights
Washington Commonwealth Federation
Washington Pension Union
Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation
Workers Alliance (since April 1936)
~~Workers Party, including Socialist Youth League~~
Yiddisher Kultur Farband
Young Communist League
Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc.
Yugoslav Women's Club, Inc

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November 28, 1960

[redacted]
1521 Mesa
Odessa, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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International Business Machines Corporation

November 18, 1960

Gentlemen:

I am interested in joining the John Birch Society, but would like to know for sure that it is not Communist sponsored or endorsed.

Please give me a report on this organization, and/or its originator-Mr. Robert S Welch of Boston.

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[redacted]
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 22, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

I am enclosing some material regarding the atheistic menace of communism which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
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Mr. [redacted]

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November 22, 1960

[redacted]
Beaumont, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Fedral Bureau Of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to ask your opinion concerning the activities of the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts, and of its founder Mr. Robert Welsh.

This organization seems to me to be a step in the right direction in the fight against Communism in the world today. However, before I give my support, I would like to have your opinion of this organization and its founder, to be sure that the efforts of the organization are definitely directed toward anti-Communism.

Your advice and counsel in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

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Purviance Clinic
Post Office Box 1782
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest prompting you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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808 WEST FRANCIS P. O. BOX 1782
TELEPHONE MOHAWK 4-6871
PAMPA, TEXAS

[redacted] [redacted]

November 28, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am trying to obtain some information about the John Birch Society which is trying to organize a chapter here. They say they are a very conservative and Anti Communist organization. Any information you have would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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[redacted]

Berwick, Maine

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of November 23, and I am pleased that you have found "Masters of Deceit" and other publications I have written regarding communism of interest.

As you indicate, the statements quoted in your letter did not emanate from the FBI. Although I would like to be of service to you, the files of this Bureau are confidential and it is not possible for me to make any comment regarding the questions you raised. I hope you will understand the reasons I am unable to be of help in this instance.

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In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Thank you for your prayers.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH
25 High Street
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November 23, 1960

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

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover,

It is certainly most disturbing to see how our country is constantly retreating in the face of the encroachment of communism. I have read with real interest your "Masters of Deceit" and other articles and pamphlets which you have written, all to alert our people to the real nature of this international conspiracy.

I would like to ask if it is true as I read in one pamphlet recently, not written by you, that there are at least thirty communist espionage rings operating in this country today against the only two or three that have been partially exposed? And, is it true that not only has all really effective exposure of these espionage rings been stopped but scores of known communist sympathizers have been restored by Supreme Court rulings to their former jobs within our Federal Government? Is it also true that seventy-five vital links in the most secret communications of our government itself including those of the Pentagon to Air Force Bases in New York, Maine, England, Canada, and Newfoundland are all available to the members of the American Communication Association which was kicked out of the CIO in 1950 as being too Communists? I believe that these statements were made in the Blue Book of the John Birth Society. Be assured that our prayers are with you in the terrific work that you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

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Pecos, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of November 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Director's speech of 10-18-60

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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Pecos Texas
November 29, 1960

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

Dear Mr Hoover:

I would like to inquire into the validity of the anti-communistic aspirations of The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and its founder, Robert Welch.

I have been approached on the subject of joining this organization. My fondest desire is to rid this country of all communist's.

In the opinion of your department is the Society honest in the presentation of its aim?

Yours Truly

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November 9, 196

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

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I have been approached on the subject of joining this organization. My fondest desire is rid this country of all communist's.

In the opinion of your department is the society sound in the presentation of its aim?

Yours Truly

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San Marino, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of November 30, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

In response to your request, it is certainly a pleasure to forward to you, under separate cover, 100 copies of my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." There is no charge for material which this Bureau is privileged to distribute to the public. I am enclosing some other material dealing with communism which may be of interest.

I would like to point out that the individual you mentioned in your communication has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau. He did, however, furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and he was compensated for his services.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Director's speech 10-18-60
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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1 - D.L. Morrell, Room 4235--USC- 100 copies "Communist Target--Youth"

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November 30, 1960

[redacted]
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

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

Dear Sir:
May I ask if you will be so kind as to send me 100 copies of your COMMUNIST TARGET-YOUTH, and I should like to make a donation for same.

I am a member of The John Birch Society in San Marino, No. 419, is the No. of our Chapter. It might interest your Bureau to know that one of your former members, Matthew Cvetic, a few weeks ago addressed an evening gathering in our rather small community, and over 550 persons attended.

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As a patriotic American may I express my deep gratitude for all the wonderful work you have done for us.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

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Pampa, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 28, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing me is appreciated.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
Communist Target--Youth
How to Beat Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Reprint from FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, 3-60 & 17th Nat'l Conv CP, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America
One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch, has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

November 28, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My wife, [redacted] and I would like to inquire about the John Birch Society.

We attended a meeting of local people here in [redacted] on November 25 the purpose of which was to watch and listen to a Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., founder of this Society.

In this movie, Mr. Welch covered the background, purposes and future of the John Birch Society. To [redacted] and I his purpose seems to be very clear, i.e. to stop the evergrowing menace of Communism and to stamp it out. We feel that we would like to join this Society; however, we do not feel that such a step should be taken without thorough investigation. b6 b7C

Another couple with whom we attended this meeting agreed that we should do a bit of checking before joining this group. We decided that the best way to accomplish this would be to direct an inquiry to you.

Of course we realize that the decision to join this group is ours, however if you would advise us as to the opinion that your Department holds of this organization we would most certainly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Pampa, Texas.

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Houston 45, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

In response to your request of November 29, 1960, I am enclosing a copy of "Expose of Soviet Espionage," as well as other reprints which you may find of interest.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI. No suggestions come to mind where you might be able to secure the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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[redacted]
Houston, Texas
November 29, 1960

Dear Sir--

Please send me a copy of the Senate document "Exposé of Soviet Espionage."

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Also I would like any information you have available about the John Birch Society. I understand it to be a truly patriotic organization and would like this confirmed. If it is not possible for you to give me this information, can you refer me to someone who can?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-723)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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Los Angeles indices contain no pertinent information identifiable with [redacted] and no indication he has ever been the subject of an investigation by this office.

[redacted] was personally contacted 12/2/60, at his residence at [redacted] Woodland Hills, Calif., by SAS [redacted] and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN. His letter of 11/15/60, to the Director was orally acknowledged and the Director's appreciation for Mr. [redacted] kind comments re him and "Masters of Deceit" was expressed.

The general investigative jurisdiction of the FBI was courteously explained to Mr. [redacted] after which it was tactfully explained to him that since the files of the FBI are confidential, it is not possible to furnish any comment on the character or integrity of any of the individuals, organizations, or publications listed in his letter. It was made specifically clear to Mr. [redacted] that the FBI has conducted no investigation concerning him.

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Mr. [redacted] advised he is employed as a [redacted] Wyle Laboratories, 128 Maryland, El Segundo, Calif., and assumed that perhaps the FBI had investigated him relative to his employment. He advised he understood the position of the FBI and deeply appreciated the Agents calling upon him. He reiterated his high regard for the Director.

Mr. [redacted] advised he has been very out-spoken against communism. He stated he was quite concerned about the fact that "Masters of Deceit" has been occupying the lower shelves in local book stands and libraries and the manner in which Congressman-elect JAMES C. CORMAN had virtually repudiated the statements in that book during his campaign in a public debate sponsored by Town Hall at Sherman Oaks, Calif., exact date unrecalled. He advised the John Birch Society and the American Legion have been going around and placing copies of "Masters of Deceit" on the shelves in places of easy accessibility and where they will receive maximum attention. He advised Congressman-elect CORMAN had indicated there is no communist threat from within the U. S. but that the threat is from the Armies of Russia and Red China. He advised CORMAN had stated something like, thank God for EARL WARREN and the Supreme Court.

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Mr. [redacted] indicated a familiarity with the John Birch Society and advised that friends of his in that society had told him they had heard CORMAN remark to the effect that the Director didn't know what he was talking about concerning the internal threat of communism in the United States. At this point Agents immediately refuted CORMAN's above scurrilous remarks regarding the Director and informed Mr. [redacted] that the Director's statements are entirely factual, that CORMAN was entirely wrong and that CORMAN obviously was the one who did not know what he was talking about to which Mr. [redacted] stated he was thoroughly in agreement.

The interview was terminated under very pleasant conditions and Mr. CORMAN concluded that he had always had the highest regards for the Director and the FBI.

1 - Mr. Farrow

December 9, 1960

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[redacted]
San Diego 16, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 26, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

It is always gratifying to receive letters from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedom.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI preclude me from furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that neither the John Birch Society nor the American Friends of Vietnam has been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of these organizations by the FBI.

I am enclosing some literature on the menace of communism which I feel will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and "American Friends of Vietnam." She also requests a list of publications that are considered to be anticommunist. Correspondent enclosed a poem which she stated had been recited at a public school during a Thanksgiving Day program. She wonders if the poem is communistic. The poem concerns the early settlement of the United States and is written from the viewpoint of the American Indian. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Bufiles reveal that "American Friends of Vietnam" has not been investigated by the Bureau. Available information reveals that over 17 Senators, over 60 Representatives and numerous other prominent Americans are affiliated with the organization. (62-102858)

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

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San Diego 16, California

November 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Would you please tell me where I can get information concerning THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ? My husband and I are interested in joining this group in an effort in our small way to fight Communism. However, we would like to be certain that we are fighting and not aiding the communistic cause. The local F. B. I. office here is unable to give out information of this type and we don't know where to turn for accurate information.

If you could send me some list of publication that are considered anticommunistic I would greatly appreciate it. In fact, any information you could give us would be a tremendous help in guiding us. We, and many of our friends, are deeply concerned and willing to do anything within our power to actively fight Communism,,if we could just have some reassurance that what we would do would be the correct thing.

Could you please tell me whether The American Friends of Vietnam is considered a questionable organization?

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I am enclosing a poem that was recited at the Thanksgiving Program in a public school here. Is this the type of propaganda that is being used by Communist in the educational system? I realize that the facts are basically true yet, I am wondering if this type of presentation of American history won't in a twelve year educationl program leave our children with a complete lack of patriotism and pride for the founding fathers of our democracy.

Sincerely,

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I don't know who this Indian is
A bow within his hand
But he is standing by a tree
And watching white men land

They may be gods
They maybe men
They certainly look glum
He wonders who on earth they are
And why on earth they've come

He knows his streams are full of fish
His forest full of deer
And his tribe is a mighty tribe
That all the others fear

But when the French and Spanish come.
The English and the Dutch
They tell him they're the mighty tribe
And no one else is much

They'll shoot his deer
And net his fish
And clear away his wood
And frequently remark to him
They do it for his good

Then he will fight
And he will scalp
And he will burn and slay
And break the treaties he has made
but children, so will they

We wont go into all of that
For its another story
And some is good
And some is bad
B ut all of it is gory

But just remember this day
About our ancestors so dear
They didn't find an empty land
The Indian was here

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December 9, 1960

AIRMAIL

[redacted]

Newport Beach, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 2, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, it is not possible for me to advise you relative to the matter you mentioned. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read. The self-addressed, stamped envelope you forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Self-addressed stamped envelope

NOTE: Letter sent airmail inasmuch as envelope enclosed by correspondent contained airmail postage. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Correspondent is probably referring to General Albert C. Wedemeyer's report on China and Korea which was published several years ago. General Wedemeyer is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first-name basis and has enjoyed cordial correspondence with the Director over the years.

TRUE COPY

[redacted]
Newport Beach
California
Dec. 2, 1960

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

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Dear Sir-

I'm appealling to you for certain information I feel only you are qualified to give.

The Communist threat has recently been emphasized and, as a Mother of four, I feel compelled to do what I can to fight it.

Would you advise my joining the "John Birch Society"? Can I know this is not a subversive group?

Could you also tell me - is all of the "Wedermeyer Report" true? I read the book because of rumors that circulated during W. W. II -

The book confirmed those rumors, but my husband (an ex A. F. pilot) feels the book is not true, and questions my patriotism for believing it.

Your reply will be anxiously awaited, and any suggestions you make (anything that I, or other housewives can do to help our country) will be greatly appreciated.

Very Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]
Newport Beach
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F. B. I.
Washington, D.C.

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Very Sincerely,

[redacted]

Newport Beach
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December 8, 1960

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Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 2, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention and 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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Richmond, Va.
Dec. 2, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I've been told that from an official standpoint you're not allowed to endorse any organization - Does the same thing apply to you on an unofficial basis?

To come straight to the point - I recently attended a meeting here in Richmond which was held to enlighten the public on the seriousness of the Communist situation and to enlist members in The John Birch Society. I found both the speeches and film strip to be most impressive and alarming - as calculated. However, the name Robert Welch, as well as the members of the policy-making council were unknown to me prior to this meeting. It is neither my intention on decine to join any group unless I am unquestionably sure of the motives and standing of such a group as being truly American - in the full sense of the word.

My next problem was where I could get that unquestionable assurance. That part didn't take long to decide - of course, Mr. Hoover, who else?!

Thank you for taking time to read this. Your reply will be appreciated and your advice relied upon -

Very truly yours,

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Richmond 22, Va.

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FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [redacted] The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Complete address per check in current Fullerton, California, telephone directory.

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CARE MR HOOVER FBI WASHDC

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PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IN REGARDS TO THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY OF BELMONT MASSACHUSETTS BEING AN ACCEPTABLE ORGANIZATION WITH UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICIES. THANKS

[redacted] FULLERTON CALIF.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 12-8-60

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

The Director inquired whether we are investigating the John Birch Society (JBS) and requested a memorandum concerning this Society.

We have never investigated the JBS nor its founder Robert H. Welch, Jr.

BACKGROUND CONCERNING THE SOCIETY

The JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December 1958, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. Welch has summarized the long-range activities of the Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." Chapters of this Society have come into existence in various parts of the country as part of Welch's anticommunist campaign. Welch states that the Society was named after John Birch, a young Christian missionary from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when the United States entered World War II; who joined General Chennault's force as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the United States Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war; and who, while in uniform ten days after V-J Day and on a peaceful and official mission for our Government, was brutally murdered in cold blood by the Chinese communists.

BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITY OF WELCH

Bufiles disclose Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and his office address as 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturer. He is editor and director of the

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publication "American Opinion," which is published on an irregular basis and which contains many anticommunist articles. Welch has forwarded copies of the publication to the Bureau in the past. Bufiles do not contain any derogatory information of a subversive nature concerning Welch. In January, 1959, we received information that Welch was initiating an anticommunist campaign and was conducting a drive throughout the country to obtain funds to be used for this activity. One of his desires was to establish ostensible communist front groups, which in reality would be anticommunist groups, thereby causing disruption to the Communist Party. In February, 1959, we received information indicating that Welch, a Republican, had authored a book entitled "The Politician," which book Welch did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed which he sent to friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. We received a copy of the book and reviewed it. The review disclosed that it was mainly a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. In this book Welch by innuendo alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist. We disseminated pertinent portions of the book at that time to the White House and the Attorney General. Another example of Welch's attitude toward Government officials is found in his brochure on the JBS wherein he stated "You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the communists in Washington planned it that way."

Welch could be considered being pro-Bureau as the July-August, 1958, issue of "American Opinion," page 24, listed "Masters of Deceit" as recommended reading material and information was received in August, 1960, that the latest monthly bulletin of the JBS requested all members to write the Director expressing their congratulations on his report as contained in the House Committee on Un-American Activities booklet "Communist Target - Youth."

BUREAU ACTION:

Due to the controversial nature of Welch and the JBS, together with Welch's plan to set up ostensible communist front groups, we alerted the field to Welch's background, his plan, and background information concerning the JBS by SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, and/or 60-5 (C) dated January 26, 1960. The field was instructed that no investigation of the Society should be conducted but that the Bureau was particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use the Society or its chapters. The field was instructed to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent information regarding this matter.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
62-104401

Since the formation of the JBS, we have received and continue to receive numerous inquiries from citizens inquiring whether or not the Director approves of the Society. We have in most instances in the past answered these inquiries by stating that the Director was precluded from furnishing the desired information since "the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization." This reply was given since it was felt that a statement indicating we had not investigated the JBS would be considered as an endorsement or clearance of the organization by the FBI.

However, in the future, in order to be consistent, we will reply to such inquiries concerning the JBS that "the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI."

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, we will answer citizen inquiries in line with the above observation.

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December 9, 1960

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Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of November 30, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. A four-cent stamp forwarded by correspondent is being utilized in reply.

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

Dear Sir:

I would like any information you can give me on The John Birch Society. I think it is national. I know there is a branch here in Wichita, and there has been quite a controversey concerning it recently. I've heard and read conflicting reports of its purposes. There is also disagreement as to whether the organization is pro or anti American and democratic.

I would appreciate any information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

Wichita, Kansas

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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December 12, 1960

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Costa Mesa, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated December 3, 1960, has been received.

The thought prompting your contacting us is appreciated, and I am glad to know that you and your husband desire to combat the growing menace of communism. Certainly, an aroused and enlightened citizenry is needed if we are to defend our democratic way of life against the subversive forces facing us today.

Although I would like very much to help you in connection with your specific inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. We have not investigated the group you named; however, I hope you will not infer that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance by this Bureau.

Enclosed are publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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LETTER TO MRS. [redacted] b6 b7C
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Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
LEB Introduction, March, 1960 & 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent and her husband are not identifiable in Bufiles on the basis of information furnished. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings. Name of street verified by telephone directory check.

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Dec. 3, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In the past month, my husband & I have become very interested in the fight against communism.

We have recently seen the films "Communism on the Map" & "Operation Abolition," & thought them very enlightening. We want to join & Anti-Communist organization & have been trying to get all possible information on the John Birch Society. We feel like we need direction as do many of our friends.

We have seen letters from such people as Senator Goldwater, whom we admire, praising Rob't. Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, but he did not commit himself in the letter on the Society itself. Naturally, we don't want to join any such organization until we find out if it is really on the right track.

We would appreciate very much any information you might be able to send along on the Birch Society, so we can decide if this is the way to fight communism.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Costa Mesa, California

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Dec. 3, 1960

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

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Thank you very much,

Sincerely,

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Costa Mesa, California

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Mr. [redacted]
Air Filter Sales and
Service Company
1620 Demonbreun Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of November 22, 1960, with enclosure, and your generous expressions of confidence and support are indeed appreciated. Thank you for your kind comments relative to my book, Masters of Deceit.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with preparing a statement for you in the manner you mentioned, I regret that the pressure of official commitments facing me at this time will preclude my doing so. However, I am pleased to forward, under separate cover, some of my recent comments on the subject of communism from which you may wish to extract the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. [redacted] 12-1-60

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding correspondent to preclude sending this letter. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writing. Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted] of The Nashville Banner, a newspaper with whom we have enjoyed cordial relations. Bufiles contain derogatory information of a security nature regarding Professor [redacted] and attorney [redacted] Attorney [redacted] is alleged to be connected with gambling interests in Nashville. As we have no close association with [redacted] and it appears any statement we would provide would be utilized in connection with activities of the John Birch Society, it is not felt desirable to accede to his request.

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Miss Gandy

November 22,1960

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

Dear Mr.Hoover:

I am one of the local chapter leaders of the John Birch Society and we have been doing all we can to awaken the local people to the menace of communism and its fellow travelers and dupes. We have purchased the film " Operation Abolition" which shows the House Un-American Activities investigation in San Francisco, and have been showing it everywhere we can to show not only that it can happen here, but that it is happening here.

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Here is a clipping from the Nashville Banner dated 11-21-60, showing what a cpuple of our local attorneys and a professor at Vanderbilt tried to put across at a meeting of Vanderbilt students. What I would like to have from you is a letter stating that the menace is real and that they are using college students and young people as pawns and dupes, along the lines of some of your statements in the talk you made on 10-3-60 to the International Assn. of Chiefs of Police,or remarks you made on 9-26-60 in which you expressed concern over the Communistic influence and aims on college c ampuses.

We want to use such a letter along with the clipping, such as I am sending you,along with our showing of the film " Operation Abolition" and if possible we want to show this film to the same group of students at Vanderbilt that is mentioned in the clipping.

You certainly have my sincere thanks for the splendid job that you and your department are doing and your book "Masters of Deceit" is excellent and my copy is being passed around to many people. Many thanks for any help you can give me along the above lines.

Cordially

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Panel Debates Role Of Subversion Investigations

By LAMAR ALEXANDER

A Vanderbilt University political science professor and two Nashville attorneys told Rep. J. Carlton Loser Sunday night that American civil liberties are being infringed upon by policies of the Federal government which are designed to eliminate subversion.

Loser, VU Prof. Robert J. Harris and Nashville attorneys Cecil D. Branstetter and Harry H. Chitwood spoke as a panel sponsored by the university Protestant community on the subject of "Subversion and Constitutional Freedom."

Dr. Harris, while emphasizing that national security and the maintenance of individual freedom are equally important, denounced the House UnAmerican Activities Committee as "comic strip detectives searching out subversives where they don't exist."

He said he would have to answer affirmatively the question whether the present policies of the Federal government attempting to eliminate subversion jeopardize Constitutional liberty.

"Both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations," he contended, "have smashed many reputations while finding out very few subversives."

Harris criticized the committee for not enabling the accused to confront his accuser.

Rep. Loser, on the other hand, totally disagreed with the professor about the effectiveness of the UnAmerican Activities Committee. "The committee," argued Loser, "performs the useful function in ferreting out Communism and preparing Americans for today's world situation."

The representative pointed out that the present subversive statute of the government had been approved during the past 10 or 12 years by the Supreme Court and the subject should not be open to debate. He deemed the statute essential to the internal security of the United States.

Attorney Branstetter agreed with Prof. Harris that there is "... great danger from certain Senate and Congressional committees investigating subversion."

He stated that any country has a "right and duty to protect itself from within and without" but contended that "when you begin tampering with someone else's freedom of speech and press today, you will lose yours tomorrow."

Branstetter continued, "The first ten amendments (Bill of Rights) were passed to protect us from our own congressmen."

Chitwood, who described himself as "dedicated to the Constitution as it was written," criticized all three major branches of the Federal government for "going overboard by yielding to the clamor of public appeal."

Recent decisions of the Supreme Court drew special criticism from Chitwood for their variance from the practice of rendering decisions entirely based on the principle of stare decisis or common law.

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Since Mr. Hoover has been called out of Washington, I am acknowledging your note postmarked December 2, 1960, and the copy of your letter to the John Birch Society. Please be assured that your communication will be brought to Mr. Hoover's attention upon his return. I know that he would want me to thank you for your kind message concerning the work being done by this Bureau and for your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Candy
Secretary

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This copy for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

To

The John Birch Soceity,
Belmont 78
Massachusetts

Dear Sir,

You are an alarmist, and that's good concerning some things like the god-less communism, But, and you know this better than I perhaps, that this is still GOD'S world and that the power of prayer and a good Christ - like example, plus good, sound positive deeds based on the philosophy of Truth and happiness still provide the best tools for offsetting this rush of communism, which is built upon fear & hatred. Sometime soon, a small leak will appear in the dam of communism & when it does, it will get larger & larger until the disease of communism will be drowned out.

I'm not suggesting any form of complacency whatsoever, but simply this:.....A love of ones neighbor makes it appear to me that a good, strong policy of human relations is badly needed in order to not only propagate the fight against communism but to propagate good christian actions along with this fight. Being an alarmist as I said before is good, but it becomes all too easy to slip from the intellectual to the emotional in constructing your views sometimes. Fear is alright when it springs from faith & respect, but fear can also become a real destroyer when gone rampant.

You are not being cast in this light by me, but these is an urgent appeal for continued strong measures based on love, and the human relations approach to our fight & those we're fighting.
I know it can't always be done when dealing with gangster type people like Kruschev, but enough can be done in other circles where we would penetrate rather than build barriers of resentment by our fearful approach.

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GOD bless you & your efforts!

Sincerely

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

There just aren't words to express my gratitude to you and the persons in your Bureau. All of you remain in my daily prayers.. as poor as they are.....[redacted]

This copy for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

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To _____ Date _____ Gr. No. _____

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To
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December 13, 1960

[redacted]

Medway, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. An Atomic Energy Applicant Employee investigation was conducted in July, 1945, regarding one [redacted] who was at one time employed at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it. Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration in the past.

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Medway, Mass.

December 6, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Realizing that many demands are made on your time, I hesitate to intrude with a personal problem, but do not know just where else to find the answer.

I have been invited to join a group known as " The John Birch Society " which is starting a new chapter in Medway and Millis (the adjoining town). I have been told that this is a local, Boston-area, non-political discussion group. However, the opinion has also been expressed that it is a fairly-widespread, rradically Right-wing pressure organization.

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Since my husband is a "Q" cleared employee of an AEC prime contractor, and we lived in Los Alamos for five years, I am anxious to obtain more specific information about this Society, if it is available. If it is "slanted", we would be most reluctant to see it promoted locally.

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Appreciating in advance any help you may be able to give me, I am

Sincerely and respectfully

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107 West Fairview Avenue
Johnson City, Tennessee

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated December 5, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you that the FBI has not investigated the subjects of your inquiry; however, I hope you will not consider this as being either a clearance or nonclearance by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 5, 1960

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Gentlemen:

I have recently been requested to join the John Birch Society. The Society was originally sponsored by a Mr. Welch, a former North Carolina industrialist who now resides in Massachusetts. The official publication of the Society is the magazine American Opinion.

It seems to me that the aims and desires of the Society are in keeping with what I believe, however, I am reluctant to give it my full support until I am assured by a reputable source that it is all that it claims to be.

If it is possible for you to release this information could you please tell me whether or not the Society, its founder, its official publication, or its Board of Directors has in anyway been involved in activities against the best interest of the United States.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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Mr. Simpson

December 14, 1960

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[redacted]
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter dated December 5, 1960, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire.

There are enclosed several items of literature concerning the menace of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requested information concerning Fred C. Koch, author of a pamphlet entitled "A Business Man Looks At Communism." Correspondent believes it is a convincing piece of literature but wonders if it is a communist pamphlet.

Bureau files contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent or the above pamphlet and no derogatory information concerning Koch. Koch is a wealthy industrialist in Wichita, Kansas, and has allegedly contributed considerable money and support to Robert Welch and his John Birch Society, an alleged anti-communist group. 62-104401-106

We have had some limited, cordial correspondence with Koch, most recently in January, 1960.

The following pieces of literature were sent to the correspondent:

"Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

"Communist Target - Youth"

"One Nation's Response to Communism"

"America - Freedom's Champion"

"What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America"

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
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December 5, 1960

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El Dorado, Kansas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In only knowing of a great man such as yourself I'm more than humbled when it comes to the point of correspondence with an individual such as your stature.

I would appreciate your information in-so-far-as Communism in These United States is concerned, as could possibly pertain to a Mr. Fred C. Koch, who is the author of a pamphlet which was loaned to me by a friend down the hall in the building where I work. The name of the pamphlet is "A Business Man Looks At Communism", Edited as a first Edition in 1960, by I believe "Brooks Mail" publishing company with an address of P.O. Box 1633, Wichita, Kansas.

This book strikes me as a very convincing piece of literature but I'm at a loss when it comes to whether I believe this man as he states it or is it just a communist pamphlet put out to disrupt the steady flow of intllectual peoples or is this just an American Mans Red Blooded Attempt to drive home the fact that Communism is a dreaded enemy of us all.

I would appreciate an answer from you as to the aforementioned:

Thanking you in advance,

Yours very truly,

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Wichita 3, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 8, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
10-18-60 Speech
Communist Target--Youth
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was forwarded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. NOTE CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

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December 8, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Maurice W. Corcoran, and ex-FBI agent and now head of the Wichita Crime Commission has recommended that I write to you and inquire concerning the John Birch Society.

A group of our friends here in Wichita have started a local chapter and have invited us to join. Since we are as anxious to fight Communism as they are, we attended one of their meetings. However, my husband and I have wondered since, if there would be chance for infiltration there and we might become victims of the very thing which we are fighting.

My husband has been an Aviation Safety Agent with the Federal Aviation Administration for 17 years. We have lived here in Wichita for 10 years and my husband was recently transferred to the FAA Standardization Center in Oklahoma City, as an instructor.

Our friends want us to start a John Birch Society there, but we do not want to do so, if it would mar my husband's record in any way. He has always been a civil servant loyal to our government and remained free of any organization which might become subversive. Now, as we see the danger of Communism increasing, we would like to do anything we can to keep our nation strong and free.

Mr. Corcoran suggested that I explain all of this to you, just as I have told it to him. He felt that you would be able to give me the right answer.

Incidentally, a man named Dwight Cooke spoke to a group of women here in Wichita, recently. He is supposedly a news analyst and commentator and was brought here thru a lecture circuit out of New York City. His speech alarmed many of us because he advocated co-existence, a massive education program and in his own words "Chaing's government is one of the worst dictatorships the world has ever known." His subject was, "You and the World." He also tried to tell one woman who argued with him afterwards that Alger Hiss was not a Communist. Do you have any information on him?

Very truly yours,

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Corpus Christi, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of December 4, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is regarded as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer, however, that we do or do not have information regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

As a matter of policy, I cannot recommend books to you. I am enclosing several reprints about communism which are available for distribution from this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Party, USA
Series from "Christianity Today" issues of 10-10, 10-24 & 11-7-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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Mr. [redacted] 12-14-60

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Corpus Christi, Texas

December 4, 1960

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

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Dear Sir,

Like many another person in the United States, I have recently become concerned with Socialism, Communism, and the consequences of certain economical decisions in this country.

Therefore it was inevitable that eventually I would become aware of "The John Birch Society" and "American Opinion" magazine of Belmont, Massachusetts and "The Dan Smoot Report" of Dallas, Texas. The information presented by these sources causes me some concern in that it differs substantially when compared to material that I am used to reading in the newspapers and magazines; at the same time, it appeals to me. I am somewhat confused and know of no direction to turn except to you.

You may not be able to tell me if all they say is absolutely true or if the Birch Society methods of achieving their objective are justified. However, I would like to know if this organization and Dan Smoot are pure-in-heart, so to speak. Or do they have any connection whatsoever with the movement they purport to be fighting--Communism?

Any help you can give me with this problem will be greatly appreciated. Also I would appreciate any suggestions as to reading material along this line which I could obtain. I have already read your book, "Masters of Deceit."

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I just received some information from a group called "Public Action, Inc., A Service for Conservatives" which will advise on bills before Congress. Do you have any information on them?

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Tempe, Arizona

Dear Miss

Your letter of December 8, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

This Bureau does not publish or maintain a list such as you described. You can obtain a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
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[redacted]
Tempe, Arizona
Dec. 8, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

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If available, I would like the latest listing of the Communist or subversive organizations in the United States. Also, I would like any available information you may have on the John Burch Committee.

I would appreciate your prompt consideration of this matter.

If you cannot supply this information, could you tell me where it could be obtained?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Tempe, Arizona
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-371448) DATE: 12/2/60

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-18676)

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
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Re "The Detroit Free Press" article dated November 28, 1960, captioned "Will Pursued Young Man Run Again?" which article sets forth certain background information concerning captioned individual subsequent to his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in May, 1954, at which time he took the Fifth Amendment.

The following information is being set forth for the information of the Bureau as background information concerning referenced article and inasmuch as other similar situations could occur resulting in newspaper publicity:

On June 14, 1960, [redacted] a discontinued Bureau Informant who has publicly testified for the HCUA, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at the Flint Resident Agency at which time she stated that captioned individual was now employed as a social worker and/or teacher at the Whaley Home, Flint, Michigan. She stated that he was hired by Mr. [redacted] and she learned that he had pictures of PAUL ROBSON and others hanging on his bulletin board in his office. The above was furnished for information.

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It is noted that [redacted] was deleted from Security Index by letter dated May 8, 1959, and had continued on the Revised Communist Index subsequent thereto. Subject's case has not been reopened under the present Reserve Index Program.

A review of Subject's file reflects no investigation has been conducted concerning him subsequent to May, 1959. However, on October 3, 1958, [redacted] of the Whaley Home, was contacted by SA WILLIAM S. HAUSER concerning temporary employment at the Whaley Home of the Subject from the middle of June, 1958, through approximately the middle of September, 1958, at which time Subject left this employment to complete his graduate work at the University of Michigan and to perform part-time work at the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic, 5447 Woodward, Detroit.

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It is noted that the Whaley Home referred to by [redacted] is the Whaley Memorial Foundation, [redacted] the Donald M. Whaley Home, 1201 North Grand Traverse, Flint, Michigan.

Captain [redacted] Flint, Michigan, Police Department, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint, Michigan, also advised SA [redacted] of the above information and further stated that the Whaley Memorial operates on funds bequeathed to that Foundation from the estate of DONALD WHALEY, deceased, a former member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The vestry of this church acts as Board of Directors of the Whaley Foundation.

On July 11, 1960, Mrs. [redacted] aka. [redacted] which name she uses as a pen name, telephonically advised SA [redacted] that she is employed as a [redacted] in the restricted area of the AC Spark Plug, Flint, Michigan. She became interested in the problem of the Communist threat to the United States after listening to HERBERT PHILBRICK in a talk he gave at Mt. Morris, Michigan, in June, 1960. She stated she later became interested in the John Birch Society and the Cardinal Mindzenti Society in Flint and has attended their meetings. She stated that one [redacted] at AC and a member of the John Birch Society, and other persons like [redacted] intended to do something about the Fifth Amendment Communists infiltration into the Flint area schools; however, nothing specific was furnished as to what they intended to do. Mrs. [redacted] voluntarily stated that she would keep SA [redacted] advised of the John Birch Society and the Cardinal Mindzenti Society.

On November 10, 1960, [redacted] a personal acquaintance of SA [redacted] advised that he heard a talk given by [redacted] on November 10, 1960, at the St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Flint, before a group of women of the Alter Society and a few male guests, including the two priests stationed at St. Agnes. In his talk, [redacted] stated that he was born in what is now East Germany and had been a Russian prisoner of war during World War II. He came to the United States in about 1952, however, still had close relatives in East Germany. He talked of the horrors of Communism in his homeland and stated that after becoming a United States citizen, he was convinced he should alert the people in the United States to the dangers of Communism. Although he talked in generalization, [redacted] stated he summed up his talk by stating that a Communist, [redacted], was teaching school in a Genesee County School; that [redacted] was teaching at the Whaley Home in Flint, and noted that this home cares for problem children, and the facilities of this home are used by the Red Feather in Flint. He stated that through efforts of the Cardinal Mindzenti Society, [redacted] was temporarily relieved of his assignments in the "Big Brother" program in Flint. He also stated that [redacted] a known Communist, is working for the University of Michigan in Flint, and that two Communists who hold or held prominent positions in the Communist Party, [redacted] and her husband, had recently left Flint. He further described the Unitarian Church in Flint as a haven for Communists and liberals.

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According to [redacted] had available for examination originals and Photostatic copies of articles from "The Flint Journal," the HCUA Hearings of 1954 in Flint, documents of the Unitarian Church, and others to corroborate his statements.

On November 1, 1960, SA [redacted] received a letter from the above-mentioned [redacted], which stated in effect that a meeting had been held at the Red Feather Office in Flint, Michigan, on October 20, 1960, at which time [redacted] and others had been present. Subject of this meeting was "Employment of an Identified Communist at the Whaley Home." Result of this meeting was a promise from Mr. [redacted] of the Red Feather Agency that he would call in the middle of November with an answer concerning this problem.

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On November 15, 1960, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] from the Red Feather Agency in Flint appeared at the Flint, Michigan, Resident Agency and furnished substantially the same information as revealed in Mrs. [redacted] letter. They were seeking advice

from the FBI as to what course of action they might take. They were advised that the FBI could not furnish any advice in the matter and that any decision in this regard would have to be of their own volition. They stated they appreciated the FBI's position, however, that they would probably temporarily stop referring children to the Whaley Home. They stated they had discussed the problem with Mr. [redacted], mentioned above. They stated that according to [redacted] he had no complaints with [redacted] quality of work at the Whaley Home and did not intend to suspend him at this time. They stated that at least two large contributors to the Red Feather stated that [redacted] should be fired.

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They also stated that [redacted] had told them that the organization [redacted] the necessary pressure or influence to get [redacted] out of the Whaley Home. She indicated that [redacted] was the first of many this group intends to expose as Fifth Amendment Communists.

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On November 15, 1960, Captain [redacted] mentioned above, stated that he for one was cutting down on his financial pledge to the church as long as the church continues to tolerate [redacted] employment at the Whaley Home. He stated that he knows that other individuals who are also members of this church have done likewise, but that this happens to be a very wealthy church and that this lack of funds will probably not influence the activities or actions of the vestry of this church concerning the operation of the Whaley Home.

On November 16, 1960, Mr. [redacted] General Motors Corporation (GMC), Flint, Michigan, a person who has frequently furnished reliable information to the Bureau in the past, voluntarily advised SA [redacted] that he understood [redacted] mentioned above, was representing himself as a GM executive when giving his talks before various organizations and groups in Flint. He stated that [redacted] actually is [redacted] at the AC Spark Plug Division, GMC, and that he had had a long talk with [redacted] wherein he exacted the promise from [redacted] that he would discontinue from referring to himself as a GM executive. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had also informed him of the above-mentioned employment of [redacted] and [redacted].

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As a result of the statement in referenced newspaper article to the effect that [redacted] latest trouble started when an FBI Agent came to see [redacted] and the inference of a recent contact of [redacted] by the FBI, [redacted] was personally contacted on November 28, 1960, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] in order to clarify his statement. [redacted] stated that in discussing the matter with the newspapers, he had not intended to give the impression of a recent contact by the FBI that his only contact by the FBI concerning [redacted] was in the fall of 1958, at which time the Agent wanted to review the personnel file on the Subject and [redacted] furnished him all pertinent information from this file. [redacted] stated that he believed that sometime during this contact he learned that [redacted] had been a witness before the HCUA in Flint in 1954, however, he was not certain of this nor could he recall the identity of the Agent to whom he talked. He stated that [redacted] was not presently employed at the Whaley Home at the time of the contact having left to go back to school and/or other employment. He stated the most recent association with [redacted] began in the spring of 1959 when [redacted] again applied for work at the Whaley Home with his Master's Degree, and [redacted] assumed that [redacted] "must be all right" inasmuch as he had previously told him he was going to school on a scholarship, the funds for which were furnished by the United States Government. He felt that if there was anything derogatory concerning [redacted] the government would undoubtedly take this scholarship away from him. [redacted] stated that shortly after [redacted] re-employment at the Whaley Home, he started to receive inquiries, first from the [redacted] from the St. Paul's Episcopal Church as to what type of employee [redacted] was and later by telegrams, Photostats of HCUA Hearings, and 1954 copies of "The Flint Journal" newspaper articles pointing out that [redacted] was a Fifth Amendment Communist. [redacted] stated that he told [redacted] and still feels that [redacted] should not be released as long as he continues to do the fine job that he is doing at the Whaley Home. [redacted] stated that he has further received calls from [redacted] whom he knew to be a former FBI Informant and who had testified for the United States Government and from representatives of the American Legion, The American Committee for Americans, and others criticizing him for his action. He stated that from all the calls and letters he had received, it was obvious to him that [redacted] testimony before the HCUA was public knowledge, and he therefore saw nothing wrong in telling the reporter that the FBI had inquired of him concerning the Subject. He acknowledged he had been requested to keep the visit confidential.

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[redacted] stated that apparently "The Flint Journal" and "The Detroit Free Press" had received letters indicating that [redacted] was at the Whaley Home and that these letters had prompted the inquiry and subsequent article in "The Detroit Free Press."

It is noted that to date nothing has appeared in "The Flint Journal" concerning [redacted]

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For the information of the Bureau, records of the Detroit Office fail to reflect any information concerning the Cardinal Mindzenti Society referred to above.

Detroit File 100-27934, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, reflects that [redacted] was identified in Detroit letter to the Bureau dated April 13, 1960, Page 2, as being a member of the Flint Chapter of the John Birch Society.

Detroit files reflect that one [redacted] Flint, Michigan, signed a CP Nominating Petition in 1940 in order to place the CP on the ballot in the November, 1940, elections.

Copies of this communication are being submitted for the files on [redacted] who was deleted from the Security Index by Bureau letter to Detroit dated August 12, 1959, and who is now on the Revised Communist Index of the Detroit Office inasmuch as similar action may be taken by the above-mentioned groups concerning [redacted] at a later date.

It is to be noted records of the Detroit Office reflect Subject to be currently teaching third grade students at the Hamady School, Westwood Heights, Flint, Michigan, as of September 19, 1960. It is noted [redacted] file is presently in a closed status and has not been reviewed under the current Reserve Index Program.

Regarding [redacted], mentioned above, Detroit files reflect she is currently on the Security Index of this Office and a pending report of SA [redacted] was submitted November 8, 1960. A separate recommendation as to further handling of her case will be submitted to the Bureau, however, it is not contemplated that any interview of [redacted] will be requested in the near future in view of the above-mentioned situation in Flint.

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It is further recommended that [redacted] be recontacted by two mature, experienced security Agents and impressed with the necessity to be circumspect in all her activities so as not to bring embarrassment to herself as a former Government witness and/or the FBI. Unless advised to the contrary, this will be done and the Bureau will be appropriately advised.

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Mr. [redacted]
B-C Grain Company, Inc.
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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of December 9 and appreciate this opportunity to clarify our position for you.

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The authority of the FBI is limited by statutory regulation to the collection of facts and evidence in matters within our jurisdiction and does not extend to making recommendations or evaluations based on information in our files. The FBI is not a policy-making agency and its responsibilities do not infringe on those of the judicial branch of our Government. This relationship between investigator and judge is, of course, entirely proper and is another safeguard of the rights secured to every individual by the Constitution.

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In answer to your question, this policy of the FBI extends to all organizations, publications and individuals regardless of the nature of information we may or may not have in our files.

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I hope that this explanation will make our stand clear to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [redacted] wrote on 5-18-60 requesting the Director's opinion of the John Birch Society. The Director replied on 5-26-60 pointing out the long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment on the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted]

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Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Last May 18 I wrote you asking for information and your opinion (which is respected) of the John Birch Society. I recieved from you a short note stating that it was against the policy of the F.B.I. to make such a statement.

I found this reply very unsatisfactory in several respects. And somewhat disappointing. The other night I got to thinking about this and decided to voice my opinion.

My objection to your stated policy is this: If a citizen cannot get the facts and an opinion of a group that is actively engaged in trying to shape american opinion and government policy from an agency of the government that is directly concerned with the security of the nation, how is he to be protected, and where is he to get this vital information ?

Had I asked about a known communist front, would I have recieved the same reply ?

May I state here that I did some checking on my own, through such people as Goldwater, Justice Phelps and Dr. Robert Morris, and after learning the names of the americans on the council, and decided that this was a very sound libertarian group, and could be effective. I joined the Birch Society and am a chapter leader.

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I shall be awaiting your reply to this inquiry, since I am very much interested in your thinking of this matter of policy. I want to extend to you my personal thanks for your many years of outstanding service to our country, and for the many years that are yet to come for you in the service our country.

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Very sincerely yours,

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[redacted]

West Lafayette, Indiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 12, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the House Committee on Un-American Activities has as one of its primary responsibilities the recommendation of appropriate legislation regarding subversive activities to the Congress, and I have always felt the Committee makes a contribution in its public disclosure of the forces that menace America. The work that the Committee has performed, and is performing, serves as a guide for sincere groups who are carrying on a militant campaign of exposure of communist activities.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Follow up for 12-27-60.

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Attention SAC: Mrs. [redacted] should be contacted in an effort to ascertain the identity of the Special Agent who talked to her relative to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] are not identifiable in Bufiles. SA's identity, together with full particulars, should be forwarded to the Bureau under caption, "Mrs. [redacted] West Lafayette, Indiana, Research (Correspondence and Tours), to reach the Bureau no later than December 27, 1960.

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Communist Party, USA
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
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Communist Target--Youth

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[redacted]
W. Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Sirs,

I know this is a very small thing to complain to you about, but I'm going to anyway.

We are trying to establish chapters of The John Birch Society here in Lafayette & West Lafayette. Unfortunately, so many of the good people are so poorly informed that they think we're subversive. Anyway, Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Lafayette, Indiana) [redacted] is telling everyone that The John Birch Society supports the Un-American Activities Committee & that she [redacted] was talking to an F.B.I. man who told her that, "the Un-American Activities Committee doesn't do any good, since it hasn't discovered anything the F.B.I. didn't already know." This kind of talk going on across all all the bridge tables & all the womens meetings (she belongs to all of them) doesn't help anyone a bit & may hurt a great deal. A letter from you to her, stating in no uncertain terms that the F.B.I. is behind, not against the HUAC will be greatly appreciated by me & others of us, who are currently waging a campaign (its tougher than I thought) at Purdue University on this very subject. Thank you very much for anything you can do.

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Yours sincerely,

/s/ Mrs.) [redacted]

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W. Lafayette, Indiana

John Birch Society

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Yours sincerely,

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(Mrs.) [redacted]

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December 21, 1960

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Beaumont, Texas [redacted]

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 13, 1960, with enclosure, has been received. While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, as a matter of policy I cannot comment relative to the article you enclosed. You may wish to consider the advisability of corresponding directly with The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington 25, D. C.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted] 12-21-60

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Mrs. [redacted]
Beaumont, Texas

Dec. 13, 1960

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

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My dear Mr. Hoover,

I am enclosing herewith a clipping from our local paper which gives me much concern in the seeming naive attitude of the State Department in estimating the purpose and means employed by the Soviet Union and Communist block in its aid to underdeveloped nations.

An increase of 46 % in ten months of 1960 over 12 months in 1959, with the corresponding increase in "technicians" is not an increase to be brushed off.

Do the conclusions expressed in this Associated Press release agree with your knowledge of Communist techniques for world conquest, or do they represent intentionally slanted (a kind word!) reports designed to lull the American people to sleep?

May I have a report please, on the John Birch Society which has recently come to my attention?

Very truly yours

/s/ (Mrs. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

John Birch Society

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BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE

YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER FOR EIGHTY YEARS

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1960 — Associated Press, New York Times News Service and AP Wirephoto Service — 22 Pages

Communist Bloc Extends Over Billion Dollars in Aid To Needy Nations in 1960

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The Communist Bloc stepped up its aid to underdeveloped nations in 1960 to more than a billion dollars. But U. S. officials are less concerned by these Red efforts than they were two years ago.

State Department figures show the Communist Bloc extended $1,349,000,000 to 20 nations during the first 10 months of this year. For all of 1958—when U S. diplomats expressed alarm at the Red aid drive—the total was 978 million. This dropped to 922 million in 1959.

$4.6 Billion

Over-all, the figures indicate the Russian-Red Chinese group has doled out almost $4.6 billion between 1954 and Oct. 31 this year. Since 1958, only three nations have been added to the list—left-leaning Cuba, Ghana and Guinea.

Officials keeping an eye on Soviet Bloc efforts do not try minimize their importance, but they concede that some dark predictions made two years ago proved to be exaggerated.

There were somber hints in 1958 that Soviet technicians were being sent to recipient countries as camouflaged agents whose main aim was to spread the Communist gospel.

Today officials said the State Department is satisfied this is not true.

They described the Soviet experts—and there are hundreds of them in every country receiving bloc aid—as mostly technicians.

Friendly Atmosphere

U. S. diplomats here now believe that, rather than using its aid program for infiltration the communist bloc trying to create an atmosphere of friendliness, to demonstrate the high level of its industry.

Eighteen nations which received $3,223,000,000 in Communist Bloc aid from 1955 through 1959 got $5,720,000,000 from the United States in the same period. But the United States began giving aid to these countries in 1948 and since then the total has reached $10,020,000,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/19/60

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-3396)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Letter 60-5 dated 1/26/60 and Little Rock airtel 10/24/60.

On 12/15/60 [redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas, volunteered the following information to SA [redacted]: ATTENDED MEETING-SUBJECT ORGANIZATION ARK.

In the early part of November 1960 he was invited to attend a meeting at the home of [redacted] Little Rock. When he attended he learned that it was a meeting of The John Birch Society. He stated others he recalls being in attendance were [redacted] and [redacted] who have extensive farm holdings at Scott, Arkansas, [redacted] employed at Spaulding Sporting Goods Store, Little Rock, [redacted] of Brandon Furniture Store, and [redacted] (phonetic), and a couple of young doctors and their wives. He advised that there were approximately 20-25 persons in attendance on this occasion. It appeared to him that some man, name not recalled, from Dallas, Texas, was more or less in charge of this meeting.

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During the course of this meeting, slides identified as prepared by [redacted] EMPLOYED Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, and taped narration were shown. These slides were factual portrayals of newspaper, magazine and similar type publication headlines and photographs.

During the course of this meeting the thought was conveyed that purpose of this society was to create an active interest and participation on the part of responsible, reputable and reliable persons in loyalty and patriotism to the United States. The theme of the meeting was to the effect that outside forces, particularly Communism, were making great inroads into the United States tending to bring

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about a downfall of the United States. He remembered a phrase often used that because of the actions and accomplishments of outside forces, the "bastion of liberty and democracy would fall like a ripe plum into the hands of the Communists." He interpreted this to have reference to the United States falling.

During the course of discussions at this meeting the idea was stressed that outside forces were successful to a great degree in the United States because of the apathy and lackadaisical attitude of the citizens of the United States in that many of the responsible citizens are seeking personal gain from the benefits of living in the United States and most reluctant to make any kind of sacrifice for the benefit of the United States. He cited an illustration of this was the indifference of many responsible and allegedly reputable young men of the country who resisted efforts to induct them or to serve in the armed forces of the United States during the Korean conflict.

Several other topics were discussed such as the fact that only communication maintained between the United States and England is by means of trans-Atlantic cable laid and maintained by an electrical workers' union and the fact that many labor unions of this country are Communist infiltrated and in some cases possibly dominated was mentioned.

Another fact mentioned was that WALTER REUTHER, the labor organizer, had sometime in the past spent one year in Moscow.

Magazines such as Look, Time, and Newsweek were criticized for improper and erroneous reporting. U. S. News and World Report was mentioned as a popular publication tending to report accurately. b6 b7C

A quantity of literature and a book which he described as being a fairly thick volume with a blue cover was available for purchase by persons in attendance and these items were of a nominal cost. There was no pressure or encouragement to get those in attendance to purchase these and it was merely stated these were available if anybody cared to purchase same. [redacted] stated he did buy the blue-covered book but he cannot recall the title appearing on it and he could not relate information concerning the contents. [redacted] stated he was not solicited to join this society and did not join.

He related that in his opinion all of the persons in attendance known to him are in the younger age group of the early 30's and are fairly prominent, reputable, responsible, and reliable persons.

No specific questions were asked of him concerning this organization in view of instructions in referenced SAC Letter stating that no investigation should be conducted. [redacted] was told the FBI appreciates receipt of information from citizens concerning any organization or group in the United States for information purposes and for the purpose of enabling the FBI to discharge its responsibilities. It was made clear to Mr. [redacted] that the FBI is not conducting any type investigation concerning The John Birch Society. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated he was prompted to discuss this matter with the FBI because of the fact he became somewhat aroused, concerned, and had not heard much concerning this organization from any other source. He commented that he is interested in this organization to the extent that he directed a letter to the Attorney General of the United States seeking information. His letter was answered, however, the information furnished was non-specific and in effect said nothing to satisfy his curiosity.

He advised he understands that some of the other persons in attendance have corresponded with Senators and Representatives from the State of Arkansas concerning this organization and the replies they received were non-specific and furnished actually no information to satisfy their curiosity. [redacted] related that if any additional information comes to his attention concerning this society which he feels might be of interest or value to the FBI, he will furnish same.

He volunteered to loan the blue book which he purchased to the FBI but his offer was declined.

No further action is being taken concerning this matter in accordance with instructions contained in referenced SAC Letter.

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Long Beach 10, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of December 15, 1960, has been received, and your concern regarding the menace of communism is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Long Beach 10, Calif.

Dec. 15, 1960

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

Dear Sir;

Until recently I did not know that I "personally" was in the fight against Communism. I was a "bystander".

Since "bystanding" and "fence-sitting" are impossible, I am requesting reports on the John Birch Society as to how they stand and what they are doing and also one on the Henry George School of Social Science. Further, as I am a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, I would like to know how they stand in this fight against comunism and as to Communist Leadership and activity.

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I was employed for a while at the Hanford Atomic Energy Plant so I believe you have my record on file. If in any way I can be of service to my Country in this fight, please advise as I would consider it an honor and a privilge.

Yours truly,

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Houston 21, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of December 14, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated. Although I would like to be of service, we do not have available for distribution any information pertaining to firearms registration as this is a matter of local responsibility.

May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism, some of which contains suggestions as to what we Americans can do. If additional copies of any of this literature are desired, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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HOUSTON 21, TEXAS

December 14, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Houston Crime Commission and District Attorney-elect Frank Briscoe, favor a firearms registration act for Houston. I am violently opposed to such legislation for obvious reasons. If your office has any information on the Communist Partys forcing of this issue in other states I would very much like to have it. I believe that this information would put a stop to this movement in Houston. The John Birch Society, of which I am a member, and other orginizations are fighting this movement now. If I have this information I think I can get the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce interested also.

Also, I am interested in any information you may have on the communist infiltration of the movie and television industries including the performers and personalities of these industries. The communist propaganda through these two media have really gotten out of hand - - for example: Inherit The Wind, On The Beach and The Sacco-Vanzetti Case. What can be done to stop this communist propaganda?

If you have a list of the current communist front orginizations I would also like a copy of them.

Mr. Hoover, I want to congratulate you on the excellent job you are doing. If we had more dedicated men like you and fewer politicians this country would be much better off.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am

Respectfully yours,

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you. There is no charge for literature this Bureau is privileged to distribute.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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Director

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Midland, Texas
December 19, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you please give me your opinion of the John Birch Society. I am presently considering joining this organization. The society has a reputation of being one of the country's leading action groups in fighting communism.

I found your book Masters of Deceit very enlightening. If you have any further information on the communist conspiracy, would you please send it to me? I will gladly pay any charges involved.

Thank you for your interest. I am thankful that we have a man of your stature as Director of this country's foremost law enforcement agency.

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Midland, Texas

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Greater Lafayette Chamber of
Commerce, Inc.
Post Office Box 1352 O.C.S.
Lafayette, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of December 17, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Mr. [redacted]
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Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
P. O. Box 1352 O. C. S. 1300 Oak Avenue
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

December 17, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you be so kind as to provide me with any available information on the organization known as The John Birch Society, and also information on the gentleman heading the organization, Mr. Robert Welch.

Our Chamber of Commerce has had an inquiry and of major concern to the inquirer.

Has this group been identified with any un-American activities?

Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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December 28, 1960

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Antelope, Montana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated December 18, 1960, with enclosure, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that we have not investigated the group you named, but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings. No record Bufiles on correspondent or her husband.

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Antelope, Montana
December 18, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

Do you have any information which you can divulge on the John Birch Society founded December 9, 1958 by Robert Welch? The address of the Society is Belmont 78, Mass. It claims to be an organization strictly for fighting Communism. A chapter of the Joh n Birch Society has been started at Plentywood, Montana. I would like to become active in it if one can accept the Society for what it says it is, but would like some assurance if possible that it is on the up and up.

On a separate sheet I'm enclosing the list of council members working with Welch for this John Birch Society. The paper he puts out monthly is called "American Opinion."

If you could give me any added information on this organization I would appreciate it very much, as would about 25 others whom have been attending the meetings and are interested in working actively in it if it can be given a clean bill of health.

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Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

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The Council of The Joh n Birch Society

[redacted] - a Boston surgeon

Mr. Thomas J. Anderson. Editor and Publisher of Farm and Ranch

Hon. T. Coleman Andrews. Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States.

Hon. Spruille Braden. Former Ambassador to several countries, former Assistant Secretary of State.

Col. Laurence E. Bunker. Former Personal Aide to General Douglas Mac-Arthur for 6½ years.

Mr. S.J. Conner - Chicago business man. President of the Conroth Company.

Mr. [redacted] and affiliated companies, Los Angeles.

Dr. S.M. Draskovich. Author of Tito, Moscow's Trojan Horse. Editor in chief of Srpska Borba, in Chicago

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Mr. Wm. J. Grede. President of Grede Foundries, Inc., Milwaukee.

Mr. [redacted], Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Mr. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr. President, Cherokee Mills, Sevierville, Tenn.

Dr. Granville F. Knight - physician of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mr. Fred C. Koch. President, Rock Island Oil and Refining Co., Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Alfred Kohlberg - was a charter member - now deceased.

Dean Clarence Manion - former Dean of Notre Dame Law School

Dr. Revilo P. Oliver - Professor at University of Illinois.

Mr. Frank E. Masland, Jr. -Pres. of C.H. Masland & Sons, Carlisle, Penn.

Mr. N. Floyd McGowin. - Pres. W.T. Smith Lumber Co., Chapman, Alabam

Mr. W.B. McMillan - Pres. of the Hussman Refrigerator Co., St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Adolphe Menjou -famous actor

Mr. Cola G. Parker - former pres. of Kimberly -Clark Co. now United States Employer Delegate to the International Labor Organization

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Hon M.T. Phelps - Former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona

Mr. [redacted], Evansville, Indiana. b6 b7C

Mr. Robert W. Stoddard - Pres. of Wyman-Gordon Co., Worcester, Mass.

Lt. General Charles B. Stone. III U.S.A.F. (retired)

Mr. Ernest G. Swigert, Pres. of the Hyster Company, Portland, Oregon

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December 30, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Linden, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CASS COUNTY

Linden, Texas

Dec 23, 1960

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There are a number of towns in this area forming John Birch Societies as an Anti Communist organization - As a Federal Employ, good U.S. Citizen and Christian I wouldn't take any part in it until it has been cleared by your office -

Will you please give me a run down on John Birch Inc - headed by Robert Welch - It was founded Dec. 9, 1958 at a meeting in Indianapolis - Without a clearence from you, I will not have anything to do with it although it sounds good -

Very truly Yours,

/s/[redacted] b6 b7C

Box[redacted]
Linden, Tex -

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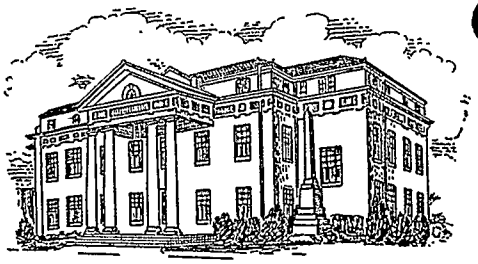

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Dec 23, 1960

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

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Very truly Yours,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Box [redacted]
Linden, Tex.

CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted]

2400 S. W. 2ND AVENUE
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

Dec. 19, 1960

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several months ago we became acquainted with The John Birch Society. We were very impressed with the Blue Book of the Society and wish to become active against Communism through its membership. However, Mr. Welch strongly recommends The Dan Smoot Report and we would like to know more about Mr. Smoot and his background as an FBI agent.

As dentists we are strong proponents of fluoridation of water supplies which do not have natural fluorine. Consequently we were more than amazed when someone told us that Communists were for fluoridation while anti-communists were against it. To prove his point the man brought us the September 28, 1959 Dan Smoot Report "Facts on Fluoridation" as well as articles from The American Mercury Magazine.

Mr. Smoot's "facts" are such a distortion of the truth, use of quotes out of context and lack of understanding of the scientific language he attempts to use that the result is yellow journalism of the worst order. His authoritative source is an Ad Hoc Committee of which we have never heard and he never mentions the American Dental Association which has spent over 30 years meticulously assembling research data concerning efficacy and safety of fluoridation. If this in an example of Mr. Smoot's reporting we surely do not want his Reports in our reception rooms.

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The articles in American Mercury are too spurious and vituperative to mention. The statements concerning the American Dental Association are complete falsehoods and the language used (i.e. "their ruthless methods of pressure and terrorization") would lead one to believe they were discussing the Gestapo rather than our fine dental society. Can this be anti Communist literature?

Please let us know your evaluation of The John Birch Society, the Dan Smoot Report, American Mercury Magazine, Human Events, and the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memo 12-27-60 entitled as above.

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[redacted]
2401 Southwest 2nd Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

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Dear [redacted]

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I have received your letter of December 10, 1960, also signed by [redacted] and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Please do not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire. I can advise that Mr. Smoot was a Special Agent of this Bureau from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, at which time he resigned.

In view of your concern over the menace of communism, I am enclosing several items on this subject which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-27-60

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]
2401 SOUTHWEST 2ND AVENUE
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

By letter of 12-19-60 the correspondent asked for evaluations on the John Birch Society, the Dan Smoot Report, American Mercury Magazine, Human Events and the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. b6 b7C

Bufiles contain no derogatory information and no previous correspondence with [redacted] There is no record of [redacted] While we normally indicate in our replies concerning the John Birch Society that we have not investigated it, it is not felt appropriate in this instance as we have conducted investigations and do have derogatory information concerning some of the other organizations or publications mentioned by the correspondent. As no specific question was asked concerning the fluoridation of water, the reply we normally give in these instances has been omitted.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writing.

Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Schwarz, W. P. Strube and others affiliated with Dr. Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. W. C. Sullivan memo to Belmont dated 9-22-60 indicates that when a SA of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum, Dallas, Texas, on 9-19 and 20, 1960, (which sponsored a school on communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz) the SA commented that Schwarz made several pitches for articles in a book which he has written on communism and his publications were prominently displayed. In view of Schwarz' opportunistic activities in promoting his own writings, careful consideration should be shown in the future in furnishing speakers in view of the possibility that he might attempt to capitalize on the Bureau's reputation.

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Morrell to DeLoach
RE: [redacted]

The "American Mercury" is owned by Russell Maguire who is allegedly anticommunist and has the reputation of being bitterly anti-Semitic. The publication was the subject of a Registration Act investigation in 1958 based upon indications of an exchange of funds between Maguire and the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. This allegation was not established and the case was closed in October, 1958. b6 b7C

Bufiles indicate "Human Events" is a newsletter published in D. C. critical of the Soviet Union. Not investigated by Bureau, and [redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List.

Dan Smoot EOD 3-23-42 and resigned 6-15-51. Shortly before Smoot's resignation, he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he was not recommended for reinstatement. He is the author of the "Dan Smoot Report," a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics. Numerous inquiries have been received regarding Smoot's activities since his separation. By SAC letter dated 3-24-59, it is noted that inquiries as to his former employment in this Bureau should be handled in a most circumspect manner and should be answered by merely giving the dates of his employment and no additional comment should be made.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter be sent explaining our policy in not furnishing evaluations and setting out the dates of employment of former SA Smoot.

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December 30, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Naples, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 20, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Miss [redacted] 12-30-60 b6 b7C

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have conducted no investigation regarding the organization.

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Morris County Civil Defense
Office of Civil Defense
Naples, Texas

Carlton Robinson
Judge

[redacted]

December 20, 1960

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F. B. I.
Washington, 25 D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in joining The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass. Is the Society on your approved list?

Yours truly
/s/ [redacted]

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MORRIS COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE

OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE

~~DAINGERFIELD~~, TEXAS

CARLTON ROBINSON
Judge

[redacted]

Naples
December 20, 1960

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January 3, 1961

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Jackson Heights, New York

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of December 26 with the enclosed letter addressed to you from Mrs. [redacted] [redacted]

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In response to the inquiries made in Mrs. [redacted] letter, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the threat of communism which you may wish to read. I am also returning Mrs. [redacted] letter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th Nat'l Convention
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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with Mrs. [redacted] Bufiles show [redacted] who was in 1950 a Criminal Investigator for the Alcohol Tax Unit in New York. An Agent of the New York Office attended a Holy Name Society function addressed by [redacted] on 10-9-50. During his remarks [redacted] referred several times to the FBI and specifically stated, "We call them office cowboys." The SAC in New York made strong objection to the District Supervisor of the Alcohol Tax Unit who in turn strongly reprimanded [redacted] in the SAC's presence. There is no additional derogatory information regarding [redacted] in Bufiles.

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Dec. 26th, 1960.

EXP. DEC 28 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th street and Penna. Ave
Washington D C

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed letter should be somewhat self-explanatory.

I might add, that the Mrs. [redacted] who sent me the letter is the [redacted]. I have known her since she was a baby and I'm sure she has the willingness and interest of our Country at heart in wanting something done in this situation to guide her and many others from being "roped-in" by these Communists.

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I am sure you will do anything possible to remedy this situation, from what she has quoted as taking place these operators are out into the open with their activities.

After twenty-five years of Government service, I still have a great interest in what goes on in this country of ours. [redacted]

34-21 [redacted]
Jackson Heights
New York

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December 18, 1960

Dear [redacted]

You may seemed surprised to hear from me but we are in need of some information and you are the only person I know who could begin to give us the answers. At least part of them anyway.

Since leaving Los Angeles and comming to Scottsdale, Arizona all of our friends both here and in Los Angeles have been urging us to join the John Birch Society. From L. A we get distressing letters on the subject, pro of course, and from here, the pressure is on. Now briefly I will quote from one of the letters--1. that the Russians will be in controle here by 1970. 2. that from within a short space of time all pregnant women and children under 2 will be killed as well as those unable to care for themselves. I could go on and on but that alone is enough to curl your stomach. Now the questions that we have are,--Why isn't the public informed of this so that all can help do what is necessary to prevent this? The people affiliated with the John Birch Society say that they have the approval of J. Edgar Hoover, Barry Goldwater etc. Now if Mr. Hoover is aware of what the Commies are trying to do why is it known. The Society says that the men who lecture at their meetings are F. B. I men and are well informed. We saw one film they showed on the Student rioting in San Francisco. Both [redacted] and I are well aware of the communist threat, but before we join any thing we would like to know more about it and I think you can understand our reason. We felt you might be able and kind enough to help us along that line. If all this is true then what can we do? is this the group to join, if they aren't what then?

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I hope you will pardon the poor construction of this letter and I hope too that you don't think me "off my head". If you can find out these things for me I would appreciate it very much. We don't want to be suckered in to anything. Sorry if this puts you on the spot.

I hope that this finds you and yours well and preparing for the Holidays. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With love

MR & MRS [redacted]

[redacted]

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Address on envelope:

[redacted]

Scottsdale, Arizona

62-104401-561

Letter was postmarked 4 p.m., 12-22-60, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

January 4, 1961

AIRMAIL

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Dear Mr [redacted]

Your letter of December 27, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

With regard to your other inquiry, I must point out that control of the activities of the Communist Party is a matter of legislation which, of course, is enacted through the legislative functions of our Government. Under separate cover, I am sending you some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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LETTER TO [redacted]
1-3-61

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Communist Target--Youth
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Director's speech of 10-18-60
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the organization. No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

[redacted] CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GATEWAY TO THE COAST IN THE HEART OF THE TIMBER AREA

[redacted] OREGON

December 27, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

A pepresentative of the John Birch Society has met with a group in our community, with a desire to establish a Chapter here and we would like to have official confirmation on the authenticity of the aims presented.

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We have been told that the purpose of this group is to form an organized resistance to communism in the United States.

Since there are so many communist fromt organizations, we hesitate to support any group until we know they truly represent the purposes in which we believe.

Another meeting has been called for January 11 and we would appreciate an immediate reply so that we may know what action we should take.

Also, a question that is being asked right now is, why is a Communist National Youth Organization permitted to be formed? This question has been raised as the result of a newspaper article in which you state a conference is being held this month for this purpose.

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We thank you for the information requested.

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Very truly yours,

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 1/5/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (62-0-17606)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

REC- 40

ReSAClet Number 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

ReWFlet dated 7/29/60, captioned as above setting forth information furnished by [redacted] concerning activities of The John Birch Society in the Northern Virginia area.

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On 1/3/61, [redacted] was interviewed by SA PATRICK M. RICE on another matter and volunteered the following information [redacted]

Captain MICHAEL J. MAHANEY of the MPD made available a press release dated 1/2/61 published by the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC) stating they would stage a demonstration near the White House on 1/2/61, and people would come from various cities to assist in the demonstration. Detailed information on this was submitted to the Bureau in a letterhead memo dated 1/2/61 (Bufile 100-433447).

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"The Washington Post and Times Herald" dated 1/3/61, carried an article relative to the above affair including a

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Above is for information of the Bureau regarding activities of The John Birch Society.

REC 9 62-104401-564

January 5, 1961

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Utica, New York

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated December 29, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you that this Bureau has not investigated the group you named; however, you should not construe this to be either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

In view of your interest in combating communism, I am enclosing publications for general distribution by the FBI on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

Director's speech 10-18-60
Press release 12-22-60
Communist Menace: Red Goals & Christian Ideals
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention
What You can do to fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Mrs. [redacted] 1-5-61

NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in connection with his writings.

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Mrs. [redacted] Utica, New York

Dec 29. 60

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

Dear Sir.

Having been approached to be an active member of the John Birch Society which was founded at a meeting in Indianapolis Dec 9. 1958 I would like to know more about it before joining. b6 b7C

If it is an anti Communist organization, as it is claimed to be, I will gladly join, for surely someone has to do something to help combat this menace.

Please favor me with a reply.

I remain
Yours truly

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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John Birch Society

Mrs. [redacted] Utica, New York

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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January 6, 1961

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[redacted]
Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of December 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
Director's 10-18-60 speech
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the group.

Dec. 28, 1960
Odessa, Texas

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

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DATE 9/7/84 BY SP4 BLB/MPR

Sir:

This letter is in request of information concerning an organization that seems to be very active in this area as an anti-communist fighter. The organization is known as The John Birch Society, with Hq. in Belmont Mass. The president of the organization is Robert Welch.

If your office can supply any information on this organization or its president, it would be greatly appreciated by myself & several of my friends as we are looking for a safe & effective way to join

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director; Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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A reply from your office on this matter will be a great honor & service to me.

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]
Odessa, Texas

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Sincerely,

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Odessa, Texas

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 1/4/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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For your information, Mr. [redacted] Encino, California, contacted the Los Angeles Division on January 4, 1961, requesting information whether the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was a subversive organization and advising that he desired to know whether the FBI had cleared this organization. When informed that the FBI was unable to furnish any information concerning the organization, because of the confidential nature of the Bureau's records, he became a little upset and stated that he thought it was a terrible position to take and said that he intended writing to the Attorney General about the matter.

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January 6, 1961

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[redacted]

Charlotte, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted] 62-104401

Your letter postmarked December 30, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

[redacted]

Charlotte, N. C.
December 23, 1960

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

Dear Sir:

As a loyal citizen of theUnited States I am most concerned about the menace of the communist movement in the U. S.A.

I have been approached by a friend to join the anti-communist society known as "The John Birch Society".

What I would like to know is if this is a legitimate organization dedicated to doing what it says it is doing. In other words, the devil can quote scripture to his purpose; have these people been forthright.

I am a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and do not wish to join an organization only to find out all is not what it appears to be.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

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January 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
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22 West Calle Laureles
Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of December 31, 1960, has been received, and I certainly understand your concern regarding the menace of communism. I am enclosing some material, some of which gives suggestions for combating this atheistic force which threatens us. I do not know the source of the letter to which you referred.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (8)
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Where do we stand today with communism in the United States?
How to beat Communism
Expose of Soveit Espionage
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Mr. [redacted] 1-10-61

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SATTERFIELD REALTY

22 WEST CALLE LAURELES
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
PHONE WOODLAND 2-8174

REALTOR

December 31, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen,

I am becoming increasingly alarmed about the growth and activities of the Communist party but I seem to be surrounded by a group of "Liberals" and self-styled intellectuals who profess to see no menace from the Commies, and who ridicule and denounce the House Un-American Activities Committee and other counter-subversive organizations.

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I want very much to combat this dangerous type of thinking and I'd like to have a little official ammunition at my disposal. Do you have any phamplets telling of the Communist threat? Also, it seems to me that someone once published a letter telling how one may identify a Communist, as distinguished from a more fuzzy-minded egghead, by their reactions to key issues, defenses etc. If you have such a letter, may I have a copy of that too.

One last item. I am strongly considering becomming a member of an organization I have heard about called the John Birch Society, which I understand is trying to fight the Commies on their own organizational level-that is with local cells or chapters activated on signal to bombard State and Federal legislative bodies with telegrams supporting or opposing proposed new legislature. This sounds like a very good idea to me, yet having heard of other seemingly worthwhile groups that became infiltrated by the Commies, I hesitate joining anything without checking with your office first. Do you have any negative information about this movement? Would you recommend that it be supported?

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Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont DATE: 1-9-61

FROM : Mr. J. E. McHale

SUBJECT: [redacted]
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Above-captioned individual called at approximately 9:40 p.m. on 1-9-61, advising that he is active in the Republican Party affairs in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and wanted to know if two organizations in that area are subversive. The two organizations are the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts, and the Life Line Organization of Washington, D. C. Mr. [redacted] was informed that the FBI is a fact-gathering organization and is unable to furnish evaluations regarding any organization.

He thanked me and said that he would see if he could obtain the information from another source.

Bureau files contain no derogatory information identifiable with [redacted]

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For your information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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January 11, 1961

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[redacted]
Columbus 9, Ohio

Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter dated January 4, 1961, which was also signed by Mrs. [redacted], has been received, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism. [redacted]

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. The FBI has not investigated the group you mentioned; however, this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

To secure a list of groups which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. The Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives has also prepared and released a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," in which are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies. The Government Printing Office advises that it is now out of print, but you may be able to secure a copy of it through your local public libraries.

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Sincerely yours,

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Letter to Miss [redacted] 1-11-61

Enclosures (7)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Series from Christianity Today (10-10-60, 10-24-60. 11-7-60)
Press Release 12-22-60
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE: Correspondents are not identifiable in Bufiles. The Columbus, Ohio, telephone directory reflects that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Avenue. No entry for [redacted] Apparently Miss [redacted] resides at [redacted]

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in connection with his writings.

[redacted]

Columbus 9, Ohio
January 4, 1961

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

Re: John Birch Society

Dear Sir:

We consider ourselves patriotic American citizens who are willing to support a legitimate anti-Communist group. We have been urged to join the John Birch Society, but before we do, we would like to know more about it. The following are some questions about the Society:

1. Does the John Birch Society have any "hidden" political or religious links?

2. Where do they get the information they provide, and how reliable is it?

3. How is it possible to check on the authenticity of the information they provide?

4. We have read that some organizations which profess to be anti-Communist are actually promoting Communism in some way. Might this be true of the John Birch Societyt?

5. The June, 1960, Bulletin of the John Birch Society urges the discontinuance of all "foreign aid," except for strictly military assistance to our unquestionably anti-Communist allies. #2 of their reasons states: "It was 'sold' to the American people, as a means of fighting Communism, by the Communists themselves, with the support of their sympathizers, dupes, and a lot of misguided idealists who swallowed the Communist line." Is this true?

We have heard that some supposedly anti-Communist books actually get across some Communist propaganda. Where does one find a reliable listing of Communist and anti-Communist books?

We would very much appreciate all the information you could give us concerning the John Birch Society.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

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First Methodist Church
Stratford, Texas

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DATE 9/17/84 BY SP6 SWP/PAR

Dear Mr. [redacted]

The letter postmarked January 4, 1961, and enclosure from you and Mrs. [redacted] have been received.

Although I would like very much to help you, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of aid and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

I am glad to know of your desire to help combat the growing menace of communism and enclosed are publications available for general distribution by this Bureau which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CP, USA
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NOTE: "American Opinion" is the publication of Robert Welch and his organization, The John Birch Society. This group is allegedly anticommunist and has chapters throughout the country. Welch has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in his writings, and all field offices have been alerted to watch the activities of his organization.

Although we have not conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the CPUSA to infiltrate this group through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. (100-50869). Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, W. P. Strube and others affiliated with Dr. Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. W. C. Sullivan memo to Belmont dated 9-22-60 indicates that when a SA of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum, Dallas, Texas, on 9-19 and 20, 60, (which sponsored a school on communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz) the SA commented that Schwarz made several "pitches" for articles in a book which he has written on communism and his publications were prominently displayed. In view of Schwarz's opportunistic activities in promoting his own writings, careful consideration should be shown in the future in furnishing speakers in view of the possibility that he might attempt to capitalize on the Bureau's reputation.

In view of all inquiries made by correspondent, above reply is believed best to serve the Bureau's interests.

Stratford, Texas
December 29, 1960

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

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DATE 9/7/84 BY

Dear Sir:

Please advise if the editor Robert Welch, or any of his advisory committee in the book "American Opinion" under the title "A World Gone Crazy", Volume III, Number 7, July, August and September 1960, are connected with a Communist group. This group poses as Anti-Communist group working to arouse American opinion against the danger of Communism in this country.

Please advise if Rev. Blake past President, National Council of Churches is a Communist or has any connection with Communist organization that would be detrimental to our churches.

Also advise if Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Editor, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Texas Branch Office, P.O. Box 6422, Houston 6, Texas is a Communist or connected with organization that would be detrimental to our churches or society.

We are concerned about joining this movement against Communism, but before we commit ourselves or take any active part we want to be sure there is no Communist or Communist influence in this organization promoting this movement.

I am enclosing the cover to this book for your reference. Thank you, I will appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Reader:

We offer no apology for the lateness of this magazine, nor for the combining of numbers which the project made necessary. Instead we shall rely in good conscience on the final product to justify both. For this undertaking has required research, correspondence, analysis, and plain hard work far beyond the normal quota for turning out any ordinary monthly magazine. And we earnestly believe that this issue of *American Opinion* will prove to be the most important publication in the whole field of anti-Communist literature since *Seeds Of Treason.*

Your editor can make that last statement with much better grace because he neither wrote any of these articles nor did any appreciable amount of "editing" of their contents. This survey of the present level of Communist influence in every country in the world was compiled by real experts. Before you are half through reading it you will see why we gave these hundred pages of history the title: *A World Gone Crazy.* If this doesn't awaken and alarm your complacent neighbors, nothing ever will. Not at least before they, and we, are being strung up from lamp posts by the Communist police.

We hope you can wake 'em up.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch.

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Dear Miss [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked January 6, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message and best wishes. In response to your request, I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, publications which you may wish to distribute as you indicated. For your information, our article entitled "Communist Target--Youth" is currently being reprinted. Three hundred copies of it, however, will be sent you just as soon as they are available.

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Sincerely

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Bremerton, Washington

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of January 5, 1961, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the office.

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In response to your request, the reprint, "Communist Target--Youth," is currently being reprinted, and 200 copies will be forwarded to you when they are available.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society in Bremerton has recently purchased the movie "Operation Abolition", and I have been designated to show it before local youth, parent and church groups. Some difficulty has been experienced in attempting to verify the authenticity of the film and the statements made in it. In your report "Communist Target - Youth" released in July, 1960 was very valuable information that could be used to fight these liberal-socialists. Is there any possibility of obtaining about 200 copies of your report to pass out to local leaders and presidents of organizations. I would also appreciate it very much if I could be placed on your mailing list for all future reports and publications concerning Communism and its activities. I need help from someplace, but it is real difficult to find authentic documentation that people will believe and respect.

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 5, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

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Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

Jan. 5, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover, John Birch Society, Inc,

Having recently become alarmed at the growth of Communism not only in other countries but in our own country as well, I discovered and have joined the John Birch Society.

If this society truthfully and faithfully supports the ideals and aims to which it claims, I would like to devote my time, energy and finances toward its growth and activities and urge my relatives, friends and acquaintances to do likewise. But since they occasionally point a finger accusingly at people and organizations usually thought of as defenders of freedom and democracy, I have reached a point where I must know whether the John Birch Society is what it claims to be.

Since the membership is doubling in size once every four months it seems to me that people should know from a reliable source whether or not it is worthy of the support of all good American citizens. I am hoping you can answer this question for me.

I am enclosing their Bulletin for December in which many of their views are set forth. I hope it is not asking too much of you to have someone on your staff advise me in this matter.

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Very sincerely,

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Foreword

"Greater than the tread of mighty armies is an idea whose hour has come."
Author Unknown

There is considerable history connected with the above quotation, and many writers have expressed some part or some version of the same thought. We are concerned, however, not with the authorship of this exact form of the brilliant generalization, but with the way its applicability to The John Birch Society becomes more visible every month. And we derive both understanding and encouragement from watching the principle inexorably at work in our favor.

On December 9 The John Birch Society will be two years old. We are still quite small, and very young. But already, more because of our obvious potential for the future than anything we have done so far, we have made a recognized impact on the American scene. And during the past few months it has become clear that our growth is not to be stopped, nor its rate retarded, by vicious attacks from the Left, extensive smears from the Right, or the complacent ignorance of the Center. For the foundation of our effort is truly an idea whose hour has come.

We want less government and still less government everywhere, down to the irreducible minimum necessary

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for a civilized society. For expanding government is inevitably an enemy of freedom and an obstacle to progress. We want more individual responsibility allowed and accepted, for man was not created to be just a numbered robot in a collectivised state. We want a return to, and increasing respect for, those moral and humanitarian principles, clearly defined by all of our several religious faiths, that offer the one and only base on which to make this a better world.

In an age that was not polluted everywhere by the poison of Communism, our efforts and objectives would be -- and will be -- almost entirely positive. But the satanic conspiracy, which now threatens to enslave all mankind, works unceasingly -- as a means of establishing and maintaining its cruel tyranny -- to increase the quantity and power of government, to reduce and then abolish individual responsibility (except to government), and entirely to obliterate both morality and even religion itself. It is from a practical necessity, therefore, that we must oppose and help to overthrow those evil forces that will otherwise destroy, and are now destroying, even such civilization as man has laboriously acquired.

We cannot do our part towards building a better world without eliminating the foul virus that is making a diseased monstrosity of the world we already have. To do that we must recognize the nature of the virus; we must identify and oppose and excise it wherever possible; and we must overcome the evil forces that utilize and spread it.

For the virus of Communism is conspiratorially implanted and nourished wherever it appears. There are many good Americans who do not realize this fact, or who simply refuse to face it; who insist on regarding communism as a "natural" disease to which we have fortuitously fallen prey; who consider our battle to be

an ideological one, and our enemy a philosophy of life. At this stage of the struggle they are all but wasting their time; and they even may, despite the best of intentions, be helping the enemy by giving him the very consideration, and building up the very prestige, which he needs. It is not a mistake which The John Birch Society can afford to make. Our aims are too farreaching and too important; and our very devotion to them will not permit such comfortable and easy blindness. We are, and must be, realists on our side, as much as the Communists are on theirs. Trying to cure communism, without destroying the (Communist disease-spreaders,) while it has now become one of the great intellectual pastimes of our age, is an expensive exercise in dismal futility.

Being realists, in The John Birch Society we are determined, not just to oppose communism, but to fight the Communists. This is the one thing they cannot allow (as the career of Joseph McCarthy clearly showed). This is why they already hate us so viciously, and why they and their sympathizers and allies and dupes will use every conceivable means to discredit and destroy us. But they will not succeed because ours is an idea -- of organization, of purpose, and of consecration -- whose hour has come.

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But the fact that the time was ripe for The John Birch Society and its ideals guarantees us only opportunity, not success. And the fact that, among all of the opponents of communism, we have chosen the one hard road that cuts right through to the sources of the poison, means that ours is no bandwagon for the weak or the comfortable. We have no place or time for the halfhearted -- in work or in sacrifice. Our body must grow, in size

and strength and effectiveness, until it is a match for the Communists. And that is a Herculean task, on which we have just begun.

At this two-year birthday we should like very much to give out specific facts and figures about our size and growth. We know our members would love it. And we doubt if, at this stage, it could do us any harm. But we are convinced that the sound experience which keeps so many other groups from ever revealing their numerical strength has even more force with regard to ourselves, and that we should set no embarrassing precedents for the future.

We'll discuss our rate of growth quite frankly at this point, nevertheless. And there is tremendous encouragement and inspiration for us all in the vigor of our expansion to date. For it is continuing growth, not current size, that is important, and to which so much of our zeal must be dedicated during the months and even years immediately ahead.

So far we have been doubling in size approximately once every four months. There have been one or two periods, such as the early part of 1960, when our numbers increased one hundred percent in three months. But the next similar doubling required five months. And we ourselves are surprised to discover how regular the four-months average has been, for multiplying our size by two, during the whole two years -- despite various factors that certainly seemed to be brakes on our progress at the time they appeared. Those factors have ranged from our own extreme preoccupation with the Committee Against Summit Entanglements, through smear campaigns against us of assorted sizes and intensities, to the preoccupation of our members and "prospects" with the recent election. And yet, as we look back on them now, their effect seems to have been swallowed up in the gen-

eral trend.

The fact that our rate of expansion must be represented, not by a parabola, but by an exponential equation, is significant.* For it shows that, with the forces which brought us into existence once set in motion and continuously at work, our growth itself is the primary factor in determining the rate of further growth; and that we are constantly benefitting from and building on what we have already achieved, as a base for further expansion. Which may be a longwinded way of saying that our new members themselves rapidly become by far our best salesmen for more new members, but which nevertheless supplies positive corroboration of that important fact.

Getting down to earth again, our growth experience to date not only means that we are doubling our size three times within each year -- or each twelve-months period, wherever taken. But it emphasizes the fact that, if we could maintain any such fabulous rate, we would have eight times as many members at our third birthday as we have now, and more than eight times that many by the end of 1962.

Frankly, I don't think it can be done. The two limiting factors, as is obvious and as we have explained before, are getting the money for such rapid expansion, and building organization solidly enough to be sure of what we are doing. And no matter how much you members sacrifice to help us, and no matter how hard we all work here to make the best possible use of your support, I don't think the tangible results can come quite that fast. Also, I think that the steepness of the exponential curve

*For the few who may be interested, the equation is $y = A\ 8^x$, where y is the total of our membership, A is a constant, and x is the age of the Society, expressed in years or fractions thereof. And the formula which we hope to maintain, as explained further along, would be $y = A\ 4^x$, where A remains the same.

is bound to slow down somewhat as we get much larger.

But I do think that for the next year, and perhaps two, it is possible and practicable for us to double our size every six months, or twice a year. And even a projection of figures on that basis should supply energizing encouragement to us all.

The task is to convert that projection into reality. But all of our warnings and exhortations, from both the Blue Book and earlier bulletins, not only remain in force; they need repeating here. We want alarmed, informed, patriotic citizens who are determined to do their part to stop the Communists and to destroy the Communist conspiracy. But this alone is not enough. Even fervent anti-Communism should at no time be considered adequate qualification for membership in The John Birch Society. We wish to have associated with us in this mighty undertaking only men and women of good character, humane conscience, and religious ideals.

The John Birch Society through its membership, by both precept and example, must help to restore morality and integrity and worthy purpose to the world in which we live. The Society must not only cause Catholics, Protestants, Jews, or Moslems who join it to wish to become better examplars of their religious faiths, but their very membership in the Society must itself be a constantly ennobling experience. We wish every member to share with us the happiness and the inspiration of working for an epic cause; of being part of a great historic movement for noble aims of tremendous and lasting importance. The members we recruit should not only have courage, and understanding, and a deep sense of personal responsibility to God and their fellow men for all that they do or leave undone; they should be firmly determined, so far as they are able, to restore a God-given "upward reach" to the heart and mind, to the ac-

tions and the thoughts, of contemporary man. It is because we demand so much and aim so high that we have "an idea whose hour has come."

Agenda For The Month

(1) Recruit new members. (But read all of the above first.)

(2) Read at least one book from our approved list.

(3) Obtain subscriptions to your magazine, AMERICAN OPINION, and orders for individual copies of the magazine or reprints of its articles.

For yourself, if you are not already a subscriber, and do not feel that you can afford the five dollars per year on top of your dues, please ask your Chapter Leader to send in your name and address for one of the gift subscriptions. We have such subscriptions, paid for by friends of ours for just this purpose, available to any member of The John Birch Society on request.

We keep on informing our newer members and reminding our older ones of this offer for the most important reason. It is that so often the explanation for many of our requests in these bulletins becomes so much more clear and convincing if you have read the articles, which serve as background for those requests, in AMERICAN OPINION.

Quite a number of our members, for instance, wrote our Research Department asking for the supporting reasons for the critical protests of Herter's actions, which we repeatedly urged. But if they had read Pages 14-26 in the June issue of the magazine, which were devoted entirely to a survey and analysis of Christian Herter's

actual record, we do not think that five percent of those who wrote us would have felt any need to do so. Or if those of our members who think that we fail to appreciate Henry Cabot Lodge had read Pages 17-23 of the February AMERICAN OPINION, they would have found adequate evidence that we "appreciate" him only too well. As to Dag Hammarskjoeld, the whole of our May issue, given over to Julius Epstein's review of the Bang-Jensen case from the official documents, reveals that slippery and despicable character in his true colors.

We cannot always give you, in these bulletins, adequate documentation and explanation for the actions we request. Sometimes, as in connection with the flying of the Panamanian Flag at the Canal -- where we did know exactly what we were talking about and were doing, despite some implications reaching some of our members to the contrary -- we could not do so without asking you to read at least one whole book (Harding's The Untold Story Of Panama; Devin-Adair, $6.00), and a great deal of other material. But frequently we have already laid the groundwork for such requests, and for a proper understanding of them, in the pages of your magazine.

So read it. A distinguished conservative member of the British Parliament recently wrote that in twenty-five years of studying Communist penetration he had never seen anything as good as our 1960 Scoreboard Issue. A leading French conservative weekly, Nation Francaise, has just used over half a page (newspaper size) to quote from and report glowingly on the same number. Our most regular contributor since the magazine started, William Schlamm, has been the most widely read author and most widely heard lecturer in West Germany for the past eighteen months. And American Opinion is now rapidly winning recognition, both at home and abroad, as a leading authority on international affairs and on all aspects of the Cold War. Read it yourself and do your

part to increase its readership by others.

(4) During December most of your Congressmen and Senators will be home. They are entitled to some peace and relaxation and freedom from official worries during the holiday season, the same as anybody else. So avoid either harassing them, or even appearing to do so. But most of them will still be glad to hear from and talk with their constituents on all suitable occasions, nevertheless. So take advantage of the opportunity by calling them on the telephone, or visiting them personally, or forming small groups or delegations to do so, in order to make your views respectfully but emphatically known. Our legislators, more than any other members of our national government, are still guided to a considerable extent by grassroots sentiment -- if that sentiment is strong enough and obvious enough. Among the matters on which you should make your sentiment both strong and clear are the following.

A. We want no repeal of the Connally Amendment, either direct or by subterfuge. If any further evidence had ever been needed of the folly of putting ourselves completely at the mercy of the World Court, such evidence was conclusively supplied on November 16, when Philip Jessup was elected a member of that Court.

B. We want a strengthening, rather than abolition or any weakening, of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The movie of the San Francisco riots is alone sufficient to show how important a victory it would be for the Communists to destroy this Committee, and how important is our need to maintain it. If your Congressman or Senator has never seen that film, try to arrange for him to do so. (Prints are available promptly, at $100.00 each, from Washington Video Productions, 1637 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington 7, D.C.) Also, some of our Coordinators have such prints, as we have bought as many as we could afford for that purpose.

C. We want every Congressman and Senator fully to realize that Fidel Castro, who has been a devoted agent of the Kremlin ever since his school days, is a vicious, dangerous, and declared enemy of the United States; to act accordingly in connection with all pertinent matters that come before Congress; and to use their influence and power to see that our State Department and other administrative agencies stop helping Castro while pretending to oppose him. (An excellent new book on Castro is Nathaniel Weyl's Red Star Over Cuba; Devin-Adair, $4.50.) We especially want no more of the steady undermining of anti-Communist morale throughout all of Latin America, by our government, which has taken place under Christian Herter's regime in the State Department.

In this connection, and in support of our outspoken criticism of Herter and our analyses of what has really been happening, we reprint below, with permission of the author, a letter to our present Secretary of State from a distinguished Lieutenant General (Retired), who is one of Florida's most influential citizens.

October 5, 1960

Mr. Christian Herter
Secretary of State
State Department Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On September 6, 1960 I addressed a letter to you concerning the Cuban situation and its relationship to the security of the United States of America. This letter was delivered through the office of Senator George Smathers of Florida and he requested that the letter be brought to your personal attention. At this writing you have not even taken the

trouble to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

In my letter to you, I charged that the State Department was guilty of treason in handing the Cuban government over to the International Communist Conspiracy, thereby endangering the security of the United States of America.

What kind of people are you who now run our State Department? You sit quietly and let an American citizen charge your department with treason and are not the least bit disturbed about it. To me this means that you either admit that traitors are in your department or that the word TREASON has ceased to mean anything to you. Either conclusion is fatal to our country.

The loss of Cuba to Russia is a catastrophe and can mean our defeat in this great struggle.

The responsibility for this condition now rests entirely upon your shoulders, Mr. Herter, and the people of this country will not forget or forgive what you have done to them and how you have allowed our country to reach this dangerous position.

Yours truly,

(Signature)

Sumter L. Lowry

D. We want no further steps towards surrender of our absolute rights in perpetuity over the Panama Canal, "to the entire exclusion of the exercise by the Republic of Panama of any such sovereign rights, power or authority," as established by Article III of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty -- which still governs the situation and

by which treaty the Republic of Panama was given birth. And we want no further motions toward "internationalization" of the Canal, under any guise.

E. We do not want any welfare state at home. Mr. Kennedy has received no mandate for establishing any more of a welfare state than we already have. If he has even been elected at all -- which as yet is by no means certain -- it is clear that at least one-half of the people of the United States did not want him as President and are opposed to the kind of administration foreshadowed by his past record and his campaign. This is a very important point to emphasize to every member of both Houses of Congress. We want no "bi-partisan honeymoon" at the beginning of this regime, during which the extreme "liberals" would have everything their own way and do further irreparable damage -- as Franklin Roosevelt did -- to our whole americanist system of government.

F. We do not want our Senators abdicating their rights and duties with regard to confirming Presidential appointments. The appointments to be handed down by the incoming administration are likely to be worse, if possible, than those during the later years under Eisenhower. And it is time for all conscientious Senators, of both parties, to stop letting themselves be browbeaten into accepting <u>any</u> appointment practically by default.

G. There are still a lot of very good Congressmen and Senators who will go to Washington in January. They may not agree with us on everything -- which is hardly surprising or desirable, since we never agree with one another on everything. Far from it indeed. But these men, scores of them in <u>both</u> parties, are good Americanists, with regard to both domestic issues and foreign affairs. They deserve praise, support, and encouragement. And while they are at home during the Christmas season is a good time to give them all three.

(5) Continue to buy, and use on your envelopes, our

stickers concerning a republic against a democracy, of which a sample will be found on the envelope of this bulletin. Our price originally quoted was $1.00 for 25 sheets of 33 stickers each; that is, for 825 stickers. In the actual printing we found it far better to use larger sheets, each containing 80 stickers. Our price has been revised, therefore, to $1.00 for 12 sheets of 80 stickers each, or 960 stickers for the dollar. Up to now the stickers are actually costing us more than that, but we wanted to keep the price as low as we could, and we believe our cost will be all right as we get into considerably larger quantities.

Also, we hope that the use of these slogans will become very widespread indeed. In answer to a number of inquiries we had hoped to have a four-page insert to go with this bulletin giving a brief review of some of the vital differences between a republic and a democracy. We find now that to do so would put this bulletin over the line, for an additional four cents postage, which would be an unwise extravagance. So the short article will appear in the January AMERICAN OPINION, and reprints will then also be available. In the meantime most of our members are already aware that those differences are so important as amply to justify the very extensive campaign, which we hope will be spearheaded by the use of these stickers, to make millions of Americans more conscious that ours is -- or was -- a republic!

(6) A four-cent stamp has recently been issued in honor of Senator Robert A. Taft, bearing his picture and name. One of our good members has suggested, and we agree, that it offers us an excellent opportunity to impress on Washington just how much respect for Taft and his principles is still vigorously alive in this country. Use this stamp on your mail, ask for it at your local postoffice, request that they stock it and keep on insisting if necessary, and do everything you can to make it one of the

most widely used issues in many years. The world in which we are living today is one in which power is built up out of prestige, pressures, and persistence. And it is well worth the cumulative effort to all of us, to show the "liberals" how powerful still remain the memory and ideals of Robert A. Taft.

(7) In our last bulletin we asked our members to oppose, in every practicable way they could, the use of UNICEF greeting cards. We referred you, for supporting arguments, to Hubert Kregeloh's article, Don't Send Me A UNICEF Greeting Card!, in the November AMERICAN OPINION. We repeat that request and reference here because December is the month when most of these cards are used.

While we believe the National Guardian denies, or would deny, being an official Communist Party paper, it will certainly do for the comrades until something more official comes along. (It's editor is Cedric Belfrage!) And this weekly runs a Guardian Buying Service for the faithful. The four-page Holiday Shopping Guide of this "Service," in the October 31 issue, offered many interesting items. There are "precision" wrist watches, imported directly from the USSR. There is a "popular handwoven cap" from Yugoslavia. There are two books glorifying the Communist side of the Spanish Civil War. There are "peasant dolls" and "little city dolls" straight from Poland. And there is a "complete line" of portable typewriters from East Germany. About one-third of the whole first page of this shopper's guide, however, is given over to "The Famous UNICEF Greeting Cards," their pictures, and their prices. We just thought you might like to know the most logical place to buy UNICEF greeting cards, in case you find them irresistible and disregard our advice!

(8) In our October bulletin we suggested that our mem-

bers join, and become active in, their local Parent Teachers Associations. And we further urged that they consciously strive to move up the ladder and exert influence in the state and national PTA organizations. We have received considerable criticism on that item, from informed sources, on the ground that the second part of our suggestion simply could not be carried out by any conservative parent. It seems that the "liberals" and leftists running the PTA from the top have set up such a brilliant system of self-perpetuation, partly by requiring officers to be chosen from committee chairmen, who have first been appointed by the officers, that there is no practicable way of shaking this leftwing grip over the whole machine. And any Americanist who tried to break into this tight and purposeful hierarchy would simply be butting his or her head against a stone wall. Our critics say, therefore, that our suggestion was unrealistic.

We readily admit we did not know that the situation in the upper reaches of the PTA was quite so bad, or that the baleful influence of the leftwingers in the National Education Association had been quite so thoroughly established over the PTA as well. (And we'll bet that ninety percent of the good American mothers and fathers in the local PTA's don't know it either.) And it may be, as several of our critics tell us, that the only realistic course for Americanist parents to take is to join, or help to start, local School-and-Home Clubs or other parallel organizations to do what the PTA was originally founded, and is still supposed, to do. We shall return to this question in a later bulletin, after considerable more study of the whole situation.

In the meantime, the problem of deteriorating education for our children is getting worse, because so much of the deterioration is "planned that way." Not, except in rare instances, by the teachers, or even local school

administrators (whose worst crime is simply to "go along" with the pressures and policies prepared from above), but by the influences in the NEA, our Teachers' Colleges, and elsewhere; influences that are determined to see the whole American public leveled into uniform mass mediocrity -- and to use public education as one powerful means of accomplishing that objective. It is a problem which members of our Society simply cannot ignore.

For the time being, therefore, we still recommend that -- regardless of any chance of affecting national or state policies of the PTA -- our members become active in their local Parent Teacher Associations wherever that offers the best chance of bringing americanist as against collectivist influence to bear on the curricula, teaching methods, and policies of your local schools. Where there is no such chance, we urge you to form or help others to form your own local group of parents -- under whatever name -- to serve the same purpose. And in either case we also urge you to become acquainted with the teachers and administrators of your local schools, study the textbooks being used, visit meetings of your school committee, and otherwise take a lot of direct personal interest in the kind of job which your agents, whom you are paying to teach your children, are actually doing.

During the three years that this writer was a member of our local School Committee, in a residential town of thirty thousand inhabitants, the monthly meetings of our committee were invariably attended (unofficially and as self-invited guests) by three representatives of the League of Women Voters. They were always quiet, friendly, considerate -- and welcome. They were as charming ladies, and personally as well regarded, as could be found in our town. But they were also about as "liberal" as could be found in our town as well. And

they and their organization were taking a very strong and direct interest in what happened in our schools, and in which way the schools were headed. But never once in my three-year term did any members of any conservative group, or any individual conservative, attend a meeting of our committee. There are plenty of people in our town interested in seeing the best of American traditional values preserved, in our schools as elsewhere -- but not that interested. Heavens, no. Bridge or a movie is so much more fun.

But American parents and nobody else have the ultimate responsibility for the education of their children, no matter what agents or agencies they hire to do the job for them, and no matter how hard the "liberals" and "progressives" try to shift that responsibility to ever-more centralized government. The fact that "Johnny can't read," and even worse problems, are due almost entirely to the gradual abandonment of that responsibility -- under insidious cajolery from the "Left" -- to the agencies of government. One of the major functions of The John Birch Society, over the next several years, is to help mightily in restoring americanist principles and purposes to our American schools. This can be accomplished only by the cumulative effect of an infinite number of small and conscientious labors on the part of our members. And it is time we got started on that task with a will.

(9) The movie on which we were to report this time was Spartacus. It is based on a novel by Howard Fast (!); the screenplay is by Dalton Trumbo (!); it was directed by Stanley Kubrick; the "executive" producer (and hero) is Kirk Douglas; and it is billed as the most expensive picture ever made. The Communist influences in its production background are boldly undisguised. We have enough material and reports on the "whole show" for a tight condensation to fill several pages of this bulletin.

But the actual Communist propaganda in the film itself has been kept low and well camouflaged. And we simply do not have room to give you the thorough analysis on which we think protests to local theatre owners and managers should be based. While we have been delighted, therefore, to see other patriotic groups call critical attention to this spectacle, we suggest that our members "hold their fire" until a more propitious occasion, when we can supply them more effective ammunition.

(10) Please write letters to the following.

(a) Mr. Jess Gorkin, Editor, Parade Magazine, 285 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. Tell him that we want no part of the direct telephone line between the White House and the Kremlin, proposed in his issue of October 30. And since Senator Kennedy went on record as favoring the proposal, mail copies of your letter to him, addressed simply to President-elect John F. Kennedy, Washington, D. C. The copies will never be read, but they will be noted and counted. Many of the letters to Parade will be read, however, and the whole protest is worth while. Goodness knows Washington is ideologically close enough to Moscow now, without making the White House a branch office of the Kremlin, or vice versa.

(b) Hon. Syngman Rhee, 2033 Makiki Street, Honolulu 14, Hawaii. Tell him not to answer the letters, but we just want him to know what a great man we all still think he is. We believe he will get a huge amount of well-deserved pleasure and encouragement from a flood of such goodwill messages.

General Comments

In every bulletin we try to give a small word of praise

or encouragement to some other toiler in the same vineyard as ourselves. This month we are making that gesture of approbation to Verne Kaub and his American Council of Christian Laymen, by enclosing one of his recent flyers. And if this additional circulation of the flyer helps to make more audiences and prospective audiences aware of Dr. Max Lerner's "qualifications" as a lecturer, we can count that as a bonus for our effort.

Also, we call attention to the Political Action Conference being put on in Washington, January 6 and 7, by Human Events. The two-day program will be studded with powerful Americanist speakers, including Barry Goldwater, Strom Thurmond, Congressman Ed Hiestand, Fulton Lewis, Jr., and many others like them. We suggest that you get the details directly from Human Events, 410 First Street, S. E., and plan to attend if you can.

There has been considerable pressure in various parts of the country to have our Chapter Leaders supply the names and addresses of their members -- usually to somebody of unquestionable patriotism and for visibly laudable purposes. Let us again warn both our Chapter Leaders and Coordinators that the names of our members are not to be given to anybody, for any purpose. We once turned down -- and lost for good -- an application for Life Membership in our Home Chapter, with a check for a thousand dollars, because it carried a condition that we tell the applicant who his fellow members were in his locality. And he was a well-known long-time fighter against the Communist menace, about whose worthy purposes there could be no slightest doubt. Our guarantee to our members that their names and addresses will not be divulged simply means what it says.

The White Book For 1960, about 300 pages, cost five dollars prepaid, containing all twelve bulletins for the year (including this one), will be coming from the printer,

ready to mail, in about a week to ten days. It is the only practicable way we know for our newer members to learn all of the bad things we have done and all of the good things we have tried to do during 1960.

We are very proud of all of our Coordinators. They are a dedicated and hardworking group. But we are going to break a precedent here -- or set one -- by mentioning particularly Brigadier General William L. "Jerry" Lee, USAF (Ret.) (written up a few years ago by the Saturday Evening Post as one of the "toughest" and ablest generals in our Air Force), who has recently become a full-time Coordinator for us (at his own expense and without pay) in the area surrounding Amarillo, Texas. What we need now is about a hundred more Jerry Lees, but we are proud to have even one.

Because this is the last bulletin of the year, let us repeat here our frequent warning: Do not carry out any of our requests which are disapproved by your own conscience. This is "a monolithic body," and we'll use our authority on the negative side, if it becomes absolutely necessary, to prevent anybody doing any damage to the Society from within -- so far as we are sufficiently forewarned and able. But on the positive side we do not want anybody, ever, to do anything for The John Birch Society which he or she does not earnestly want to do. We simply hope that you will have confidence in our integrity and purposes, and will fervently wish to carry out all or most of our requests.

And to each and every member, everywhere, we send our thanks, our kindest regards, and our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 10, 1961, and I am glad to know that you have found the material sent you of interest and assistance.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you that we have not investigated the John Birch Society, but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the group in question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist group with branches throughout the United States. Its head, Robert Welch, has criticized the Eisenhower administration in the past in his writings, and our field offices have been alerted to watch the activities of his group. Correspondent has received publications on the subject of communism in the past, and a most commendatory note to the Director was received from him in August, 1960, at which time he stated that he was a member of the John Birch Society. (62-104401-283). [redacted] paper per prior correspondence.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a high school junior who has held a great deal of admiration and respect for you and your organization ever since I really understood what the meaning of the immense and complex problem confronting our once great nation really is. I have written you several times previously on diverse topics, and have always been satisfied with your prompt, concise replies. I sent for several copies of your pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth" and was impressed with the efficiency with which you process the countless letters you must be receiving all the time.

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Sincerely Yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated January 8, 1961, has been received, and I thank you for your kind message.

The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations and comments. Enclosed are publications which offer citizens suggestions as to how they can take effective action in combating the subversive forces facing us today.

Although I would like to be of service in connection with your other inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of the group.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)
Director's Statement 10-18-60
Press Release 12-22-60
Red Goals and Christian Ideals
Introduction March, 1960, & 17th National Convention CP, USA
How To Fight Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

According to all sorts of surveys, the American woman is a pretty powerful person. She spends all the money, makes all the decisions, raises the children --is really a power to be reckoned with when it comes to designing cars, homes, merchandise of any kind. How does it happen then --that these powerful women --and there are millions -- billions of us --are not doing something about Communism? How come lots of us are not doing anything --except putting in time in organizations that are not getting anything worthwhile done? How many millions of us are not in ANY organization --rather than be in these time-killing, get-nothing-done clubs?

Mr. Hoover, there are millions of women in America today that have time and talent to fight for America --if we just knew where to begin. I am sure there are women like I, who want to do more than just worry --or wish they could help. We aren't in any unions, we don't see many people in a day's time, we feel we are not moving fast enough just by teaching our children. We can't afford to be passive any longer when the Communists are moving so swiftly. We are the women who hate fighting --but are willing to fight for our country. Won't you please tell us how to fight?

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I know there is Moral Rearmament, the Christophers --all of them teaching the same things --really. The Golden Rule --not "Who's right --but What's right" --everyone doing his own little bit to make this a better place to live in. This hasn't really been working well enough --or fast enough to keep up with the Communists --so what is the answer? How can we fight them? How can the women fight fire with fire? That is what it takes.

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The Ladies Home Journal magazine has a slogan --"Never underestimate the power of women" --and I wish you would give this a lot of thought and come up with an answer so the women of American can get busy and organize against Communism. I don't think the surface has even been scratched.

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I have been to one meeting of The John Birch Society --and I am anxious to know if this is a good organization --or just another one where they sit around and scare people but never give them any concrete thing to do. I never heard of it before I moved to Stamford from Miami, so I am wondering about it. I guess any organization fighting communism is a better thing than no organization, but I would like to have a part in exposing Communism for what it is --and I don't know where to begin. Maybe the American women are pictured more concerned with having wall to wall carpet --or pastel appliances, but I prefer to think that most of us are yearning to do something to help you in your fight against our enemy. Mr. Hoover --we thank you for what you have done for America --and wish you would help us find our way to help too.

Sincerely yours,

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[redacted]
West Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 10, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments about the work being done by this Bureau.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
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January 10, 1961

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

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Being somewhat concerned with the trend of American policies, and the seemingly compromises we have so often made to the communist regime, I have tried to find some way of combating the present trend toward socialism and ultimate destruction of American ideals.

I have been told that the "John Birch Society" is a growing society dedicated to fighting the communist. I believe this society is headed by a Mr. Robert Welsh of Belmont, Massachusetts.

I would appreciate your official opinion of this society and of Mr. Welsh, so that I may be guided in the right direction and not be duped in a column of "Red", as has happened to so many other good citizens of our country.

I, as a citizen, appreciate the tremendous job you have done for our country for so many years. May God be with you.

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West Chicago, Illinois

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January 18, 1961

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Abilene, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 12, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Abilene, Texas
January 9, 1961

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On January 5 I saw three films of The John Birch Society. They were being shown here by a group which also had a speaker here last summer, Mr. Stroube, and were advising on Communism in the United States, etc. If this organization (and Mr. Welch, who heads it) are what they seem to be, I am anxious to join and work with them.

Will you please advise me? I shall appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) [redacted]

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indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. He has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings. Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory on Miss [redacted] and we have enjoyed limited, cordial correspondence with her.

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Abilene, Texas
January 9, 1961

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

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Sincerely yours,

(Miss) [redacted]

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[redacted]
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
10-18-60 Speech What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purportedly an anticommunist organization and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts.

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Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration. We have not investigated the organization.

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Jan 8, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

Attempts have been made in this area to villify the John Birch Society. I am a member and 100 per cent behind it and feel it is pro - American all the way.

Can you please give me your personal recommendation or approval of this Society? Thank you sincerely,

Very truly Yours

/s/ (Mrs) [redacted]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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January 18, 1961

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Abilene, Texas

Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter postmarked January 9, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind message concerning the work being done by the FBI. Your best wishes also are appreciated.

In view of your interest in combating communism, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines.

With reference to your other inquiry, I must advise that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. The FBI has not investigated the group you named; however, this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"
Press release dated 12-22-60
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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LETTER TO MISS [redacted]
JANUARY 18, 1961

NOTE continued:
Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as Welch indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. He has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings.

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Abilene, Texas
January 8, 1960

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

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DATE 9/2/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all, I'd like to tell you how much I have enjoyed reading your series on the Communist Threat, which have appeared this week in our Dallas News.

Only this week, I attended a meeting wherein the "John Burk Society" was presented to us and listened to a film recording of a Mr. Welch, who appears to be the head of this organization. It was a three-hour long film, wherein he attempted to set forth the purposes of his organization and posed as one who thinks he knows all the answers to the threat of communism.

What I want to know before I join this organization or any other, supposedly to fight the threat of communism, is it on "our" side? In other words it could be communistic through and through and I want to be sure before I become a member.

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He said the headquarters were in Belmont, Massachusetts; that if you joined the Society, you took orders from head down, although you could resign any time you wished; that they wanted members through "persuasion" and not pressure; that they preferred small groups but dedicated groups; they appear to hate communism but at the same time, several points were made that did not jibe with true Americanism.

For instance, they are against the United Nations...think our Newspapers are withholding the truth.....will not tolerate arguments at meetings..... saw nothing good that our Government has done within the past few years and refuse to say how many members they have or who they are. This does not sound "American" to me. I pondered and pondered after attending this meeting and since I believe in you as the champion of our country's freedom and liberties, I decided to write you and ask about this Society. I do not know where else to turn.

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There was one other thing that I did not like....it seemed ~~to me~~ they are endeavoring to crease "distrust" of almost everybody and every nation. They bore down on the theme that it is senseless and needless to pursue preparedness in this country. On the whole, there was something about it all that made me, at least, uneasy and that is why I am worrying you with this question.

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I realize you are a very busy man, but I love my Country and want to do everything for it possible, not against it through ignorance or stupidity. Assuring you that I shall appreciate hearing from you, and with all good wishes for your continued success at the head of our Bureau in the U. S., I am

Most sincerely,

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Newport Beach, California

Dear Mr.

I have received your letter of January 10, 1961, with enclosure, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not provide evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the individual and the organization you mentioned have never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau. This should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual and organization.

In view of your concern over the menace of communism, I am forwarding, under separate cover, several items containing my observations on this subject which you may like to have.

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Sincerely yours,

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One Nation's Response To Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Series from Christianity Today
God And Country Or Communism?
Struggle On A New Plane
Director's speech 10-18-60
Communist Party, USA

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The Christian Anti-Communism Crusade is headed by Dr. Fred Schwarz. W. C. Sullivan to Belmont memo dated 9-22-60 indicates that when a Special Agent of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum in Dallas, Texas, on September 19 and 20, 1960, which was sponsoring a school on communism, directed by Dr. Schwarz, the Special Agent commented that Schwarz made several pitches for articles in a book which he had written on communism, and his publications were prominently displayed. As it appeared that he was trying to capitalize on the Bureau's reputation, it was indicated that our dealings with him and his organization should become most circumspect.

Correspondent's enclosure was a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being utilized in reply.

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NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF.,
Jan 10th. 1961.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Inited States Dept., Justice,
Washington, D. C.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Sirs;-

Being interested in the Anti-Communist Movement in my neighbourhood I find that the John Burch Society is making a good effort to building groups and giving out literature, published by the Un American Activities Committee, and publications such as American Opinion, and "What Can I Do?" by Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, P. O. Box 6422, Houston, Texas, Etc.,

Mr. Robert Welch spoke before about 200 people from the Presbyterian Church 2 months ago and had a big response.

Several of my business and Profession friends in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach are interested in Anti-Communist Movement but would like to know about the reliability if the John Burch Society along with Mr. Robert Welch. Coming from you it will be a great influence in the movement against these "Masters of Deceit", by your Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

Thank you for your appraisal of the John Burch Society and Mr. Robert Welch.

Enclosed please find envelope,

Your obedient Servant,

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IN OUR SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE

REC- 15 62-104401-583

January 18, 1961

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Sacred Heart Academy
3100 McCormick Avenue
Wichita 13, Kansas

My dear [redacted]

Your letter dated January 10, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your best wishes and thoughtful message.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, film or individual. I can inform you, however, that we have not investigated the group you named, but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or a nonclearance of the organization in question.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy I cannot, of course, make any comment with respect to it, and you may wish to direct your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications on the subject of communism, and I am including in the data forwarded a copy of "Communist Target--Youth." This is a detailed account prepared by this Bureau of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist

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Party in the California demonstrations against the House Committee and it is intended to be an urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat, and, armed with that knowledge, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (11)
Correspondent's self-addressed envelope
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention, CP, USA
Communist Party, USA
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
How To Beat Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to small to utilize in reply.

TRUE COPY

Sacred Heart Academy
3100 McCormick Avenue Phone WHitehall 3-3228
Wichita 13, Kansas

January 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mrs. Hoover:

As a teacher of [redacted] I am presently concerned about correct information in regard to a "John Birch Society". I understand that it is anti-communist, but I have been receiving such conflicting statements pertinent to the Society. I believe that it is of vital importance for teachers to have correct information in regard to theories and tactics of Communism as well as of organizations opposing them. To be certain of getting correct information we decided to get it directly from you. So just what is the purpose and status of the John Birch Society? Then too what about the film "Operation Abolition"? Would you recommend it for showing in our American Government classes? The City School Superintendent of Wichita banned the film from the Public School System. However various Protestant Churches and Catholic Youth Organizations have shown the film.

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We are encouraging our students to read "Masters of Deceit" and the periodical "The Truth" (published by the Political Science Club of Marquette University High School.

Enclosed is a self addressed envelope. May God bless you and the work of the F.B.I.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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Sacred Heart Academy
3100 McCormick Avenue Phone WHitehall 3-3228
Wichita 13, Kansas

January 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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January 23, 1961

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Williston, North Dakota

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

JAN 23 1961

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OFFICE TELEPHONE [redacted]

HOME TELEPHONE [redacted]

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Williston, North Dakota

January 11, 1961.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are strong Republicans, and right wing, conservative, and are very interested in anti-communist work. We are contemplating joining the John Birch Society which has just recently been formed here. We have heard so many pros and cons about it that I finally decided to write to you concerning this Society. People wonder why there are no well known names among the members-is there any reason?

As busy as you are, I was reluctant to take up your time with this letter, but I surely would appreciate your answer for it would be my answer to a lot of talk that I hear.

We live in a very strong Farmers Union hot bed. We have been sleeping too long, and have finally come to the realization of where our country is headed. We had Herb Philbrick here this fall, and the Democrats called his meeting a Republican rally.

I will appreciate your answer.

Yours truly,

Mrs [redacted]

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[redacted]
Somersworth, New Hampshire

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 13, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

Ja nuary 13, 1961

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

D I have recently been asked to join an organization called the John Birch Society the purpose of which is to fight communism.

Could you give me some information as to the rating or standing of this organizatiiion?

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]

North Hollywood, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your card of January 9, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, is not permitted to make evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files regarding the organizations you mentioned.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (11)

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NOTE: The Bureau has not investigated the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade or Dr. Frederick Charles Schwarz, its Executive Director. Schwarz is an Australian physician who has been touring the country lecturing on communism. He uses these lectures for promoting sale of a book he has written on communism. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings. Since correspondent requests information relative to two organizations, the above reply is deemed advisable. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[redacted]
N. Hollywood, Calif.
January 9, 1961

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

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Dear Sirs:

Kindly send all printed matter concerning the Communist threat in the U. S. A., especially if there is information about the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade & the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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As ever,

Bob

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N. Hollywood, Calif.
January 9, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

Kindly send all printed matter concerning the Communist threat in the U.S.A., especially if there is any information about the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade & the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted] Nashville 5, Tenn.

Jan. 4th, 1961

Dear Bob:

I am sure you had a happy Christmas. We certainly did, but I must say you do crowd too much into those past two weeks.

I hope you can help me find out something about the "John Birch" Society if you don't already know. It is an organization, we are told, to fight communism. I am a poor one to join anything and certainly not something I know little of. One friend, also interested, called the local F.B.I. They were not allowed to endorse any organization but did say they know nothing against it. Things seem in a pretty bad muddle right now and may be getting worse, and if there is a way to combat communism through an organization by joining and giving money it would seem an urgent thing to me.

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I went to one meeting where they showed a rather impressive movie on being encircled by communism in South America, Cuba, Mexico, etc. The people at the meeting were mostly young, intelligent, and worried. I knew most of them. I wont go on for I know so little about it. If you have ways of getting literature on the subject or can find out if it is worth while please let me know.

Much love to you and [redacted] Maybe you two are coming South this cold weather - if so, wish you would stop by to see us.

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By LLOYD PARKER

Dr. Bill James Hargis is greatly concerned over what he calls the continuing drift of the country to socialism and communism.

"I am convinced that communism is winning World War III without firing a single shot or losing a single soldier, and the apathy and lethargy of God's people are responsible," Dr. Hargis said.

Tonight, Dr. Hargis, founder and director of Christian Crusade, America's largest anti-Communist organization, will have more to say about "the international conspiracy that is encircling the U.S."

He will speak on the Communist menace at 7:45 p.m. in the New Theater Nashville, 21st and Belcourt Avenues, under the sponsorship of the eight local chapters of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society chapters, organized here early last year, have a membership of 200 which has as its slogan "Less government and more responsibility." Local chapters meet monthly to study and to take action on local projects in the fight against communism.

Dr. Hargis, who stirred up a national controversy on Communist infiltration into American churches some months ago when two of his pamphlets were quoted in an Air Force Manual, is an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ Church. He gave up the ministry in 1950 to direct his anti-communist activities.

Interviewed Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Anderson, 2220 Woodmont Blvd., where Dr. Hargis is staying during his visit here, the Texas-born minister said he is convinced communism would not be a threat in this country if people were better informed.

"Our biggest crisis in the New Year," Dr. Hargis said "is our ignorance of what communism is and how it works. It feeds on the weakness of man."

This ignorance, he said, has been responsible for more than 1,000,000 Americans to have either joined or supported Communist movements in the U.S. through 20,000 "front" organizations since 1933.

"The Communists raise $120,000,000 a year in the U.S. and not one cent comes from Russia," Dr. Hargis added.

"If the average American citizen doubts that his beloved country is in danger, let him look about him. Let him look at what is happening in his own church denomination, his labor union, his school system, his place of entertainment, the books he reads, the movies and television shows he enjoys, the 1960 complexion of the Congress and the rulings past and present of the U.S. Supreme Court."

Dr. Hargis is also concerned over the U.S. foreign aid program.

"It has failed," he said. "We sent $3 billion to Yugoslavia and only the other day Marshall Tito denounced us. We should give foreign aid only in the form of loans, and then refuse to give it to our belligerent enemies or our thankless friends."

Dr. Hargis is a big man with a round face and dark eyes. He lectures throughout the country and is enroute to Greenville, S.C. where he will tape 13 television shows.

In several months, he plans to return to Nashville to lead an anti-Communist meeting, "Survival, U.S.A."

The Christian Crusade, he says, exists solely to expose Communism and to tell thousands by radio, television, pamphlets, books and literature, the TRUTH about the criminal organization of communism that is seeking to destroy the freedoms in America by "peaceful revolution."

A self-designated conservative, Dr. Hargis takes a stand against all forms of liberalism or socialism as being only steps leading the nation closer to communism.

Here are some of his views recently expressed in his book "Communist America . . . Must it Be?

"Chiang Kai-shek of Formosa is "pro-Christian, pro-democratic and pro-American."

"Our schools and churches have been infiltrated by socialists who spread liberal, "modernist" left-wing or Communistic philosophies."

"The American Negro, like the American people generally, is manipulated to suit the whim of the Communists.

"The United Nations is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American public."

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Bob (Hendon)

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Mr. Robert C. Hendon
Vice President Operations
Railway Express Agency, Inc.
219 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Bob: Hendon

I have received your letter of January 13, with enclosures, and I, of course, welcome the opportunity to be of help to you.

We have received a large number of requests for information regarding the John Birch Society and in line with our general policy have declined to make any comment concerning it other than to indicate the FBI has conducted no investigation of the organization. For your confidential information this group was organized in 1958 by Robert H. Welch, Jr., an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, manufacturers of candy. Welch has characterized the long-range goals of the Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." Chapters have been established throughout the country to conduct anticommunist activities.

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In February, 1959, we received information that Welch had written a book entitled "The Politician" which

NOTE: Robert C. Hendon is a former SA who is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first-name basis. Background information regarding John Birch Society appears in Baumgardner to Belmont memo 12-8-60, captioned John Birch Society, Information Concerning, (Internal Security) JHK:RDS:pw Information concerning John Birch Society appeared in George Sokolsky's column on 1-14-61.

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was never published; however, a limited number of copies were sent to friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of the copy we received revealed it was in the main a vicious attack on President Eisenhower. By innuendo Welch referred to President Eisenhower as procommunist. Another indication of Welch's outlook appears in his brochure concerning the Society wherein he states "You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the communists in Washington planned it that way." According to a recent column of George Sokolsky, Welch is currently proposing that steps be taken to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court.

It was good to hear from you, and I hope this information will help you form an opinion of the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

Clyde Tolson

REC-18 62-104-1-588 January 24, 1961

[redacted]
Columbus 13, Ohio

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of January 15, 1961, has been received and I can certainly understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism.

Although I would like to be of assistance to you in connection with your inquiry, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret that I am unable to help you on this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (9)
To All Law Enforcement Officials, 3-1-60
Communist Party, USA
How to Fight Communism
Struggle on a New Plane
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in the United States?
God and Country or Communism?
Press Release 12-22-60
Communist Target - Youth
Exposé of Soviet Espionage
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The "American Mercury" is owned by Russell Maguire who is allegedly anticommunist and has the reputation of being bitterly anti-Semitic. The publication was the subject of a Registration Act investigation in 1958 based upon indications of an exchange of funds between Maguire and the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. This allegation was not established and the case was closed in October, 1958.

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

[redacted]
Columbus 13, Ohio
January 15, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
U.S. Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am an Electrical Engineer for the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio, and a worried citizen of the United States, over the imminent Communist threat from within our own country.

I have read a considerable amount of anti-Communist literature and if half of what I read is true, only a miracle can save us from the inevitable doom of falling into Communist control without even a shot being fired.

I may be considered a radical, but I believe that something must be done about the situation. I only wish I knew what I could be doing to help stamp out this growing menace to our society.

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It may be that some of the things I have been reading are written by alarmists and I am worrying too much about nothing, but I want to know and I feel you are the only one I can turn to at this time.

I would like your opinion on the two monthly publications that I have been reading, in regard to how much of what I read can be taken as truth. The publications are:

(1) American Opinion
Publisher: Robert Welsh
Belmont 78, Mass.

(2) American Mercury
(Have been unable to buy this magazine since moving from Berkeley, California to Columbus, Ohio in August.)

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I would also appreciate any other help you could give me on this subject.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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REC-16 62-104401-589

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Charlotte, North Carolina

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 12, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
Director's 10-18-60 speech
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the group.

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January 12, 1961
Charlotte, N. C.

United States Dept. of Justice,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The "Communist" infiltration in our country has been of great concern to me for sometime. Until a few months ago, before I became a member of The John Birch Society, I felt that I was working a futile cause. I, personally, have no reason to doubt the sincerety of Mr. Bob Welch nor that of the Society. I and my family have had the pleasure of not only meeting Mr. Welch, but have had him in our home. We think he is doing a wonderful job.

N.C. mbs

It seems, however, that I find it extremely difficult to convince others of this tremendous threat to our way of life, and even more so to join an organization or "body", as Mr. Welch puts it, which seems to be doing through organized effort what so many are trying to do single handed.

Now-a-day, people want proof--proof of what I don't know. They certainly didn't ask for proof while we were being pushed into this conspiracy, and are certainly not asking for proof of bases for the Supreme Court dicisiions, but then, of course that is different, isn't it!

Any available information you may have regarding the John Birch Society would be greatly appreciated; any literature you may be able to send me which would be of help in this fight against communism would also be appreciated----particularly something for the youth of today. We have two teen-age sons who are as interested in this cause as Mr. Clark and I are.

Sincerely yours,

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Charlotte, N. C.

This is a republic,
not a democracy --
Let's keep it that way!

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Copy to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Welch,

Several weeks ago I wrote you a letter in which I tried to point out the overwhelming need to combat communism on the basis of love, still the strongest and most positive force in GOD'S world, and from the standpoint of a good Christ-like example that requires first a real knowledge of Christ, His life, His teachings etc, and then a knowledge of communism.... what it is, ... how it functions .... its aims etc. This is so vital because then good people are not going to destroy the principles which they are really fighting for. Isn't it true that many of us have confused communism with legitimate disapproval on controversial issues! Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, a sincere American patriot has said, "We must not therefore, indiscriminately label as Communists

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those whose opinions on a particular question may, on occasion, parallel the official (Communist) party position."

Mr. Hoover also warned "We must continue effective opposition to communism, but we must also, and in that very process, deepen and enrich our own heritage of freedom — our mightest weapon in the struggle for the minds and loyalties of men everywhere."

The Communist way versus Christ's way started way back when Judas outlined his 3 point program regarding Christ and this 3 point program which opposes Christ remains today ------ Judas + Communism's 3 points are as you know, 1/ materialism 2/ co-existence peacefully and 3/ betrayal with a kiss.

Your intentions are sincerely American Mr. Welch I'm sure, but your methods of exploiting + pitting one against the other forces me to submit my immediate resignation! GOD bless u

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Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as

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Welch indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. He has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings.

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VICTORIA, TEXAS

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

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Dear Mr.Hoover:

I am a conservative and anticommunist. I have been approached in regards to joining The John Burch Society. Naturally I want to be very careful no to be "duped" into joining a society that may not be all that it represents itself to be.

Would you be so kind as to inform me as to whether this society is a bonefied anticommunist organization.

I am also leary of joining any extremely radical organization, even tho it may be anticommunist. I would appreciate any information you may care to divulge in regard to The John Burch Society.

Sincerely,

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 17, 1961

FROM SAC, Denver (62-New-Dead)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[redacted] Boulder, Colorado, telephonically advised this office on January 10, 1961, that several of his friends are considering the establishment of a branch of captioned society in Boulder, Colorado. He stated he is endeavoring to determine the origin and purpose of this organization. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised January 11, 1961, that he had heard that a [redacted] in Boulder was endeavoring to establish a chapter or branch of this society in Boulder. [redacted] stated [redacted] is a prominent businessman in the Boulder, Colorado, area, enjoys an excellent reputation and to his knowledge has never been associated with any organizations which have been considered by him to have been connected with any Communist activity. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised he will keep this office advised of the plans of this group. b7D

The indices of the Denver Office reflect no identifiable information about [redacted]

The above is being furnished the Bureau for its information in accordance with Bureau instructions. If in the future information is received that any subversive groups attempt to infiltrate this organization, the Bureau will be advised. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 1/23/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Reference SAC Letter 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

On 12/22/60 [redacted] an employee of the Columbia Valley Lumber Company, Bellingham, Washington, advised that he had just recently seen a lengthy film which had been shown by the local chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He could not provide the name of this film but stated that it was one that had him "scared to death."

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It is possible that the film to which [redacted] was referring is "Communism On The Map" inasmuch as it is known this film is being shown currently throughout this area.

With reference to the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, [redacted] said that this organization was very active in Bellingham WASH at the present time in a campaign to recruit additional members. He said that the person actively promoting the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in his city was [redacted] Files of the Seattle Office contain no adverse information identifiable with [redacted]

This information is being provided to the Bureau as an indication that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is active in the Bellingham area.

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TRUE COPY

January 11, 1961

Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Dept. of Justice
Constitution Ave and 10th Street NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover,

I need your advice. Would I be doing a patriotic service for my country by starting a John Birch Society Chapter. Today in our Chicago Daily News an article by Jack Mabley states Mr Welsh of the John Birch Society made some strong acusations against Eisenhower and his cabinet. I dont want to get involved in a name-calling contest for there are so many important issues we as Americans must decide. I have two study groups looking to perform action to protect our country - but would this John Birch Society be our answer?

A concerned mother

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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A concerned mother

Mrs [redacted]

Chicago, 28, Illinois

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Your letter which was received on January 6, 1961, during my absence, was brought to my attention upon my return.

I certainly appreciate your comments concerning our pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth," and it is a pleasure to forward, under separate cover, 200 copies of this report. Arrangements are also being made for you to receive material which is released by this Bureau from time to time.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 20, 1961

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (80-1262)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Bremerton, Washington
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

JOHN O BIRCH SOCIETY

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Re Bureau letter to Seattle, dated January 13, 1961.

On January 19, 1961, [redacted] Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, Washington, who is an established contact of the Seattle Office, informed that the above named person has been employed as a Production Engineer at this station for 1 and ½ years and was previously stationed at this same Naval Torpedo Station as a Naval Officer for three years. He said this person is highly regarded by the Administration Officers at the base and he, himself, believes [redacted] to be an intelligent and conscientious person.

SA [redacted] has also had some business contacts with [redacted] and believes him to be a loyal American Citizen, intelligent, and conscientious.

On January 18, 1961, a review of records of the Kitsap County Credit Bureau, Bremerton, Washington, reflect that [redacted] owns his own home at [redacted] His wife's name is [redacted] they have two children, he was formerly a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, stationed at the Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport. He is presently a

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[redacted] at this station and formerly attended Clarkston College, Potsdam, New York. All information in the file for [redacted] favorable. The file began January, 1959. b6 b7C

On January 19, 1961, a review of arrest records PD Bremerton, Washington, and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Port Orchard, revealed no arrests identifiable with [redacted] and his wife.

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Nashville 5, Tennessee

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 17, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the group.

[redacted]
Nashville 5, Tennessee
January 17, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing an Application For Membership in THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, a national organization which is now accepting membership in Nashville, Tennessee.

The purpose of the organization is to expose communist tactics, and eventually to use its influence in Congress to get bills passed to fight communism.

It is claimed that you have approved this organization, but since it is so "secret" I thought I had better check with you.

Thank you for a prompt reply.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women $1,000.00
(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each.)

Regular annual membership in the Home Chapter	For men	$24.00
	For women . . .	12.00

Membership in a local chapter, minimum per year:	For men	$24.00
	For women. . . .	12.00

(This may be paid as $2.00 per month for men, and $1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____ Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

(Name)_____

(Address)_____

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Date _____

Dues Received _____

Application Approved
By _____

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 23, 1961

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Letter 59-13, Item F.

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On this date Mr. KLINE WEATHERFORD, former SAC of the Chicago office, now associated with the Morton Salt Company, advised that the Morton Salt Company had been visited on January 4, 1961, by an individual named [redacted] who is the [redacted] for "American Opinion". The purpose of his visit, which he confirmed by letter dated January 17, 1961, was to interest the Morton Salt Company in purchasing pamphlets to send out to appropriate employees in their concern.

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Mr. WEATHERFORD advised that there were three pamphlets: 1) a booklet entitled "Bang-Jensen-Tragedy", which cost $.50 a book for 1 to 99 copies, $.35 a book for 100 to 999 copies, and $.30 a book for over 1,000 copies; 2) a booklet entitled "The World Gone Crazy", which sells for $1.00; 3) a booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists", which cost $.20 for 1 to 99 copies, $.15 for 100 to 999 copies, and $.12 for over 1,000 copies.

Mr. WEATHERFORD stated he was merely advising of this for the Bureau's information and that as far as he could see his company was not going to subscribe to any of this material inasmuch as there was some question in his mind as to the accuracy of the figures cited in the pamphlet "The World Gone Crazy", and further it was his opinion that while it was anti-Communistic, he believed it went too far to the right. He stated that both he and his company, of course, would be interested in "fighting Communism" in any way, shape or form, but in his opinion this was not the medium through which it should be done.

The above is for the information of the Bureau.

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January 21, 1961

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Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Captain:

Your letter of January 21, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I must advise you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that we have not investigated the group you named but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to correspondent. We have received numerous inquiries concerning the John Birch Society, an anticommunist organization founded and headed by Robert Welch, and the above reply has been sent.

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Bismarck, N. Dakota

January 21, 1961

RE: John Birch Society

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

Dear Sir:

I have become deeply concerned about the problem of the spread of Communism. Because of this concern I have been trying to do as much as I can to prevent a further spread of this doctrine and in fact try to help uproot the progress that Communism has already made in this country.

Recently I joined a group called, "The John Birch Society". My friends and I believe sincerely that this is a very patriotic, anit-communist group believing in 100% Americanism.

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I am a Captain in the Air Force Reserve and am a member of the N. D. Mob. Designation Det.#1 (SSVC) Bismarck, N. D. Because of my military affiliation, I feel that I should make doubly sure, before I get further involved, that the John Birch Society is indeed a Patriotic Organization working for the good of the United States.

Could you give me your opinion of the John Birch Society? If you cannot, could you refer someone, perhaps in the Justice Department, who could provide me with the patriotic status of the John Birch Society.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Captain, U.S.A.F. Res.

[redacted], Bismarck, N.D.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. SIZOO

DATE: 1/19/61

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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SAC Earl Brown, Richmond, called and referred to SAC letters we have sent out during the past year regarding the above society and the activities of Mr. Welch who is connected with it.

Brown said that yesterday and today his office had talked to a Mr. Bachman, who is a radio newscaster, and to T. Coleman Andrews, Jr., son of the former head of Internal Revenue. Both of them are interested in combating communism and Bachman has made several newscasts regarding communism which have elicited public response. These men indicated that a chapter of the John Birch Society is being considered in Richmond, and before they became connected with it they wanted to know whether there was any information available concerning it. They stated they were going to write to the Bureau for any available information.

Mr. Brown wanted to alert us to the fact that these letters might be coming in. According to Bachman, T. Coleman Andrews, Sr. was one of the original founders of the John Birch Society. Brown suggested that the Bureau might want to consider having him talk to these men and suggest to them that they carefully examine the literature of the society to make up their own minds whether it is a stable organization or whether it is inclined toward excessive zeal.

I told Brown that we would examine the letters when received and would keep his thought in mind at that time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 1/23/61

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3/26/96 BY [illegible]

On 1/19/61, [redacted], Agent, 112th CIC Group, San Antonio, Texas, advised that he had ascertained that on the evening of 1/19/61, there would be a meeting of the John Birch Society at St. Peter's Church Cafetorium in Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas. A Mr. MANN from Odessa, Texas, was to speak at the program and this speech would outline the purpose and aims of the John Birch Society. A large group was expected. The present group of approximately 40 members would split into two groups. There are one or more groups already existing in San Antonio. b6 b7C

Capt. [redacted], Brooke General Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, is one of the leaders of the group and is organizing officers from Brooke Army Medical Center. [redacted] is a medical doctor. b6 b7C

According to RYAN, the aims of the group are to fight communism on the local level by educating the people and exposing the aims of communism; also by showing how communists and communism are threatening democracy. This group is against big government, against centralized government, and socialized government (one step from communism). This group is for states' rights and the power in the hands of the people. They want to impeach EARL WARREN, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. b6 b7C

On 1/20/61, the San Antonio Office received a copy of a report of [redacted], Detective Investigator of the San Antonio Police Department, who attended the meeting of the John Birch Society on 1/19/61, at St. Peter's Church, 120 Arcadia, Alamo Heights. This report reflected

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the following:

"On the nite of 1/19/61 we went to St. Peters Church 120 Arcadia in Alamo Heights, to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society. This Society purports to be Anti-Communist. This meeting was apparently set up with the assistance of a man that introduced himself to us as [redacted] [redacted] He told us later that he was a Doctor at Fort Sam Houston Texas. There was a woman that apparently was the friend of [redacted] and she was in charge of the Coffey making and generally helping out. The man that put the show on was C. O. "BUCK" MANN, from Odessa Texas.

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"The program got started with 5 films that were about 40 minutes duration. The first film was very good, it was a story of the founding and the history of the Allen-Bradley Co. of Milwaukee Wis. This was to show the American method of free enterprise. Then there was the next film of a very mediocre hit and miss resume of the communist party and where it started from. The total film shown was 5, and the ultimate aim of this meeting was a membership rally to get members for the John Birch Society. The last film was the history of the Society and what its aims were. All of these film were narrated by the founder of the Society, ROBERT WELCH, formerly of the Welch Candy Co.

"After avidly listening to the program as an abject listener, we could come to but one conclusion, and that was that the ultimate aim of this organization is the eventual causing of a revolution in this country and the overthrow of the present form of Govt. in the United States. ROBERT WELCH sets himself up as the undisputed leader of his so called patriots. He stated that Americanism and Americanists were for the birds and that he wanted his followers to be called patriots.

"This organization plays on the Anti-Communist theme that is so foremost in everyones mind today and therefore is a gimmick to recruit members in the society. Mr. MANN spoke to the group at the last of the program. He reitorated some of the same stuff that WELCH had spoken in the films. All of the facts that were brought out in the films were things that have actually happened and as far as we know are true. But this is a smoke screen for the real purpose of this group. MANN gave the group a run down of what would be expected of them if the joined the Society, and stated that in all their correspondence and letter writing and connections officially that the members would not refer to themselves as members of the John Birch Society and in no way bring the name of the Society into their conversations. He stated that they had a national cover name of CASE, (Committee Against Summit Entanglements). They have a cover name for the Society in Texas, called 'Mothers Clubs for Checking School Text Books' and they wanted their members to use this cover name. Their Slogan is 'Less Government, More Responsibility and a Better World.' The Society had several publications on sale at the meeting. One of these was what they called The Blue Book. This book was an exact reproduction in writing, of the speeches made on the films. All the book is almost word for word as WELCH spoke it in the film. Then they had several other pamphlets on sale. We purchased all of the material that they offered. The Blue book sells for $2 and the other sold for $1. Also we appropriated several of their membership applications and one of Mr. BUCK MANN's calling cards. This is about the extent of the meeting. It is primarilly in the beginning stage and this meeting was a membership rally. All that can be assumed from all of this is that Mr. WELCH and Co. are alarmists and are using the Anti-

"Communist Gimmick for their work in gaining strength for the revolution that he wants to eventually bring about.The Blue Book gives the entire story much better and in more detail that I can give it here in a report."

In view of current Bureau instructions, the San Antonio Office is taking no further action in this matter, and no investigation is being conducted.

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Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked January 18, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate your motives in writing.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection, however, either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (5)

Press Release 12-22-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's speech 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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MRS. [redacted]
JANUARY 27, 1961

NOTE: The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist organization with chapters throughout the country. Its head, Robert Welch, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in his writings in the past, and our field offices have been alerted to watching this group's activities.

We have had other recent citizens' inquiries concerning the Great Decisions meetings affiliated with the Foreign Policy Association. This group, with headquarters in New York City, is well known to the Bureau, but we have not investigated it. Its purpose allegedly is to carry on research to aid an understanding of the foreign policies of the United States and to encourage local groups to discuss foreign policies. Vera Micheles Dean, born in Russia, is allegedly the leading policy-making official of FPA and is reportedly pro-Russian and an apologist for the Soviet Union. (100-371054 and 62-68549)

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In view of the identity and background of Vera Micheles Dean with the latter Association, it is believed that the current reply to Mrs. [redacted] would best serve the Bureau's interest.

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[redacted]
Macon, Georgia

F. B. I.
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

Having joined a great decisions group last year and thoroughly enjoyed it, I looked forward to it again this year. To my dismay what I consider a study group on world affairs has been condemned and branded communistic by a group who calls themselves "The John Birch Society."

I immediately read the book "The Life of John Birch" by Robert H. Welch, Jr. This book mainly shows a very fine American whose life is being used by Mr. Welch for promoting his ideas against communism. Mr. Welch sounds a little like a crackpot. I admire his hate for communism but he's just that and nothing more.

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My purpose in writing to you is to get information if possible concerning both "The Great Decisions" and "The John Birch Society." To me the first seems quite innocent and trustworthy and the latter quite wicked.

The "Society" is throwing the name of the F. B. I. around as their proof of the redness of Great Decision.

The approximately 20 women (all housewives) in my group are all anxious to get some facts if possible before we pay any attention this smear campaign.

Sincerely,

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F. B. I.
Washington 25, D.C.

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[redacted]
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated January 20, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that the FBI has not investigated the group you named but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in connection with his writings.

[redacted]
Savannah, Georgia
January 20, 1961
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

At our PTA meeting last week, someone mentioned the John Birch Society, and spoke of it as a Communist group masquerading as an anti-Communist one.

I had never even heard of it before, and wonder if you could clear the matter up for me.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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January 26, 1961

Dr. [redacted]
Thatcher Medical Center
960 East Green Street
Pasadena, California

3/26/86 [illegible]

Dear Dr. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted] has advised me of your inquiry concerning the John Birch Society.

Although I would like to be of service, I must advise you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can tell you, however, that we have not investigated this particular organization but this should not be construed as being a clearance or nonclearance of it.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Personnel file of [redacted]

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory with respect to Dr. [redacted] The only correspondence we have had with him is our outgoing letter of 3-30-60 considering a possible tour of Bureau Headquarters for him and his family. There is no indication as to whether such a tour was ever taken by the [redacted] family. See L. E. Short to McGuire memo dated 1-25-61, entitled "John Birch Society, 62-104401." LES:bpr

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Evans

TO : MR. MC GUIRE

DATE: 1-25-61

FROM : L. E. SHORT

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
62-104401

Mrs. [redacted], supervisor Personnel Records Unit, Files and Communications Division, has received a personal letter from [redacted] who resides in Pasadena, California. Dr. [redacted] is a distant relative of Mrs. [redacted] husband.

In his letter Dr. [redacted] requests information concerning the "John Birch Society" pointing out that it was formed in 1958 by Robert Welch and currently has headquarters in Belmont, Massachusetts. In his letter to Mrs. [redacted] pointed out that the outline of the society seems to be patriotic, anticommunist and to the right in political thought.

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Bureau files reflect considerable correspondence concerning the John Birch Society. The society is alleged to be an anticommunist organization. The Bureau has conducted no investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be forwarded to Dr. [redacted]

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Enclosure

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January 30, 1961

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Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I received your letter on January 23, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Where do we stand today with communism in the U.S?
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his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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January 20, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Amarillo, Texas

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
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Washington, D. C.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 1/27/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re SAC Letter 60-5, dated 1/26/60.

Lawyer

Mr. MONTCLAIR SPEAR, former FBI Agent practicing law at the Jones Building, Seattle, Washington, advised by telephone on 1/26/61 that he was in possession of literature relative to the subject organization. He stated that some friends and associates of his who he did not identify are interested in having a meeting with him to interest him in the said organization.

Mr. SPEAR advised that he did not wish to identify himself with any organization which might be of a Facists or Communist character and that he is interested in doing what he can to fight the Communists.

Concerning the subject organization, Mr. SPEAR stated that it was his understanding that it was founded by Mr. ROBERT WELCH, a former Vice President of the National Association of Manufacturers. He related that the said Society gets its name from an American missionary named JOHN BIRCH, who allegedly was killed by the Red Chinese.

The idea of the Society, according to Mr. SPEAR, is to set up organized groups or chapters throughout the country for the purpose of bringing mass pressure on the Congress when legislation favorable to Communists is being considered by the Congress. This mass pressure will be felt by the Congress by an avalanche of letters to each Congressman being sent individually by each member of the Society opposing the legislation determined by the Society as being of aid or benefit to the Communists.

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Mr. SPEAR stated that he could not and would not abdicate his right to determine for himself what legislation he should oppose or support, should he become a member of this organization.

Mr. SPEAR mentioned that the Society suggests that the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit" be read by each member, and he related that a reprint of the Director's speech, "Communist Target--Youth," be read by the members of the Society, and such reprint has been sent by the Society to its members.

Mr. SPEAR was advised that the FBI would be unable to comment upon the subject organization and the Mr. WELCH mentioned, and he indicated that he understood the situation and went on to say that if he develops further information on the subject Society, he will relay the same to this office.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
1 - Mr. Simpson

SAC, Richmond

January 27, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401) 608 PERSONAL ATTENTION

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference is made to your telephone call to Assistant Director A. H. Belmont on January 19, 1961, and your airtel dated January 20, 1961, captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning, (Internal Security)."

There are enclosed two copies of a letter dated January 20, 1961, from T. Coleman Andrews, Jr.

For your information, the John Birch Society (JBS) has not been investigated by the Bureau. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization created in 1958 by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer in Belmont, Massachusetts, and has branches throughout the United States. Welch and his organization have been very critical of former President Eisenhower. The Bureau has no record of having made use of the files of the JBS, and we have received no indication that the Ninth Naval District considers the organization subversive.

You are instructed to personally contact Mr. Andrews and orally acknowledge receipt of his letter at the Bureau. He should be advised of the confidential nature of information in our files and that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI as an investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. He may be advised, however, that the FBI has never investigated the JBS or Robert H. W. Welch. It should be made clear to Mr. Andrews, however, that this statement should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization and individual by the FBI. You should also explain to Mr. Andrews that the FBI does not make use of the files of the JBS. During this contact, you should attempt to discreetly determine from Mr. Andrews the source of his statement that the Ninth Naval District considers the JBS subversive because of "the element of deceit."

The results of this contact should be promptly submitted to the Bureau.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
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T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, JR.
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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Knowing your background and history as a dedicated and patriotic public servant I am writing to you in the hopes that you can enlighten me or at least reassure me.

As you will probably understand it is my opinion that the real threat to the survival of this country comes-not from the supply of hydrogen bombs which the Kremlin possesses, but rather with that incredible ability which it has to infiltrate and subvert the institutions of her enemies. I believe this threat to be so real, in fact, that I have decided that whatever I can do on an individual basis to resist and throw back the tide which is engulfing us, I will do with all my heart and soul.

There are many groups who have and are vehemently anti-communist. There are few, if any; however, which I can recall which has a positive program for meeting this menace which we face. One such group which has attracted my attention and, frankly, with which I am actively involved, is the John Birch Society. Undoubtedly you have read and know of the John Birch Society. In fact I am told that your organization has available to it and from time to time makes use of the files which the John Birch Society has.

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I am disturbed, however, that the John Birch Society does not enjoy the reputation with all anti-communist groups which I think it deserves. I would be forever grateful to you if you would let me know whether or not your department has taken any position with respect to the work of the John Birch Society. That is, do you consider them as I understand the Ninth Naval District does, subversive because of "the element of deceit" in the writings of its founder and driving force, Robert Welch.

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I am perfectly aware that you and your associates cannot put into writing the reports and evidence which you possess relative to certain situations and, I; therefore, would be happy to do whatever is necessary to meet personally with a representative of your organization who can give me the information that I desire consistent with your established policies.

Whatever you can do in this regard to enlighten and inform me I shall be forever grateful to you. In the meantime, thank you kindly for your indulgence and please be assured of my warmest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

T Coleman Andrews Jr

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January 30, 1961

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Post Office Box [redacted]
Pampa, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Press Release 12-22-60
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P. O. BOX [redacted]
PAMPA, TEXAS
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HOME
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January 18, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society has been very enthusiastically received here in Pampa, Texas. Therefore, I am interested in receiving information concerning this group.

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Do you have any complaints or any other information which would substantiate that this society is not completely within the law or that it is non-American in principle or that it is not set up for the financial gain of any individuals within the management of the organization?

An early reply to this inquiry will sincerely be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-New)

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Lets 59-13 and 60-5 instructing Bureau be promptly notified in event chapter of The John Birch Society organized within territory.

On late afternoon of 1/18/61 LON BACKMAN, News Reporter, Radio Station WRVA, Richmond, advised he has done several radio commentaries regarding Communism, as he is becoming extremely concerned concerning Communist menace. He has received unusually heavy response and requests to address various groups on subject of Communism as a result. He has read Masters of Deceit and has received some public source material by corresponding with Bureau. He stated that in doing research he has become acquainted with T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, JR., who is organizing two Richmond Chapters of The John Birch Society. According to BACKMAN, T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, SR. was one of the eleven men who, with WELCH, originally founded The John Birch Society in Massachusetts. The Society, which has published "The Blue Book", is now in the process of compiling "The Green Book." BACKMAN feels that The John Birch Society is one of the few groups in the country which is taking active positive steps to combat Communism, but before becoming identified with the Society, wanted information as to whether it is subversive. He also wanted any data which could be given him as to the Communism problem in Virginia, and in Richmond in particular. He was advised this information is confidential and has been directed to additional public source material.

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Airtel to Bureau dated 1/20/61

Re: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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INTERNAL SECURITY

On afternoon of 1/19/61, T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, JR. appeared at office and stated he is interested in The John Birch Society and has heard that the group is considered subversive. Before proceeding further, he wanted information concerning it and was making the request, both in his capacity as a private citizen, and as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates representing Richmond. He stated he has been informed that a report emanating from the Ninth Naval District has characterized the Society as subversive on the basis of "deceitful claims." ANDREWS was advised that no data could be furnished him and indicated he was writing a letter to the Director to pose these questions.

Regarding BACKMAN, he is probably the most widely listened to radio news reporter in the City of Richmond. From conversation with him, he has attended the College of William and Mary and apparently graduated from the University of Washington in the State of Washington. Both he and ANDREWS are comparatively young, aged about middle thirties. ANDREWS is son of former U.S. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Both appeared to be utterly sincere in their stated purpose of combating Communism, highly articulate, and if they persist in efforts to create this Society, will undoubtedly arouse a great deal of public interest in the subject. T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, SR. presently heads an insurance firm in the City of Richmond.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 1-26-61

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

By telephone call to Mr. Belmont, 1-19-61, and airtel, 1-20-61, SAC Earl Brown (Richmond) advised of a call he had received from T. Coleman Andrews, Jr., requesting information concerning the John Birch Society (JBS). Andrews indicated he was going to write to the Bureau. SAC Brown suggested the Bureau may want him to contact Andrews and suggest he may want to carefully examine the literature of the JBS and make up his own mind concerning it.

Andrews has sent a letter to the Bureau dated 1-20-61 in which he discusses his belief that communism is a threat to this country and has decided to do what he can to resist it. He has learned of the JBS and requested to be advised what position, if any, the FBI has taken concerning it. He states he has been told that the FBI from time to time makes use of the files of the JBS. He also states he understands that the Ninth Naval District considers the organization subversive because of "the element of deceit." Andrews stated he would be happy to meet with a Bureau representative who can give him the information he desires consistent with our established policies.

Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information concerning Andrews, and there is no indication we have had prior contacts with him. He is the son of T. Coleman Andrews, the former Commissioner of Internal Revenue, on whom we, likewise, have no derogatory information.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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RECOMMENDATION:

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January 31, 1961

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Globe Exploration Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 4547
Midland, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 24 and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Like a number of Americans, I feel a growing concern for the communist menace, both domestically and internationally, and I am interested in doing all possible as a private citizen to combat it.

I would appreciate any comments you or your office could make about the John Birch Society. I have read a good bit of their literature and, on the surface, it looks like a worthwhile organization that I would like to join if your Department has no reason to suspect that they are not acting in good faith.

Sincerely yours,

GLOBE EXPLORATION COMPANY, INC.

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January 30, 1961

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Downey, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 23, 1961, and I understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism. I am enclosing some material on this general subject which you may like to read.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you on this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Party, USA
Where do we stand today with communism in the U.S?
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Howard D. Smoot, former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. He publishes "The Dan Smoot Report" at Dallas, Texas, on a weekly basis. This newssheet deals with various topics such as communism, desegregation, etc. and its articles are frequently controversial.

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"American Opinion" is the title of the publication of the John Birch Society. "Human Events" is a very conservative anticommunism weekly newsletter published in Washington, D. C. It has been critical of the Soviet Union, and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Its [redacted] is on the Bureau's Special Correspondents' List and cordial correspondence have been had with him regarding favorable references to "Masters of Deceit" and other recent speeches and statements of the Director's.

TRUE COPY

Mrs [redacted]

Downey
Calif.

Jan. 20 - 1961

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

3/26/86 - Informance

Dear Sir: -

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My husband is a Mason- the Downey Post #270 The American Legion presented the Masonic Lodge with a few of your books "Masters of Deceit.

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We are so unhappy over the election returns of last Nov. I can hardly bear to hear the name Kennedy, I will not take time to watch any of the Jan 20 celebration.

What I want to know is what do you think of the John Birch Society and the other reports I mentioned? Mr. [redacted] says "what can we do," greater men than we, like yourself, know what is going on & will know what to do, but we can do nothing. Reading these articles learning what is known by many but not to the general public - I would like to know why these facts are not for publication - free press - for the general public to know, everyone does not know of these publications - nor want to buy them.

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When I heard of the new monument to be built in memory of Franklin Roosevelt I could only think of what we must do without to help pay taxes & the money spent for such extravagances and why? If the people knew he was the one who helped build communism, strengthened it as it is today - he sold us out - he was a traitor so why do they try to immortalize him? Will it be a place for the communists to enjoy - our man - it makes me shudder. Few people will believe he started us on this road - but it is written by these men who know - why can't the people know the truth?

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/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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January 31, 1961

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your cordial letter of January 24, 1961, and I did want you to know how much I appreciate your generous comments about my book, "Masters of Deceit."

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has never been the subject of an investigation by the FBI. This should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

I can understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. I am sending, under separate cover, several items outlining my views on communism which you might like to read in addition to my series of articles which appeared in "Christianity Today."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writing.

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas
Jan. 24, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. David Lawrence recently wrote in his column about your concern over the infiltration of various church groups by the Communist Party. This is a matter of deep concern for me also. First of all as a Christian layman (Methodist) and second as a practicing American. I have done my best to find copies of the three articles you wrote for Christianity Today, however all of my minister friends have either not kept their copies or they have them loaned out. Can you tell me how to secure a copy of those articles?

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During the Korean War I was a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps and am still active in the army reserve with my basic branch being MI (CIC). My training in the Corps has given me an awareness of the dangers of communist infiltration and a waryness of any organization that claims to be anti-communist and 100% American yet is semi-secret and avoids the public spotlight. I have been approached by a person who claims to be a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY which, according to his description, is just such an organization. I have never heard of the group before, which may be to my discredit, however if it does all that was outlined to me then it would appear to be a worthy organization. It was founded by Robert Welch who, among other things, is a candy manufacturer; I know nothing of Mr. Welch either. Inasmuch as I was asked to join the Society, I wondered if you had any information on this organization or its founder - any, that is, that you could send me?

RECEIVED JAN 25 1961

In closing I would like to say that your book Masters of Deceit should be required reading in every high school or college Civics and Government course. It is the most clear and concise (and readable I might add) work on this greatest threat to Democracy. God bless you and may you and your department have continued success in The Battle.

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January 30, 1961

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Torrance, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 18, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and your kind remarks are deeply appreciated. It is reassuring to know that you are aware of the vital necessity of the American people acquiring a broad knowledge of the ultimate objectives of the communist menace in order that we might effectively resist its influence.

In response to your request for my views on outlawing the Communist Party in the United States, I am enclosing my statement of March 26, 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 17 of which sets forth my opinion on this subject. With respect to your other inquiries, on January 16, 1961, the Honorable Cecil R. King forwarded a letter he had received from you containing similar questions. Mr. King requested the assistance of the FBI in answering them and you undoubtedly have already received a copy of my reply to him, which was dated January 23, 1961, together with some material concerning the general subject of communism.

The self-addressed, stamped envelope which you enclosed is being returned.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (2)
Director's statement before HCUA of 3-26-47.
Correspondent's enclosure (self-addressed, stamped envelope)
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LETTER TO MRS. [redacted]
JANUARY 30, 1961

NOTE: The only identifiable reference to Mrs. [redacted] is the one indicated in letter. She should not be confused with Miss [redacted] a chronic correspondent. Files were not reviewed on Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] because of lengthy search. Her reference to them deliberately ignored as letter to Congressman King stated that we could not comment on individuals, publications, or organizations. [redacted] b6 b7C

The John Birch Society has been the subject of numerous inquiries and is well known to the Bureau as an anticommunist organization headed by Robert Welch.

TRUE COPY

January 18, 1961

Mr. Hoover --

Have just finished reading your book "Masters of Deceit" -- tremendous! Very complete and informative! You have done a great service to the public in publishing it.

Heard Mr. Matt Cvetic speak at a meeting sponsored by the John Burch Society. What he had to say held the audience completely spellbound during the entire delivery. And it woke up a lot of our citizens to what is going on under our very apathetic noses - so utterly fantastic it's true!

My parents are foreign born (Greece). From a small girl, I remember my Mother constantly telling us what a wonderful country we live in - this great America. I am fiercely loyal and patriotic, so I'm sure I don't have to tell you how it makes my blood boil to see and read what is going on to undermine our Country. And what bothers me more is the apathy and disinterest of most of the young mothers I know. I have 2 small children and I assure you I don't want them subjected to slavery.

Isn't there some way whereby more of our public could be reached and informed so that mothers and fathers can take a stand against what is very obviously and inciduously taking place in our schools, let alone our government and Supreme Court. ? Can't you send out more of your men to speak on this subversive conspiracy at various club meetings and especially at public utility plants - gas, water, electricity, etc. - every single public and government employee should be exposed to this information and I can't think of a better informed and capable organization than the FBI.

I am wondering about joining the John Burch Society which sounds like the answer to what I am seeking in the way of fighting Communism in my (limited) way. But I want to be absolutely sure I am not getting into something I shouldn't. Do you recommend this organization? Please let me know.

Can you also tell me exactly what steps would have to be taken in order to make Communists punished by law for committing treason against our Country and outlawing the Communist Party. There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that this is a plausible solution.

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Does your office have information it can give out in regard to Steve Allen and his wife and their activities? They caused quite a furor here in Los Angeles the other day. They were presented on Paul Coate's show last night in order to defend themselves. They were very cautious not to say anything against our Country (and at the same time I noticed they did not say one word against Communism, either); however, it seemed to me they gave themselves away several times not only by their guilty, nervous approach but by their remarks. They tried so hard-in fact, too hard, - it was actually corny. However, I have to admit they were very, very clever and I'm sure after their program a lot of good people were more confused than they were before they heard it.

Of course, I may be wrong, but somehow I felt there were a few loopholes in their statements which didn't make sense to me.

For our country's sake, please keep up the wonderful work you are doing - the way things look, your organization is the only one I can trust & believe in - & that goes for a lot.

Sincerely,

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Also, please excuse this messy letter - I don't have the time to re-write it now - it's hard to think about 2 precious little ones tearing up the house!

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January 30, 1961

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Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated January 17, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI. Your generous evaluation of my book, "Masters of Deceit," is also appreciated.

Although I would like to answer your inquiry, I must inform you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise, however, that we have not investigated the group you named but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or a nonclearance of the organization in question. In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications on the subject of communism available for distribution by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (3)
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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] 1-20-61 b6 b7C

NOTE: Correspondent's married name per prior correspondence. She forwarded a commendatory letter on 8-13-60 stating she was a member of the John Birch Society. She asked for information concerning the group at that time and Bulet 8-22-60 forwarded numerous publications on the subject of communism. (62-104401-246)

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BUS TERMINAL BUILDING
POST OFFICE BOX 508
MARYVILLE, TENN.

January 17th, 1961

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

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Dear Sir:

I would be grateful for some information from you. I am a member of the John Birch Society of Maryville, Tennessee. The purpose of such organization, as you no doubt know, is to fight communism. Recently one [redacted] of the First Methodist Church of Wichita, Kansas, spoke in Johnson City, Tennessee. He lambasted the John Birch Society and left the definite impression that the John Birch Society was a communist group. Is the John Birch Society a communist organization? If so, I certainly do not want to belong to it. I cannot believe that this is true but want to know the facts.

Congratulations on the wonderful work that you have done through the years in exposing and fighting communism. I have your very excellent book, Masters of Deceit, and sincerely wish it was required reading for all high school and college students.

Thanking you for the information concerning the John Birch Society, I am,

Gratefully yours,

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/27/61

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-3396)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Letter 60-5 dated January 26, 1960, and Little Rock letter dated December 19, 1960.

For the Bureau's information, Mr. [redacted] of the Arkansas Real Estate Association, 414 Pyramid Life Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, contacted the Little Rock Office on January 27, 1961, for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the SAC and to advise him of the activities of this society in the Little Rock area.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he had read ROBERT WELCH'S book commonly referred to as "The Blue Book" and stated that he was conversant with the background of WELCH personally.

He said that the purpose of this organization, so far as he is concerned, is to fight Communism. According to [redacted] this organization was formed in Arkansas with a local chapter first being started in Little Rock during the summer of 1960. Subsequently, he said two chapters were formed at Searcy and Benton, Arkansas, with meetings being held monthly. He said that the dues for male members are $2.00 a month and for wives or ladies, $1.00 a month.

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[redacted] advised that WELCH tells the organization what to do about fighting Communism. He said the current program of the organization is the impeachment of United States Supreme Court Chief Justice EARL WARREN. He said the organization nationally currently has about 200,000 members and has a goal of having more than a million members.

Mr. [redacted] said that he was very disturbed over the fact that the magazine The American Mercury cannot be found anywhere in the Little Rock area on the newsstands; that a member of this society has indicated the local distributor

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said the reason for the magazine not being available is that there is no demand for it. While on the other hand, the paper bound book "Inherit the Wind", which he described as the brainwashing technique utilized by Communism was very accessible on the Little Rock newsstands. [redacted] indicated that they were going to contact the local distributor for periodicals to look into how this situation came about.

[redacted] The following documents were made available by which are being furnished to the Bureau for its information:

(1) Six page memorandum to the Board of Deacons and Elders, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from [redacted] Lay Member of the First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. b6 b7C

(2) Reprint from American Mercury magazine of August, 1958.

(3) Booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists" published by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

(4) One page appeal entitled "This is a Plea on Bended Knee."

[redacted] stated that he wished the FBI to have these documents as an indication of the type of activities and interests of the organization.

[redacted] was specifically questioned as to whether the organization had any other purposes other than to fight Communism and he said it had none.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM LITTLE ROCK

One (1) memorandum to Board of Deacons and Elders, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Okla.

One (1) reprint from American Mercury magazine in August, 1958.

One (1) booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists"

One (1) appeal entitled "This is a Plea on Bended Knee."

Re: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

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EARL WARREN:

Ike's Worst Appointment

Harold Lord Varney

When, in September, 1953, the announcement of Earl Warren's appointment as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States came over the wires, most grass-roots Americans were disposed to feel that the President had made a good appointment. Nobody outside California knew much about the new Chief Justice's views, but it was assumed, as the President himself remarked, that they were "moderate." What was more important, Governor Warren was gifted with a warm smile; as even Menshikov has discovered, the American people have always had an incurable weakness for a smiler. The Governor's publicity handlers had put across the stereotype of an unassuming, down-to-earth, folksy man, and the American people were ready to buy it. Not a legal giant like Stone or Hughes or Taft, Warren was expected to be a good—if not a great—Chief Justice.

The aftermath has been a sickening revelation. Only four and a half years after his appointment, Warren is appraised by millions of Americans as probably the worst Chief Justice in history. A professed Republican, he has demonstrated to his party that an Eisenhower Supreme Court can be more despicable than the much disparaged courts of a Roosevelt or a Truman. In his brief term of service, Warren and the Democratic Justices with

From The American Mercury, August, 1958
AMERICAN MERCURY
250 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

THIS IS A PLEA ON BENDED KNEE.

If you oppose communism, spare no effort to get every person you can (businessman, teacher, clergy, student, school, library, organization, etc.) to order a one year subscription to AMERICAN OPINION, a monthly publication by Robert Welch, Belmont 78, Mass.,

and HUMAN EVENTS, a current events news letter with editorial each week, published by Frank Hanighen, 408 First Street SE, Washington 3, D. C.

Mail the $12.00 to AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont 78, Mass., for subscription to both.

This is urgent -- any sacrifice is justifiable.

Please copy this and pass to others who can help the cause of freedom.

First, we will take Eastern Europe. Next, the masses of Asia. Then we shall encircle that last bastion of Capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack. It will fall like an overripe fruit into our hands ----------Lenin

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MEMORANDUM

To Board of Deacons and Elders
First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Tulsa, Oklahoma
April 20, 1960

In view of the serious charges now being leveled against the organization known as the National Council of Churches, the question arises: Should our church continue its financial support without further question?

Like most church members, I have heretofore taken for granted that the top association of our leading Christian churches would always be above reproach. However the Air Force Manual incident has disclosed a very disturbing situation, which has put the National Council of Churches on trial before the court of public opinion. It seems logical therefore to inform ourselves as to the nature of the organization we are supporting - its history, its activities, its personnel.

This memorandum would be much too long if a review of all the mass of material which has been carefully analyzed by me over the past several weeks was included. But please be assured that my purpose has been to learn the truth without prejudice.

My research covered the reading of many bulletins issued by committees of Congress, speeches of well informed Congressmen as published in the Congressional Record, and also a mass of published reports, pamphlets, etc., both pro and con. I made a trip to Wichita, Kansas, especially to interview the pastor of the largest Baptist church in Kansas to learn first hand why that church by vote of its congregation withdrew its support of the National Council. I have held several L.D. conversations with prominent personages in Washington, D.C., in my effort to learn the whole truth.

After more than six weeks of intensive investigation, I am forced to the conclusion that there is far more to this situation than first meets the eye or appears on the surface, and that it is far too serious a matter to be lightly dismissed. We must not forget the fact that we are actually at war with a ruthless enemy that is determined to "bury us" as he has so successfully buried by DEATH or SLAVERY, millions of our brothers.

It is not conclusive to say "Surely the leaders of our top church association are too smart and faithful to the cause of Christ to harbor any of His enemies or in any way lend aid and comfort to them." We cannot forget that the astute Secretary of State, Dean Acheson could not believe that his good friend Alger Hiss was an enemy agent. Nor can we forget that Klaus Fuchs and the Rosenbergers escaped detection until after their dirty work had been accomplished. It is folly to assume that the enemy would not make use of the National Council of Churches if it could do so to accomplish its purposes.

Vampires sustain themselves by sucking blood out of their victims. The lamprey eel attaches itself to the body of a healthy fish and sucks its substance therefrom. In like manner these communist "MASTERS OF DECEIT" suck their financial support out of the poor fish to whom they attach themselves. Their favorite method is to form a FRONT with a high sounding title and solicit funds from the unwary to promote a seemingly good cause. They also worm their way into already existing organizations and bore from within for their sustenance.

Are the following circumstances creditable evidence that some Masters of Deceit are, or have been, at work on, or within, the body of the National Council of Churches?

EXHIBIT I - A booklet published in 1957 by and at the expense of the National Council of Churches included a "Reading List" of recommended books and authors. That list has scattered within it as recommended authors the names of many well known communist or communist front supporters. For example, nine of the recommended books from one single author were written by the notorious Langston Hughes. The same man wrote the song for the Eighth Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., the first lines of which are:

> "Put one more S in the U.S.A. To make it Soviet.
> One more S in the U.S.A. Oh, we'll live to see it yet."

Is it possible that some of my contribution to my own church is being sucked through the NCC into the financial support of this man by the sale of his books? Unbelievable, but there it is!

EXHIBIT II - The present active Communist "Peace Offensive" has been exposed by the House Un-American Activities Committee as a "Campaign to Disarm and Defeat the United States." It named among the FRONT organizations in this "peace" campaign the "Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact." It also disclosed the names of the five men who initiated the formation of that FRONT. One of them is the

present president of the National Council of Churches, Edwin T. Dahlberg.

EXHIBIT III - In July 1954 the National Council of Churches accepted a donation of $200,000.00 in cash from Walter Reuther's organization, whereupon one of Reuther's men, Albert Whitehouse, was named a vice-president of the National Council of Churches. What did Walter Reuther get for his money? Could there be any payola involved in the fact that the NCC saw fit then to issue an entire pamphlet attacking the whole principle of the Right-to-Work Laws. This pamphlet was made wide use of by labor leaders all over the land in their fight against Right-to-Work legislation. This is the same Walter Reuther who, while in Russia, wrote back to a friend in America to "Carry on the fight for a Soviet America."

EXHIBIT IV - At a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in November 1958, the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the NCC adopted a resolution in favor of the diplomatic recognition of Red China by the United States and the seating of that government in the United Nations. (That would increase the Soviet voting power against us.)

An active vice-president, (then and now) of the National Council of Churches, Bishop Bromley Oxnam, was the keynote speaker. He and 88 other officers and staff members of the NCC dominated that conference and issued the pronouncement as being the unanimous vote of all the delegates. There were many protests to no avail. Subsequently a committee of five prominent Christian gentlemen took a poll of 50,000 ministers all over America and found that over 80% of them are opposed to any such recognition. Those gentlemen were Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Norman Vincent Peal, Bishops Corson and Welch of the Methodist Church, and Congressman Walter Judd, a former Missionary of China.

The Communist Press was jubilant over their success at Cleveland, for the recognition of Red China by our government has been one of the major goals of the Communist Conspiracy for many years. The "Worker" in its issue of Nov. 30, 1958 carried the headline, "38 million Protestants Tell Ike: Recognize China!"

Many other exhibits could be cited if space permitted, which would show how pronouncements from the leaders of the National Council have frequently followed the "Party Line" and have well served the communist conspiracy.

Re. The National Council of Churches:

At this point it may be well to check into the history, activities and present personnel of the National Council, and to that end, I am enclosing a copy of a booklet issued by the Southern Presbyterian Journal. The contents of this booklet were well substantiated by my checking many other references in the public library. A careful reading of it at this point will make more understandable that which follows:

Re. The Air Force Manual:

The Air Force conducts a training course of instructions to its cadets, the better to qualify them as efficient guardians of our national security. In order to alert these cadets to the communist menace, a portion of the training manual issued in January, this year, contained a chapter entitled "Communism and Religion."

After reading that chapter carefully, its purpose was unmistakable, viz: To warn the student that he should be prepared to find communist activity in every field of human endeavor, even including the field of religion, where he would least expect it.

The original manual is no longer available, but attached hereto is a reprint of the pertinent parts of it, and it is suggested that the first and last paragraphs, which I have circled with blue pencil, be read first. What lies between these two paragraphs was obviously presented as examples to show how insidious communist activities have already wormed their way into our highest church organization.

In early February this year, when I read in my morning newspaper, that the National Council of Churches had summarily demanded retraction and apologies from an agency of our government which was designed specifically to guard our National security, without first offering any evidence to refute the charges this thought went through my mind:

> "What would one think of the captain of the Queen Mary, if while in the middle of the Atlantic, with a full load of passengers, upon receiving an urgent warning from the government that aboard his ship was a bunch of fanatics, determined and ready either to take over his ship or scuttle it, he did nothing but demand the withdrawal of the warning and require an apology from those who sent it?

From such an action it would be logical to conclude that the Captain was either stupid, incompetent, or in cahoots with the conspirators!

Upon receipt of that same sort of a demand from the Captain of the good ship NCC, Congressman Walker, Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee requested the ship's Captain to come and review the evidence upon which the warning was based and to present anything that would refute it. Mr. Walker's request was ignored, but instead immediately a campaign of smear and ridicule was launched against Mr. Walker, as well as against any and all others who dared question the infallibility of the high priests of the National Council of Churches.

It is obvious from the nature of the press releases and the articles that are appearing in certain publications (including the Presbyterian Life) that the leaders of the NCC are making a great effort to discredit and belittle the Un-American Activities Committee. That in itself well serves the communist conspiracy, for to do just that has long been a prime objective of the conspirators.

On February 27th under an UPI report, the newspapers carried the story of how six prominent Protestant leaders at the NCC Convention, then being held in Oklahoma City, had signed a telegram to Chairman Walker which demanded in the name of 60 million Protestants, that he retract and apologize for his untrue statements which he had made in support of the truth of the Air Force Manual testimony. That telegram in effect was publicly calling Mr. Walker a liar! That tactic again followed the well known communist pattern of "immediately smear and vilify personally any man that opposes you". It was that telegram which became the "spark that disturbed my clod".

It shocked me to discover that the first two names on that telegram were those of the two top leaders in our own Presbyterian national organization, viz; Eugene Carson Blake, formerly a president of the National Council of Churches, but now our Stated Clerk, and Rev. Arthur Miller, our present Moderator.

At this point I decided to dig into this matter and find the answer to the question put to us by Dr. Kirkland in his memorandum of March 13th, viz: "Is it true or false that the Council has been infiltrated by some persons or opinions which are communistic or lean toward it?"

From a careful study of the evidence available I cannot escape the conclusion it is a well established fact that numerous persons within the official family of the National Council of Churches, have been and still are giving aid and comfort to the communist conspiracy, by affiliating themselves with notorious Communist Front Organizations.

A recent flagrant case in point, involved one of the most active Vice-Presidents of the NCC, wherein he insisted upon aiding that tried and convicted Communist, Carl Braden, stage a "Communist Front Sponsored" meeting as late as on January 31st this year in the Asbury Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. He did this even after he had been fully advised as to the character of the organization with which he was affiliating himself.

"BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM."

In 2 Corinthians 11-13 (According to the Revised Standard Version) it is written, "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."

SOME UNANSWERED QUESTIONS:

Why did the National Council sponsor the issuance of the "Revised Standard Version" of the Bible, when we already had good modern translations available? Why did it include among the 95 men it employed to produce this Version, so many "Fellow Travellers", i.e. men whose records showed them to have been affiliated with not one but many Red Front organizations? Is it possible that we have already reached the stage in America where we cannot find 95 qualified scholars to do this sort of a job, without having to include 30 who have aided the communist conspiracy?

Why did the Council maintain ownership of the copyright title to this Standard Version, unless it was to provide a fabulous income from royalties which would make the small leadership group, (including the Fellow Travellers) free and independent of the opinions of the 38 million church members that give them their prestige?

The arrogance displayed by this small leadership group, now in control of the National Council of Churches, in this Air Force Manual incident, in claiming that

they speak the united mind of all of us, is becoming more and more repugnant to vast numbers of Christian ministers and laymen.

Dr. Daniel Poling, one of America's most eminent Christian leaders, stated in an editorial in the May 1959 issue of the Christian Herald,

> "In sorrow, we must conclude that the N.C.C. has steadily become a social action body almost to the exclusion of the evangelical and evangelistic emphasis and program."

To which should be added that so long as the N.C.C. would direct its efforts toward the relief of human suffering in the area of Christian Charity and Service, it would command our respect and support, but when under that cloak of deceit it lends the prestige of its good name to further the cause of conspirators who are dedicated to the ultimate destruction of all religious organizations, it is high time we Christians took notice of it.

WHAT EFFECT IS IT HAVING?

J. Howard Pew, president of the Sun Oil Company, and one of the outstanding leaders of our Presbyterian laymen, who was the chairman of the original Lay Committee that raised $600,000.00 to finance the founding of the National Council of Churches, addressed the recent Chicago meeting of Presbyterian Men. He said,

> "The activities of the National Council of Churches is seriously hurting the Presbyterian pocketbook". He told them that the top hierarchy of the Presbyterian Church is having more trouble than ever in history, raising money to keep itself and its missionary program going and that the reason for the trouble is the fact that it insists upon affiliating itself with the National Council of Churches."

That is the national effect, but what of our local situation? In the March 22nd issue of the Tulsa Tribune there was published a letter that I am convinced reflects the attitude of more people than we know about. I do not know who wrote it, but I have heard several responsible men voice the same reaction. It reads as follows:

> "AIR RESERVE TRAINING MANUAL
> Editor, The Tribune:
> "The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications." This quote is from an Air Reserve Center Training Manual-NR. 45-0050-INCR.V-Vol. 7.
> In a city the size of Tulsa, with practically all of the larger churches belonging to and supporting the National Council of Churches of Christ, why hasn't this accusation been denied, proven wrong, and action thus taken? Or, if it is true, why are our major churches supporting such an organization?
> Every American who attends a church affiliated with the National Council of Churches of Christ should demand an acceptable explanation of this controversy. If our citizens continue to close their eyes to this type of situation, no one need fear a third world war or the threat of being bombed. The Communists will soon be able to assume control from inside America. It is complacency of this sort which our leaders are constantly warning us about.
> I attend one of Tulsa's largest churches which supports the National Council of Churches of Christ. If an adequate explanation is not offered--even though I have gone to this church for years and am deeply attached to it--I will be forced by my own conscience to begin attending services elsewhere. I refuse to support and aid the Communist party with its mutiny in America!
> Tulsa
> M.H."

The above letter is typical of the flood of letters and telegrams which have reached Chairman Walker within the past few weeks. They are evidence that in fact the leaders of the Council are on trial before the court of public opinion.

These men cannot restore lost confidence by resorting to the tactics they are now using, viz; applying the epithet "hate mongering church destroyers" to any and all who question their actions or pronouncements. They are using that old forensic trick of misleading the gullible by setting up straw men and then shooting them down to distract attention from the real issue.

A good example of that type of deceptive and devious argument is displayed in an

article published in the March 26th issue of our own Presbyterian Life magazine on page 17. The straw men it sets up therein reads.....

> "Inasmuch as, the manual and a preceeding 1955 security indoctrination manual contain as official statements certain libelous and untrue accusations, against the whole body of Protestant clergymen, against the Churches of the United States, and against the National Council of Churches as an organization of many of those churches.".....etc. etc.

The wording of that premise is so obviously a distortion of the statements made in the Manual, that only a "MASTER OF DECEIT" could have written it. The Air Force Manual made no such blanket accusation against the whole body of Presbyterian clergymen, against the churches of the United States, or against the National Council of Churches as an organization.

The writers of that distortion well knew that by publishing it in the Presbyterian Life magazine it would be read by thousands of good Presbyterians who would have had no opportunity to read the Manual. So on the face of it, a clever fraud has been perpetrated on thousands of unsuspecting church members. This also fits perfectly into the pattern of deception, which a true follower of Christ must abhor.

Rep. Gordon H. Scherer of Ohio, for eight years a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee puts it thus:

> "Every time we have inquired into the attempts of Communists or Communist-Fronters to worm their way into churches, the committee has been bitterly attacked and charged with investigating religion - with opposing churches - with interfering with religious freedom in violation of the Constitution..... Instead of bitterly resenting this committee, these good people should join hand in hand with us in what I believe is, and should be, a mutual objective, namely to better understand the nature of the communist techniques and objectives insofar as religion and the church are concerned and to strengthen our religious institutions so that they can become an even greater bulwark against the most deadly enemy, not only of free men, but also of the church itself."

A mere handful of delegates to that Cleveland convention ten years ago took their whole denominations into the National Council, without ever submitting their actions to the individual churches for approval or ratification.

It now appears that under its present leadership this well intentioned organization has become "a powerful political lobby for socialism, hiding behind the facade of a Christian name and enjoying the tax-exemption of a church institution". Its present leaders are in command of its tremendous income from the pockets of millions of unsuspecting good people, together with the powerful prestige from the position it assumes of being their spokesman, a perfect medium to propogate communist ideology. No wonder that its leaders so easily intimidated the politicians and the Pentagon officials as they did in this Air Force Manual incident.

Surely the leaders of any organization calling itself Christian should keep themselves above reproach but from the foregoing it is obvious that within the group now in control of the National Council of Churches there are some who have brought that organization into disrepute by associating themselves with Red Front activities.

These men, doubtless, are among those so well described by the chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee in a recent speech. He said:

> "There is an influential hard core in the leadership circles of this Nation - who simply do not or will not understand that communism is communism, and that Communists are Communists. They do not recognize the plain obvious fact that the Soviet Union and its satelites, together with Red China, with almost a billion people in its orbit, are at war with the free world and that the United States of America is the principal target. It is a war which has already cost us billions of our treasury and the blood of our youth. It is a total war involving force, subversion, diplomatic deceit, psychological maneuvers and intrigue by every device of which devilish minds are capable. It is a war in which there can be no compromise. It is a war in which we face either victory or slavery or death."

The question now before you officials of the First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma is: Shall you continue to include in the budget of our church an item in cash to be sent to and spent by those in control of the N.C.C. as they may see fit, without question; or shall this church take advantage of a splendid opportunity to "stand up and be counted".

Our pastor, [redacted] in the splendid sermon on Communism which he gave us in November 1958, said:

> "We shall never defeat Communism by sitting quietly in the middle of the road. Victory will come only when men and women face life as it is and say in the daily market place 'I am utterly Christs'. We need to stand up and be counted in America's great struggle against Communism."

The Rev. Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate, told the Daughters of the American Revolution just a few days ago (April 22, 1960) that "Churchmen who advocate admitting Red China into the United Nations are blind and gullible". He also told them that a survey of churchmen in a group to which he belongs, i.e. the Committee of One Million, showed nine to one against admission of Red China into the United Nations.

In spite of the fact that 80 to 90 percent of the ministers of our land appear to be in opposition to the pronouncement made by the small coterie in command of the National Council, that group persists in pressuring Congress to do just what the Communists want, viz., accept Red China into the family of nations, so it can join its vote with that of the Kremlin against us. b6 b7C

In view of the recent actions of those in control of the Council wherein they have tried to suppress, belittle and ridicule any and all who question their activities, and in view of the fact that many among them still persist in affiliating themselves with Red Front activities, and so often slant their pronouncements in the direction pleasing to the Communist Conspirators. it is logical to conclude that the present management of the Council is in the hands of men unworthy of our further confidence.

Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty, and "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing". Our Master did not hesitate to throw out of the temple those He found therein who were desecrating it.

Do we have the courage to withdraw our support as did the First Baptist Church of Wichita, or will we continue to be led like a bunch of sheep to our own slaughter? That decision is up to you, the official members of our church, to make.

Sincerely submitted

[redacted]

Lay Member of the
First Presbyterian Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/1/61

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-9991)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 1/27/61.

On the afternoon of 1/31/61 the instructions contained in ref Bulet were carried out in a personal interview with Mr. T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, JR.

He appeared to be pleased and satisfied with the information furnished.

Regarding the source of his statement that the Ninth Naval District considers the Society to be subversive, Mr. ANDREWS said that he had received a letter from a friend of his, whom he did not identify. He gathered that this statement was based on a report his friend had seen from the Ninth Naval District, as his correspondent, in turn, has a friend attached thereto. Mr. ANDREWS stated that his father, T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, SR., is a personal acquaintance with the new Secretary of the Navy and that he intends through this channel to obtain further data regarding this Naval characterization.

I have the impression after this interview that ANDREWS intends to proceed with his activities in this Society.

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FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Jan. 31, 1961

FROM : SAC, Denver (62-1623)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Following is information regarding this Society at Cody, Wyoming:

On January 14, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] Cody, Wyoming, in a letter to SA ARTHUR W. ENGSTROM of the Denver Office, advised there is considerable controversy raging in Cody about the plans of the local school district to bring a psychologist into that community to promote mental health in the school. She stated that the John Birch Society in that community was fighting this plan pertaining to mental health.

She enclosed a copy of the January 12, 1961 issue of the Cody (Wyo.) Enterprise which contains many letters supporting the Park County (Wyo.) Mental Health Association and defending the activities of that association from attacks from the Cody "cell" of the John Birch Society.

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On January 18, 1961, [redacted] Welfare Department, Cody, voluntarily furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

The John Birch Society at Cody meets monthly in various private homes of members. They call their groups "cells" and they advocate the elimination of Federal income tax and the abolition of any organization which supports the mental health program. The Cody "cell" is made up of only

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local Cody residents. The leader is [redacted] and two members are [redacted] b6 b7C

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No investigation is being conducted this division regarding this organization and this letter is being furnished the Bureau in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on January 26, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

In response to your request, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest. The self-addressed, stamped envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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One Nation's Response to Communism
10-18-60 Speech
Correspondent's envelope she enclosed

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Address and "Mrs." per enclosed envelope which was returned. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time

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NOTE CONTINUED..... that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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CODY, WYOMING

Jan. 23, 1961.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director of the F.B.I.
U.S. Department of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am interested in knowing about the John Birch Society and know that your department is the best-informed agency that I could write to. A society has been organized here in Cody and I want to know more about it. If it is fighting against Communism, I'm for it.

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Sincerely yours,

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Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 25, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which is available on the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect a form submitted in the name of Mr. [redacted] by the Air Force Security Service. They are otherwise not identified in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Communist Party, USA
17th National Convention
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JANUARY 23, 1961

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

MY HUSBAND AND I ARE VITALLY INTERESTED IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM AND WANT TO BE AFFILIATED WITH AN ACTIVE GROUP. SOMEONE HAS TOLD ME OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY OPERATING IN MANY STATES AND MORE SPECIFICALLY HERE IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. MY HUSBAND IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INACTIVE RESERVES CONNECTED WITH THE SECURITY SERVICE. HE NECESSARILY HAS TO BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS TO JOIN ONLY A GROUP THAT IS A TRULY AMERICAN ORGANIZATION IN INTENT AND PURPOSE. WILL YOU PLEASE ADVISE YOUR FINDINGS ON THIS GROUP.

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February 2, 1961

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Costa Mesa, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 30, 1961, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

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Your interest in combating the atheistic menace of communism is indeed gratifying, and I am enclosing some material which may be of aid to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
God and Country or Communism
Communist Party, USA
How to Beat Communism
Where do we stand today with communism
Communists are after our Minds
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J. Edgar Hoover
Fed Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Sir:

What is your opinion in regard to the John Birch Society? Do you feel that is is an effective anti-Communist Organization?

Respectfully,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Costa Mesa, Calif.

P.S. Is there anything else a citizen can do to combat the communist conspiracy?

3/26/86

J. Edgar Hoover
Fed Bureau of Investigation.

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DATE 3/20/86 BY [illegible]

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February 2, 1961

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Fort Thomas, Kentucky

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

The copy of your letter to the President of Columbia Broadcasting System, mailed January 27, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for furnishing me your views on this subject.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that we have not investigated the organization you mentioned. This is not to be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that Mrs. [redacted] contacted the Cincinnati Office on 7-10-57 and complained that SA Joseph H. Ziegler had taken unfair advantage of her. She had paid SA Ziegler a $200 deposit on his house and then wanted a release from the contract. In addition, the sum of $250 was to be paid to Ziegler for breaking the contract. According to her attorney, this was a bribe. It is noted that SA Ziegler was endeavoring to sell his house upon his transfer from Cincinnati to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The sale was put in the hands of a real estate agent and she offered Ziegler through the agent $2,000 less than his asking price which he accepted. She then wished to change her mind at which time he referred the matter to the real estate agent in view of the

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fact that he was committed to pay an $800 commission to the real estate agent. Upon advice from his attorney, Ziegler asked for the forfeiture of the $200 deposit as well as $250 for damages of breaking the contract. No action was taken against Ziegler as it appeared that Mrs. [redacted] complaint was unjustified. In view of the above, this type reply to her communication is felt appropriate.

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writing.

No investigation of Edward R. Murrow has been made by the Bureau. He has received both favorable and unfavorable comments by the communist press on his TV programs. In 1942, he was listed as a sponsor for the Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime, cited as a communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Copy of letter mailed 1/27/61

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

To: President
Columbia Broadcasting System
Television Department
New York, New York

Re: "The Beat Majority" - Ed Murrow

Dear Sir: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I have meant to write you for some time with reference to the above BRAINWASHING program that was aired recently.

As evidenced by our recent "election", I would say that if there is a beat majority, and there is, it is the good American people stretched from sea to sea within our borders and certainly not the leftists concentrated in our big cities.

Mr. Edward R. Murrow's vituperative and twisted interpretation of the actions of Mr. Ervin, the gentleman from Oklahoma, who was brave enough to cast his electoral vote for Messrs. Byrd and Goldwater, was the most revolting display of fraud I have ever seen over the media of T. V.

I believe now that the author of "Red Star

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Over Cuba" was quite correct in his belief that Mr. Murrow may be the reason America never heard the true story of Castro and his Cuba until it was too late.

I demand the removal of Mr. Murrow from any further participation in any program on your network or any other.

I expect an answer to this letter.

Yours very truly,

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(Mrs. [redacted]

P. S. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to J. Edgar Hoover.

Mr. Hoover: I mailed the above letter under date of 1/28/61
Also, I amconsidering becoming a member of the John Birch Society. Is it as worthy an organization as I feel it is?

Thank you. [redacted]

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 1, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS REGARDING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE INFORMATION CONCERNING - (INTERNAL SECURITY)

The Department by memorandum 1-12-61 requested to be advised if the Bureau has any information regarding allegations made by Revilo P. Oliver in the October, 1959, edition of the "American Opinion" in article captioned "A Review of Reviews" that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) was infiltrated by communists.

Oliver contended (1) that between 70% and 80% of the responsible officers in the DHEW are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy, (2) that a Congressional investigation would disclose such falsifications of travel records as to create presumptive proof that some members of the Department really serve as communist couriers, (3) that a campaign is under way within the DHEW to purge it of all employees suspected of anticommunist tendencies. The Department suggested the Bureau may wish to ascertain from Oliver the basis for his statements regarding the DHEW.

The "American Opinion" is an anticommunist publication published by the John Birch Society which has not been investigated by the Bureau. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Welch in the past has attacked former President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings. The Bureau has conducted no investigation of Revilo P. Oliver and Bureau files contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding him. He is a professor at the University of Illinois and has made allegations in the past that the Government of this country is "shot through" with communists. The Bureau has had limited cordial correspondence with him.

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Memo Baumgardner to Belmont
RE: ALLEGATIONS REGARDING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
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In March, 1959, he stated that 1/3 of the top echelon of the communist conspiracy in this country are in the DHEW and stated Herbert Philbrick, a former FBI informant, was his source.

Herbert Philbrick, a former informant of the Boston Office, has been contacted regarding Oliver's statements and has advised he has never given Oliver any information concerning communist infiltration of the DHEW, that he knows no one in this Department and has had no information concerning communist activity in the United States Government since at least 1944. Philbrick considers Oliver to be an extremist in anticommunist feelings and violently anti-Semitic. The Boston Office has advised there is no record of any statement regarding the DHEW in its files emanating from Philbrick. Through a review of the Bureau Security Index cards, it was determined that no employees of the DHEW are included in the Security Index.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is not felt we should contact Oliver regarding his unfounded allegations regarding the DHEW as such contact would serve no worthwhile purpose and may encourage him to continue to make these unfounded allegations against this Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Department be advised that Herbert Philbrick, a former Bureau informant has disclaimed furnishing Oliver any information regarding the DHEW, that it is not believed any contact with Oliver regarding these unfounded allegations would serve any worthwhile purpose and that no further inquiry is being made in this matter in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

See P-3

Memo Baumgardner to Belmont
RE: ALLEGATIONS REGARDING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE
65-45027

2. That the attached letter in line with the above be transmitted to the Department.

I think we should take a closer look at the John Birch Society. If it publishes such a publication it is suspect

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EX 101

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February 3, 1961

[redacted]
Darby, Montana

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 30, 1961, and your concern regarding the menace of communism is understandable. I appreciate your giving me the benefit of your observations and I wish to express my thanks for your very kind remarks.

While I wish I could be of assistance to you regarding your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's speech 10-18-60
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MONTANA IDAHO

[redacted] — DARBY, MONTANA

STATE LICENSED **HUNTING ● FISHING ● PACKING**

January 26, 1961

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

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DATE 3/26/80 BY SP1 MACMURRAY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to convey to you my sincere respect and admiration for your long and determined fight against subversive forces here in America, and for all you have done to alert us to this imminent danger. I read with great interest your report entitled "Communist Target....Youth" and have also seen the film "Operation Abolition" of the S. F. student riots. If your report and this film fail to convince the American people that there is a definite plot to subvert our youth, then I am inclined to wonder if they can be convinced. Others besides yourself have done all in their power to make us aware of this internal danger and still all too many of us remained asleep. Have we already overslept? I wonder.....

Everywhere we turn we can see the constant erosion of our American traditions and principles. We see our Constitution being ignored, men bent on the destruction of individual responsibility and freedom, and materialism undermining our morals. We see our public officials not only abuse their authority but lie, deceive and use any ruse to obtain their goals. This line of thought and action is contrary to our basic American ideals, and yet is seems to be both a condoned and an accepted practice. This is especially true with Forest Service personnel, as we have had occasion to note. And now we are experiencing attacks on two of our strongest bulwarks against subversion in this country, the F. B. I. and H. U. A.C. The conspirators must feel quite secure to become so brazen. In my humble opinion it is sheer stupidity that we have not long ago outlawed the Communist Party.

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As you know, everyday more Americans are realizing the danger that exists internally and are forming organizations to inform others, and to oppose measures which will infringe on our Constitutional rights, American sovereignty and security. I feel these organizations can do a great deal of good, however, they do present a problem. The enemies ways are so subtle, devious and insidious it is often quite difficult for the average person to distinguish between a truly patriotic group and one which is not. Several months ago I joined the John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass. After reading their material, hearing tapes and etc. I honestly believe this to be a society dedicated to protecting our freedoms and American form of government. If however, I have formed the wrong opinion I would sincerely appreciate it if you would inform me of my error in judgement.

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In closing I again wish to express my gratitude to you and your organization. It is indeed gratifying to have someone in whom we can place our trust.

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RESPONDENCE

REC- 99 62-104401-624

February 3, 1961

Mr. Jesse S. Moore
Post Office Box 5406
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter of January 27, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism; however, we do not have a list of available material.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
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P.O. Box 5406
Beaumont, Texas
January 27, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have long since been interested in knowing how to fight Communists movements in our country and in our Government, I have always wanted to do something, take a part in some movement, but have never had real good oppertunity to be of any assistance, until last night.

I attended a meeting of the "John Birch Society" and wittnessed several films as narrated by a, Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. These films were very convincing and interesting, and along the line of thinking of the average American, I think, but it could be as communistic as anything else in your files, with that pink fringe, if it isn't handled correctly. I know you have had a flood of these request, I don't want to join something that isn't good. Do you have anything to say about Welch and the "John Birch Society". Would it be worthy of a good Honest Citizens time and effort, because I will be giving them some good time, will invite friends to join the movement and ask their help. I need to know, before I jump, and you or your department, I'll believe.

If possible, I would like information that was presented as evidence against Chief Justice Earl Warrenn, as an aid to the communists movement in our country, I understand that another of the Supreme Court Justice's did make formal charges against Mr. Warren, and as of this date, the proceedings to prosecute or impeach him, has not and will not come to trial. It was common gossip across the country that he was implicated in their activities, and if it is true that charges have been filed against him, are we so entangled already, that nothing can be done with these kind of people.

I would also like informations on how America or Americans aided in the fall & distruction of Poland, into the hands of the communists.

I need something that I can read and quote from as I talk and work, I don't want to go into this with my friends half cocked, and if I don't choose to work with Mr. Welch and his cause, I'll get me a soap box and burn this typewriter up with letters of my own.

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If there is a charge for the above, let me know as soon as you can and I will send payment by return mail.

FEB 7 1961

Jesse Sherman Moore
Age 48
Employed by Humble Oil & Refining Co.
27 Years servic.
Have, three daughters, one son & one Son-in-law.
Now buying a nice home thru Prudential.

Jesse S. Moore
P.O. Box 5406
Beaumont, Texas

(I am on the, Government Printing Office mailing list, do you have a list of articles that I could choose from, that would aid me in my

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February 3, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Culbertson, Montana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter and enclosures were received on January 30, 1961.

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The pamphlet you forwarded is being returned and I am sending you some publications regarding communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8)
Press Release 12-22-60
Director's speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God & Country or Communism?
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Communist Target--Youth
1-1-61 Bulletin of the John Birch Society
Stamped self-addressed envelope

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Mr. [redacted] 2-3-61

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NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a stamped self-addressed (including Box [redacted] envelope, too small to utilize in reply. His second enclosure was a copy of the 1-1-61 Bulletin of the John Birch Society which has previously been brought to the Bureau's attention. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Culbertson Mont
Jan. 25, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washing D. C.

Dear Sir.

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Inclosed find material from John Birch Society, which has recently organized a chapter here, and also several thruout the surrounding country, please read pages 2 and 10, also the rest if you havn't already done so.

I have attended 2 meetings and have raised questions on the same, these questions haven't been answered as to why they call our presidents and his cabinet Socialist and pro communists also why impeach Earl Warren.

Would surely appreciate your answer to these questions, and your opinion of the John Birch Society.

Thank you

/s/ [redacted]

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Thank you

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February 3, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Culbertson, Montana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 30, 1961, and the thought prompting your writing is very much appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, as a Federal investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society, but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the group in question.

It is encouraging to know of your desire to help combat communism, and I am enclosing publications along such lines available for general distribution by the FBI. I hope that this material will offer suggestions as to how you and your friends can take effective action in protecting our democratic way of life. There will be no charge, and additional copies of these reprints can be sent you, if desired.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Box [redacted]
Culbertson, Montana

January 25, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

If possible, I would appreciate very much receiving your comments, opinion, approval, disapproval or letter of noncommittance regarding any information you have on The John Birch Society, Inc. of Belmont, Massachusetts.

It is an active study group designed to become informed of the threat of communist conspiracy and action that can be taken to thwart it.

We have started a small Chapter of the Society here in [redacted] and have met with criticism for being radicals and even a remark that perhaps we were communist affiliated.

Since these people cannot be reasoned with, perhaps they can be shown. This is why I would appreciate receiving any remarks you may have regarding the FBI's knowledge of the Society, if you do offer that sort of information.

Also at our last meeting we were told that we could receive informational pamphlets from the FBI upon request. Would you please send any of these to us, and if there is a subscription rate we will be glad to oblige.

I hope you have time to let me know about the above and Thank you for any help you may have.

Sincerely,

REC- 5 62-104401-626

Mrs. [redacted]

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February 3, 1961

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Charlotte 9, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of January 25, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message of confidence in the work being done by the FBI.

In response to your inquiry, it is a pleasure to enclose publications which offer my suggestions as to how you and other young people like you can help keep our country safe from the destructive forces which threaten us. There is no provision whereby this Bureau can offer assistance or suggestions in organizing a group such as you described, but I believe the material forwarded will offer you ways in which you can take effective action in combating communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
10-18-60 Speech
How To Beat Communism
Communism and the College Student
What You can do to fight Communism
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would first like to say that the American people owe you so much for your life-time of service to our country. We need many more men like you in these troubled times.

Second, my parents belong to an organization which is fighting our greatest menace - Communism. It is the John Birch Society. I believe, though, that it is an adult organization.

Would it be possible for you to send me some literature on how I, as a teen-ager, could start a "Youth against Communism" organization? As things look now, there isn't much time left to fight the sly Communists. I want to be able to live as an in dividual when I grow up and this would be quite impossible to do under a Communist dictatorship.

Yours very sincerely,
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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of January 26, 1961, has been received, and I was pleased to learn of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (7)
Director's Speech before IACP, 10/3/60
Director's Speech before American Legion, 10/18/60
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
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The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be reported to the Bureau.

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Long Beach, Calif.
January 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just completed reading your book, 'Masters of Deciet,' and have seen the Film Strip, 'Communism on the Map.' I plan to continue a study to inform myself on this threat to our existance.

I have discovered an action group who are fighting Communism called the John Birch Society. Before enrolling in their program of writing letters to our Congressmen etc I felt it prudent to know the status of this Society based on findings your office undoubtedly has.

Is it cleared by the F.B.I. and is it a good way for a private citizen to fight the Communist threat?

Respectfully,

/s/ (Mrs) [redacted] b6 b7C

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Long Beach, California
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Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 27, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or non-clearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you, and I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
One Nation's Response To Communism
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Correspondent's enclosure (self-addressed, stamped envelope)

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LETTER TO MRS. [redacted]
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[redacted] who was the [redacted] in Los Angeles during 1941. It has not been determined if correspondent is identical; however, she indicates that she is a naturalized citizen. The bulk of the material available regarding them pertains to their travel activities.

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As a naturalized American Citizen and one who loves this Country and no wish to ever belong or be dominated by another, I am bringing a great problem to you which has troubled me a little. I certainly do not wish to be confused or do anything that may not meet with your approval knowing you and the F. B. I. are the watch dog of America.

I would like your opinion if you think I would be serving my wonderful Country by joining the John Birch Society. This is a local chapter and was formed a little over a year ago. The society has not sought publicity and the membership is by invitation only. I have been asked to join as a member. Before doing so and going to a meeting to be held early in February, I would appreciate hearing from you.

My only idea of joining this Society is to fight this Communist conspiracy creeping into our society, schools and churches.

I was very happy at the idea of joining until I read in the local paper 22/1/61 that Robert Welch of Belmont. Mass wrote a confidential document that our great States Man and former President Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy. I have spoken to several members of the John Birch Society but who had not read the book "The Politician" and not one could believe such a dreadful accusation and did not wish to believe such a thing and more over do not agree with its founders idea that ex-President Eisenhower is a Communist.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/8/61

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Re Charlotte airtels 7/21 and 27/60.

On 2/1/61, Mrs. [redacted], [redacted], Charlotte, N. C., telephone [redacted] personally appeared at the Charlotte Office at which time she advised SA [redacted] that her purpose was to ascertain whether captioned organization was a legitimate and non-subversive organization. She was advised the FBI's jurisdiction and responsibilities did not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of an organization or individual.

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She pointed out that she had attended several meetings of the John Birch Society which were being held in a room at the downtown public library, Charlotte, and had attended the last meeting on 1/30/61. She said that she was not aware of the identity of the persons who were in charge of the local organization but that they claimed to be an anti-Communist group. At the meetings they referred a great deal to the "Dan Smoot Report" who was reportedly a former FBI Agent (SAC Letter 59-17 dated 3/24/59, contains information regarding Dan Smoot Report). Also at the meeting on 1/30/61, which was attended by approximately 30 persons, there was a debate and discussion concerning dividing the group into smaller units and the formation of other small groups or units. Several individuals raised their hand indicating they would attempt to organize a small group or cell.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised she was concerned about the complacency of the American public regarding the communist menace and that she desired to participate fully in captioned organization to fight Communism, provided the organization was actually an anti-Communist organization. She pointed out she had no reason to doubt this but wanted to make sure that it was non-subversive before joining and participating in the activities.

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Mrs. [redacted] made available the following literature which she had obtained at these meetings, which is being furnished the Bureau for information and it can be destroyed after it has served its purpose. Charlotte is retaining no copy of this literature.

(1) May 1960 issue of "American Opinion" concerning "The Bang - Jensen Tragedy", which is apparently published by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR., founder of the John Birch Society.

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(2) Testimony of Dr. FREDERICK CHARLES SCHWARZ, Executive Director, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 5/29/57.

(3) Booklet entitled "Why People Become Communists" published by "American Opinion"

(4) Application for membership in the John Birch Society listing the membership dues.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she and her husband at that time planned to join this organization and that if any information was received indicating that the organization was subversive, she would thereafter contact the Charlotte Office.

For the additional information of the Bureau, since the submission of referenced Charlotte airtel, two other individuals have contacted the Charlotte Office regarding captioned organization and have indicated they have attended meetings at the Charlotte Public Library. They likewise desired to know whether there was any information indicating that the organization had any subversive contacts.

To: Bureau

From: Charlotte (100-9548)

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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WHY PEOPLE BECOME COMMUNISTS

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THE BANG-JENSEN TRAGEDY

A Review

Based On The Official Records

by

Julius Epstein

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IS PRESERVATION OF YOUR LIFE WORTH SPENDING 45 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME READING THE MESSAGE CONTAINED IN TESTIMONY OFFERED BEFORE THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.?

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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM
(The Communist Mind)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1957

United States House of Representatives,
Committee on Un-American Activities,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

STAFF CONSULTATION

The following consultation by the staff of the Committee on Un-American Activities was held at 2:55 p. m., Wednesday, May 29, 1957, in room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Staff members present: Richard Arens, director; William F. Heimlich, consultant, and Richard S. Weil, staff member.

Mr. Arens. Dr. Schwarz, will you raise your right hand and be sworn by Mrs. Eduora Bernard, the notary public.

Mrs. Bernard. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give in this hearing will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Dr. Schwarz. I do.

TESTIMONY OF DR. FREDERICK CHARLES SCHWARZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE

Mr. Arens. Kindly identify yourself by name, residence, and occupation.

Dr. Schwarz. My name is Frederick Charles Schwarz, S-C-H-W-A-R-Z. My official home address is 142 Concord Road. Concord. Sydney. New South Wales.

human nature, perfect human character, and populate the entire earth with a new quality of personality infinitely superior to any that history has ever known. The appeal that attracts the young student is almost a religious appeal that his life can be utilized for the regeneration of all mankind.

Mr. Arens. Would you care to elaborate on that theme, Doctor?

Dr. Schwarz. When you ask the Communist a simple question: "How are you going to change human nature?" they would answer with one word, and that word is "science." "We are scientists. Science has changed the material world. Science has changed the world of agriculture. Science has changed the world of animal husbandry. We can use science to change human nature itself."

This sounds very appealing. You can understand how this sounds to a young student infatuated with the techniques of science. To participate in using science for its greatest achievement is a seductive vision.

However, to be scientific you must follow scientific laws, and communism then proceeds to give it three scientific laws. These laws are as follows:

The first one is "There is no God." They are proudly, unashamedly atheistic in theory and in practice. When they deny God, they simultaneously deny every virtue and every value that originates with God. They deny moral law. They deny absolute standards of truth and righteousness. An entire civilized code of moral and ethical values is destroyed so that they are free to erect in their place new moral and ethical standards as the occasion demands.

impulses, gives of his best for the general well-being, ar out of the abundance thus created retains only his ov personal needs. Farewell anger, lust and greed, env malice and strife, pestilence and war; enter golden, cor panionable, co-operative brotherhood; mankind will li together in the glorious day of communism that h dawned on the earth.

Mr. Arens. Doctor, may I pose this question: Ho to the Communist mind, is this world of goodness and plenty and of unselfishness and love, consistent with t program which we see in effect in Communist regime a program of bloodshed, of deceit, of inhumanity, ar the like?

Dr. Schwarz. It is the justification for it all. You s the goals. To sacrifice one or two generations is not a ve big price to pay for such a glorious goal from their poi of view.

The Communists are confronted with this pro lem: When they conquer the world, they are left wi those people who have been brought up in the ca talist environment. They have had their experience It has formed their character and personality. N urally, if you leave the babies and the children wi them, they will impress that character and perso ality upon them, so the Communists are confront with a problem of what to do with the adults established character and personality once they ha conquered the world.

Being thoroughly materialist scientists, they d not hesitate. They say they have no alternativ Naturally, they must dispose of these classes. To the it is not murder. Murder is a bourgeois term whic

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· free Americans begin to understand and appreciate
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NOT UNLESS Your children, and their educators, quit swallowing whole the false, sugar-coated one-sided description of vicious Communism supplied by dedicated Communist sympathizers.

· free Americans awaken to the true meaning of Com-
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class of mankind, and the reactionary bourgeois class. The waging of this war is the great duty of all class-conscious proletarians; the future is the triumph of the proletarian class. The Communist Party is the brain of the proletarian class, and the war that manifests itself within a state is a conflict between the Communist Party and the state government until the Communist Party destroys and conquers that state. Once that is done, it manifests itself in the international realm in a state of war between those countries that have been conquered by the Communists and where their power is established and those countries as yet unconquered. The basis of Communist policy is the existence of the class war. To them it is a fact of being.

So within this framework every act which advances their triumph is righteous. Every statement that helps their cause is true.

Mr. Arens. They overlooked the Christian philosophy.

Dr. Schwarz. They wiped it out entirely.

Mr. Arens. The philosophy that the end never justifies the means.

Dr. Schwarz. The end creates the means. Any act, however brutal, and no matter how many people are killed, that advances the Communist conquest, is a peaceful act.

Within this framework of ideology and morality, no Communist can tell a lie in the interests of communism because by definition, if it is in the interest of communism, it is the truth. A person is only a material machine and truth is merely a set of electronic impulses that circulate within his brain. The ultimate truth is the will of the Com-

there was no manifestation of it whatsoever. If anything, their tears on behalf of the Rosenbergs flowed more freely. Their agony became more intense. To us they were utter hypocrites, but not to themselves. The execution of the Rosenbergs was an act that would retard Communist world conquest. Therefore, it was an evil act. Therefore, the Rosenbergs were guiltless. Therefore, the evidence against them was perjury. Therefore, those who gave the evidence were perjurers and criminals. Therefore, every progressive and moral proletarian heart must be emotionally disturbed because of this dreadful and evil act perpetrated with cruelty, brutality, and injustice. On the other hand, the arrest and execution of the Czechoslovak Jews would advance Communist world conquest; it would please the Arabs; it would set the stage for Communist influence in the Near East, which we see coming to fruition today.

It was an act in the interest of world conquest by communism; therefore, it was a good act. Therefore, they were guilty. Therefore, they were criminals. Therefore, the evidence against them was true. Therefore, every progressive heart must feel a sense of elation and rejoicing that justice triumphed with their death.

Mr. Weil. I think the theory behind that is excellent. But the evidence we have today seems to point to the fact that the Communists wanted the Rosenbergs executed, as a matter of fact, because they felt the Rosenbergs alive might be witnesses against the Communist apparatus. That bears out the impression of hypocrisy.

Dr. Schwarz. There is nothing inconsistent in their

terms of its recruitment of students, the organization of these students into the Communist Party and the scientific exploitation of group needs, grievances and ambitions to advance their party to power. The goal of communism is conquest, not conversion. They convert a few and conquer the many.

Mr. Arens. It is our information, Doctor, that there are in the world today approximately 25 million Communists. Is there any cohesive force that is opposing them?

Dr. Schwarz. Unfortunately, no.

Mr. Arens. Is there any monolithic force of any comparable size?

Dr. Schwarz. Uunfortunately, I know of none. I know of no monolithic, conscious, dedicated, directive force to oppose them. What is needed, and that brings us to a second point—

Mr. Arens. I would like to ask you, before you get to your second point, if there is a fallacy in undertaking to appraise the strength of the world Communist movement in terms of numbers?

Dr. Schwarz. A very definite fallacy involved.

Mr. Arens. Why?

Dr. Schwarz. Because it is trying to determine the validity of the hull of the boat by relating the area of the holes to the area which is sound. One hole can sink the ship. Communism is the theory of the disciplined few controlling and directing the rest. One person in a sensitive position can control, manipulate, and if necessary, destroy thousands of others.

Mr. Arens. To use this illustration of your boat, you

THE FUTURE?

UNLESS **Otherwise well-meaning Americans begin to understand that "academic freedom" without morality leads to national suicide.**

MMUNISM IS OUT TO DESTROY YOU!

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things; but in its approach to the Indian, it appears to be favorable to them.

I am informed by Indians that the majority of Christians in India vote Communist. The reason they vote Communist is not because they approve of Communist theories, they haven't the faintest idea what they are. They vote Communist because the Communists sent a very fine young student to their village with glorious magazines showing them how much their life will be improved under communism.

Mr. Weil. What do we do; send more magazines?

Dr. Schwarz. Not so fast. First the Communists had to win the student who takes the magazines. We need an ideological offensive. That is what I am trying to do. I am an evangelical Christian and there are evangelical Christians in India. We have a basis of fellowship. Communism threatens us both. By personal association and contact we can build the understanding of the Communist danger. We have the tools that can help them convey the message to other Christians and the Indian people. It is much better that they should do it. We can help them. Our material advantage can now be effectively used when dedicated freedom-loving people, encouraged by our love, equipped by our support, carry the message of the value of the individual and the spiritual heritage of man, interpreted in the light of their specific faith, motivated by the dynamics of their conviction, when they carry this message and the corollary of the Communist threat to their own nationals.

Mr. Arens. On the basis of your worldwide tours, background and experience, what is your appraisal of the progress of internal communism as opposed to the forces of freedom at the present time?

Dr. Schwarz. I regret to say that, by every standard test, the Communists have been making terrifying progress; and they are winning and we are losing.

VOICES OUT OF THE PAST

Which Should Be Heeded Now

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide."

James Russell Lowell

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"

Patrick Henry

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thou too, sail on, O Ship of State!
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!
Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate! . . .
Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee, — are all with thee.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair; the event is in the hands of God.

George Washington

To The President-Elect:

You stand exactly at the supreme crisis, up to this date, of all human history.

That crisis has been long in the making. The struggle is not between two philosophies of economics, of government, or even of life itself. For the philosophy of Communism is but the cloak of a conspiracy. The struggle is between a small but worldwide esoteric clan, which seeks to enslave all of mankind for its own demonic purposes, and the rest of us, who wish to escape that enslavement.

In sheer numbers we have more than ninety-five percent of the human race on our side. But through long planning over decades, and to some extent even over centuries, the enemy now has in its grasp most of the reins and mechanics of power throughout the world. And this enemy has no slightest concern about the cost of its victory. Not only are the conspirators willing to see every truth denied, every humanitarian instinct betrayed, every noble tradition destroyed, every divine faith uprooted, in the achievement of their ends. They actively promote and use this destruction of man's whole spiritual inheritance, as a means of establishing their ruthless tyranny.

The Communists have now infiltrated so insidiously and so far into the organizational frameworks of all human activity that they consider total victory both imminent and assured. The innate strength of the United States remains, despite all of the erosion of that strength which the Communists have so patiently contrived, as the one serious obstacle still to be overcome. And now the Communists are freely predicting that the United States and its people have only one hundred more months of freedom. The hundred months, you will note, are just about coextensive with your expected two terms of office. And there is little doubt that the final decision of this struggle, affecting man's whole life and history for many future generations, will be reached during these next eight years.

In fact, the balance of power is already in your hands. The future of our country and of our civilization may be yours to decide. Those of us who "know the score" are well aware of how much easier it would be for you quietly to join the conspirators, add the full force of the presidency to the strength they already have, and make treason so prosper that "none dare call it treason." Thus you might readily emerge in due time as yourself the top man in a one-world socialist government, kept in power by the brutality of Communist police. The other course is to use the power of the presidency to reassert our nation's already fading independence, and to reestablish its influence on the side of individual freedom and national freedom everywhere. To follow that path is now much more difficult and more dangerous, even for the President of the United States. But it is not yet quite too late for such a purpose to prevail.

When the true history of the Twentieth Century comes to be written your name will loom large on its middle pages. Those pages may record that under your complaisant opportunism, during the years 1961 through 1968, all resistance to tyranny, in the United States and throughout the world, was completely crushed. Or it may read that, by your incessant labor and courage and determination, you were able to save for your children and their children some semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which you yourself had inherited.

Which course those pages will record is up to you. May God help you to decide aright.

The above copyrighted editorial is from the November, 1960 issue of AMERICAN OPINION.

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The Season's Greetings

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Merry Christmas

from _____

American Opinion
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Please enter subscriptions for the names listed below and on the reverse side of this sheet. Please send a card, as illustrated above, duly filled out and to arrive just before Christmas, in those cases which I have indicated with a check mark.

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____ Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

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DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women $1,000.00
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If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

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February 7, 1961

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter and enclosures were received on January 31, 1961.

Although I would like very much to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to a regulation of the Department of Justice.

With reference to the leaflet you forwarded from the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., I can inform you that this leaflet has been brought to our attention in the past, and you will note that it contains a statement that the procommunist records of the individuals named within are documented in the files of "other Government investigating Agencies." I can assure you that the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., and its national director, Myron C. Fagan, have never had access to information in our files in the preparation of material by that group.

I also want to take this occasion to point out that the statement attributed to me in the other brochure you forwarded is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. I am enclosing a copy of this statement, and the excerpt in question appears on page 12. I know that you will realize when you read this passage in context that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination.

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In view of your concern about the growing menace of communism, I am also sending you other publications available for general distribution by the FBI which offer citizens suggestions as to how they can best take effective action in fighting the subversive elements in our society today. Your enclosures are being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (9)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism?
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
Press release of 12-22-60
Statement of Director before Committee on Un-American Activities, 3-26-47
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Two enclosures forwarded by correspondent (described in note below)

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She enclosed "Don't Patronize Reds!!!" from the Cinema Educational Guild and "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" disseminated by the American Council of Christian Laymen. Copies not necessary for retention in Bufiles.

The Cinema Educational Guild is alleged an anti-communist group which has been responsible for the distribution of many sensational-type pamphlets, and its national director, Myron C. Fagan, has had to be admonished on several occasions for using the Director's name in the furtherance of his publications. Various of his publications are entitled "Red Stars Number One, Two, Three," etc.

The Bureau is well aware of the continuing controversy between the American Council of Christian Laymen, with whom Verne P. Kaub is

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affiliated and the National Council of Churches. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-58069)

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas
Jan. 30, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a concerned citizen and would like to know some facts. I would like to have some proof of these tracts and "The John Birch Society" so that when I tell my friends about these things they will believe me and if you will acknowledge that they are true then I think my friends will believe you.

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2. The Leflet "How Red Is The National Council of Churches". Is the things true in it. Are the American Council of Christian Laymen and Verne P. Kaub O.K.?

3. Has the tract "Red Stars and the Cinema Giuld been checked out by the F.B.I.?

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerly,

Mrs. [redacted]

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Midland, Texas
Jan. 30, 1961

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Thank you so much for your time.

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February 9, 1961

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Sidney, Montana

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter was received on February 6, 1961, and I want to thank you for your generous evaluation of my book, "Masters of Deceit." Your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI is also deeply appreciated.

In response to your request, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Breaking the Communist Spell
Where do we stand today with communism in the U. S.?
The Communists Are After Our Minds
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One Nation's Response to Communsim

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anti-communist group with chapters throughout the country. [redacted], has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in his writings, and our field offices have been alerted to watch the activities of his group.

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Sidney, Montana
February 2, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

Keep up the wonderful work.

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I'm working with the John Birch Society, but need more, factual information about all phases of subversive activity.

Please send me any material or listing of material that you might have.

Masters of Deceit is tremendous.

Sincerely,

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Lake Placid, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 1, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased to learn of your desire to help combat communism. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of help and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Press Release 12-22-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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LAKE PLACID, FLORIDA

February 1, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have been given literature to read by an acquaintance. It has to do with an anti-communist organization called the John Birch Society. We have never been associated with an organization of this type. Before we become involved we would like to know just what it stands for.

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I am very anxious to do whatever I can to preserve our our nation as a Democracy, but, I do not want to become involved in an organziation that could be subversive.

If you know anything concerning this organization I would appreciate your findings about it.

Thanking you,

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 1, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased to know of your desire to help fight communism. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines, and I hope that it will offer suggestions as to how you can take effective action in combating the subversive influences in our society today.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How to Fight Communism
Press Release dated 12-22-60
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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Bremerton, Wn. Feb. 1, 1961

The Dept. of Justice
F.B.I. Division
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Will you please send me any pamphlets or information on Communism, also what the ordinary person can do to help combat this menace.

Can you give me any information on "The John Birch Society." Would it be a good organization to join?

Thank you for anything you may be able to send me on this problem.

Sincerely yours,

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February 9, 1961

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Midland, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked January 31, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest. Also enclosed is the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's speech of 10-18-60
One Nation's Response To Communism
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Correspondent's self-addressed, stamped envelope
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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a self-addressed, stamped envelope which could not be utilized in reply.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as Welch indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. He has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings.

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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

Dear Sir:

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I would like to inquire about The John Birch Society and its standing with the F.B.I. - . It is apparently quite anti-Communist - but I would like to be sure. I will certainly appreciate whatever you can tell me - and I am enclosing a self addressed & stamped envelope for your reply -.

Thank you for your consideration -.

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Midland, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Respectfully yours

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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MR. DECKER - MR. BELMONT
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"OPERATION ABOLITION" FILM

Bufiles reflect that Reverend Lee C. Moorehead by letter to the Bureau dated 4-26-47 inquired concerning a communist front organization. Bulet to Moorehead 5-17-47 pointed out the confidential nature of our files and that no information could be furnished. In addition, by letter dated 4-21-60 to former Vice President Nixon, Moorehead requested the Vice President's evaluation of the charges against the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) in an Air Force Manual linking communism with U. S. churches. At the request of former Vice President Nixon's office, the Bureau prepared a suggested reply to Reverend Moorehead stating, in effect, that the Vice President did not have at hand the material used in the preparation of this Manual and, therefore, was unable to afford Reverend Moorehead an evaluation.

OBSERVATION

It is quite apparent that Harold Martin and the John Birch Society are attempting to involve the Bureau and the Director personally in the controversy concerning this film. We certainly should not allow ourselves to be placed in a position where an organization of the character of the John Birch Society can use statements attributed to the Bureau or to the Director to support its position in this or any other matter. This organization would not hesitate to twist any statement by the Bureau to conform with its extremist position.

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For information.

February 9, 1961

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Glenview, Illinois

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Dear Miss [redacted]

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Your letter of January 31, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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The Communists Are After Our Minds
Communist Party, USA
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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. [redacted]

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Glenview, Illinois
January 31, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read your and many other books, reports and speeches and listened to tapes and seen movies and film-strips about the Communist Conspiracy. I am convinced that the danger of complete communist control is dangerously imminent, and that I MUST do everything possible to expose and denounce this great danger to our beloved Republic.

I NEED YOUR HELP. For it becomes increasingly clear that there is no room for naivety nor serious mistakes. b6 b7C

I thought to join the only real ACTION anti-communist group I know of - the John Birch Society, whose basic stated aims pretty well parallel my own.

Over the past several months I have heard some very alarming claims against this organization. They boil down to these: that the group is "communist-inspired", "led by communists", "communist infiltrated."

I MUST KNOW whether I can trust the leadership of this organization and I do not know where else to get the truth if not from you. Will you help me?

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 7, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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The Director requested that we take a closer look at the John Birch Society (JBS) for if it publishes such a publication as "American Opinion," it is suspect.

We have never investigated JBS nor its founder, Robert H. Welch, Jr.

BACKGROUND CONCERNING THE SOCIETY

JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 12-58 by Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of JBS as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." Chapters of JBS have come into existence in various parts of the country as part of Welch's anticommunist campaign.

BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITY OF WELCH

Bufiles disclose Welch resides in Belmont, Massachusetts, and has an office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturer. He is editor of "American Opinion," which he publishes on an irregular basis and which contains many anticommunist articles. Bufiles do not contain any information of a subversive nature concerning Welch. In 1959 we received information Welch was initiating an anticommunist campaign and was to establish ostensible communist front groups, which in reality would be anticommunist groups, thereby causing disruption to the Communist Party (CP). We have not received any information Welch has established such groups. Welch authored a book entitled "The Politician," which he did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed, which he sent to friends who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed it was

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a vicious attack on the political beliefs of President Eisenhower and, by innuendo, alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist. We disseminated pertinent portions of the book to the White House and the Attorney General in 2-59.

Bufiles indicate Welch is obsessed with his fight against communism and in carrying out his anticommunist campaign. In an article "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds" by Jack Mabley in the 1-30-61 issue of the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, Mabley comments on Welch and the Society. Mabley states Welch, by his own words, is absolute boss of the Society and quotes Welch as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss." Mabley sums up his article by stating the communist threat in this country is real enough; the country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the communist evil; but "the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work."

A review of "American Opinion" discloses that among those individuals listed on its Editorial Advisory Committee are such anti-communist crusaders as Clarence Manion, former Dean, University of Notre Dame Law School; Adolphe Menjou, the movie actor; and General A. C. Wedemeyer. One of the associate editors of "American Opinion" is J. B. Matthews, the former Executive Secretary of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

It is noted the July-August, 1958, issue of "American Opinion" listed "Masters of Deceit" as recommended reading material. In 8-60 we received information the latest monthly bulletin of JBS requested all members to write the Director expressing their congratulations on his report as contained in the HCUA booklet "Communist Target - Youth."

BUREAU ACTION

Due to the controversial nature of Welch and JBS we alerted the field to background information concerning Welch and JBS by SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3-10-59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1-26-60. The field has been instructed no investigation of JBS should be conducted but the Bureau was particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use JBS or its chapters. The field was instructed to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent information regarding this matter. Since that time the field has advised of numerous chapters of JBS having been formed in various cities throughout

the country and the identities of individuals active in such chapters. We have been closely watching the activities of JBS through the information supplied by the field. However, to date no information has been received indicating subversive elements have infiltrated or taken over any chapters of JBS. Also, no information has been received indicating JBS is operating as a "hate" group or that its activities warrant investigation by the Bureau. To conduct any investigation of this anticommunist group could possibly cause embarrassment to the Bureau as most of the people active in the chapters of JBS are community leaders, leading businessmen and respected citizens. Some also appear to be crackpots.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to give us a better insight into JBS and "American Opinion," there is attached for approval and transmittal an airtel instructing Boston to check appropriate sources and records to determine facts concerning the incorporation of JBS, its incorporators, its credit rating, the circulation of "American Opinion," et cetera.

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Ontario. California.

February 3. 1961

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DATE 3/27/86 BY SP1 [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover.

My husband & I have recently become acquainted with the John Birch Society, and as a result are seriously considering membership. The main problem is that we have heard from outside sources that this society has a fascist element running through it, which though the Communists abhor fascism, does not seem to me to be the answer. all this however might be a bunch of Communist inspired gossip, & so would like to have your opinion on this matter.

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I hope I have made myself understood. I will wait for your answer.

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Sincerely.

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REC-85 62-104401-640

February 10, 1961

EX-101

Mrs. [redacted]

Encino, California

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/27/86 BY SP1 MACMICHAEL

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 6, 1961.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of this Bureau do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
What You can do to fight Communism
17th National Convention, CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Red Goals and Christian Ideals
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Correspondent's name could not be verfied by telephone directory check. There are, however, families named [redacted] in Encino, California, and no families listed under spelling of [redacted] No record Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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Sincerely.

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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DATE 3/27/86 BY [illegible]

January 30, 1961
Amarillo, Texas

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

Dear Sir:

Recently, the activities of the "John Birch Society" were called to my attention and my husband and I are seriously considering putting our support behind this organization. For a number of years we have been concerned about the growing threat of communism not only to our country, but to us, personally. We hope this is the group wherein we may best do our part, so to speak, but in these times of not knowing where one's faith may best be put, we would sincerely appreciate any imformation available on this society and on Robert Welch, Jr.

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Very sincerely

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Amarillo, Texas

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February 10, 1961

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Amarillo, Texas

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 30, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance regarding the matter you mentioned, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on communism which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (9)
What You Can Do To Fight communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
God and Country or Communism?
How To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
3-60 LEB Intro 7 17th Nat'l Convention, CP USA
One Nation's Response to Communsim

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/6/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/27/61 Miss [redacted] N.W., Childress, Texas, advised by letter that there was a possibility that a branch of the John Birch Society would be started in Childress, Texas.

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Previous communication from Mr. [redacted] Pampa, Texas, indicated that a chapter of this organization may be operating in Pampa, Texas, inasmuch as he made inquiry as to the make-up of this organization.

The aforementioned is being submitted for information purposes.

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Mrs. [redacted] aka, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] Road
New Canaan, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 29, 1961, has been received. The interest of you and your husband in combating communism is a source of encouragement to me, and I am pleased that "Masters of Deceit" has been of some assistance to you.

While I would like to be of service to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer either we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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One Nation's Response to Communism
Espionage of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. She is the wife of [redacted] a former Bureau Agent who EOD on [redacted] resigned [redacted] services satisfactory. We have had no prior correspondence with her. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be reported to the Bureau.

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NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

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

John Birch Society

Dear Sir.

For the past year I have been terribly concerned about the growing communist threat to our country. I have had a growing feeling of frustration knowing that I wanted to do something to stem this tide, & yet not knowing where to begin.

A few weeks ago we heard of a society called "The John Birch Society" which is an organization

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Thank you

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January 29, 1961

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NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

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

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Thank you.
Sincerely

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13660)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., OKAUCHEE, WISCONSIN
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

informant

By communication dated December 29, 1960, a [redacted] Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and [redacted] Okauchee, Wisconsin advised that he was invited by a friend to watch a movie in his home about Communism and the dangers of the Communist movement in the world today. He stated he attended the movie, it was informative, although it certainly painted a morbid picture about what was happening in the world today.

Mr. [redacted] stated that the John Birch Society may be a very patriotic organization but he began to wonder why the fellow in charge of these meetings does not want the people in the area to know that a "study group" is being organized.

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Mr. [redacted] was contacted on 1/23/61 by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY of the Milwaukee Office. He advised that in November, 1960, a [redacted] age 25, of Okauchee, Wisconsin, asked his permission to show a movie at [redacted] home and [redacted] agreed to this. Mr. [redacted] stated that the movie concerned Communism and the danger of the Communist movement in the world today. He said that while the movie was informative, it painted a very morbid picture of what is happening in the world today and [redacted] told him he was organizing in Okauchee a chapter of the John Birch Society.

Mr. [redacted] stated that after seeing the movie and talking to [redacted] for awhile, he told the latter that he could hold no more meetings in his home and that he wanted nothing to do with the Society. He stated that he and his wife were previously rather close friends of [redacted] and that the latter is a very prominent citizen of that community and the operator of the [redacted] and resides on [redacted] in Okauchee.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that recently he had a conversation with [redacted] and that he asked the latter why he did not publicize the fact that he was holding study groups for the John Birch Society in that area and [redacted] told him that he wanted no publicity whatsoever.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not know the names of the other members of the chapter in Okauchee but that he understood that there were around ten or twelve people belonging.

The above is for the information of the Bureau. No active investigation of the Okauchee Chapter of instant organization is being conducted.

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REC-64 62-104401-645

February 10, 1961

Mrs. [redacted] aka. [redacted]

[redacted]

Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 6, 1961, and I share your concern over the growing menace of communism. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI on this subject.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of aid and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

Your kind message regarding the work being done by the FBI is very much appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How To Beat Communism
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Amarillo, Texas
February 1, 1961

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boyd
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Evans
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

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

Re: The John Birch Society organization

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is with fearful apprehension over the communist conspiracy hanging so ominously over our country that I address this inquiry to you and to your great agency. This inquiry concerns the John Birch organization whose professed endeavor is to rid the United States of communism, and this organization is being favorably received by some of the town's leading citizens.

Last night, I attended a filmed two-hour lecture by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Editor of American Opinion, who spoke for the John Birch club, and whose alarming expose of communist infiltration into the heart of our federal government and whose explicit accusations against such Americans as James Roosevelt, Christain Herter, and Walter Reuther in furthering the communist menace either directly or indirectly shook me out of my habitual American complacency. At the conclusion of the meeting, your book Masters of Deceit was on display for sale, which I might add, I bought and am now busily engaged in reading.

I would like to do something to aid my country at this fateful time, but, due to other clubs I have heard about that were later proven to be communist infested, I hesitate to join without first investigating. Has this organization been checked for its communistic content by the FBI, and if so, please give me your recommendation.

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Thank you wholeheartedly for your life's work devoted to the welfare of our country.

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Sincerely yours,

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Amarillo, Texas

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Signal Mountain, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 2, 1961, and I am pleased that your wife and you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," timely. Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Although I would like to be of service in connection with your inquiry, the functions and responsibilities of this Bureau as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of help and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
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[redacted]
Signal Mountain, Tennessee
January 31, 1961

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

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Dear Sir:

My wife and I, for sometime, have been concerned about the effects of communism at work in this country which was so vividly called to our attention in your book "Masters of Deceit".

We have been contacted by some friends in our community and asked to join with them in a organization named "The John Birch Society". We would appreciate your advising us, at your earliest opportunity, if, in your opinion, this organization is effective in their efforts to combat communism.

Sincerely yours,

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EX-113

January 24, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/27/86 BY Spinemore

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 16, 1961, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

The articles you mentioned are available in quantity free of charge. Several of these articles are being reprinted; however, copies will be forwarded to you as soon as they are available. I am forwarding currently, under separate cover, 200 copies each of "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion" and my statements which recently appeared in "Christianity Today."

Sincerely yours,

200 each of Comm. Target-Youth + 17th Nat'l Convention sent 2/3/61

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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200 copies each of "Communism - The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
200 copies each of "Christianity Today." series

NOTE: Full name per prior correspondence. Mrs. [redacted] wrote inquiring about the John Birch Society and was given the usual reply regarding it. She later wrote that she had joined the Society and wrote to the Director congratulating him on his article "Communist Target--Youth." This letter was cordially acknowledged and she was sent communism reprints. Material being sent later is: Communist Target-Youth, Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality and 17th National Convention CP, USA & Introduction March, 1960 LEB.

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[redacted]
Shreveport, La.
January 12, 1961

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

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I belong to a study group that is dedicated to the preservation of constitutional government. The other night we showed the film entitled "Operation Abolition." As a suggestion for further action, it was mentioned that every effort should be made on our part to show this film in the junior high schools and senior high schools. Than I mentioned that it would be ever so much more effective if in addition to showing the film we could distribute to the students a copy of your report entitled "Communist Target Youth."

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I have written you several times before and have received copies of other pieces of literature that have been most helpful, i.e., Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, Communism - The Bitter Enemy of Religion, An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A. in addition to Communist Target Youth. I am now asking if these publications are available in quantities, and if so what is the price? There is another report of yours that we need entitled "Pulpits Primary Targets."

If there are any additional reports that you think might be helpful, please advise. Thank you.

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Very truly yours,

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EX-113

February 13, 1961

[redacted]

Niles 48, Illinois

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of February 4, 1961, containing your most generous comments regarding my book, "Masters of Deceit," and want you to know that I very much appreciate your remarks.

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Although I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope that in this connection you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am sending you several items, under separate cover, which set forth my views on communism and which I thought you might like to have.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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February 4, 1961

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

Sir:

Recently I read "Masters of Deceit." I found it very interesting and informative.

I think it should be required reading for all Americans, particularly high school and college students.

I have heard a great deal about the John Birch Society.

As I respect your opinion very highly, I would appreciate it if you would let me know your opinion concerning Mr. Welch and the John Birch Society.

Yours truly,

Mrs. [redacted]

Address shown on envelope: [redacted]
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Yours truly,

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SAC, Springfield (100-0)

February 20, 1961

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 2-10-61.

The John Birch Society has not been investigated by the Bureau nor has any information come to the Bureau's attention indicating that the activities of this Society warrant an investigation by the Bureau at this time.

Regarding background information concerning the Society and its founder Robert H. Welch, Jr., your attention is directed to SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3-10-59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1-26-60. You should make certain that the information contained in the two afore-mentioned SAC Letters are properly indexed into the indices of your office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 2-10-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-0)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
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[redacted] an Attorney at Peoria, Illinois, has advised that he has heard that an organization named the John Birch Society, Inc. is about to be organized in Peoria and he believes that it is a radical rightist group with headquarters in New York City.

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It is requested that information be furnished to this office, if available, concerning this organization to indicate whether or not it is an organization which might affect the security of the country. [redacted] has furnished no specific information. Springfield indices negative.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2-13-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (62-

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959; SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, and mylet to Bureau, February 10, 1961, entitled, "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC. SM - C". b6 b7C

On February 10, 1961, Mr. [redacted] Electrical Contractor and self-styled anti-Communist, who resides at [redacted] Champaign, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] as follows:

He met WELCH in Chicago, Illinois, at the Senator BARRY GOLDWATER Rally during the summer of 1960. WELCH, who is an ardent supporter of GOLDWATER, helped finance the rally and was one of the speakers. During the fall of 1960, [redacted] received a personal letter from WELCH inviting him to attend a two-day seminar in Chicago to discuss the John Birch Society. [redacted] however, did not attend and has refused to join the Society. He described WELCH as a very intelligent and dedicated anti-Communist but an extremist in his views and public statements. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that the John Birch Society is active in the Champaign-Urbana area at present as a result of a national campaign during the course of which paid organizers have been hired. He identified the leading figures locally as [redacted] at the University of Illinois, his wife, [redacted] and [redacted] a local attorney in Urbana, Illinois. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him recently that he was devoting himself full time to promoting the Society locally and that he intended to see to it that it became a highly disciplined organization.

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[redacted] related that the Society is never mentioned publicly by name and that most of the activities of the organization as such appear to be carried on in secret. He pointed out that [redacted] his wife, and [redacted] like WELCH, are extremists and for this reason he has severed relations with them. [redacted] alleged that anti-Communist literature distributed by this group, particularly the [redacted] is not factual and filled with their personal opinions on the dangers of Communism. He related, however, that the [redacted] and [redacted] are attracting a big following of prominent people from the "country club set", DAR, and Catholic circles.

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Additional information coming to the attention of this office will be promptly furnished the Bureau. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, no investigation will be conducted.

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February 13, 1961

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Post Office Box [redacted]
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of February 4, with enclosures, and appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the individuals and organizations named in your letter.

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I have always felt the House Committee on Un-American Activities makes a contribution in its public disclosure of the forces that menace America. The American communists have naturally directed their venom at the Committee's efforts in behalf of this Nation. The FBI has, of course, also drawn vehement attacks from this source. The work that the Committee has performed, and is performing, serves as a guide for sincere groups dedicated to the exposure of communist activities.

I can assure you that my associates and I will continue to devote all our energies to meeting our responsibilities connected with the internal security of the United States and will cooperate within our authority with all other Federal agencies having responsibilities in this area.

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Mr. [redacted]

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the threat of communism which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles show [redacted] called the San Francisco Office on 5-15-60 to protest brutality in the San Francisco demonstrations and asked that the FBI conduct investigation.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked former President Eisenhower's administration in the past in connection with his writings.

Correspondent forwarded an editorial from the Santa Barbara News-Press in which members of the John Birch Society were criticized for their current letter-writing activity aimed at the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren. "Letters to the Editor" of the same newspaper which the correspondent forwarded contained criticism of the John Birch Society and Robert Welch for their attacks on former President Eisenhower and the Supreme Court and described the organization as fascist.

Enclosures to letter from Mr. [redacted]
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

About two weeks ago Santa Barbara News Press published a comprehensive article on John Birch Society and its spokesman, Mr. Welch. At the same time. the Adult Education is sposoring a series of ten lectures on communism by Dr. Peter Merken, who teaches Political Science at the college in Santa Barbara.

All this started a commotion here and especially after Mr. Welch speach at a meeting which drew 1200 people who paid $1.00 each for admission. The debate between Mr. Welch and Mr. Taft on T.V. added some more fuel to the contraversy and a number of people wrote letters to the editor pro and contra Mr. Welch and John Birch Society. I am enclosing a few clippings as an illustration.

I am very much interested to know, and your early reply will be greatly appreciated, regarding this society, Mr. Welch, teaching about communism..

With your permission, may I ask these questions:

1. Is John Birch a subversive and an unamerican organization?
2. Should good, decent americans join and support it?
3. Is Mr. Welch really a good american and are his actions and speaches good for America and the people?
4. Would you call Mr. Welch a fascist?
5. Is John Birch Society a fascist organization?
6. Would you say that some undisclosed people are behind this society?
7. Is it possible that this ~~o~~ is being stirred by communists in order to create disunity among american people? Is is not a fact that communists like to provoke disunity and trouble among people of our countr y?
8. Is it not possible and, perhaps, likely, that communists will create such and organization in order to be able to infiltrate into government and businesses as "good americans"?
9. Do youagree with me that F.B.I. under your leadership is fully capable and is much better qualified to combat communism in this country and that together with C.I.A. under leadership of Mr. Allan Dulles , can do a better job without interference of other organizations?
10. And while on the subject, doe The House Unamerican Activities Committee help or hinder your work and the work of C.I.A?
11. The zionists were accused here of being unamerican and pro communists . Is there any truth in this ?

I want to thank you very much for whatever questions you can answer.

Very respectfully yours,

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a few words about myself. I came to this country by my own choice in July 1922 (for which you cannot blame me). I am jewish and has been either a member or in sympathy with the zionist movemenet and the jewish aspirations for a state, especially after Hitler's murdering of six million jews.
I was born and lived in Russia until Oct.1st 1922 when our family left, or shall I say escaped from Leningrad (at that time Petrograd), where I studied law and where my father was imprisoned for being a business man.

I am one of those americans who having a little money did not put "invest" them in stocks in order not to , as I call it, sell american dollar short.

The action of The Ford Motor Company in investing over $300,000,000.00 in England at the time when we are loosing gold so rapidly and when our Government aasked Ford not to transfer as many dollars abroad, in my opinion is certainly unpatriotic , if not unamerican.

I am a man who at the age of 44½ volunteered to serve in the army about six months after we were at war, but was turned down.
I thought that you should know something about me before answering my letter.

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Remarks Not Made Audible

Editor, News-Press: The News-Press reported Thursday evening that I "apparently was disagreeing with Dr. Merkl's remarks in his first lecture of January 11" at the last session on Communism at Recreation Center.

This is absolutely correct! I challenged Dr. Merkl on his statements made in his letter to the News-Press wherein he denied that he had said "20 to 30 per cent of the Americans are 'off their rocker' because of their extreme Nationalism." He made several other remarks at this meeting which could be challenged also.

The "loud protests" which your reporter described about my speechmaking are erroneous. The protests were from people who could not hear the remarks and questions I set forth and furthermore, Mr. Selmer Vake, Dr. Merkl's moderator, who in past meetings has shunted aside questions with "We will take them up later!", was not inclined to disclose my remarks and questions over the public address system.

I have no intention of creating a spectacle or starting a disturbance at these meetings, which can be very informative if handled right. However I do dislike to be publicly called a "misquoter" and I accused Dr. Merkl of not telling the truth. I asked him to step to the microphone and deny this but he was not inclined to do so and sat silently in his chair.

It was not in my perogative to ask for the microphone to make myself heard. My questions were directed at Dr. Merkl and if he did not choose to answer them, that is his privilege. And if Selmer Wake did not care to repeat them to the audience, that is also his privilege. This is their "show," not mine!

Fred W. Hand

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to detect it, we are unable to do anything to prevent its damage until its too late. That is what is happening to us today with Communism.

We are being influenced in our thinking so subtly that we are not even aware it is happening to us—and when we do become aware of it, it may be too late to do anything to stop Communism from killing our free way of life.

Too many of us think of Communism as a relatively harmless political group who, though they have made mistakes, truly want to live in peace and harmony—and they do—on their terms—under their rule!

Mrs. L. E. Fowler wrote (see News-Press, Jan. 25) that we are distorting the movement of Communism by showing a film "Nightmare in Red" in which just the violence of this group was depicted. Mrs. Fowler goes on to say that if we were to show a movie of the U.S. depicting just the violence of our times we would have the same distorted type of impression. Mrs. Fowler has failed to see that the brutalities presented by this picture of Russia were committed under the direction of one group—the Communists—while the various brutalities that she spoke of in America were committed by various groups (KKK, gangsters, bigots, mobs, etc.). Certainly not under the direction of Democracy. If one truly wants to get an accurate appraisal of Communism then he must be informed of the vicious tactics that Communism uses to enable them to take over the world as is their goal—and he

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And Duck for The Awnings!

Editor, News-Press: Needless to say the humor exuding from recent editorials is like the ray of sunshine the coal miner sees after his sojourn through the gloom. In reference to Thursday's "Something To Ponder at Length" might I add my queries? Why are they always just out of your size in the shoe style you've chosen from the store window? And if you are over 5 feet tall your knees don't quite merge under the restaurant counter? And how about the fact that the tallest man in town invariably is seated in front of you at the theater? And what size is supposed to fit under a full-sized blanket? To top it all—even if you are lucky enough to be named "U Nu", you can't win because no coupon has ever allowed room for "Santa Barbara". No wonder I haven't won that contest yet!

Mrs. Charles Cammer
624 San Pascual

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School Text Controversy

Editor, News-Press: It seems indeed interesting to note that the controversy over the "Communist inspired" books being used in our county county schools to some extent is really a matter, not of whether, according to author Root, the word "Republic" was never used, or the slant was towards a "people's de-

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Our Readers' Views

Difference Between Left, Right in U.S.

Editor, News-Press: In a letter which you caption "Kinship of Reactionary Right and Radical Left" your correspondent, Vernon Nash, delineates what he regards as important similarities between leftists and rightists. Some of these similarities may be real in European politics but the scene with which we are concerned is not Europe. In the United States there is a difference between the extreme left and the extreme right so great and so obvious it would seem it could only have been ignored intentionally by a political student as discerning as Mr. Nash.

The extreme left in this country, i.e. the Communists and those who aid and abet them, conspire to overthrow the world's greatest republic, by force and violence if necessary. The extreme right fights for the preservation of our democratic form of government, also by force and violence if necessary.

The middle of the road is a good place to be in normal times and under normal conditions but the times and conditions are not normal. There is a fire on the left side of the street and the conflagration has driven thousands of concerned Americans who used to walk down the middle to the right side where their names may be read on the rolls of those organizations dedicated to preserving American Democracy.

Since the Communist Party is illegal in the United States the names of those who started the fire and now fan the flames are less well known to the reading public. The Reds like it that way.

—V. L. Klee
3030 Samarkand Dr.

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It Happened To Germany

Editor, News-Press: Thank you for exposing the secretive, anti-democratic group operating in this area under the slogan of fighting Communism.

I can remember only too well the beginning of just such a group in Germany in the early 1920s. In my position as a supervisor in a hydro-electric project in Bavaria, 30 kilometers distance from Hitler's birthplace, Braunau (Austria), I had the opportunity to carry on a conversation with this charlatan, as I analysed him from the very start.

It is very striking to me, what a great similarity prevails between the methods of the Nazis and the present Birch movement. Hitler's speeches to the workers in the camp were not taken very seriously, but considered rather amusing. This was the beginning of one of the great tragic episodes of mankind. Even today I am still unable to conceive how it was possible that the decent and otherwise intelligent German people did not forsee the effect of this mass psychosis. When they finally woke up, it was too late.

—Tim Droege
1936 El Camino de la Luz

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Says Critics Uninformed

Editor, News-Press: I am not a member of the John Birch Society although I am well acquainted with the Society and with its intents and purposes, and I would like to state that in my opinion it is an organization any patriotic American would be proud to join. It cannot be denied that Mr. Welch's statement relative to President Eisenhower was most unfortunate as well as unwise. However, any thinking person who takes the time to look into the work of the Society will readily agree that to condemn this organization because of a statement made by an individual is little short of stupidity. One cannot help but wonder if those who have taken such a vitriolic attitude toward the John Birch Society have expended as much effort in alerting the American people to the dangers of the Communist conspiracy. This is precisely what the Society is doing, plus a good deal more, and it is doing it magnificently. To say, as one writer recently wrote, that the News-Press "performed a real service in alerting the community to its dangerous activity" is to smear a group about which this person obviously knows nothing. To what "dangerous activity" is she referring? Anyone who is sincerely concerned over this matter and who will take the time can find out just how "dangerous" these activities are by stopping in at the American Opinion Library, 132 E. Canon Perdido St. Information about the Society is available to all. Facts speak louder than words so in all fairness let's be sure that we get them.

—Ann Gilbert
1405 School House Rd.

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Send Cards To Mission

Editor, News-Press: A recent letter to your paper from Mrs. Mildred Waaser asks to what useful purpose may old or discarded Christmas cards be put. To anyone with this problem, may I suggest they be sent to Rev. Peter Caironil Cherukunnu Post Office, Carnanore District, Karala State, India. This is an Indian mission with a constant struggle even to meet the ordinary expenses involved in looking after 400 untouchable orphans. The cards will be reconditioned and sold to help feed the mission's sick and hungry.

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READERS' COMMENTS

We want them — we like them—we believe our readers like them. The editors will select letters for use on the basis of their merit on a subject of current interest. Keep them to 250 words or less, so we can print as many as possible. Sign them, please. Only letters with signatures will be printed, except in unusual circumstances. Be fair. Be factual. Disagree if you wish, but try not to be disagreeable. Write clearly, on only one side of the paper. And include your address, please.

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Elderly Citizens Should Be Welcomed

Editor, News-Press: One of the important developments of this decade is the rapid growth of co-operative retirement homes for the elderly. Homes large and small are springing up in every state of the Union. They are sponsored by labor unions, lodges, professional groups, churches and others. Many of us have not given this trend much thought because we were not directly affected by it. The movement has however reached such proportions that all of us are aware of it and are anxious to know how it concerns us.

Few locations in the United States offer more natural attraction for these homes than Southern California, and in particular the Santa Barbara area. Some of these homes have already located here and without doubt many others will follow. What shall be our attitude toward these senior citizens who seek to live among us? Shall we be hostile? Neutral? Or shall we welcome and encourage these potential residents? A consideration of some known facts about these elderly citizens will, we believe, lead to the conclusion that they are much to be desired as citizens of our community. As these people live among us they contribute their fair share to the prosperity of the local merchants and many of the community services. Each citizen spends a part of his income for food clothing, drugs, entertainments.

Among the elderly are no criminals. No addition to the local police force is necessary. They do not take employment away from the older residents. They drive comparatively few cars, thus add nothing to the crowded traffic of our streets. There are no children, hence no new schools have to be built with this increase in population. Many of them are of substantial wealth and contribute their fair share of tax money.

In this group of elderly citizens are many men and women of high intelligence, specialized training and wide experience. The cultural average is high. They will add much to the better living of our community. Churches lodges, and many other service groups will benefit by their addition to our community.

Our favored city will be wise to put forth every possible effort to encourage the sponsors of homes for the elderly to consider Santa Barbara as their location. We will indeed be fortunate if we can attract more of these very desirable citizens.

J. R. LaMont
525 Santa Angela Ln.

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Like Deadly Gas Attack

Editor, News-Press: Perhaps the most pitiful way of being killed is with carbon monoxide gas. Being unable must believe them when they say that they will do anything to reach their goal. We must be on guard at all times, lest we, and our children, be seduced into trusting the Communists and their beliefs.

It is tragic that we must live our lives in suspicion but is that not better than losing them in trust?

Barbara Sanchez
829 Marilla Ave.

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Conspirators' Real Purpose

Editor, News-Press: Hearty congratulations on the great public service you have performed in showing up the Robert Welch conspiracy in its true colors. No demagogue who vilifies our Presidents, our Supreme Court Justices and our most prominent Americans is fit to lead a campaign against our Communist enemies and traitors. Especially when his stated idea of a fine government is that of the dictator Trujillo.

Welch and his activists have done our community a great deal of harm. They have spread the whole gamut of Fascist doctrine with insidious Fascist techniques. They demand obedience without questions.

That this should have happened to Santa Barbara, of all places, is like something out of a bad dream — a plot from "Twilight Zone."

These conspirators talk against Communism. Their real purpose is to destroy our free American system. They have infiltrated too far. They should be cleared out of those places where they stand to win iron crosses for disseminating ideologies which have placed too many Americans under wood or stone.

Arthur Menken
1919 Tollis Ave.

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Improve Our Advertising

Editor, News-Press: I hope that the editors got a chance to view California Reports on Channel 4 Sunday afternoon, as it covered the Peace Corps possibilities abroad. It also brought out, not only the disadvantages to this type of proposal, but the fact that as far as out and out advertising of this country goes, the Soviet Union spends 30 dollars to our every one, going through the USIS group. It also brought out the fact that it is shocking to see how many Americans, be they tourists or businessmen or diplomats, know so little about the basic principles and history of their own country, and the lack of sufficient education on this score. Let us hope that this lack can be improved, as recommended by the legislative proposal of the Citizens Committee on Education in this state.

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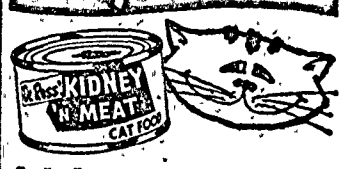

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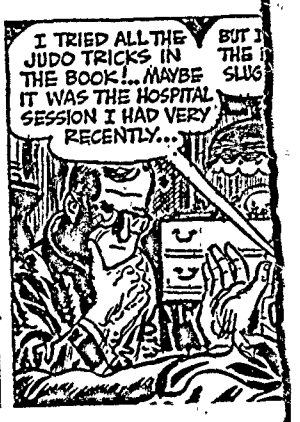

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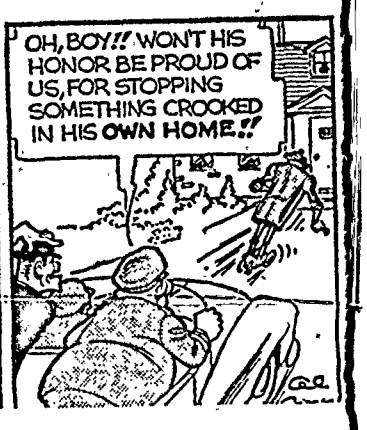

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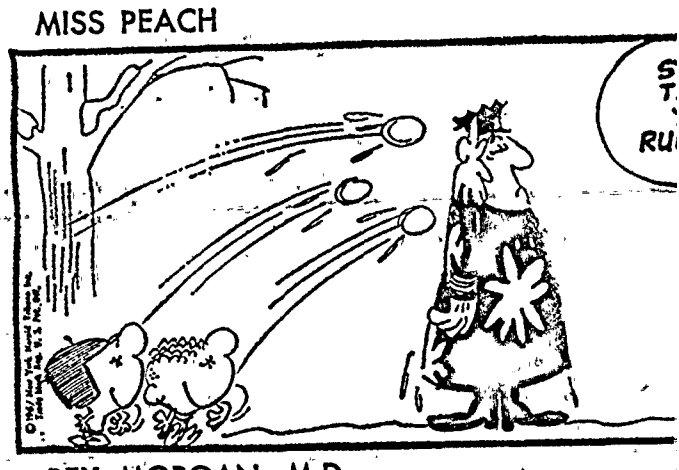

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Santa Barbara, California — C — Monday Evening, January 30, 1961

Recommended Reading for The John Birch Society

Editor's note: This editorial was published Sunday in the Los Angeles Times, the greatest conservative newspaper in the West. The News-Press subscribes completely to the viewpoint expressed.

The Times has received a shower of letters lately demanding the impeachment of the chief justice of the United States. Many of these letters have textual clues to a common source of inspiration, a source which has a high emotional voltage but a very low charge of Constitutional information and plain common sense.

In the first place, an impeachment is not a removal of an officer of the United States; it is the voting of a formal charge against him by the House of Representatives. If such a charge is voted, the Senate, sitting as a sort of jury, hears the case against the accused officer, and votes him guilty or innocent by a simple majority. If the accused is found guilty, he is automatically removed from office.

Now, on what charge would the House hold Chief Justice Warren for trial? The Constitution lists "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors" as impeachable offenses. Some of the letter-writers mention "treason." They should go to the Constitution and read Section 3 of Article III and learn that treason against the United States is a carefully defined crime which does not encompass the popularity or unpopularity of the opinions of the chief justice or the associate justices.

The fact is that these letter-writers think that impeachment is simply a procedure for getting rid of an official with whom they disagree.

We have not always agreed with the opinions of Chief Justice Warren's Supreme Court. It has split some very fine hairs in matters concerning the liberties of Communist conspirators. Its law has occasionally irritated the eminent doctors of the American Bar Assn. But it does not commit treason or any other high crime or even misdemeanor by disagreeing with some of us. If this were ground for impeachment and conviction we should have been throwing justices out of the court right and left ever since John Marshall disagreed so violently with a great many members of the legislative branch of the government, not to mention a President or two.

The letter-writers ought to know, also, that they do not change a court of nine drastically by getting rid of the chief justice. As the chief he has an unquestioned power of persuasion, but he cannot command the opinions of his eight associates, and very often does not. Chief Justice Warren has on at least one occasion been criticized for a court action in which he did not participate because he had been governor of California when the case originated in this state.

The opinion for which he has been most fanatically criticized (with cries for impeachment) is that in the school desegregation case. He arrived at it with some curious circumlocutions—or so some of the legal experts think—but the point to remember is that his eight associates concurred in it. Any one of the justices would have come to the same conclusion even if he had not followed the chief justice's route.

Do the letter-writers want to impeach the whole court or any specific majority of it for disagreeing with them?

We suggest that they suspend letter-writing for a while and apply themselves to the study of civics. And also to the tolerance of opinions that do not agree with theirs.

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I received your letter on February 8, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Feb. 5, 1961.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband and I are members of the John Birch Society which is under increasing newspaper attacks in the Chicago area and elsewhere.

We have found John Birch members to be loyal, well-informed American citizens who are sacrificing time, money --and in some cases--their jobs, in their fight against communists.

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Your name, Mr. Hoover, is held in respectful trust by American patriots. That is why I must ask you if you know of any reason why it is not in the best interest of our beloved country to belong to the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of February 7, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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Attn: Office of J. Edgar Hoover

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Gentlemen:

A few nights ago, I chanced to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society. I came away not only shocked, but also disgusted at the way that we as patriotic Americans are letting our way of life and democratic goverment be swallowed up by this terrible disease--Communism.

After a few days of some very serious thinking, I for one believe it's time that we rise to cause and start fighting for what we think and know is right.

I would appreciate hearing any comments that the Bureau may be able to furnish me on this John Birch Society. If it is set up for the purpose it's suppose to represent and not that of some communist movement, then I want to do my part and become an active member of the organization. However, I will not make this move until I have had some word from your department on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

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Chicago 25, Illinois

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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February 7, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I am interested inoobtaining information as to the credibility of an alleged anti-communistic organization which operates under the title of "The John Birch Society". I am especially interested in knowing if, for any reason, this organization stands in disfavor in the eyes of your office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sincerely,

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Chicago 25, Illinois

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Deerfield, Illinois

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 7, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance to you in connection with your inquiry, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I am unable to comment as you requested. I regret that I am unable to help you on this occasion, and hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am enclosing some literature which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. It is noted that correspondent mentioned a film "Movement Abolition" which undoubtedly refers to "Operation Abolition." She also made reference to a publication called "Your Opinion," which is probably, "American Opinion," an anticommunist publication distributed by the John Birch Society. She enclosed a clipping of an article by Jack Mabley which appeared in the 1-30-61 issue of the Chicago Daily News, and which was highly critical of the John Birch Society. It is noted that this same article has been brought to the Bureau's attention before. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be reported to the Bureau.

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Deerfield, Illinois
February 7, 1961

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am confused and I was hoping that you might help me. A few weeks ago my husband and I saw the movie "Movement Abolition". This was the first time that we heard of the John Birch Society and we thought how wonderful to have organizations of this type to fight communism. Since that time I have read many many hearings of the House of Un-American Activities, copies of the Congressional Record put out by the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation and at least four books besides your own on communism.

But my faith has been shattered. Jack Mabley of the Chicago Daily News has been running articles ridiculing the John Birch Society. One of these articles I have enclosed. It was printed Monday, January 30. How can the John Birch Society be a good organization? Or is it just Mr. Welch?

Then in another publication, I believe it is called "Your Opinion" there was an article against Romulo Betancourt that said he was a communist. In the February Readers' Digest there is an article stating he is one of the worst enemies of communism.

What should we believe? Who should we believe? If you can help me I would sincerely appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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The Wrong Way To Fight Reds

Birch Society Is Recruiting

BY JACK MABLEY

THE John Birch Society is going to Chicago area churches chambers of commerce and civic organizations, to recruit members.

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Jack Mabley's Story

Inasmuch as 99.9999 per cent of us are anti - Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens asks, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

Group Founded In Indianapolis

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

This organization must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss," says Welch, and he is it.

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WELCH HAS written a privately printed book called "The Politician." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Chief Justice Earl Warren and former defense secretary Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

Some Excerpts From the Book

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems ti put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: ". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

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WE REPRINT these words only because they are totally idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in in his mind.

The Communist threat in this country is real enough. The country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the Communist evil.

But the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work.

(Mabley is on WBBM nightly at 8.)

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February 14, 1961

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Arkansas Real Estate Association
Pyramid Life Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 6 with enclosures and I appreciate your expressions of support for the comments I made in defense of the FBI in my recent letter to the editor of "The Arkansas Democrat." It is my hope that my remarks corrected any false impressions formed by readers of the article which had previously appeared in the newspaper containing completely erroneous information about the responsibility of the FBI and the manner in which we perform our duties.

In view of your concern, I am sending some material regarding the threat of communism which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted] and no record of prior correspondence with him. In an article which appeared in "The Arkansas Democrat" on 12-26 60 Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, Executive Secretary, Arkansas Council of Churches viciously attacked the Director, FBI, House Committee on Un-American Activities and the film, "Operation Abolition," alleging that the FBI and the HCUA had conspired to foment the San Francisco demonstrations in order to obtain the controversial film. He said "After all, the FBI is just a secret police network which infringes on the individual rights of man."

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch has in the past been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. We are now making inquiry regarding the group. Mention of the John Birch Society ignored intentionally in this letter.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was certainly gratifying to read your letter in "Our Reader's Views" column of the Arkansas Democrat in the February 6, 1961 issue. Congratulations on your effective answer. Many of us in this area are grateful to you for taking the time to make this reply.

I feel certain you have heard of The John Birch Society. We have three chapters in Arkansas, one of which is in Little Rock. We are dedicated business men to combat communism. As you know, Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts is the head of this Society.

Our chapter here was only formed last September but since our membership is growing quickly as well as our activities, I decided to make sure your able and efficient agent in charge in Little Rock, Mr. J. J. Casper, was acquainted with this society. I made an appointment with him about ten days ago and he was very gracious in allowing me sufficient time to bring to his attention the activities of this society.

I am enclosing copies of two or three letters I have written that may be of interest to you. Again thank you very much for your letter to the Arkansas Democrat.

Yours truly,

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cc Mr. J. J. Casper
cc Mrs. Robert Welch

From the People ARKANSAS GAZETTE 12-31-60.

In Defense of The Family Farm

To the Editor of the Gazette:

We keep reading in the papers, we keep hearing speakers argue about the small farmers should get big, get out or get on relief. The young men and women should go to California. Ma and Pa should move to town and ask for a handout. Before the family splits up and leaves the little farm, they should tear down the barn, burn the smoke house and destroy the family home. Seems the little home places are unsightly. They do something or other to the go-getters' up-and-coming ego.

The argument seems to be that the Arkansas landscape looks better grown up in grave yard grass, persimmon and sassafras sprouts; must be the best thing to do; Any way we Arkansas people are doing it. We lost population during the 1950's. We are losing two more Congressmen. Some cheerful prophet claims we will lose population all the 1960's.

We spend $3,000 sending a boy or girl through high school. Graduation day we tell the graduates goodbye. We tell them we have no jobs for them in Arkansas. We lose our $3,000 investment. We lose nearly all that are smart enough to read a road map.

Not long ago we traveled through the lovely Arkansas hills. Way back over yonder on a side road we met a family. Guess they lived so far back they had not read the papers or heard the up-and-coming speakers.

The little hill and valley farm where they lived was a pretty spot. A sparkling stream meandered across the grass-covered pasture. A small herd of good dairy cattle lazed under the sugar maples. Corn, cotton, soy beans and sorghum cane were contoured around the ridges. The well kept home and farm buildings brightened the countryside.

Two lovely teenage girls were nursemaids to house bulging with Arkansas fryers. A big strapping crooked-nosed young man cleaned the cow barn. We learned that the nose was crooked in an agricultural college football game.

Pa worked the half acre irrigated truck patch. Ma was busy stuffing the deep freeze with fresh garden vegetables. Grandma tended the pretty flower garden.

Grandpa said he had homesteaded the place years ago. He talked while shelling corn for the fattening hogs. He said he had heard the get-big or get-out story years ago. He all but tried it. Said he once had an offer to move to California and punch a time clock, fight traffic, pay rent and eat from tin cans.

(Communications on any subject are welcome. Letters should be under 500 words and typewritten if possible. All letters are subject to editing to meet space requirements. Each letter must be signed although signaures will be withheld on request. No letter will be returned unless self-addressed envelope is enclosed.—Editor.)

We thought grandpa had some pretty good ideas. He said there where small farmers could make a good independent living. Said they could not get filthy rich. Could not make the night clubs, belong to the country club, drive a Cadillac or wear a tuxedo.

As we drove on down the road we could not think of many people driving up to a time clock in a Cadillac.

Honest John Pride,

Kanis Road.

'Operation Abolition'

To the Editor of the Gazette:

In reference to the debate to which Mrs. Lippman has challenged Dr. J. B. Hunter, through the other L. R. newspaper, I believe the public is entitled to the truth about the San Francisco riot film "Operation Abolition" and the National Council of Churches. A debate should bring forth the truth.

Dr. Hunter is Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches which is affiliated with the NCC. Why is it so important to Dr. Hunter that the film not be shown? What does he have to lose if it is shown? If showing the film can in any way aid the fight against Communism, what is wrong with showing it?

I believe Dr. Hunter has been misled by the NCC. It is not conclusive to say that surely the leaders of our top church organization are too smart to be outwitted into lending aid to our enemies. We cannot forget that the astute Secretary of State, Dean Acheson could not believe that his good friend Alger Hiss was an enemy agent. Nor can we forget Klaus Fuchs and the Rosenbergs escaping detection until after their dirty work was accomplished. It is folly to assume that the enemy would not make use of the National Council of Churches if it could do so to accomplish its purposes.

O. D. Hatfield Jr.

Little Rock.

Illiteracy Campaign

To the Editor of the Gazette:

The Little Rock Chamber of Commerce will deserve a vote of thanks from many adults who cannot read or write if the plan is suited for the largest number of viewers.

Most adults with first, second or third grade learning have to be at work between 5 and 6 in the mornings. The families with five or six children to feed and clothe can't miss an hour of work every day just to get a little education.

I wonder if the persons involved in this program know about the conditions and needs of the poor class of working people.

The 96-film series for so-called functional illiterates in my opinion might be a big disappointment. If the film is shown about 7 in the morning it will be seen by perhaps one-fourth of the people who need the learning.

What can be done to help the thousands who can't see the program? Perhaps a survey on how many could view the film in the mornings or perhaps at night.

I sincerely hope that this problem is understood and can be worked out. The state of Arkansas owes this much to its people.

The poor class of people pay taxes and revenue just as the rich do and I think that when educational learning is to be had the poor class of people should have access to it.

Peggy Davis.

Little Rock.

Arkadelphia

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Recently one of Arkansas's two big Sunday papers carried a statement that Arkansas's "Arkadelphia" is the "only one in the world." However, the current U. S. Official Postal Guide shows another village of that name in Cullman County, Ala., having some three hundred population.

Gay Morrison Sr.

Hot Springs.

P. S. Hope you will publish the above—the original article was NOT in the Gazette.

Other Days

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O D HADFIELD, JR.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

February 2, 1961

Honorable J. W. Fulbright, U.S.S.
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

I am grateful to you for taking the time to write your letter of December 1 in reply to my letters of November 18 and 21. Almost daily I have planned to reply concerning the question of admitting Red China to the United Nations but I desired to have additional information so as to understand your statement "that Red China's admission to the United Nations is probably inevitable."

I have been meeting with a group of citizens of this county twice each month for discussion on the advances accomplished by Communists. From these discussions we conclude that Russia must gain control of the United Nations to "take over" the United States. We have observed that the vote tabulations on controversies before the United Nations shows a gain for the Russian position.

We do not think, and we are certain you will agree, there is no doubt that Red China, if admitted, would vote with Russia. So, we further conclude that to admit Red China would give Russia additional strength in the United Nations, therefore, we violently object to Red China's admission to the United Nations.

You may be interested to know that our group consists of over thirty persons and the foregoing conclusions are unanimous.

I am sure you are personally acquainted with many of our members. They are not all wealthy and they are not all poor. Most of them own their own businesses, one with employees totaling 131. One person probably has no financial statement at all. Another is worth over four million dollars. So, you see, I feel this is a rather good cross section of public opinion.

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We have arranged for the showing of "Communism on the Map" to over 5,000 people in Pulaski County. A tremendous interest has arisen and is spreading in this area to move forward quickly to stop socialistic and communistic trends. There is an element of conservatism arising in this county and I believe in many other counties. Only last Sunday I attended an Executive Committee Meeting of the American Legion composed of approximately twenty persons and when a discussion on communism began everyone wanted the floor at once to tell how violently he was opposed to this trend and what he thought the American Legion should do about it.

As you know from reading our newspapers the American Legion has shown the film "Operation Abolition" many many times. Only two people have objected to the film being shown. Yet the newspapers have proclaimed it controversial. Of course, this makes good "news" but it has helped interest the public in seeing the film.

Back to the rise of conservatism, I predict that this trend is going to sweep the country but Arkansas will be among the first. There are similar study groups in Benton and Searcy: one is being formed now in Hot Springs and Fort Smith. Waves of conservatives are going to splash the polls in Arkansas so fast and so strong that no person will stand against it.

Among these conservatives there is no segregation issue. It has been replaced with a dedicated interest in fighting socialism and communism. You may feel that I am speaking the words of only one person, but I know you will recognize from the letterhead that I am connected with a state-wide organization. A major portion of my duties consists of traveling Arkansas and corresponding with people throughout the state. In this way I am able to keep in touch with their thinking.

Enclosed is a list of the "Enemy's Program for 1961." Please note particularly number seven. I feel certain you did not intend to leave the impression that Red China should be admitted to the United Nations now merely because you thought it was inevitable that she would be admitted, because I know that you make decisions based upon facts and sound reasoning. You have an enviable record as a scholar and a statesman and you just do not form opinions based on such flimsy reasoning. My greatest hope is that you have the benefit of your constituents thinking back home. I realize that as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee you are charged with a responsibility to the United States as a whole and that there is considerable pressure from many quarters. But, there are decisions you must make affecting our freedom and freedom should take priority over all pressures from liberals and socialists. Regardless of responsibilities to the full nation the people of Arkansas can continue you in your Chairmanship or they can revoke it.

We think it is time that our representatives in Congress begin to stand up and be counted instead of being swept down stream just to keep in good standing with some of the liberals.

I wish to belatedly convey my admiration for the tremendous sacrifice you made on several occasions in connection with civil rights legislation. Of these sacrifices, I particularly commend you for participating in the filibuster which was undoubtedly arduous.

Please accept my apologies for writing such a long letter, but I cannot think of anything that could be omitted. I recognize that you have far more things to study and read than you can possibly cover but please let me ask one question. Do you consider our views right or wrong and if wrong, please tell us why.

Respectfully yours,

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cc Senator John L. McClellan
Honorable Dale Alford

P. S. I have just read a news item in today's issue of the Arkansas Gazette in the upper right hand corner of page 7A which states you favor repeal of the "Connally Amendment." I can hardly believe this is true. We think to repeal the Connally Amendment would be just as disastrous as to admit Red China, or more so.

January 27, 1961.

Mr. J. N. Heiskell
%Arkansas Gazette
3rd and Louisiana St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Heiskell,

Your twisted editorial entitled "The Principle Supporting Hunter and Rozzell" on Jan. 25th completely missed the issue. The issue is not freedom of speech. No one I know has said Hunter and Rozzell had no freedom to speak. They were not arrested for having spoken.

Here is the issue: Just because someone disagrees with one's views on patriotic matters is no sign he is a communist. However, if your neighbor plows the ground, sows seeds, harvests and sells his crop, attends farmers' meetings, talks farming, walks and dresses like a farmer and opposes legislation designed to hurt the farmers, then, if he is not a farmer, WHAT IS HE?

Likewise, if someone hob-nobs with Communist fellow-travelers (Oxnam, Sockman and Dahlberg of the National Council of Churches), attends their meetings, talks their language, encourages aid to their cause, denounces American traditions, follows the plan of the party, opposes legislation designed to curb their activities and objects to films designed to awaken Americans to the threat of communism, if he is not a communist fellow traveler, WHAT IS HE?

Plans for the socialization of America were laid long ago, probably before you were born. These plans call for the take over thru 4 main channels, religion, government, labor organizations and education. Success has exeeeded all expectations.

You call Congressman Alford's proposals insufferable, but you have not investigated the persons objecting and probably not even seen the film. You are the one who is insufferable. Although you probably did not actually write the editorial, I know none are published without crossing your desk, so you are just as guilty.

One of your poor, downtrodden abused lads said, and you printed it in your newspaper on Dec. 21, 1960, that he had spent a week in New Jersey last summer with the American Friends Service Committee. I bet you have not even taken the time to investigate that organization. Earlier it was labeled subversive, then the label was removed and now it is under investigation again. There is additional activities of this organization that would knock your eyes out, but I am pledged not to reveal them.

As to your other so clean, lilly-white Gazette-protected lad, you are really stooping below sea level to defend him. Another L. R. newspaper published his 3 "front" connections on or about Jan. 4, 1961, but there are more. He admits his views on "Operation Abolition" are based on what he heard at a meeting of the N. C. C. in Dec., 1960 at San Francisco. In 1960 the President of NCC was Edwin T. Dahlberg. Other NCC big wigs are Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Ralph W. Sockman.

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Dahlberg was one of the petitioners on behalf of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell and if you agree with the views and activities of those dark reds, you are red yourself. Sockman has twenty affiliations with organizations which promote the Communist line, Dahlberg has 21 and Oxnam, bless his heart, has 45. Now what do you think of the 4th paragraph of this letter.

So, you see, you should have obtained some facts before you made a weak half-hearted defense of the National Council of Churches. Things are not always what they seem. Why don't you get facts before you write an editorial like that with slanted and damaging remarks about a man much better educated and a much more dedicated American than you.

And, another thing, you criticize others on matters concerning the film, but you have not had the guts to take a stand on it. Why don't you come forth and state that the film should not be shown, if that is what you think? I suggest you see it first, however.

You do not have the loyalty and courage your son, Carrick had. If he was here now, and knew what you were doing, he would take the pink out of your collar and quick, because he was 100% American.

I am not requesting you publish this letter because I do not think you have the courage. If you do publish it, I don't think you will publish it in full. If you do publish it in full, I think you will add an editor's note. If you do publish it in full and add an editor's note, I think you will twist the facts again and fail to face the "real" issue. Your Heiskellism makes me sick.

I have had my name in the paper before and I have no desire to have it published again, so if you do hage the guts to publish this, sign it ANTI-HEISKELL.

Perhaps I have been too mean. If mso, I am sorry. But, I firmly believe no one else has heretofore dared "tell you off" either by personal letter or in person.

If I have accomplished nothing more than to awaken you, it will be a valuable contribution to freedom. Millions of other U. S. citizens also need to be awakened. As the owner of a newspaper, why not help awaken them? It would surely put a star in your crown with Him who shall have all the Glory.

Yours truly,

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Sunday, January 1, 1961.

Happy New Year to All

Another year is behind us, we have welcomed in a new one. And the praise and dispraise of old 1960 might be summed up with this quotation:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was a season of light, it was a winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going to Heaven, we were all going the other way."

That isn't quoted from anybody now living. It was written by Charles Dickens of the year 1775, as the first paragraph of his "Tale of Two Cities."

There has never been agreement on whether any year, any time, was good or bad. In the gaudiest booms not everybody prospered. For some, business was only fair, or poor. Some had reverses and misfortunes.

That was true for 1960. The over-all nation-wide picture has been a bustling scene of high employment, production, earnings and trade. But there also have been unemployment, lags in farming and dull spots in some industries and businesses.

These adverse factors became more pronounced in the latter months of the year.

Generally, Arkansas, like the nation, has had a good year. Our farm income, though below that of 1959, is at a healthy high. Employment continued through most of the year its upward swing from the 1958 national slump. We've notched up an array of new industries and expansions in plants we had.

Our state economy, in spite of sore spots, is vigorous and sound. Since that is also true nationally, Arkansas can look forward hopefully to 1961.

A huge amount of new strength has been built into Arkansas and the nation's economy in the past 15 years, with greater productive capacity, skills and wealth. And for generations Americans have proved the winning qualities of resourcefulness and optimism.

We can step with a confident stride into 1961.

Progress to an Exciting Goal

Take a look with your imagination at the Arkansas *River as it will be when the Army Engineers have* transformed it from a menace of destructive floods to an asset. The whole character of the river will be changed.

It will be a series of lakes, bluish in color, its floods controlled, its banks stable, a highway for barges, an attractive site for industries, with enlivened cities along its banks and a playground for boating and fishing.

This shape of pleasant things to come was given clearer form in the Democrat last week, with a summary of the work done as reported by the Army Engineers. Of particular interest was the progress noted on the Keystone Dam and Reservoir above Tulsa, the Eufaula Dam and Reservoir on the Canadian River in Oklahoma and the Dardanelle Lock and Dam in Arkansas. For these projects are key features.

That was brought out in a talk at Pine Bluff in August 1959 by Brig. Gen. William Whipple of the Army Engineers' Southwestern Division. Briefly, he said:

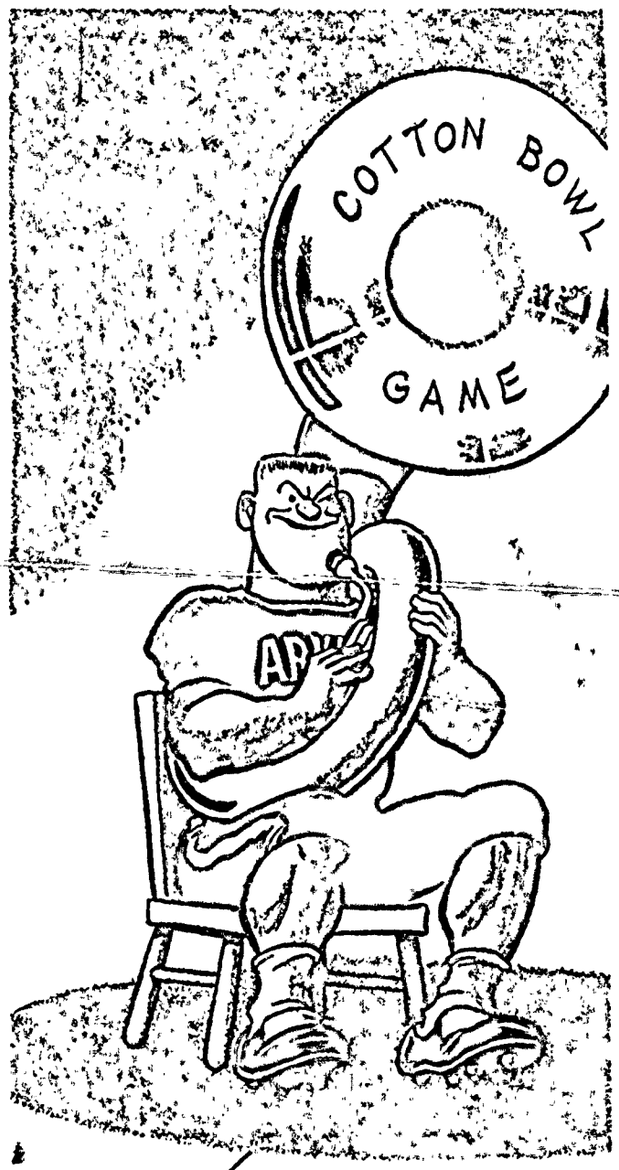
The Keystone and Eufaula reservoirs are critically important. For while they will control only one-third of the river flow above Dardanelle, they will control three-quarters of the river's vast load of sediment.

And these reservoirs must be completed, to cut off the fouling sediment carried downstream before the Dardanelle dam can be closed along with other dams on the lower flow of the river.

The Army Engineers' report showed that the Keystone work is 29 per cent done, and the Eufaula project is 21 per cent completed. The Dardanelle Lock and Dam is further behind—12 per cent of the work done.

There were other cheering items. This great boon for Arkansas is in sight, yet still in the initial stages. Earnest, enthusiastic public support is needed to hasten the great day when the task will be finished.

Let's Start Off the Year on a Big Note



Our Readers' Vie

(To our readers: This is your column. You are invited to use it as an open forum for discussing matters of general interest. You may use a pen name or initials if you wish, but we must have your name and address as warrant of good faith.—The Editor.)

They Say Today:

"If I were a Communist, one of the vehicles I would use to impose my will on the American people would be through a national church organization." (O. D. Hadfield Jr.)

"Members of committees of Congress are subject to congressional censure." (G. W. J.)

Urges a Debate

Dear Editor: Dedicated Americanists (anti-Communists) are enthused about the awakening of the complacents of the San Francisco riot film, "Operation Abolition." Yet Dr. J. B. Hunter opposes the film being shown.

Dr. Hunter is executive secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches which is affiliated with the National Council of Churches.

If I were a Communist, one of the vehicles I would use to impose my will on the American people would be through a national church organization.

At a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, November 1958, the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Churches adopted a resolution in favor of the recognition of Red China and her seating in the United Nations. Apparently, this vote was *railroaded, because a later poll of* 50,000 ministers throughout America revealed that 80 per cent of them were opposed to any such recognition.

At a meeting of the National Council of Churches in December at San Francisco, a speaker criticized the film unfavorably. The Washington Post, in an editorial criticized the film unfavorably. Everybody knows where the Washington Post stands, and it isn't for conservatism.

Mrs. Alfred Lippman Jr. has challenged Dr Hunter to a debate. Let us have the debate, please, have it open to the public and let us find out through Dr. Hunter where our Arkansas Council of Churches stands. It may be that the state organization should discontinue its affiliation with the national.

If the Arkansas council is run by the national, then maybe the Arkansas council should be investigated. I know of two specific churches that have already dropped membership in the Arkansas Council of Churches.

O. D. HADFIELD JR.
Little Rock.

Un-American Activities

Dear Editor. Just what is so terrible about the Un-American Activities Committee? Why should it be abolished as some liberals are advocating?

If the House committee has acted unfairly that can be corrected. Members of committees of Congress are subject to congressional censure. That is the way to make the members of the committee hew the line.

Regardless of what we might

Our Readers' Views

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Answerable at All Times

Dear Editor: I have just had an opportunity to read the article entitled "House Committee, FBI Alerted for 'Propaganda'" which appeared in the Dec. 28, 1959, issue of your paper.

Anyone who would accept that the FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities sat together and subpoenaed a group of persons, hired a film company and then went out to San Francisco to make a propaganda movie in an effort to help the HCUA get their financial appropriations" is guilty of creating conclusions falsehood. The FBI, as the investigative arm of the Department of Justice, is in the executive branch of the government; and our operations have no connection whatsoever with those of the House Committee on Un-American Activities which is a part of the legislative branch. The film, "Operation Abolition," was sponsored and distributed by the legislative committee, and the FBI was not involved in any way in its preparation.

The record of the Bureau not only [illegible] investigative [illegible] will also as a protector of individual rights speaks clearly for itself. The FBI is answerable at all times to the attorney general and to the courts, the Congress and the people of the United States. Year after year, convictions are returned against approximately 97 per cent of the persons who are brought to trial in FBI cases.

The man quoted in your article, however, charges "the FBI is just a secret police network which infringes on the individual rights of men." That is base deceit. Every agent in the FBI is completely dedicated to protecting and preserving those rights and privileges granted under the Bill of Rights.

This same individual is quoted in the article as feeling that communism is not a threat to the United States. In this statement he betrays an abnormal blindness toward the true danger of communism — a type of blindness which makes the FBI's work in protecting America's internal security infinitely more difficult.

Balanced against the false claim of misinformed persons, as well as the Communists and their dupes and sympathizers, are these irrefutable facts: (1) the Communist Party, USA, remains the largest subversive organization in the United States; (2) the Communist Party now, as in the past, is an integral arm of the international Marxist conspiracy; (3) the Communist Party's reins never have been in the hands of more ardently pro-Soviet elements than they are today — in fact, the party's top national leader, Gus Hall, is a Moscow-trained convict.

J. EDGAR HOOVER,
Washington, D.C.

They Say Today:

"Every agent in the FBI is completely dedicated to protecting and preserving those rights and privileges granted under the Bill of Rights." (J. Edgar Hoover)

"We (the States Rights Party) respect one religion as much as the other." (Mrs. E. L. Dishop)

States Rights Party

Dear Editor: In answer to your article in the Jan. 31 Democrat entitled "The Thunderbolt, a newspaper of the National States Rights Party being distributed to the Senate and House, I want to thank you for not calling the Thunderbolt a hate sheet. The Thunderbolt only stated facts.

The first step to take should be the abolition of all forms of anti-Semitism. It must be made plain that we are not anti-Semitic.

We are not anti-Semitic in the religious sense of the word either. We respect one religion as much as the other.

We are for states rights. We are fighting for the preservation of our constitutional government and state sovereignty.

MRS. E. L. DISHOP,
Little Rock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1961

President Kennedy's word to his "team" is "giddap!"

The Principle Supporting Hunter and Rozzell

IT IS EASY to understand why the executive committee of the Little Rock Ministerial Association has moved to the public defense of Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, the minister who incurred the wrath of some professional anti-Communists when he dared to criticize the Operation Abolition movie.

The committee apparently has passed no judgment on the film itself, and neither, incidentally, have we. But the proposal made by Congressman Alford, that Dr. Hunter be questioned by the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, was truly incuffesable in its threat to freedom of speech.

Ministers, as men whose calling makes them more than ordinarily sensitive to injustice, could hardly fail to react against the Alford idea.

The committee, moreover, could not have been oblivious to the continuing effort which has been made in recent years to muzzle the clergy by casting doubt on the clergy's judgment and loyalty. This sinister movement has been directed, first of all, at the National Council of Churches. Only last year a diatribe against the Council written by a Tulsa evangelist was incorporated, incredibly, in an Air Force training manual. Across the country, ministers have come to recognize that the pulpit is a prime target of the enemies of free speech.

WE WOULD commend the Ministerial Association for its recognition of the main issue in the controversy swirling around the movie. Individual rights have been assailed in the Hunter case, and in a similar attempt to retaliate against Forrest Rozzell, the educator who as a citizen opposed tactics he said the film employed.

The move against Rozzell is equally benighted. Delegates to an American Legion district meeting at Hot Springs called for an investigation of Mr. Rozzell's opposition to the film and for his removal as head of the Arkansas Education Association. The proposed investigation would seem superfluous if Mr. Rozzell were scheduled, as the Legion district proposed, to be removed anyway. In any event the effort to purge Rozzell is one of those actions that do the Legion no credit but which, alas, have not been uncommon in the record of Legion units about the country.

It was encouraging to note that Robert L. Parson, a Legion Post commander here, protested the move against Rozzell. Even so, the protest was muted by the announcement at the State Legion headquarters that Mr. Parson spoke only for himself.

Mr. Rozzell is perfectly entitled to hold his views on the Operation Abolition film and to express them when he sees fit. We trust the AEA will be as stalwart in its support of Mr. Rozzell as the Ministerial Association has been in its support of Dr. Hunter. The issue is precisely the same.

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February 15, 1961

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Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 4, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate your generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (7)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Director's Speech 10-3-60
LEB Introduction, March 1960, 17th National Convention, CP USA
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be reported to the Bureau.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Evans
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Feb. 4, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I Have been approached concerning membership in the John Birch Society, headed by Mr. Robert Welch, with headquarters at Belmont, Mass.

From what I have learned from some of the local members and from reading some of the Society's literature, they seem to be a sincere group which is dedicated to fighting communism and encouraging constitutional government in the United States. However, I would appreciate receiving your opinion of this organization before I enter wholeheartedly in their effort.

May I also say that I am now in the process of reading your book "Masters of Deceit". I wish that this book could be assigned as required reading for every high school and college student in our beloved nation, and even more ideally, in every nation.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization.

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Mr. [redacted]
February 15, 1961

Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

TRUE COPY

[redacted]
Galveston, Tex.
Feb. 8, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

At the present time I am completing medical school here in Galveston. During my years here I have become very much aware of the communist threat to the world and more importantly to our country. It has been a problem in finding a good reliable source of information concerning this threat and then doing my part against it.

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I am hesitant to become active in any group which is active politically having seen the repercussions suffered by innocent people who were not careful in their choice of groups.

My purpose in writing you is in reference to a group in the United States, the John Birch Society.

I want very much to become active in the battle, and hope that you may have some information at hand concerning this group (or any other) which might help me to make a wise decision as to where to start. Specifically, of course, I have the most respect for your organization and your opinions.

Any information with which you can supply me would be most appreciated.

Sincerely

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Galveston, Tex.
Feb. 8, 1961

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Any information with which you can supply me would be most appreciated.

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REC-64 62-104401-659

February 16, 1961

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Lake Charles, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Director's Speech 10-18-60
Director's Speech 10-3-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: We have had no prior correspondence with Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C
He is on the Board of Directors of Rosa Hart Associates, which was incorporated in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Chairman of the Board is one Rosa Hart, who is the subject of an Internal Security-R investigation.

February 10, 1961

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

Dear Sir,

Here in Lake Charles, La. a John Birch Society has been formed. I understand that this orginazation was formed to fight Communism. What is the standing on this Society.

I have never heard of such a group until it was formed here in our city. I have yet to read or hear anything about ths group.

I want to make sure that this orginazation is really out to fight Communism. I don't want to be part of any group that isn't up to par.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Lake Charles, La.

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February 16, 1961

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Port Arthur, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

My book, "Masters of Deceit," published in 1958, is available from the publisher, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, at a cost of $5 per copy. I am sending, under separate cover, some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism?
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
How To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

February 6, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

A movie concerning Communism in the United States is currently being shown in this area. I do not know the name of it but have been advised that it is connected with the "John Birch Society" and a man named Robert Welch.

I would appreciate receiving any information concerning both the John Birch Society and Robert Welch that would help me in determining if they are bona fide crusaders against Communism in our Country - or alarmists - or just what.

As a born-again-Christian, I cannot afford to be apathetic about such things; but ignorance certainly would appear to be apathy to an outsider.

I am also interested in knowing where I can get a copy of your book "Masters of Deceit" as I understand it has been taken off the book-stands.

Sincerely,

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Port Arthur, Texas

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February 15, 1961

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Beaumont, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 5, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. As a matter of policy, I am unable to recommend any groups to you as you suggested, and I hope you will understand my position in this respect.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Feb. 5, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently come in contact with a John Birch Society, founded by Mr. Robert Welch, with headquarters in Belmont, Mass. The stated purpose of thos organization is to carry on a militant fight against communism. Many of the aspects of this group fit perfectly characteristics of communist front organizations as stated in your book, "Masters of Deceit". Could you tell me if this group has been investigatd and what information your files may contain on the John Birch Society.

I am particularly interested in any information you may have bearing on the Society's finances. It seems to me that their membership fees and book-selling efforts must create a very sizable income. I have not heard of any open efforts made that could explain how this money is used.

If it is a legitimate organization, I am very much in sympathy with their avowed purposes and would like to be active in their efforts. If any doubts exist about this group I would appreciate your recommendation of any other group that deserves support in the fight against communism.

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Sincerely,

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Beaumont, Texas

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February 16, 1961

[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 9, 1961, and indeed appreciate the interest which prompted your writing.

With regard to your inquiry, I must point out that I am unable to be of assistance to you for those reasons which I mentioned in my letter of December 30, 1960. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that correspondent by 12-30-60 letter was advised that we do not e[illegible] publications or organizations. She was forwarded some [illegible] communism at this time. It is deemed advi[illegible]e reply rather than repeat the prior letter. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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Feb. 9, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your courtesy in answering my last inquiry regarding the publication of a pamphlet naming certain persons communists. While I appreciate your position, I still do not know what to believe.

I am now inquiring about an organization called "The John Birch Society" which claims to have your approval and which is also fostering the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

Midland, Texas

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February 16, 1961

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Acton, Indiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your communication postmarked February 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch

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of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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Dear Sir;

Would you please send any information about the John Birch Society.

Is it an anti-communist organization or a Communist Front organization?

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Dear Sir;

Would you please send any information about the John Birch Society.

Is it an anti-communist organization or a Communist front organization?

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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John Birch Society

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Summerton, South Carolina

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 9, 1961, has been received, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire; however, you should not infer that our files do or do not contain the information you requested.

I am enclosing some material concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has become concerned with American reaction to the threat of communism and requests answers to a number of questions. She refers to the fact that the Methodist Federation for Social Action has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist activity and inquires why this has not been made public in every Methodist church. She states Francis J. McConnell and G. Bromley Oxnam have allegedly been associated with communist front organizations and asks if they are today members of communist fronts. She also requests to be advised if there are any communists in the National Council of the Churches of Christ and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and whether there are any Federal laws prohibiting out-of-state persons from coming into a state to stir up trouble. She also inquires if the John Birch Society has the blessings of the FBI, will the FBI one day have the "go-ahead" to round up all communists, and whether anything can be done about the communists as long as there are laws to protect them. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the broad nature of her numerous requests, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Bufiles reveal that both Bishop Francis J. McConnell and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church have in the past been associated with a number of communist front organizations. They have not been investigated by the Bureau. (62-101302, 100-49640)

The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869)

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Mrs. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

The communist infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the subject of a current Bureau investigation.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist organization with chapters throughout the country and has not been investigated by the Bureau. It has in the past been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "The Communists Are After Our Minds."
4. "Red Goals and Christian Ideals."
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
6. "God and Country or Communism?"

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Summerton, S.C.
Feb. 9,1961

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

John Birch Society

Dear Sir:

I first became interested in communism in 1947 when an astute history professor at Duke University required that his students learn The Communist Manifesto frontwards, backwards, and inside out. He insisted that perhaps in his life time and most certainly in ours, that America would find herself in a life and death struggle with the men who have dedicated themselves to the task of transforming the words of the Manifesto into deeds. I don't suppose any of us at the time realized the truth of which he spoke but he made history, past, present, and future a fascinating experience for all.

I have been deeply concerned with the Ammerican re-action to the threat of communism and since I have been teaching an adult Methodist Sunday School class that concern has turned into sheer alarm and frustration. The in - filtration of communist doctrine into the churches of our country is appalling.

Can you help me find the answers to the following questions ? Any help that you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

1. According to the Congressional Committee on Un -American Activities the Methodist Federation for Social Action is " among the more conspicuous front for Communist activity in the field of relief,assistance,and welfare work .. A statement in their Social Service Bulletin No. 8,1932 admits cooperation with the Communists." If this is so why has it not been made public in every Methodist Church in America ? Methodist ministers claim there is nothing to it - yet our literature is filled with left-wing propaganda week after week.

2. Francis J. McConnell with 27 past communist affiliations and G. Bromley Oxnam with 11 past communist affiliations have tremenduous influence through the National Council of Churches and through our Methodist literature. (there are many others also) They are too intelligent to be just tools in the hands of the Communists. Are they today members of Communist Fronts ?

3. The National Council of Churches is one of the most un-democratic organizations in the world. No church member (with the exception of the Baptists) is asked if he wants to join. The hierarchy of the church joins for him and then he foots the bill. Are there any known Communists in the N.C.C. ? Here is one Methodist they don't represent.

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4. I am a native of Ohio and since moving to S.C. in 1944 I have found the integration problem to be much more complex than just the problem of one or two children going to a certain school. I'm sure the Communists have taken advantage of the situation to aggravate racial strife. Are there any known

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Communists in the NAACP ? Or are they too smart to let them carry cards ?

5. Is there no federal law which pro-hibits out of state people from coming into a state and deliberately stirring up trouble? Nearly 100 % of the present chaos is started by non residents of the state.It would be far better if they would clean up their own back yards . .

6. Does the John Birch Society have the blessings of the FBI in its work?

7. Is there any hope that one day the government will give the FBI the go-ahead to round up all card carrying Communists and deal with them as the traitors which they are ?

8.Is there really any thing that can be done as long as there are laws to protect the enemy and further their cause?

As I see it, the Communists have eaten through the soft part of the apple and are now gnawing at the very core - the faith this country was founded upon and the faith that has enabled men to give their lives that America might stay free. The N.C.C., preachers, and teachers are sowing the seeds of doubt about the Christian Faith. They have re-written the Bible to suit their needs and are advocating one world with a universal religion that will make " wide the gate and broad the way" to everlasting life. I wonder if any of them have read the Book of John lately. " And ye shall know the truth,and the truth shall make you free. ...I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

I almost forgot Jesus was only a poor teacher and the Book of John wasn't written by John anyhow. Or was it ?

May God bless you and all who seek the truth with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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February 17, 1961

[redacted]
Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your telegram of February 15, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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Letter to Mr. [redacted] 2-17-61

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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[redacted] SANTA BARBARA.

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cc: Mr. Jones

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Reply: Mr. De Loach

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February 17, 1961

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Dallas 18, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

Your letter dated February 9, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of this Bureau as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer, however, from my inability to be of aid either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (6)
Director's speech 10-18-60
How to Beat Communism
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the U. S. Its head, Robert Welch, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in his writings, and the Bureau is currently conducting limited investigation of his group and publication entitled "American Opinion."

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TRUE COPY

February 9, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would very much appreciation any information you can give me on an anti-communist organization called the The John Birch Society.

I understand that many of the anti-communist organizations are in reality Communist organizations. Is this true of the John Birch Society?

Thank you for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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CORRESPONDENCE

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February 17, 1961

[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 13, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you with regard to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization you mentioned.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. [redacted] 2-17-61

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Phoenix, Arizona
February 9, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

My colleague and I have been exposed to the problem of the Communist infiltration in this country. The problem is: how to combat this organization.

I expressed a desire to join an Anti-Communist organization. To this, my colleague answered as follows:

"Which organization?"
"Is the one you choose reputable?"
(My reference was to the John Birch Society)
"Why isn't there advertising of this organization on radio, newspapers, and T.V.?"
"Is it advisable to have people attend these meetings on a membership-only basis?"

Explanation: A person cannot attend these meetings without being accompanied by a member of the society.

We would appreciate your personal comment (along with any other information) on this organization at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/17/61

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Rebuairtel to Boston dated 2/8/61.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "The John Birch Society, Inc." and five copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "American Opinion," a publication of Robert Welch, Inc., for possible dissemination by the Bureau. No dissemination is being made locally, by the Boston Office.

The investigation was conducted by SA DARREL B. CURRIE at Boston and Belmont, Mass. on 2/10, 14 and 15/61.

The source who furnished information on 2/14/61 was ARTHUR FLYNN, Postmaster, Belmont, Mass.

As pointed out in Boslet to the Bureau dated 9/2/59 captioned "ROBERT H. W. WELCH, INC., INFORMATION CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY," HERBERT A. PHILBRICK had stated that he was a "home" member of the John Birch Society. A separate lead is being set out to contact PHILBRICK at Rye Beach, N. H. for any current information regarding the number of John Birch chapters now functioning, and for any other pertinent data concerning this matter. The Bureau will be advised concerning this at a later date as PHILBRICK is currently on a speaking engagement on the West Coast.

Files of the Boston Office contained background information on only two of the Incorporators of "The John Birch Society, Inc.," namely, ROBERT W. WELCH, JR. and ELLEN DOUGLAS (GHUKER) SNOW. The information on WELCH has been set forth in the letterhead. It is to be noted that records at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc.,

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11 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., indicated that ELLEN DOUGLAS GUCKER was the widow of ALEXANDER GUCKER, a former FBI Agent. Boston files contain a report dated 9/29/41 at Philadelphia entitled "ALEXANDER LOWERY GUCKER, APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT," showing ELLEN DOUGLAS as the wife of the applicant.

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ELLEN DOUGLAS SNOW, AKA.

Subject ELLEN DOUGLAS GUCKER, MRS. ALEXANDER
~~Birthdate & Place~~ GUCKER, MRS. STANLEY
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts
February 17, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

"AMERICAN OPINION,"
a publication of
Robert Welch, Inc.
385 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

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A. INCORPORATION

Records of the Secretary of State, Department of Corporations, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, show this business organization was incorporated January 13, 1956, listing address as 24 Orchard Street, Belmont, Massachusetts. Officers of the Corporation were listed as:

President	Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.	43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
Treasurer	Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.	43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
Clerk (Secretary)	Ellen M. Lovett	11 Traymore Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Directors were listed as:

Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
Ellen M. Lovett
Ellen Douglas Gucker

B. NAMES OF INCORPORATORS

1.	Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts	(Shares of Common Stock 1001)
2.	Ellen Douglas Gucker	" " " " 1
3.	Ellen M. Lovett	" " " " 1

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"AMERICAN OPINION"

C. AIMS AND PURPOSES

The dissemination of information to the general public through the medium of the publication of papers, books, magazines and lectures.

To buy, sell, rent, lease, mortgage and otherwise deal in goods, wares, merchandise and personal property of every name, nature, and description and incidental thereto; to buy, sell, rent, lease, mortgage and otherwise deal in lands or any interests therein, houses, buildings, real estate of every nature or description, factories, manufacturing establishments or equipment and to engage in manufacturing of every sort and description; to draw, accept, endorse, acquire and sell negotiable or transferable instruments or securities, including bonds, notes and bills of exchange, to subscribe for, acquire, hold, sell, exchange and deal in shares, stocks, bonds, obligations or securities of any private or public corporation, government, or municipality and this corporation shall have express power to hold, purchase or otherwise acquire, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of capital stock, bonds, debentures or other evidence of indebtedness created by this or any other corporation, and while owner thereof to exercise all the rights and privileges of ownership including the right to vote thereon; . . . . . in general to carry on the business in connection with the foregoing and to transact any business permitted a business corporation under the provisions of Chapter 156, General Laws of Massachusetts.

"AMERICAN OPINION"

D. FINANCIAL POSITION

A financial statement filed April 23, 1958 showed assets of $27,320.85 and the following data concerning stock:

Total authorized	1,000 shares	Preferred
	5,000 shares	Common
Total issued	10 Preferred	Value $1,000.
	4,010 Common	Value $4,010.

A financial statement of June 3, 1959 showed assets of $65,003.54 and the following stock data:

Total issued	322 Preferred	Value $32,200.
	4,322 Common	Value $ 4,322.

A financial statement of June 27, 1960 showed assets of $77,475.82 and the following stock data:

Total issued	334 Preferred	Value $33,400.
	4,334 Common	Value $ 4,334.

The following is from a Dun and Bradstreet report dated March 25, 1959 entitled Robert Welch, Inc., "American Opinion," 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts:

Robert H. Welch, Jr. - President and Treasurer
Ellen M. Lovett - Clerk
Directors - The officers with Mrs. Ellen Douglas Snow
Started 1956

Summary

Principal of independent means organized Corporation to publish an anti-Communist periodical. Financial statement is lacking.

History

The trade style is unregistered. It is the title of the periodical published by the subject corporation.

This is a Massachusetts corporation formed January 13, 1956. Authorized capital 1,000 shares of preferred stock and 5,000

shares of common stock. At incorporation date there were 1,003 shares of the common stock issued, of which 1,001 shares were held by Robert Welch, President and Treasurer.

Robert H. Welch, Jr. was born in North Carolina in 1899 and is married. He is Vice President of James O. Welch Co., Inc., Candy Manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was actively engaged in that corporation from 1935 and continues to be active in an advisory capacity. In a financial statement of June 30, 1957 the corporation showed a tangible net worth of $1,951,936 and a good financial condition. Welch is also an officer of five corporations affiliated with James O. Welch Co., Inc., which corporations act as sales organizations for the manufacturing concern. At the present time Welch devotes nearly all his time to the subject business.

Miss Lovett is employed here as Editor and Secretary.

Mrs. Snow, a housewife, also assists on a part time basis.

The periodical published by the subject was originally called "One Man's Opinion." However, the name of the publication was changed in February, 1958 to "American Opinion."

Operation - Location

Publishes the "American Opinion" and is an anti-communistic periodical. Annual subscriptions are sold at the rate of $5 per year to individuals in the United States and abroad. There are 11 issues published annually. The only advertising solicited is from book and magazine publishers. Two regular employees. The actual printing is done by others.

Headquarters located on the first floor of this modern two-storied concrete block and brick office building located on a main thoroughfare, commercial section.

Financial Information

On March 24, 1959 Robert H. Welch, Jr. declined a financial statement. He did say that the corporation had sufficient funds available to meet its trade obligations and other operating expenses.

"AMERICAN OPINION"

No volume figures were given but there are estimated to be between 5,000 and 6,000 subscribers to this publication with the annual volume probably $25,000 or better.

The extent of the capital investment and the overall condition could not be definitely determined. Operations are believed to be breaking even at best with the corporation being financed by advances from Welch. He is considered to be of independent means.

The following is from a Dun and Bradstreet report dated September 26, 1960:

Robert Welch, Inc.
"American Opinion"

Robert H. Welch, Jr. - President and Treasurer
Ellen M. Lovett - Clerk
Directors - Officers, with Mrs. Ellen Douglas Snow

Summary

Corporation publishes anti-communist periodical. Financial statement withheld.

Operation

Publishes "American Opinion" which is an anti-communistic periodical. Annual subscriptions sold at $5 per year to individuals in United States and abroad. Eleven issues annually. The actual printing is done by others. 6,000 subscribers with annual volume about $25,000.

Welch also active in John Birch Society which he organized to combat communism.

E. CREDIT RATING

The credit rating at Dun and Bradstreet and at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston for Robert Welch, Inc. was favorable.

F. CIRCULATION AND MANNER OF DISTRIBUTION

The Dun and Bradstreet report of March 25, 1959 reflects that annual subscriptions to "American Opinion" are sold at the rate of $5 per year to individuals in the United States and abroad, with 11 issues published annually. This report estimates between 5,000 and 6,000 subscribers with an annual volume of probably $25,000 or better.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 14, 1961, that voluminous mail, bearing the return address of both "The John Birch Society" and "American Opinion," 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, is handled at the Belmont, Massachusetts Post Office. This source further advised that these matters are handled both as first class mail (sealed) and as third class mail (unsealed).

This memorandum contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Boston, Massachusetts
February 17, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
385 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

A. INCORPORATION

Records of the Secretary of State, Department of Corporations, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, show that this organization was incorporated on December 23, 1958 and given charter number 624-300. The officers of the Corporation were listed as follows:

President	Robert Welch	43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
Treasurer	Robert Welch	43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
Clerk (Secretary)	~~Ellen M. Lovett~~ ELLEN LOVETT	11 Traymore Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts B. APPROX. 1918

Directors were listed as:

~~Mary M. White~~ MARY WHITE	25 Upland Road, West Concord, Massachusetts
Robert Welch	43 Fletcher Road Belmont, Massachusetts
Ellen M. Lovett	11 Traymore Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

B. NAMES OF INCORPORATORS OF

1. MRS Robert Welch		43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
2.	Marian Probert Welch	43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
3.	Ellen M. Lovett	11 Traymore Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts
4.	Mary M. White	25 Upland Road, West Concord, Massachusetts
MRS. STANLEY CHAPMAN DOW		MRS. ALEXANDER GUIKER
5.	Ellen Douglas Snow	24 Orchard Street, Belmont, Massachusetts B. APPROX. 1710
ELLEN DOUGLAS GUIKER		
6.	Philip L. Jenkins	39 Harwich Road, Brockton, Massachusetts
7.	Juliette D. Guild	63 Burdett Avenue, Hingham, Massachusetts

C. AIMS AND PURPOSES

To promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and collection of literature and dissemination of the same for educational purposes; and to do any and all things which may be necessary and incidental to the foregoing, and in general, to do all other things which may be legally permitted to this corporation by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, and acts in amendment thereof and in additional thereto as a non-profit business organization.

D. FINANCIAL POSITION

As a non-profit business organization it was not required to file a financial statement but was required to file "An Annual Report of Officers." The first annual report filed November 16, 1959 showed the same officers and directors

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

as named at the time of Incorporation. No report has been received by the Secretary of State for the year 1960.

The following is from a Dun and Bradstreet report dated August 5, 1960 captioned "John Birch Society, Inc., 385 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass."

Robert H. Welch, Jr., President-Treasurer
Miss Ellen Lovett, Clerk
Directors - Officers, with Mrs. Mary White

Summary

A non-profit organization which publishes Anti-Communist Information. Financial statement declined.

Trade

Subject is not a general seeker of credit due to the nature of the operation.

Finance

On August 4, 1960 Robert Welch, Jr., President and Treasurer, declined a financial statement and complete operating details. He did say that the Corporation had sufficient capital to meet its needs but gave no detailed figures. Welch is now known to represent considerable means in his own right, however, the extent of the capital investment here and the method for financing has been withheld at this time.

Operation

Publishes a monthly bulletin of an anti-communistic nature. Purpose is to combat communism by means of this literature. Location: Headquarters location on first floor of this modern two-story building in commercial section.

History

This is reported to be a Massachusetts Corporation now under the laws governing non-profit and educational corporations. Organization details not immediately available. Active operations began in 1959.

Welch, Jr., born in North Carolina in 1899, is married. He is Vice President of James O. Welch Co., Inc., Candy Manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, which corporation has a net worth of more than $2 million and a good financial condition. Welch is active at that point and in an advisory capacity. He devotes most of his time to the subject Corporation and to Robert Welch Inc. which is located at the above address and publishes a monthly bulletin, "American Opinion." Statement of that Corporation is unavailable.

Miss Lovett is employed by the subject Corporation as an editor and secretary and also works for Robert Welch, Inc. in the same capacity.

Mrs. White is also an employee appearing for organizational purposes only.

As far as could be learned there are no inter-company relations between the subject and James O. Welch Co., Inc. The extent of any inter-company relations between John Birch Society, Inc. and Robert Welch, Inc. not disclosed.

E. CREDIT RATING

The credit rating at Dun and Bradstreet and at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc. for Robert Welch, Jr. was favorable.

F. NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, copyright 1959 by Robert Welch, states the Society was founded December 9, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Page 177 of the Blue Book reports "We now have a full-time staff of Coordinators at work, helping to establish chapters and to supervise those already established in Mass., Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee and Texas."

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

On December 21, 1959, Mr. Robert W. Welch, Jr. stated that there were chapters of the John Birch Society in 15 different states.

G. BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING INCORPORATORS

The following information concerns Robert W. Welch, Jr.

Records of the Harvard Law School, Alumni Records Office, Cambridge, Massachusetts, reflect that Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. was at Harvard Law School from 1919 to 1921 and received no degree. He received his A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1916 and, as of both 1948 and 1953, was Vice President in charge of Sales and Advertising for the James O. Welch Company, Candy Manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The 35th Reunion Report of the Harvard Law School, Class of 1922, published in 1957, in addition to information set out above, reflects that he married Marian Frobert in 1922 and had two sons, [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] It also showed that he was in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland during World War I and during World War II was on the Advisory Commission of the Office of Price Administration. In addition, from 1951 to 1954, he was a member of the Belmont, Massachusetts School Committee and had served as a Director of several small businesses and one bank. From 1951 to 1957, he was a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers, being its Vice President from 1955 to 1957. The report listed two publications by Mr. Welch: "May God Forgive Us" (1952) and "Life of John Birch" (1954).

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Volume 4 of "Who's Who in New England," dated 1948, sets forth the following additional information:

Mr. Welch was born in Edenton, North Carolina, December 1, 1899. He was a founder of the Oxford Candy Company in 1922 and its Sales Manager in 1935. From 1940 to the time of publication, he had been Vice President and Director of Sales and Advertising of the James O. Welch Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts. As of the date of publication, he is shown as

a member of the Board of Directors of Robert Welch Publishing Company; Chairman of the Board of the Washington Commission of the National Association of Candy Manufacturers; a member of the Board of Directors of the United Prison Association, and during World War II was a member of the Office of Price Administration Committee for the candy industry. He is shown to be the recipient of the Kettle Award by the candy industry in 1947 and a member of the Massachusetts Chess Federation (Board of Directors, 1940-1944).

Mr. Welch is shown as a Republican and lists his clubs as: Harvard (Boston and New York), Skating (Boston), Oakley Country (Board of Directors). He is author of "Road to Salesmanship" (1941) and has contributed articles to business publications. He is further shown as a public speaker on business, economic and social conditions. His home address is shown as 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and his office as 810 Main Street, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

Personnel at the office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for criminal and traffic conviction records within the Commonwealth, advised that they were unable to locate any records identifiable with the names of the Incorporators.

Personnel at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc. advised that they were unable to locate any record for the following Incorporators:

Marian Frobert Welch
Mary M. White
Juliette D. Guild

These records reflected the following on -

1. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts. President and Treasurer of Robert Welch, Inc. (publishers), 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont. Credit favorable.

2. Ellen Douglas Snow (formerly Gucker). A report dated March 5, 1957 showed her as wife of Stanley Carman Snow, residing at 24 Orchard Street, Belmont, Massachusetts. Her age was 47 and his was 64. He was employed by Lee Higginson Corp., Boston, Massachusetts (investments). Credit favorable. A report dated June 2, 1954 indicated that Ellen Douglas Gucker, 24 Orchard Street, Belmont, Massachusetts was the widow of Alexander Gucker. She was then employed by Robert Welch of Welch Candy Co., 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts regarding his writing and lecturing. Her former addresses were listed as 70 Horace Road, Belmont, and 169 Sycamore Street, Albany, New York. Credit favorable.

3. [redacted] Massachusetts. A report dated March 28, 1947 showed [redacted] Employed by James O. Welch Co., 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for past 12 years. Credit favorable.

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4. [redacted] Massachusetts. A report dated October 30, 1958 showed [redacted] of [redacted] Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Credit favorable.

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February 20, 1961

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Gloucester, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 10, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I do feel strongly that citizens can be of aid to their country in combating communism if they alert themselves to its exact nature and prevalence in our society today. I am enclosing publications which offer my suggestions as to how we all can take effective action in this regard. I am unable to further advise you along the lines you mentioned.

With reference to the question you raised concerning chain letters, it is suggested that you may wish to correspond with the Inspector General, Post Office Department, Pennsylvania Avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

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Mrs. [redacted]

I am including in the material forwarded a copy of a statement I made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 27, 1947, and you will note on page 17 of this reprint pertinent factors which must be considered if outlawing the Communist Party is being contemplated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)
Statement to House Committee on Un-American Activities, 3-27-47
Three-part Series on Christianity Today
Director's Speech 10-18-60
How To Fight Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose Of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target-Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anti-communist organization with chapters throughout the country. Its head, Robert Welsh, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past, and the Bureau is conducting inquiries regarding his group.

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Gloucester, Massachusetts
February 10, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

No doubt you are acquainted with the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts. This group makes sober statements concerning communist infiltration into our government and suggests that Moscow itself has been directing much of our policy through her agents. I think especially of the January 1960 booklet, entitled, "May God Forgive Us!" In this the policies of Dean Acheson, among others, are portrayed as sympathetic toward Russia.

Would your findings lead you to believe that infiltration has been that successful? If so, do you believe that an informed public exerting pressure could remedy the situation?

I would also appreciate your advice on my plan of action. Together with a group which I hope to influence, I would request editors of magazines and newspapers to print these revealing facts. Next we would send to all of our acquaintances informative chain letters. I am correct, am I not, that chain letters are legal if money or merchandise is not involved? We would urge the reader to request that the communist party be made illegal and that thorough investigations be made in every area, the federal government, in particular. Finally, I would like to request, if it is wise, that all influential pro-communists be somehow taken out of society for the remainder of the cold-or hot war.

I very much appreciate your attention given to this. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Kreinkauf

February 21, 1961

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To: SAC, Boston (100-32899)

From: Director, FBI (62-104401)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Bureau airtel 2-8-61.

Bufiles fail to disclose a reply to re Bureau airtel which was to have been forwarded to reach the Bureau by 2-18-61 without fail. Advise by return airtel if reply has been submitted and, if so, the date and caption thereof.

In the event the reply has not been submitted advise the Bureau when the reply may be expected and furnish explanations from responsible personnel as to why the Bureau deadline of 2-18-61 was not met. You should also include your recommendation for any administrative action deemed warranted.

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February 21, 1961

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Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 15, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the organization you mentioned.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention & intro. 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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NOTE: Phone directory reflects that the street address corresponds with the name of [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Mr. [redacted] 2-21-61

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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[redacted]
Shreveport, La.
13 Feb. 1961

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

There is an organization in our city called, The John Birch Society, which has become very active recently.

If this organization is all that it claims to be, we would like to help in every way we can to fight communism. On the other hand, if it is not truly an American organization, we will do everything we can against it. How can we be sure? Please be kind enough to let us have your opinion in this very urgent matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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February 20, 1961

Miss [redacted]
Richey, Montana

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of February 10, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest, and I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's speech 10-18-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
17th National Convention CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Correspondent's enclosure (self-addressed stamped envelope)

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosures were a self-addressed, stamped envelope which could not be utilized in reply and a written application for membership which correspondent apparently copied. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization, formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We are presently conducting inquiries regarding the organization. Application copy was for John Birch Society.

TRUE COPY

Richey Montana
Feb 10, 1961

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

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/26/80 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am writing this letter to you, in hopes that you can give me some information.

The information I seek, concerns a organization that is known as (The John Birch Society) which is located at Belmont 78. Massachusetts. This group claims it is a antiCommunist organization.

The chapter leader in this Vicinity is a man by the name of [redacted] from Sidney, Mont.

He organizes members in units or groups of 8 members each. No more, no less. The names of members are kept in secret files, and will not be known to other persons.

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Mr [redacted] talked to a group of about 75 people here in Richey, Mont on Feb 7th. He showed films. pamphtes, books etc.

Mr [redacted] opened the meeting, by stating that the Organization he represented is anti Communist. That the United States is not a democracy but a republic He then said, that people had accused him of be anti America, and that people should realize he certainly was not.

The films he showed, were about the start of Communism How they Organized, How they work and infiltrate America which was true and authentic. Also showed reports on U. S. House of Rep. Committee unAmerican Activities. Then the film showed parts of the German, Jap. and Korea War, and its many dead American soldiers. and how Rooseveldt, Harry Truman, and General George Marshall were responsible for those American boys death, and the War.

He then went on to say that the Constitution had lost its power, also that the Supreme Court, and other Courts of our land, are not dependable, That they have released hundreds of indicted anti American people. Communists and Criminals. That the courts and people were responsible for Thomas Deweys death.

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Then Mr [redacted] in the next breath, said people should be aware, that there is a move on to oust our supreme Court, starting with the impeachment of Earl Warren (Justice) He also stated that the Communists have a direct line to the White Hose, Pentagon, and that they can Communicate with thousands of Communists in a matter of minutes. Mr [redacted] quoted you often to emphasize his point. b6 b7C

The reaction of the people that attended this meeting was varied. Some left very confused, Others thought it was good. and still others left, as he was Very Anti Catholic, claiming Catholics were responsible for many Unamerican things.

It seems to me he was trying to Create Confusion, and doubt. Am I unduly alarmed? Or is the society alright, and is it that it is just Mr [redacted] that is Creating trouble. Thank you. I would appreciate your reply

Yours truly

/s/ [redacted]

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Yours truly
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Application for Membership

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The John Birch Society
Belmont 78, Mass.

Gentlemen

This is my application for membership in the _____ chapter of the John Birch society, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet is applicable to myself

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If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at any time, by a duly appointed officer of the society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance

Sincerely

Name _____

address _____

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Title —

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Dues schedule

Life membership in the Home Chapter (which automatically covers membership in any local Chapter) for men or woman ____ $1,000.00

(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each)

Regular annual membership in the Home Chapter For men $24.00
For Women 12.00

(This may be paid as $2.00 per mo. for men, and $1.00 per month for woman, to the local Chapter Leader).

If any member wishes to pay larger dues to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for the purpose) such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local Chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the Home Office)

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated February 9, 1961, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you have requested; however, you should not infer that we do or do not have such information in our files.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires whether the John Birch Society is a pro-American organization and whether showing the films "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map" plays into the hands of the communists. She also asks if it is true that Mrs. A. Jegalova is the Chief of the Secondary Education Division of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and if it is true she was the former Chief of the Inspection Division of the Soviet Ministry of Education and is a Russian communist. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist group with chapters throughout the United States. It has in the past been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

"Operation Abolition" is the film distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities relating to the riots at the hearings in San Francisco in May, 1960. We follow the policy of not commenting on this film.

The film "Communism on the Map" was prepared by the National Education Program at Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. Dr. George S. Benson, who is on the Bureau's Special Correspondents' List and on whom we have no derogatory information, is President of the National Education Program. The Bureau has borrowed this film from the Navy and it was reviewed by us on December 23, 1960. The Bureau does not believe this is the type of material which should be used or endorsed by the FBI.

On the basis of information furnished, Mrs. A. Jegalova cannot be identified in Bufiles. There is no allegation that she is in the United States and it should be noted that the headquarters of UNESCO is in Paris, France.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

February 9, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in need of answers to several questions of great importance to me, and many friends. It is difficult in this day to know the right person to whom one should turn. We feel your answers will be unbiased and in the best interests of our country.

My questions:

1. We are interested in the John Birch Society. Is this, in your opinion a truly pro-American society?

2. Is it true that the chief of the secondary education division of UNESCO of the United Nations is Mrs. A. Jegalova? Is it true she was the former chief of the Inspection Division of the Soviet Ministry of Education, and that she is a Russian Communist?

3. Have you viewed the film "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition"? Is it true we are 'playing into the hands of the Communists' by showing these films, as many 'intellectuals' would have us believe?

I have not previously written to a government official of high office, other than my congresswoman, and perhaps the format of this letter is not appropriate, however the desire for honest answers is quite sincere.

Please accept my gratitude for your consideration of these problems.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDE

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Date: 2/23/61

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Via AIRTEL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Rebuairtel 2/21/61.

Please refer to Boston letter 2/17/61 entitled as above which enclosed to the Bureau a letterhead memorandum entitled, "The John Birch Society, Inc." and also a letterhead memorandum entitled, "American Opinion," a publication of Robert Welch, Inc., for possible dissemination by the Bureau.

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1 - Mr. Bly
1 - Field Supervision
1 - Mr. Rampton

SAC, Seattle (100-6238)
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Director, FBI (~~100-146964~~)

March 2, 1961

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN -
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Re Seattle airtels 1-13-61, 2-6-61 and Seattle letter dated 2-20-61 captioned "Robert A. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning, (Internal Security), The John Birch Society."

A review of referenced material indicates that the Seattle Office was in a position to institute counter-intelligence measures during the visit of Richard Morford in the territory covered by the Seattle Office. It is noted in Seattle letter dated 2-20-61 relative to the activities of the John Birch Society in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington, that the managing editor of the "Bellingham Herald" is characterized as very cooperative with the Seattle Office. It is obvious that such a relationship could have been effectively used in connection with a counterintelligence proposal if Seattle had been alert to this possibility.

You are instructed to use a greater degree of alertness in the future in order that such opportunities will be fully explored and utilized.

1 - Seattle (100-24754)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104441) DATE: 2/20/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re Seattle letter 1/23/61 relative to activities of The John Birch Society in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington.

On 2/3/61 RICHARD MORFORD of the National Council For American-Soviet Friendship, was the principal speaker at a meeting in Bellingham, Washington, sponsored by the Aftermath Club. On the morning of 2/3/61, our Resident Agent at Bellingham was contacted by LEE ADAMSON, Organizer for a local chapter of The John Birch Society, who advised that he and a group of local citizens, presumably members of The John Birch Society, were going to attend the meeting at which MORFORD was scheduled to speak. ADAMSON asked if the FBI had any suggestions as to what his group might do at the meeting, or should refrain from doing. He was, of course, informed that we would make no comments or suggestions regarding such a question.

Subsequent to this meeting of the Aftermath Club, informants and sources have told us that the group led by ADAMSON was equal or greater in number than the pro-Communist adherents and that ADAMSON's group succeeded in dominating the question-and-answer period after MORFORD's speech. Informants have also told us that members of ADAMSON's group were observed outside the building where the meeting was held, apparently recording the identity of persons and/or the automobile license numbers of individuals who attended the meeting.

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1 - Seattle

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In this same regard, the Managing Editor of the "Bellingham Herald," a local newspaper of general circulation, advised that he has received correspondence from members of The John Birch Society subsequent to the MORFORD speech on 2/3/61 criticizing the Herald for not covering this speech. The Managing Editor has stated that the correspondence he received from members of The John Birch Society has taken the attitude that the Herald did the community a disservice in failing to alert the people to the Communist implications of MORFORD's appearance. The Managing Editor, who is very cooperative with this office, explained that his attitude has always been that the FBI is capable of dealing with the Communists and he feels that any activist citizen groups might be more of a hindrance than a help in the fight against Communists.

This is being furnished to the Bureau for the purpose of indicating the extent of the activities of The John Birch Society in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington.

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Klinkauf

February 8, 1961

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To: SAC, Boston (100-32899)

From: Director, FBI (62-104401)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning The John Birch Society (JBS) and its founder, Robert H. Welch, Jr.

You are instructed to check appropriate established sources and records to determine the facts concerning the incorporation of JBS, its incorporators, its aims and purposes, its financial position, its credit rating and the number of chapters it has throughout the country. You should determine sufficient background data concerning the incorporators in order that they can be readily identifiable in the files of your office and the Bureau. You should furnish a summary of the information in your files concerning each incorporator.

You are also to determine background data concerning the formation or incorporation of "American Opinion," which is published by Welch in Belmont, Massachusetts, its financial standing, its credit rating, the size of its circulation and the manner in which it is distributed throughout the country.

The above is to be handled in such a manner that no one will get the impression we are investigating Welch, JBS or "American Opinion." This matter is to receive expeditious attention. The desired data should be forwarded to reach the Bureau by 2/18/61 without fail.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Belmont dated 2-7-61 and captioned "John Birch Society, Information Concerning, (Internal Security)." JHK:mar

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February 21, 1961

[redacted]
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Post Office Box 8015
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 14, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any recommendation with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider directing your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C. Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a copy of an article which appeared in the "Chicago Daily News," 1-30-61, entitled "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds." The article contains background information concerning the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2525 Wimberly Road
P. O. Box 8015
AMARILLO, TEXAS

WILLIAM E. EVERHEART
Minister
FLeetwood 6-2411

BOB MUNCY
Director of Christian Education
FLeetwood 6-5174

February 14, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am seeking information about the John Birch Society. Having great confidence in your judgment I will appreciate your evaluation. The enclosure has raised some serious question in my mind, and I am desirous of the opinion of one who may have the true facts.

I would also like to ask if you have information which would shed light on the charge which has appeared in print that the film "Operation Abolition" has been doctored and distorted by the House Un-American Activities Committee in order to prolong its life as a committee.

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Cordially,

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1 ENCLOSURE

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CORRESPONDENCE

From the Chicago Daily News, Jan. 30, 1961

THE WRONG WAY TO FIGHT REDS

Birch Society Is Recruiting

By

Jack Mabley

The John Birch Society is going to Chicago area churches, chambers of commerce and civic organization, to recruit members.

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Inasmuch as 99.9999 percent of us are anti-Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens ask, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

GROUP FOUNDED IN INDIANAPOLIS

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army Captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

This organization must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss," says Welch, and he is it.

Welch has written a privately printed book called "The Politican." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Chief Justice Earl Warren and former defense secretary Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct."

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: ". . .there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

We reprint these words only because they are totaly idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in his mind.

The Communist threat in this country is real enough. The country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the Communist evil.

But the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work.

1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Oklahoma City

February 24, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401) 678

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 2-20-61.

It is noted that the status of relet was listed as pending. Inasmuch as the John Birch Society has not been investigated by the Bureau nor is under investigation at the present time this matter should not be kept in a pending status. Accordingly the status of relet has been changed to closed at the Bureau and you are instructed to do likewise.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/20/61

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-new)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3/20/81 BY Spmcmr

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC Letter 60-5, Section C, dated 1/26/60.

On 2/15/61, Mr. [redacted] Engineer, First National Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, telephonically advised SA [redacted] that he had attended an organizational meeting of the above-captioned society on 2/14/61 in Oklahoma City. He stated the meeting was conducted by a member of the organizing council of the society who stated he was from Odessa, Texas.

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Mr. [redacted] advised that The John Birch Society claims to be an organization interested in combating Communism through educational programs and by urging members to write their Congressmen to support legislation considered to be helpful in the fight against Communism.

Mr. [redacted] advised that the organization appeared to be pro-American in every respect but he wanted to check with the FBI to ascertain if the organization had been cited by the Government as a subversive organization. He was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files and was referred to the Department of Justice for information concerning organizations cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Any additional information received by this office concerning the formation and activity of this organization will be furnished to the Bureau. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

One copy of this letter is being furnished to the El Paso Office for information inasmuch as it appears the organizer of the Oklahoma City chapter of this organization resides in Odessa, Texas, or possibly organized a chapter of The John Birch Society in Odessa.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 2/23/61

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FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

C#242,787

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Remy let, 1/23/61.

On 1/25/61, Mr. [redacted] Kerrville, Texas, employed with the [redacted], Kerrville, advised that recently he had been invited to the home of [redacted] Kerrville, to attend the showing of a five-reel movie. He stated that this movie concerned The John Birch Society, and the entire showing consisted of a talk by the organizer of this Society on how it operated. He said the Society appeared to have been organized in Boston, Massachusetts, by a man named JOHN or JOSEPH WELSH (ph.). TEXAS

[redacted] said WELSH (ph.) explained the menace of Communism and that the purpose of the Society was to combat Communism through the use of the "cell" system. WELSH (ph.) explained there would be 20 members to a "cell" and if more than 20 people joined in a community, additional "cells" would be organized. He said the members were required to read approximately 100 books, publications, and articles dealing with the menace of Communism, and one of the books mentioned as required reading was Masters of Deceit by J. EDGAR HOOVER. He said that WELSH explained that members would be required to adhere strictly to the instructions given them in their work in this Society and, if not, they would be subjected to being expelled.

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[redacted] said he believed the purpose of the Society was probably very good, but he objected to the dictatorial way in which the society operated and, therefore, was hesitant about joining such a group.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF 11-6-84
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The indices of the San Antonio Office fail to contain any information identifiable with [redacted]

The San Antonio Office is in receipt of a summary of information which is classified ~~Confidential~~, which was prepared by Region I, 112th CIC Group, San Antonio, Texas, dated 1/30/61, entitled JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. This summary states in part as follows: b6 b7C

MEMBER- SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On 19 January 1961, [redacted] Captain (MC), [redacted] Pediatric Clinic, Brooke General Hospital (BGH), Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), Fort Sam Houston, Texas (FSHT), with residence at [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, was interviewed in his office concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [redacted] stated that he was a member of this organization and was active in recruiting members among the officer personnel of FSHT. He added that he had contacted personnel in the Security and Intelligence Division of BAMC, FSHT, in order to interest them in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He denied that the organization was a political movement but insisted that the primary aim of the membership was to combat the spread of Communism in the United States. [redacted] stated that originally he and his friends formed a discussion group and then searched for some worthy cause to sponsor, eventually joining the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He claimed that this unit of the SOCIETY now had approximately forty (40) members but they planned to split into two separate units. [redacted] claimed that there were several groups already organized in Texas and mentioned Dallas and Austin as examples. He added that there were other units already in existence in San Antonio. [redacted] is anxious to organize all anti-communits and stated that membership is open to all who want to fight communism, but did admit that the other objectives of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY are to uphold State's Rights, demand less governmental control and to return the government to individual citizens. He explained that the principal aim of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is to prevent the establishment of a socialistic state in the United States because socialism is only one step away from communism.

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[redacted] stated that he has been a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY for two months, that the group holds meetings once a month and that the membership dues amont to two dollars per month. The group has a definite program to fight communism and engages in letter writing campaigns to warn of the spread of communism. As examples of the work being done by the SOCIETY, [redacted] offered the following: On 14 January 1961, the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade held a mass meeting at the North Star Mall in San Antonio, Texas, to protest against the spread of communism. This group was led by one of the leaders (name unknown) of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. A nationwide letter campaign was recently concluded which allegedly influenced Representative JAMES ROOSEVELT, of California, in deciding against introducing legislation in Congress which would abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. During this campaign, ROOSEVELT was warned that if he introduced this legislation, he would be a prime target of the SOCIETY in the next congressional campaign. The current objective of the SOCIETY is to lead the fight for the impeachment of Chief Justice EARL WARREN who is considered by the SOCIETY to be a communist sympathizer. b6 b7C CALIF. D.C. S1 (b)

[redacted] stated that the next meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY would be on the night of 19 January 1961, at the auditorium of the St. Peter's Church located at 120 Arcadia, San Antonio, Texas. He added that at this meeting a guest speaker, Mr. [redacted] Odessa, Texas, would be presented. Mr. [redacted] will explain the aims of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and movies about the organization will also be shown. [redacted] stated that he had asked several officers from FSHT to attend the meeting. S1 (b)

SPEAKER AT MEETING OF

According to [redacted] the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was formed by ROBERT H. WELCH, Belmont, Massachusetts. It was named after JOHN BIRCH, a US Army Captain and son of a Methodist Minister, who was killed in China in 1946 because of his opposition to the so-called "Agrarian Reformers." He was one of the first to realize that these reformers were communists and reported this to the U. S. State S1 (b)

Department. However, his report was ignored and his subsequent murder was covered up. [redacted] believes he was killed because of his report to the State Department and that the incident was covered up by communists in that agency. S (U)

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[redacted] explained that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY publishes a magazine American Opinion and intends to print the names of all known communists and communist sympathizers in the United States. [redacted] estimated that there were approximately 120 communists in San Antonio, Texas, but did not know any of them by name. He insisted that it was time that the average person took active interest in the fight against communism and stopped leaving it up to the Federal Government. [redacted] repeated that he believed strongly in individual action. S (U)

Not true. It is published by Robert Welch who also founded JBS, but there is no indication it is the official publication of JBS. JMC

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February 23, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
McCollister Optical Dispensary
1601 Foster Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked February 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

I wish to point out that the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations or draw conclusions regarding organizations. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. I am unable to offer a source where you could obtain the information you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Correspondent's name could not be verified in telephone directory. It appears from correspondent's first paragraph that he has read a letter from the Director to some other individual concerning the John Birch Society, and for this reason the entire "files evaluations acknowledgement" is not being given. The John Birch Society, an anticommunist group was formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration.

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McCOLLISTER OPTICAL DISPENSARY
1601 FOSTER STREET
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

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PHONE HE 3-3231

Sir:

I realize the responsibilities of the F. B. I. does not extend to furnishing the character or integrity of organizations. But how does an individual find out whether or not an organization is subversive. The organization in question is The John Birch Society.

It has been highly praised as an anti-communist organization by people of respectable position. Will you please let me know how this organization stands in your records. I do not intend to do anything until I hear from you.

Sincerely

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CORRESPONDENCE

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McCOLLISTER OPTICAL DISPENSARY
1601 FOSTER STREET
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA
PHONE HE 3-3231

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Sincerely

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REC-96 62-104421-681

February 23, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
104 East Third
Dalhart, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

3/22/86 Spmachine

Your letter of February 17, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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February 17, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Burch Society has recently come to my attention in our community. A film presentation of a lecture by its founder, Mr. Welch, has been shown depicting the reality of the communist influence in this country. Recognizing that communistic influences work in devious ways, I would appreciate having your opinion as to the John Burch Society and its founder, Mr. Welch, so that I may make a decision as to whether I would consider becoming a part of its program.

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Yours very truly,

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD 132045

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., SM-C. REMYLET, FEBRUARY 10, LAST. DISREGARD LETTER AS ADDITIONAL LETTER BEING SUBMITTED THIS DATE.

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February 23, 1961

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of February 15, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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[redacted]

Midland, Texas
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Dear sir:

I have become interested in the John Birch Society, and would like to know if it is the conservative, pro-American organization that it seems to be. Before joining, I must be completely sure that it is in no way connected with communism. If there is the slightest doubt of its sincerity, I should like to know.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. [redacted]

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Air Mail

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

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3. MIDLAND, TEXAS
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Mrs. [redacted]

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February 24, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Montgomery Brokerage Company
Post Office Box 7302
Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 17, 1961, and I want to thank you for your kind comments about the work of this Bureau.

The concern you expressed in helping in the fight which is raging between communism and our American freedoms typifies that received from many citizens, and I am enclosing some material which may be of aid to you.

I regret that I cannot be of further assistance to you with regard to your inquiry; however, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted] 2-24-61 b6 b7C

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FEB. 15, 1961

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

THERE ARE MANY PATRIOTIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS SPRINGING UP ALL OVER AMERICA. AS AMERICANS EVERYWHERE BEGIN TO REALIZE THE REAL DANGERS WE FACE THEY NATURALLY WANT TO JOIN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS.

I BELIEVE MANY OF THESE GROUPS ARE WELL MEANING AND HAVE GOOD CAUSES. STILL OTHERS WANT TO TAKE TIME, MONEY AND EFFORTS AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE FIND THEIR WAY INTO PATRIOTIC GROUPS THAT ARE REALLY ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING TOWARDS FIGHTING THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY.

I WANT TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN A CONCERTED EFFORT TO DEFEAT COMMUNISM. BUT I WANT TO MAKE MY EFFORTS COUNT, FOR TIME IS SHORT.

ONE GROUP BEGINNING TO GATHER A REAL HEAD OF STEAM HERE IN THE SHREVEPORT AREA IS THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY OF BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS. MR. ROBERT WELCH IS FOUNDER AND LEADER OF THE SOCIETY. ALL THE FACTS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN ME ABOUT THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLE.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT TO GIVE ME ANY INFORMATION ON THE SOCIETY? IN THIS DAY WHEN AMERICANS CANNOT TELL IF WHITE IS REALLY WHITE, OR PINK IS REALLY RED, THANK GOD WE STILL HAVE A FEW PEOPLE IN WHICH WE CAN TRUST AND HAVE FAITH. YOU ARE ONE OF THESE FEW.

YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE REQUEST, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WILL BE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH.

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SINCERELY,

CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. DeLoach

February 27, 1961

M. A. Jones

MR. SHIRLEY PALMER - BALL
146 SAINT MATTHEWS AVENUE
LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY
INQUIRY RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On the morning of February 24, 1961, above-named individual called the Bureau from Louisville, Kentucky, and was referred to SA Thomas F. Mitchell of the Crime Research Section. Mr. Palmer - Ball identified himself as Vice-President of the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Corporation in Louisville and a volunteer coordinator in the Louisville area for the John Birch Society.

Mr. Palmer - Ball advised that recently the Louisville Courier-Journal ran an article "smearing" the society. He said that last Sunday the newspaper, over its radio station in Louisville, WHAS, continued what appears to be a definite attack on the society by presenting a radio program entitled, "Moral Side of the News." Guests on this program were four ministers of the Louisville area who attacked the society stating that it was a fascist organization and could be compared with the Hitler movement.

Mr. Palmer - Ball further stated that he feels the society itself could withstand such a smear attack, but he is anxious to launch a counter offense on behalf of the society in order to protect the individuals working for the society in Louisville. In connection with his counterattack, Mr. Palmer - Ball stated he planned on using the facilities of the weekly newspaper, "Voice of Saint Matthews," published in Saint Matthews, Kentucky, with a circulation of about 6,000.

Mr. Palmer - Ball requested that the Director, if possible, send him a letter setting forth his knowledge of the John Birch Society and its aims. He added that if the Director could not furnish him such a letter, he would appreciate any suggestions the FBI might make as to how such a smear attack could be fought.

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There is no record in Bureau files identifiable with this individual. The John Birch Society has been the subject of numerous inquiries received at the Bureau. Founded by Mr. Robert Welch, of Belmont, Mass., it is allegedly an anti-communist organization, but Welch has stated that it might take on the appearance of the "front" in order to attract true subversives. Welch has been openly critical of former President Eisenhower, and in his book, "The Politician" in a vicious attack on Eisenhower, he accused the President of being a dupe of the communists.

Mr. Palmer - Ball was advised that the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. The Director, therefore, would be unable to help but that no inference should be drawn from this fact either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding this society.

Domestic Intelligence Division advised that early in February on the Director's instructions a limited inquiry was initiated into the John Birch Society. Boston has been instructed to obtain from established sources information concerning the corporation, its officials, and sources of income.

With regard to the Louisville Courier-Journal our relations with this paper have been very spotty with both favorable and unfavorable editorials. In December, 1958, they were extremely critical of the Director's response to unfavorable criticism. At that time they ran a scandalous cartoon with the caption, "Thou shalt not criticize the FBI."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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REC-6 62-104401-685

February 27, 1961

[redacted]
Evanston, Illinois

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 20, 1961, and I am pleased to know of your interest in learning more about the communist menace. Enclosed is material which may be of aid to you. You will notice that some of these reprints give suggestions regarding what citizens can do to help in the struggle raging between communism and our form of government.

I regret that I cannot be of further assistance since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Frederick C. Schwarz and others affiliated with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Sullivan to Belmont memo of 9-22-60 indicates that when a representative of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum in September (which sponsored a school on communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz,) the Agent commented that Schwarz made several "pitches" for articles in a book he had written on communism and his publications were displayed. Neither he nor his organization has been investigated by the Bureau.

February 16, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Because of the tremendous strides Communism is making, in line with its boastful threats to our country, we are immensely interested to know what we can do to sanely further the cause of freedom and the preservation of our republic.

We have recently been introduced to several groups, among them the John Birch Society, which purports to be anti-Communist, and to all appearances seems to be such. However, their accusations regarding a large number of public officials seems possibly exaggerated.

The groups' suggested reading, which we have done, includes Dr. Schwarz' Staff Consultation with the House Unamerican Activities Committee dated Wed., May 29, 1957, Report of American Bar Association Special Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy, and Objectives published by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Mass., and other similar pamphlets. We are wondering if we are following the right course.

Have you any suggestions as to what groups might be loyal, certainly not fanatical, and of course not "counter" anti-Communism.

We are exceedingly anxious to do whatever we can to prevent the advancement of the unGodly, inhuman Communistic cause and to enlighten our unwary fellow citizens. Therefore, we would appreciate any information or suggestions whatever regarding what Americans can do for America in these treacherous times.

Respectfully,

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Evanston, Ill.

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February 23, 1961

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Carthage, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked February 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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February 12, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover

Yesterday I heard of a political club called the John Birch Society. The man who told me of this club said that he would be able to get me into this when I needed to.

Do you have any information on this club, who the director is, and whether it is subversive or not? If you have this information, please write and tell me.

Sincerely yours

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February 24, 1961

Mrs. J. H. Mitchell
110 North Goliad
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

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110 N. Goliad,
Amarillo, Texas,
February 14, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband and I have just returned home from a P. T. A. meeting at which a former air force officer spoke on communist infiltration in the various institutions of our society.

We have considered ourselves adequately informed about events which occur but after listening tonight to General Lee, we realized that we, too, are evidently very naive and are failing to recognize the influence which Communism is spreading over us.

One patron asked what all of us could do about these dangers, other than being well-informed. General Lee mentioned the John Birch Society. We are interested yet we know nothing about it. Is this society working in the best interests of our country? Would the time and money invested be of real value or is there some other way in which we could be helpful?

I am a high school teacher and my husband is an engineer in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, Helium Activity. We are Caucasian, Christians, university graduates, forty-eight years old; have two children, a modest income and a great desire to do something. I'm frightened.

Sincerely,

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/s/ Doris Mitchell
(Mrs. J. H.)

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Sincerely,

Doris Mitchell
(Mrs. J. H.)

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18 Feb 1961

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

Dear Sir,

I am working to the limit of my capabilities toward helping to make the public aware of the communist menace. I donate my time to this effort, I am a coordinator of the John Birch Society and cooperate with anyone who is genuine in their efforts to help destroy this menance. I have quite a number of your pieces of literature on this subject and want you to know that I feel you to be the only real bulwark that this country has left to fight this thing. You seem to be the one man in the United States who the average American will believe.

I want to buy 2500 copies ofa bulletin that you put out on March 1, 1960 " To All Law Enforcement Officials "mfourr pages in all.

I feel that I can do more good with the average American with this one bulletin to get him where he will listen to this problem, than any other single piece that I have. I want to reiterate that I want to buy these, the number is too many to ask for for free.

I am making talks to any groups who will listen, and I am finding many who will listen. I have several planned in the near future and will appreciate it if these or a substantial part may be sent right away.

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Many thanks for your past cooperation , and may God keep you safe and bless you for the work you are doing.

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Yours very truly,

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February 27, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Holly Smith
117 South Tryon Street
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 18, 1961, and your generous expression of confidence in the FBI is indeed appreciated.

Your endeavors to alert the people of your area to the menace of communism are most encouraging. I have always felt that private citizens acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of the most effective weapons for overcoming the Communist Party.

In response to your request, I am forwarding, under separate cover, at no cost, 2500 copies of the publication you mentioned.

MAILED 27
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Mr. Morrell
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Thank you
/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Feb. 17-1961

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

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February 13, 1961
Wichita, Kansas

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

Dear Sir:

Here in Wichita we are being told by the John Birch Society that our churches and schools are being greatly influenced by Communists. We can expect no guidance from the government since it has been thoroughly infiltrated, including the office of the president and the Supreme Court. Your books, pamphlets, and speeches, are quoted freely in the discussion of this menace. Have you endorsed or do you support the John Birch Society as an effective means of opposing communism? I am referring to the John Birch Society established at Indianapolis, Indiana on Dec. 9, 1958 by Robert H. W. Welch of Boston or Belford, Mass.

We will soon elect two new members to our five-man city commission and six new members to our twelve-man Board of Education. The Society has stated they have $25,000 to spend electing new members of their choosing to the Board of Education. I would appreciate any information you have regarding the objectives, techniques, and reliability of this Society. I will be very grateful if you care to state your position.

Very truly yours,

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February 24, 1961

Mrs. [redacted] b6
Redstone, Montana b7C

Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

Your letter was received on February 17, 1961, and the concern which prompted you to forward information to the FBI is indeed appreciated.

Should you receive further data which you believe would be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to correspond directly with Mr. Harry G. Maynor, Special Agent in Charge of our Butte Office, located at 400 Thornton Building, Butte, Montana.

Enclosed is material on the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New Extremist Group Pictures Ike as 'Communist'

Shades of the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy! When he charged there were numerous "card-carrying Communists" in the State Department, he was a piker compared to a new extreme right wing organization described in a Milwaukee Journal report. It says this group follows a leader who "believes President Eisenhower is a dedicated Communist," and that President Roosevelt "unknowingly," and President Truman "knowingly" were "used by the party."

The report tells the following story: The organization, which is "growing fast" in Wisconsin and some other states, calls itself the John Birch Society, named after an American who allegedly was killed by the Communist Chinese. It was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., " a wealthy retired candy manufacturer" who lives in Bilmont, Mass., is former vice chairman of the Massachuetts Republican finance committee, and once was a GOP candidate for Lieutenant governor of Massachusetts.

Welch, the report says, is the author of "The Politician" a manuscript which is distributed to promoters of the society, marked for their "confidential" use. In it Welch says of Eisenhower:

"In my opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the Presidency, Eisenhower. There is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions, that word is "treason". The manuscript also tries to hang the red label on Ike's brother Milton and some high government officials.

In Wisconsin, the report continues, the society's members include some prominent indistrialists, one of them William J. Grede, long a right-wing Republican leader in the state. His anti-labor and all-around reactionary activities have been mentioned in LABOR.

Welch also wrote and distributes a "Blue Book" which, by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR judging by the report, has a Fascist flavor. For example, it says "the men who join the John Birch Society are going to do so because the believe in me and are willing to accept my leadership," Hitler called himself "Der Fuhrer"-The Leader.

Among other things, Welch's Blue Book says: "Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud."

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Dear Mr. Hoover: EX 101 12 FEB 28 1961

3/27/61 Spokane

This past wk. I was shown a photostatic copy of the above, and decided you were the best organization (and I asked permission to type it for a copy of my own) to look into this. There is a John Birch Society in the Redstone - Plentywood (Sheridan County) area. It is causing a lot of stir around here. We don't belong to the society, my husband and I think we can best serve our country by sending these items into you & working on the local level here by keeping our school free of communism by checking our teachers, so we

the school board.

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are sure they are all on the level. If you wish to have us continue to do this let us know, if not we won't trouble you, because you must get millions of letters.

Also a big question here is, a woman pays $12.00 per yr. and a ~~woman~~ man $24.00 per year. This money we are told gets placed in an envelope and sent to headquarters. Their goal is a million members, that would be close to ~~[illegible]~~ would be an enormous amount of money. A book called the "Blue Book" is given to the members, The "Poletician" which is mentioned must be in circulation among the leaders of the Society, because when you hear them talk, their opinion of Eisenhower is ~~[illegible]~~.

Hope this isn't to much trouble but I feel better having sent it on to you.

Sincerely

Mrs. [redacted]
Redstone, Montana.

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February 23, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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Loveland, Colorado

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Loveland Colo.
Feb. 14-1961.

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

Dear Sir:

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I am ~~writing~~ concerning the "John Birch Society" and their literature "American Opinion". Editor-Robert Welch, Associate Editors-Hubert Kregeloh, J. B. Matthews, William S. Schlamm & Hans Senholz.

They also give a long list of names of distinguished Americans who give comments and advice helpful in determing the editorial policy, contents and opinions of this magazine.

Some of their articles are startling, as they tell of how Communism is growing in our nation and government.

Are they stating these facts truthfully or are they alarmists?

I know you are a very busy person, but I would appreciate your advice about this. "Thank you"

Very Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]
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Loveland, Colorado.

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Loveland, Colorado.

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February 24, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Carmel Valley, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 17, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

You may be sure your letter will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Carmel Valley, California
February 15, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been quoting you as having said that communists "are in effect foreign agents on American soil" and now find, in re-reading the Preface to your illuminating Report, COMMUNIST TARGET - YOUTH, that it was Francis Walter who said this.

If this does not represent your opinion, will you correct me?

Some time ago, I wrote you relative to the above mentioned pamphlet and informed you that I am a member of The John Birch Society. Since then, the California Attorney General, Stanley Mosk, has informed me that he would consider this organization "subversive" because it has characterized as members of the Communist conspiracy the last three presidents of the United States.

I do not wish to embarrass you by involving you in any such discussion, but did want to state that we are "subversive" - of Communists and Communism - and that the above statement by Mr. Mosk is rather broad, inasmuch as he does not know who are the members of this Society and individual members are urged to exercise their own discretion and consciences in connection with any of the John Birch Society activities. I, for one, do not so characterize the last three presidents of the United States, although I have raised considerable question about some of their actions--from the coddling of Alger Hiss and the discouragement of Whittaker Chambers's attempts to inform our then president, through the promotion of Harry Dexter White, after he was exposed to the then president as a Communist, and the persecution of Joseph McCarthy when he was trying to expose Communists in our government and services. That is the privilege and the duty of patriots, and unless I am misinformed, is neither against the law or the best interest of our country.

Sincerely yours,

PS--I should like even a short acknowledgment to assure that you received this

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Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Lubbock, Texas

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Dear Sir;

I realize that you must be a very busy man and have as much to do as you have time. If you have the opportunity to "cram" one more thing into your schedule, I would appreciate your answering a question for me.

I recently became aware of the part I should play as an American in order to insure the freedom & security of my young son. I want to do what I can to avert comunistic control of the United States. I have been approached and asked to join the John Birch Society. Their literature sounds very convensing & valid, but I am one of those people who have sat back complacently and allowed "the other fellow" to worry about politics. Consequently I don't know too much about this subject and don't want to defeat my purpose by "throwing in" with the wrong organization So my question is: What is your opinion of the John Birch Society and is it the kind of an organization I should be a part of?

I appreciate your giving your time to reading this and would appreciate your answer even more.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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February 27, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

New Orleans 18, Louisiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 18, 1961, has been received.

The thought prompting your writing me is appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations.

In connection with the matters you mentioned, I would like to point out that it is the responsibility of the FBI to investigate any allegations of subversive activities on the part of any individual in our country. Should the person be an employee of another governmental agency, information developed through our investigation of him is made available immediately to the head of that agency for appropriate action. It is not, however, within the jurisdiction of the FBI to make evaluations in such instances.

If you acquire facts which you believe are indicative of subversive activities, I hope you will not hesitate to contact the representatives of our office located at 1000 Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans 12, Louisiana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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New Orleans
Feb. 18, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover -

The article by Mr. Charles Stevenson in Reader's Digest for February confirms my fears that the State Dept has been infiltrated by Communists -

I have heard many prominent well informed speakers, some members of our armed forces who have said this - and I am wondering whether our goverment is doing anything about it - You are well aware of the fact that Kruschev has boasted that the United States will be conquered "from within" - Not by attack - and it appears to me this is exactly what is happening - Mr. Kennedy is so bent on building the armed forces to protect us militarily, and this is important, but it is also very important to purge the State Dept. of Communists, if any. Can you give me any assurance whatever that we (the goverment) are alert on that score? - I would appreciate it deeply - for I am just plain frightened -

I am affiliated with several groups who are doing what they can to fight Communism - among them the John Birch Society -

Cordially

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P.S. I voted for Nixon!!

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Enter (from stage right) the John Birch Society

LOS ANGELES — Suburban newspaper columnists have been devoting uneasy attention recently to an organization known as the John Birch Society, apparently a well-heeled outfit spawned by the Cold War.

The society's founder is Robert Welch, 71, a retired Boston, Mass., candy manufacturer, who set up the organization Dec. 9, 1958, at Indianapolis, Ind. Neither the date or place seem to be of significance but the society's "cell" method of organizing and the role of its founder seems to have aroused misgivings.

Welch, who is described as the absolute boss of the society, was born in North Carolina, finished the university there, spent two years at Annapolis and another two at Harvard. He's lived in Boston since 1919.

"Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase," Welch proclaimed on one occasion, "a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

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Welch seems to have taken fright at some of the liberal decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court and his "cells" were commanded to wield pens in a letter writing campaign calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Welch also tackled the Eisenhower menace to free enterprise. He thinks Milton Eisenhower, brother of the former president, was a Communist, and it is "his firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."

That appeared in a 1958 booklet, "The Politician," written by Welch, which seems to have been withdrawn from circulation after being seen by a few leaders of the movement.

Said Bill Sumner, in The Pasadena Independent:

"Locally, and in this area, the Society seems to be attracting men and women of some substance. It would not pay to dismiss them as a group of fanatics and crackpots worthy only of a passing snort."

Besides Pasadena, the society has picked up recruits in Santa Barbara. Significantly, both communities are dominated by the retired-well-to-do.

On Welch's council are such veteran enemies of democratic rights as Dean Clarence Manion, T. Coleman Andrews, former income tax collector; Spruille Braden, former Latin-American "expert" of the U.S. State Department, and Adolph Menjou, unsavory relic of the House Un-Americans' raid on Hollywood.

Recruiting is done at house meetings by means of a 4 hour movie on which Welch appears alone and explains why there must be complete obedience to the leader. That, he says, will keep out Communists and others who might create dissent.

Each cell has its director who in turn consults with a district director monthly who transmits orders from above. Directives also approved in the monthly John Birch Bulletin, edited by Welch.

Letter writing to public officials and to newspapers has been the main activity of the Society but lately its attention has been turned to the PTA, which Welch feels is too much to the left.

The society is named for John Birch, a U. S. Army captain who is supposed to have died in China 10 days after VJ day. Welch blames his death on "Chinese Communists."

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February 28, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

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Feb. 17, 1961

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Pecos, Texas

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I'm sure your files reflect an organization named The John Birch Society. It appears to be a patriotic outfit and, if it is, we can help each other fight the cancer known as Communism. As of the present time I know little about them and I'm trying to assure myself that they are not backed by anyone or any other organization with a tendency to lean to the red side of life.

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It will be very much appreciated if you will advise me as to whether or not your investigation gives them a clean bill of health.

Yours truly,

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/24/61

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-New)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed are two copies of articles appearing in the 2/19/61 and 2/23/61 issues of the Courier-Journal, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Louisville, Kentucky, relating to the captioned society.

It is observed the enclosed articles reflect captioned society was started by ROBERT WELCH of Boston, Massachusetts. Information concerning ROBERT WELCH is set forth in SAC Letter 59-13 (F), in which the Bureau requests that any activity of WELCH's coming to the attention of a field office should be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

This Division is conducting no investigation in connection with the captioned matter, but the Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent data received.

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Clergymen Criticize John Birch Society

Radio Panel Calls Group's Spirit, Views 'Distorted,' 'Perverse,' And 'Illogical'

"Distorted," perverse," and "illogical dogmatism" are terms that were used last night by a panel of clergymen to describe the spirit and pronouncements of the John Birch Society.

Members of the WHAS "Moral Side of The News" panel discussed the semisecret organization which was revealed as active in Louisville by a Passing Show article in Sunday's Courier-Journal.

The John Birch Society, named for a deceased Baptist missionary, was started by Robert Welch, Boston, a former candy manufacturer, who believes that America is being sold out to the Communists.

Beliefs Described

Welch believes that "civil rights" is a Communist slogan; that foreign aid was planned by Communists to weaken the American economy; "democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demogoguery, and a perennial fraud," and "the greatest enemy of man is, and always has been, government."

The Rev. Paul Stauffer, minister of First Christian Church, asked of the Birch Society, "Can democracy and freedom survive in this spirit? These people take the view that theirs is the only side, that everyone who doesn't think as they think is going in the wrong direction. They would limit freedom of thought. Yet truth comes as divergent views meet in the social encounter of the democratic process."

Cites Needs Of People

The Rev. Olof Anderson, Jr., executive secretary of the Louisville Presbytery, said the society "leaves out the responsibility of one individual for another individual and seeks to turn back the clock. It ignores the fact that our world is quite different, it demands a liberal approach to the needs of people."

The Rev. John Loftus, dean of Bellarmine College, said the society is "not a particularly good attack against communism" and that there is "an evil element within such an organization."

Rabbi Jacob J. Gittleman of Congregation Adath Jeshurun said the society followed "a philosophy contrary to the trend of American history" and that its stand against foreign aid was irreligious. "It is the essence of religion not to be satisfied for ourselves while others starve."

To a question about the motives of members of the John Birch Society, Father Loftus said, "There is a kind of sincerity here, and obviously a perverted notion of good, but there has to be a distortion in the personality."

Said Rabbi Gittleman: "They have no faith in their fellow man, in our country, or our people. This is fear instead of faith."

The Courier-Journal Page 1, Sect. 2
Louisville, Kentucky
Editor RUSSELL CRINEY

The Louisville Times
Louisville Kentucky
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Ultraconservative Anti-Red Society, With 2 Groups, Gains Strength Here

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Louisville, Kentucky
Editor RUSSELL BRINEY

The Louisville Times
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RACIAL MATTERS

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SEMI-SECRET society whose [illegible] believes America is being sold out to the Communists is finding some prominent adherents in Louisville.

While the John Birch Society shuns publicity, its leaders will talk. But they won't tell who their members are.

The society is the creation of Robert Welch of Boston, who has written, "We are out to get a million members truly dedicated to the things in which we believe."

Here are some of the things which Welch believes:

1. The international Communist conspiracy now reaches "into all of the legislative halls, all of the union labor meetings, a majority of the religious gatherings, and most of the schools *of the whole world.*" (Italics his.)

2. "If and when we can reach the point of turning just the American Government from actively helping the Communist conspiracy everywhere in the world, we shall have won a most important battle in the war ahead."

3. Indian Prime Minister Nehru and Egyptian President Nasser are puppets of the Kremlin.

4. Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is a Communist. (Welch wrote this in 1958 before Castro overthrew Fulgencio Batista.)

5. "Civil rights" is a Communist slogan.

6. Our foreign-aid program was planned by Communists to weaken our economy.

7. Some Protestant ministers preach outright communism.

Says A.M.A. 'Took'

8. "The American Medical Association has now been 'took,' to the extent that we could not count on any direct help there."

9. Hitler was preferable to Stalin because, when they liquidated people, Hitler's conscience bothered him about it, but Stalin's did not. Hitler was immoral, Stalin amoral.

10. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and General George C. Marshall were guilty of "plain unadulterated treason" in getting the United States into World War II.

11. F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover should have been promoted to Attorney General.

12. Un[illegible] Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold "is one of the most contemptible agents of the Kremlin ever to be supported by the American taxpayers."

13. "Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

14. "The greatest enemy of man is, and always has been, government."

These are some of Welch's more extreme statements, admittedly ripped out of context. A Louisville member of the John Birch Society commented about one of Welch's assertions, "I think it's probably stated a little blunter than he really means it."

That comment came from S. Rayburn Watkins, executive vice [illegible] well-known [illegible] N. Burnett Magruder, executive director of the Louisville Area Council of Churches.

Shirley Palmer-Ball, 30-year-old vice-president and general manager of the Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Company in St. Matthews, heads a John Birch chapter of 20 to 30 members here. He was appointed to his postition around the first of the year, he said.

The leader of another chapter here is architect W. Earle Otis, former chairman of the Jefferson County Municipal Conference. Otis wouldn't say anything about the number of his members, who they are, or when his group was formed.

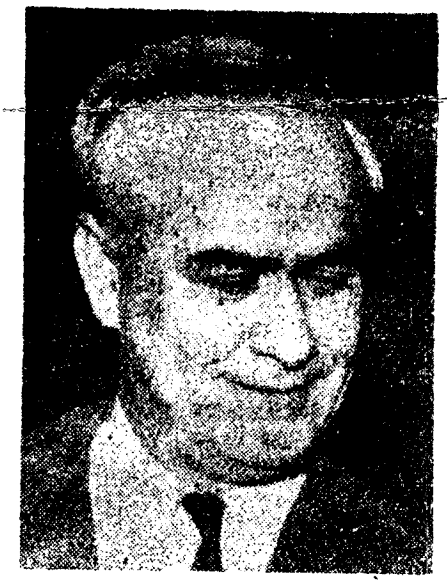
"We don't seek publicity," Otis said. "In fact, we try to avoid publicity. We have nothing to hide except the names and number of our members."

Welch, the society founder, reminded members in the society's October bulletin that the society is [illegible] planned.

Shirley Palmer-Ball and architect W. Earle [illegible] leaders [illegible] chapters in Louisville, one of which has 20 to 30 members. The thesis is that the United States is rapidly becoming, by Communist design, a socialist state that is giving up its sovereignty to the United Nations.

By ROBERT HERMANN
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

S. Rayburn Watkins
'A little blunter . . .'



Dr. N. Burnett Magruder
'Part of the rising tide . . .'

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"We avoid general [illegible] and, methods, purposes and beliefs of the John Birch Society are all set forth in its Blue Book, which anybody can purchase; and in our tape recordings, films, and the speeches of our (regional) co-ordinators and myself, which many thousands now hear every month."

National Council

On the national council of the society are such names as **Spruille Braden**, former assistant secretary of state; **Col. Laurence B. Bunker**, fomer personal aide to General Douglas MacArthur; **T. Coleman Andrews**, former commissioner of Internal Revenue; former **Dean Clarence Manion** of the Notre Dame Law School; actor **Adolphe Menjou**, and **William J. Grede, Cola G. Parker** and **Ernest G. Swigert**, all former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The late Alfred Kohlberg, militant foe of Red China and communism in general, was a charter council member. Also on the council is James Rauhenberg, a native [illegible] and long-time president of a [illegible] Evansville, Ind.

The John Birch Society dates back to a day in 1958 when Robert Welch assembled about a dozen persons from around the country in an Indianapolis hotel and lectured them for the better part of two days on the threats to American freedom and what could be done about them. He offered "dynamic leadership" to meet these threats.

A transcript of his lecture forms the society's "Blue Book," which with the society bulletins and Welch's periodical American Opinion give ample evidence of his conservative views.

Welch's Thesis

Welch's basic thesis is that the United States is rapidly being converted, by Communist design, into a socialist state which is giving up its sovereignty to the United Nations and will soon be ripe for painless merger with the Soviet Union.

Most of the governmental developments of the last 30 years have been part of this design, Welch believes. He would wipe out such things as Social Security, the graduated federal income tax, diplomatic recognition of Soviet Russia, federal budget deficits, inflation, and big government.

Government is intrinsically evil, he believes. If he had his choice between a government made up of [illegible] and 3 [illegible] honest [illegible] AND 3,000,000

W. Earle Otis
'Nothing to hide except . . .'

the 300,000 thieves on the ground that they could do less damage.

The John Birch Society's goal, said Welch, is "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Welch considers **Senator Barry Goldwater** of Arizona the best conservative leader on the political scene.

Former Vice-president Nixon, he wrote in 1958, was "one of the ablest, shrewdest, most disingenuous, and slipperiest politicians that ever showed up" and has "never been a **leader** in connection with any development, or at any stage in his career."

Blames Churches

Welch sees loss of faith in God and man as a cause of our problems, and says one-third of Protestant churches contribute to this loss of faith. The society is named for John Birch, "a young fundamentalist Baptist missionary-preacher from Macon, Ga., who did as much as any other one man, high or low, to win our war and the Chinese war against the Japanese in China, (and) was murdered by the Chinese Communists at the first opportunity after the war because of the powerful resistance he would have been able to inspire against them."

Welch is a North Carolina native who became a Massachusetts candy-manufacturing executive, and in 1957 gave up most of his regular work to devote full time to the anti-Communist fight.

Welch considers himself an expert at spotting secret Communists. He points out that his conclusions many times have tallied with those of J. [illegible] former chief investigator for [illegible] tor Joseph A. McCarthy. LATE SENA-

300,000 THIEVES

Here in Louisville, Shirley Palmer-Ball and W. Earle Otis, chapter heads, deny that the society is a "hate group." They say it steers clear of racial and religious controversies. It is, said Palmer-Ball, a sort of "middle-of-the-road right-wing group."

Otis said he didn't foresee any exposures of secret Communists in Louisville.

While every known Louisville member insisted on his right to disagree with Welch on details, each of them expressed approval of his general approach.

Welch makes clear in the Blue Book that there is little or no room for dissent in the society. He says:

"... we are not going to be in the position of having the society's work weakened by raging debates. We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every question theme. Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out before they build up any splintering following of their own inside the Society. . . . Whenever differences of opinion become translated into a lack of loyal support, we shall have short cuts for eliminating both without going through any congress of so-called democratic processes."

Shirley Palmer-Ball
'Not a hate group'

Chapter leaders are appointed from headquarters, not elected. Chapters are supposed to have two meetings a month, to one of which visitors are invited.

Rayburn Watkins calls the society "more or less a conservative discussion and action group." The "action" apparently consists mostly of writing letters to congressmen and newspapers.

Watkins said he thinks Welch is absolutely right about the extent of Communism infiltration. He believes people in all walks of life—and in high places, too—are doing what the Communists want done without being aware of it.

He favors [illegible] of the federal income tax or a [illegible] graduated [illegible]. GETTING RID the

Less Articulate

Palmer-Ball, a native Louisville man, the youngest of seven brothers, was less articulate than Watkins about his political beliefs. To some questions he replied, "I don't know as much about that as I should."

He said he got interested in the John Birch Society through his brother-in-law in Nashville and was appointed a chapter leader about the first of the year. The chapter meets on his call.

Otis, the other known chapter leader here, said, "I am in sympathy with the aims and purposes of the society and I think it's a very necessary and a very timely thing."

Hate, said the veteran architect, "has no place in our organization at all. We're not out to hate anybody."

He defined his goals as "constitutional government and decentralization of power and authority. One of our primary aims is less government."

Dr. Magruder stirred a vigorous controversy here last March with a statement, made during an interview, that the Protestant clergy is infected with Marxist thinking. So he preferred to answer questions about the John Birch Society in writing.

"The John Birch Society," he wrote, "is part of the rising tide of American and Christian reaction to the Communist menace and is part of a movement which will eventually attract support from [illegible] of the American people." EVERY SEGMENT people.

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February 28, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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Cody, Wyoming

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Director

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory regarding correspondent and no prior correspondence. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked former President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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Cody, Wyoming b7C
February 15, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the application blank for membership in an organization which, to us, sounds like one which could accomplish some concerted gains against Communism. However, we are aware that all that glitters is not gold, and we might someday find that we had misjudged. Will you then, please send us any information you may have concerning this John Birch Society or its founder, Mr. Robert Welch.

We would also appreciate having a list of Communist front organizations and publications, or the information on where we could find them in our immediate vicinity.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____ Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

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Date _____

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Powell Wyoming
Feb. 20 1961

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

Dear Sir;

Some people here, interested in Anti-Communist movement are organizing a "John Birch Society", can you tell us if this society is free of Communist OR Facist infiltration? And can you say, were you a private citizen, would you be interested in this movement?

Sincerely Yours

Mrs [redacted]

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Mr and Mrs [redacted]
Powell, Wyoming
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March 1, 1961

Honorable F. M. Keener
Judge
Sherman County
Stratford, Texas

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F. M. KEENER
COUNTY JUDGE AND EX-OFFICIO SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS
SHERMAN COUNTY

STRATFORD, TEXAS

February 20, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have had several requests for information on the John Birch Society which is being organized in this county, and we would like to know if there could be any connection with the Communist Front in this Country.

If you can not send this to me, please let me know how the request should be made.

I would appreciate any information you might be able to give me on this matter.

Thanking you, I am

Yours truly,

F. M. Keener

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County Judge

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Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]:

Your letter of February 21, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas
February 21, 1961

Dear Sir,

During the past year I have become alarmed about communism in this country. I have read all available literature I could find. Loving my country I want to do something about it.

Recently I have become interested in the John Birch Society. It is headed by Robert Welch. I believe what they say they are and in what they are doing.

But, because I am human and can be misled, I would like to know your opinion of this organization. Since in the past the communist have had front organizations which were called anti-communist organizations, I just want to be sure I'm working on the right side.

I hope you can tell me if I am right in working for this organization.

Also, I would appreciate any advise on anything that I might be doing in fighting Communism.

Very sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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March 2, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 20, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate your comments about my book and the work of this Bureau.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas
February 20, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

The threat of Communism to our country has just recently been brought to the attention of my husband and I. We were shocked out complacency, and in an honest effort to do something "quick" we have joined the John Birch Society. Now petitions are circulating through the city saying that Mr. Welch is a communist and that the John Birch Society is a communist front.

To date, there has been nothing that would lead my husband and I to believe that there is anything about the John Birch Society that is anyway connected with communism. Since we know we can depend on you above all others, please direct us as to whether we should continue to channel our efforts to fight this menace into the John Birch Society.

I realize that you are far to busy with much more weighty matters, but I do hope that you can find time to answer this since we know your judgement would be correct.

Thank you for your book "Masters of Deciet" plus all of the protection that your organization affords us.

Very truly yours,

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March 1, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

Beaumont, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory regarding Slayton or Webb and Knapp Corporation. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

February 20, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to know if you have any information concerning any communistic tendencies or affiliations of the following persons and organizations:

1. William L. Slayton, former Vice President of Webb & Knapp Corporation.
2. Webb & Knapp Corporation.
3. Robert Welch, President of Welch Candy Company.
4. The John Birch Society.

This information, if not confidential, would be of great help to me. If the information is confidential, I would appreciate some indication from you as to where I could obtain the information I am seeking.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Beaumont, Texas

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REC-9 62-104401-704

March 1, 1961

Mr. Don R. Wark
Route 2
Stevensville, Montana

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Dear Mr. Wark:

Your letter postmarked February 20, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Stevensville, Mont.
Feb 18, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

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We are upset. Here in our community we have several John Birch Society Study Groups. They have aroused, and frightened people here as to the "near future" take over of the Communist Party of our country. We have read their material and stacks of Congressional Reports and other data as to the Communist danger at hand. I have read "Masters of Deceit and I know that you know we are indeed in danger of a Communist take over. My question concerns the John Birch Society and whether they are doing their job in a rational manner. This Society anticipates that 1961 is our last year of freedom. That in 1964 we will have no choice in electing a president.

Many here are withdrawing money from circulation and putting in supplies for an underground unit to fight when the Communists take us over. They are forming their own party of "Conservatives." Many of their ideas we agree with, others we are confused aobut. All of their co-ordinators as they are called travel here from California and speak at these study groups. I am wondering if this Society is worth my support and my money to help its developement. I can only turn to you for advice. The Un-American Activities in Washington send us no return mail as to any of the fore going questions of mine. I am a member of the American Legion Post 94 here at Stevensville and as you know we Legion members are very concerned and dedicated to our country.

Mr. Hoover in desperation we ask you, "Is the John Birch Society doing a good job in fighting Communist influence in the United States?

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I want to stop the spread of Reds in our country and will do any thing to assist others who are doing the same.

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I place great faith in your answer to these questions and I have faith that my letter will recieve an answer - many of my letters have never been answered that were written to other sources.

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I await your reply.

Yours, for a free America

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Don R. Wark R R 2 Stevensville

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Stevensville, Mont.
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J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

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I await your reply.

Yours for a free America

1. Mr. Glen R. Wark
2. ~~R R 2~~ Route
3. Stevensville,
Montana

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March 1, 1961

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Pineville, Louisiana

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Dear Miss [redacted]:

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Feb. 19, 1961

Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please send me any information you have concerning the John Birch Society founded in Indianapolis in December, 1958? The founder and head of this organization is Robert Welch.

I am seriously considering joining this group, but would like to know more about it.

Sincerely,

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Prairieville, Louisiana

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February 28, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Stratford, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

Your letter of February 20, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me.

Although I would like to be of service to you concerning the organization you mentioned, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Your grave concern over communism is understandable, and your desire to learn methods of opposing it is most reassuring. I strongly believe that the most effective way to combat this conspiracy is to become fully informed concerning it. A thorough knowledge of the nature and objectives of communism will enable our people to detect it as it endeavors to make inroads in every segment of our American life.

Your public library probably has a wide range of material on communism available for your use, and you may desire to refer to my book, "Masters of Deceit," which is a basic text on this subject. I am enclosing some other literature which may also be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Box [redacted]
Stratford, Texas
February 20, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a housewife and part-time secretary on the great plains of the Southwest. For some time I, along with many other Americans out here have bcome increasingly aware of, and increasingly concerned about, the menace of Communism in the United States. However being an ordinary citizen, I did not know what I could do to try and help stem this tide of Communism.

Recently I attended a film about the "John Birch Society", thinking that maybe this might be the answer. There were several things about the meeting that I could not "go along with", so I decided that I would write you and try to find the answers to some of my questions. I know that you are a busy man, but I hope that you will find time to answer the following questions for me;

1. What is your opinion of the "John Birch Society"?

2. What can an ordinary citizen, like me and other interested people, do to help combat Communism in the United States?

I would certainly appreciate an early answer to these questions, along with any suggestions you might have.

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Very truly yours,

Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Stratford, Texas

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March 2, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

Dillon, Montana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of February 17 has been received. The interest which prompted you to write is appreciated, and I do want to express my thanks for your favorable remarks concerning "Masters of Deceit."

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Dillon, Montana

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February 17, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read with great interest your book entitled "Masters of Deceit" and feel it of the utmost importance to fight Communism.

Recently an organizer for the John Birch Society visited our small community and showed us a most forceful anti-Communist film narrated by Mr. Robert Welch. Since the Society apparently offers a worthwhile study program, I joined. As yet no meetings have been called.

For personal reasons, I cannot afford to become involved in anything that could become political or discriminatory in nature. I would therefore sincerely appreciate your over-all appraisal of this group in action.

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Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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March 1, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Thomasville, Georgia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 20, 1961, and enclosure have been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8)
Self-addressed, stamped envelope forwarded by correspondent
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How To Beat Communism
Series from Christianity Today
Director's Speech 10-18-60 Communist Target--Youth
Press Release 12-22-60 Expose of Soviet Espionage
NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope too small to utilize in reply and currently being returned.

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NOTE (continued) The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in connection with his writings.

Mrs. [redacted]

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Thomasville, Ga.

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February 20, 1961

Exp.

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

John Birch Society

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you if you will give me your opinion of the John Birch Society, which is becoming quite active in its work against Communism in this section. I know very little about it and should like to get some authentic information as to its standing and activities. Is it really anti-Communist and is it really making any progress in its so-called fight against Communism? Is there likely to be any danger to its members?

I shall greatly appreciate the favor if you will give me any information that you can about this organization.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

Thomasville, Ga.

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Miss [redacted]

Rochester 17, New York

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter, with enclosure, postmarked February 21, 1961, has been received. I appreciate your kind remarks and the interest which prompted you to write.

I was very glad to have the benefit of your observations and comments. Should you receive further information which you believe would be of interest to the FBI, please feel free to contact Mr. John E. Edwards, Special Agent in Charge of our Buffalo Office, located at 400 U. S. Court House Building, Buffalo 2, New York. I would like to point out that our investigative jurisdiction does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer either that our files do or do not contain information regarding this group you mentioned.

I am returning the material you forwarded since you indicated it does not belong to you, together with reprints on the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked former President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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Miss [redacted]
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Rochester 17, N. Y.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Our family dentist and friend has become terribly enthused about a certain anti-communist organization in our city. The John Birch Society, named after a soldier who was killed in World War II, seems to be made up of people who are so afraid of communism that they can't think rationally. They do not publicize their name, suspiciously enough, and distribute disturbing literature. In their efforts to combat communism, this society has attacked everyone from Mrs. Roosevelt to Christian Herter and are encouraging the impeachment of Earl Warren! I'm positive that our dentist, who has been avidly attempting to encourage my parents to join, is an innocent person who believes he is devoting his time to a worthwhile organization. The real reason my family and I are interested is that we fear that the communists themselves are behind this.

Mr. Hoover, I am seventeen years old, and I have grown tremendously interested in foreign policy and the strengthening of American prestige abroad. As a young person, perhaps I am inclined to be excitable and jump to conclusions. I realize that there must be a great number of communists in the United States but I do not believe that as many of our public servants could be aiding Russia as this group is intimating. Having read some of their literature, I feel that someone is behind this organization that is trying to create fear and panic in our country to prevent organized and rational action. I have taken one of the articles we have been given to send to you. The article by the University of Illinois professor, if there is such a person, does not belong to me. Please read it and if you feel that the John Birch Society deserves any degree of attention from your organization, please get in touch with me. My parents feel that this society is dangerous but they weren't sure what to do about it. If you are aware of the existence of this group or if you feel that they are merely exercising their right of freedom of speech, we shall understand. Thank you for your attention and the work you have been doing for our nation.

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Yours truly,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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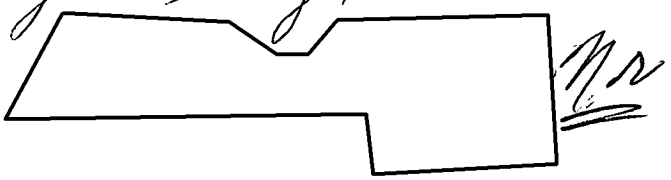

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This past wk. I was shown a photostatic (and I asked permission to type it for a copy of my own) copy of the above, and decided you were the best organization to look into this. There is a John Birch Society in the Redstone-Plentywood Sheridan County area. It is causing a lot of stir around here. We don't belong to the society, my husband and I think we can best serve our country by sending these items into you & working on the local level here by keeping our school free of communision by checking our teachers, so we are sure they are all on the level. If you wish to have us continue to do this let us know, if not we won't trouble you, because you must get millions of letters.

[redacted] is on the school board.

Also a big question here is, a woman pays $12.00 per yr. and a man $24.00 per year. This money we are told gets placed in an envelope and sent to headquarters. Their goal is a million members, that would be close to would be an enormouse amount of money. A book, called the "Blue Book" is given to the members, The "Politician" which is mentioned must be in circulation among the leaders of the Society, because when you hear them talk, their opinion of Eisenhower is nil.

Hope this isn't to much trouble but I feel better having sent it on to you.

Sincerely

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/s/ Mrs. [redacted]
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ALL AMERICA MUST KNOW THE TERROR THAT IS UPON US.

(From a speech by Dr. R. P. Oliver, University of Illinois Professor of the Classics, in March, 1959, before the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Annual Illinois State Convention. Dr. Oliver has life tenure at the University of Illinois and writes for NATIONAL REVIEW and other libertarian publications.)

Distribute this to others!

You have doubtless seen the recent and cleverly advertised book entitled **What We Must Know About Communism** by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet. It is a strange book. I cannot take time to analyze it or to discuss the possible motives for the authors' silence about **the most important parts of the vast web of subversion that extends from the humblest primary school to the highest court in our land.** But I shall limit myself to matters that the Overstreets ignore or evade. And I can give only the most perfunctory summary of a few selected aspects of the terror that is upon us.

I first encountered Communists and their allies, the "liberal intellectuals," when I was a lad in college, and I then formed the impression of them that so many people of my generation still carry in their minds. The pro-Communists among my fellows were so childish and so ignorant! Many of them, to be sure, were glib enough in parroting the phrases and arguments they had heard or read, but they obviously belonged to the group that worked hard only to avoid hard intellectual work. They talked, and they seemed to believe, Marxism, a crude and absurd superstition that can be taken seriously by no one who has any knowledge of human history and Occidental culture.

There were also a few members of the faculty who were obviously pro-Communist—remember that this was years and years ago, and the college in which I was an undergraduate was not so progressive as others even at that time—a few members of the faculty, I say, but they were all teaching the "science" of "education" or some similar bunk that was obviously a fraud on the public and an insult to the intelligence of an educated man. My friends and I thought the Commies, young or old, very funny.

We had all heard, of course, of what had happened and was happening in Russia, but we did not know then what everyone knows now, that the Bolshevik butchery in Russia had been organized in the United States, financed from the United States, and carried out by a gang of 1700 disciplined assassins, most of whom came from New York City. And in any case Russia was a distant and barbarous country, and nothing could be more ludicrous than a suggestion that what had happened there could conceivably happen here. . . .

I spent the war mostly in Washington, in the most secret department of the Army, and my first shock virtually coincided with the beginning of my work there. One of our basic maxims was this: **"Remember that everything that is known in the White House is known in the Kremlin."** That was a shock at the time, although now, of course, everyone who has read at all about Communism knows that Roosevelt's assistant, **Lauchlin Currie**, a counterpart of the more recently infamous **Sherman Adams**, was a Communist agent and that he, with a trained corps of at least thirty traitors, **presided over all the activities of the White House.**

It was not until later that **Harry Hopkins**, the man who dispatched to Moscow all the plans for the atomic bomb together with the materials necessary to manufacture it, moved into the White House to supervise the work of treason.

At that time Washington was full of Communists, both domestic and foreign, and they had already obtained that complete control of most of the governmental bureaus that they have held ever since and progressively increased. It was a matter of common knowledge that in many of the civilian agencies only persons approved by the Communist party could hold offices of any responsibility. That is, of course, mere commonplace now, and, in informed circles, was mere commonplace then.

We all know, for example that **Congressman Dies** of Texas happened to obtain photographs of a part of the Communist records which showed that 2,500 members of just three governmental departments—State, Justice, and Interior—were card-carrying members of the Communist Party. He took those records to **President Roosevelt**, who, in one of those fits of almost insane temper to which he was so frequently subject, screamed out, **"Many of my best friends are Communists!,"** and ordered the Congressman from **the room.**

It is not so generally known that a presidential order commanded the Naval Intelligence service immediately to cease all inquiry into the activities of Communists, whether domestic or alien, and to **destroy all records concerning Communist traitors and spies.**

Washington was in 1942 what it is today **—a city in which,** as one bureaucrat complacently assured me, **"you've got to be a Communist to get anywhere."** It was even a city in which it was dangerous to be an American. I was there during the obscene farce—in many ways a tragic farce—called the "Sedition Trial." Everyone in Washington knew that the one purpose of this trial was to intimidate Americans. Read about it sometime. Thirty men and women from all over the country, most of whom had never even heard of one another and who had in common only outspoken criticism of Communism, were hauled to Washington in hand-cuffs and leg irons, imprisoned in cells kept dark so that they could not read, and subjected to the most fantastic trial for conspiracy ever conducted outside Russia or an admittedly satellite state.

The presiding judge, **Eicher**, who had, I understand, been appointed on the demand of **Felix Frankfurter**, was one of the new breed of Federal judges, that is to say, viciously corrupt, and he finally died while under impeachment for malfeasance in office.

The Assistant Attorney General of the U. S. who prosecuted the case was another protege of **Felix Frankfurter**, and he was rewarded for his efforts when in 1950 he went to Russia as the personal guest of Stalin.

The Hungarian revolt provides one of the hundreds of bits of evidence that show the close cooperation between the Kremlin and the bureaucracy that captured Washington under Franklin Roosevelt and has been expanding and strengthening itself ever since.

When the Hungarian people spontaneously rose in revolt, they were, as several refugees have assured me, cozened and confused by lying broadcasts from the radio station that is so sardonically called **Radio Free Europe.** This station, which, as Fulton Lewis has recently shown, **is staffed largely by Communist agents,** is supported by secret grants from C.I.A., our **Central Intelligence Agency.** It is also supported by funds collected every year from the American people. That is just a bit of Communist humor. They delight in tricking Americans into contributing money to ostensibly charitable enterprises **for their own destruction.**

When the Hungarians suffered, and died, and begged in vain for help, only one nation in Europe dared to offer them even a modicum of assistance. That was Spain, a nation headed by **General Francisco Franco**, whom the Communist-dominated press in the United States so regularly vilifies. Spain agreed to send the Hungarians the weapons they most desperately needed, **anti-tank guns.** Spain arranged to transport the guns in her own planes, and arranged with Germany to permit these planes, on their return trip, to land to refuel, since the Spanish planes could not carry enough gasoline for a round trip. Now our **Central Intelligence Agency**, which seems never to be able to discover anything to the advantage of the United States, quickly found out about the Spanish plan to help the Hungarians.

The C.I.A transmitted the information to our State Department, which immediately went into action and brought very strong pressure to bear on the German government **to cancel the permission that had been given for the Spanish planes to refuel on their return journey.** Thus was Washington able to save the Russians considerable inconvenience during their massacre of the Hungarians.

The **Central Intelligence Agency** is an organization so secret that even our senators are not allowed to know anything of its operations. But, as was recently disclosed in **National Review**, the head of any section of this agency has full power to employ even persons whose Communist records are in the files of the F.B.I. The agency has undoubtedly undergone progressive change in the past nine years. It was in June, 1949, you will remember, that Admiral Hillenkoetter, who was then head of the agency, received an inquiry from Senator McCarran concerning **one hundred new appointees to the United Nations staff.** Admiral Hillenkoetter replied that according to a preliminary check of his records, **29 of these appointees were officers in the Communist Party** and that **32 others were known members of the Russian espionage system.** Admiral Hillenkoetter was immediately transferred to a desolate outpost in the Pacific. This was, of course, but one of the many incidents by which our army and navy officers have been shown that **they dare not do anything that would displease our Communist conspirators.**

I trust that you have not overlooked the latest triumph of what may fairly be called the Washington-Moscow Axis. The Batista government in Cuba was not, to be sure, a perfect government, but it probably was as good a government as one could ever reasonably expect to find in an island largely populated by mongrels. Batista, however, had committed the one sin that is unforgiveable in the eyes of the people who call themselves our "liberal intellectuals": **he was an enemy of Communism.** Not only was he a reliable ally of the United States, but he had even gone so far as **to sever diplomatic relations with Russia**, an act which greatly embarrassed our State Department. **It was clear, therefore, that he must be eliminated.** Accordingly the revolt led by **Fidel Castro** was organized. You will recall that **some of the preparations for it were quite openly made in Florida.**

Now although Castro thought it worth while to say that he is not himself a member of the Communist Party, **his principal assistants including his brother, were notorious Communists,** and no reasonable person, even slightly acquainted with Latin-American affairs, could ever have doubted that **the Castro revolt was a Communist operation intended primarily to secure bases for the many Russian submarines which are constantly cruising along our Atlantic Coast, and to permit the establishment of rocket bases within one hundred miles of American soil.**

During the progress of his takeover in Cuba, Castro received supplies **from Russian submarines**, and, of course, vast quantities from the United States. The shipments from Florida were, of course, technically smuggled to him, but oddly enough **our government was never able to intercept them.**

But even with this help Castro would have failed but for the energetic **intervention of our State Department.** The technique used is, of course, a standard procedure and should be quite familiar to all of us by now.

You will recall that when **General George Marshall** was sent to **China** to arrange for the Communist occupation of that country, he was able to accomplish his mission by simply **cutting off from General Chiang Kai-Shek** the supplies of **ammunition that he needed for his soldier's rifles**, which were all, of course, of American manufacture. **$150,000,000 worth of ammunition on ships that were about to land was simply dumped in the ocean,** and, of course, no further shipments were made. Thus Chiang Kai-Shek's men could not use even their rifles, to say nothing of machine guns and artillery, and he had to retreat before the Communist invaders, who had been **equipped with the huge Japanese stores of weapons and munitions that we had turned over to them in Manchuria.**

Following this established pattern, our State Department **cut off all supplies of ammunition to the small army of Colonel Batista in Cuba**, which was, of course, equipped with weapons purchased in the United States. Even ammunition that Batista had bought and **already paid for** was confiscated on the docks. It seems quite clear that Batista's men did not desert: **they simply had nothing to shoot.**

You will also remember that while the great betrayal in China was under way under the direction of such eminent figures as **General Marshall** and **Professor Owen Lattimore**, the controlled press in this country was filled with propaganda to the effect that Chiang Kai-Shek was a scoundrel, and that the Communists in China were just innocent "agrarian reformers."

The same technique is, of course, now being used. The press is once again filled with **manufactured reports** of the past iniquities of Batista, and with glowing accounts of **Fidel Castro** as an "agrarian reformer" and **the "George Washington of Cuba."** . . .

As soon as the Russians have built their submarine bases and set up the launching fields for ballistic missiles in Cuba, our State Department will no doubt again tell us: "Oops! We were mistaken. But now that launching sites for atomic missiles have been set up **within one hundred miles of the United States,** war is unthinkable, ain't it?"

By the way, you will probably witness in the next few months **the destruction of our only remaining ally in the Caribbean**—our only certain ally south of Canada, **the Dominican Republic.** That was, to my mind, clearly forecast by the Galindez affair three years ago, but it has now been made quite certain by our recent official proclamation, **issued over the name of President Eisenhower**, to the effect that we look with great disapproval upon "dictators" such as General Trujillo.

The Communist underground is our real danger, and no one can accurately measure its total strength. Its members all vociferously deny that they are Communists, and they are so organized that when everything is working properly no one conspirator can positively identify more than five of his accomplices. **Louis Budenz** recounts with wry humor that when he had worked himself far enough up in the Communist Party to become managing editor of the Daily Worker and a member of the official party's national executive council, he began to fancy himself a person of some importance, until one of his superiors remarked dryly. **"Son, all that you have seen is just the periscope of the submarine."**

On 3 March 1958 Congressman Francis E. Walter published a report that **"the Kremlin has succeeded in enlisting, at a conservative estimate, more than a million Americans.** . . . There are at this moment the equivalent of some **twenty combat divisions** of enemy troops on American soil . . . troops that are **loyal only to the Soviets."** In other words, you are now living in a country that has been partly occupied. Unless the American people now make a desperate effort to save themselves, they will, **within four years,** I think, find themselves in the position of the Hungarians when they made their frantic effort to regain their freedom three years ago.

(Professor Oliver's speech will be concluded next month with the background of the Communist Party in America from 1872 to the present time—giving startling information on Communist infiltration in one of the largest departments of our Federal Government.)

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ALL AMERICA MUST KNOW

How Reds Work In Our Government

(From a speech by Dr. R. P. Oliver, University of Illinois Professor of the Classics, in March, 1959, before the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Annual Illinois State Convention. Dr. Oliver has life tenure at the University of Illinois and writes for NATIONAL REVIEW and other libertarian publications.)

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(Continued from May Issue)

In Washington it was—and is—easy to meet Communists; in fact, what is difficult is to avoid meeting them. I tried to take advantage of the opportunity to observe the vermin socially. And I have been observing them ever since.

There are two basic facts that one must bear in mind when one tries to understand Communists.

First, all the talk about an "ideological struggle" is mostly nonsense. No Communist, except gullible college boys and other children, really believes in the doctrine of socialism. Marx's absurd theories are merely a propaganda device, a means to an end. The intellectual processes of the Communist have been well explained by Czeslaw Milosz in his **Captive Mind**, and by Gerhart Niemeyer in his **Inquiry into the Soviet Mentality**, but they were best epitomized by **Duane Thorin.**

This young American, who had somehow escaped brain-washing in his high school and college, was taken prisoner in Korea and interrogated for months by the Chinese Communists who sought to convert him. He received some attention from a really important Communist official, and his native shrewdness enabled him to see that the Communists who make the decisions had only contempt for their inferiors who really believed the Marxist propaganda. As Thorin neatly puts it: "Intellects that failed to see through the falsities of Communism were so arrested that they were of only limited use in the totalitarian state."

It is quite incorrect, therefore, to say of a Communist, unless you mean that he is a fool, that he believes in Communism. Communism is not a theory in which men may believe; **it is a conspiracy** in which men participate. So far as Communism has an intellectual basis, that basis may be found in the doctrine, not of Karl Marx, but of **John Dewey.** The Communist is the perfect Pragmatist; he is a Nihilist; he believes that there is no such thing as truth. He repudiates and hates all the traditions and culture of the Past; there is no truth, there is no value in the world but the satisfaction of his own whims and appetites, whatever they may be. **Intellectually speaking, he is a beast—perhaps the *lowest and most* dangerous of all beasts.**

Perhaps the neatest illustration of the intellectual processes of a Communist and the jargon that he loves to use will be found in comments made to me by **a university president** some time ago. I had happened to mention the old ideal of scholarship and learning: disinterested pursuit of truth. I thought that he would at least pay lipservice to this ideal, but he interrupted me imperiously.

"There is no truth but social truth," he said.

"And what," I asked, "is social truth?"

He replied quite simply: **"It is what it is expedient for a society to tell its members."**

"And who," I asked, "determines what story it is expedient to tell the suckers?"

He smiled. **"WE do."**

Now I cannot be certain that the man in question was a member of the Communist underground, but the reasoning that he employed is that of the Communist mind. There is no truth; there is only expediency. Truth, in other words, is lies.

But intellectual nihilism, the repudiation of all concepts of truth, justice, humanity, is not sufficient to explain the terrible energy of the Communist conspiracy. That energy is emotional: it is a lust, a craving, a passion. I had my first glimpse of this passion early in my days in Washington.

I met a young man who had just come into the army. He looked like an amiable college boy, and, as a matter of fact, he had been graduated from law school only two or three years before. He had been working for **the Labor Relations Board,** and he enthusiastically described to me the way in which he and his colleagues would raid **small American corporations** that were inclined to be recalcitrant, seize their books and cart them off, ostensibly for the purpose of photographing them, but actually to force the company, paralyzed by the loss of its records, to submit. I was a little shocked, and I asked, "Lieutenant, didn't it seem to you that you were violating the constitutional rights of American business men?" He was a young man, and he answered promptly, "Rights? Why, they're capitalists. When we stand them up against a wall, **we will shoot them in the belly: they die longer that way."**

That was how I first came to suspect the real orientation of Communist minds, but only after years of observation, and with help from the illuminating analysis by Denis de Rougemont, did I realize that the young man was exceptional only in the readiness with which he let slip the mask. The true Communist, whatever disguise he may wear when he moves among you, is, in the literal and exact meaning of the English word, **a thug,** that is, **a man who has made a religion of murder.**

He is driven by an overwhelming lust to destroy and uproot, to annihilate civilization, to kill—and even more than that, to make decent men and women suffer, to degrade them to the level of animals. And he will work constantly, tirelessly, with infinite cunning for his ideal: The day when he will drag you from your home, kick in your teeth, crack your ribs, and throw you into a slave-labor camp where you will drag out the rest of your life in a degradation that you have never imagined even in nightmares. That is what he yearns for. **Economic and social theories are merely a disguise to befuddle suckers.**

In 1872, when the headquarters of the international Communist conspiracy were openly and officially transferred to New York City, there were only a few hundred people in the United States who were inspired by this bloodlust. But they went to work, patiently, doggedly, and with vicious cunning, to extend their tentacles over the entire nation. They went underground. By 1876 practically all of the members, including, of course, the new recruits, had been instructed to conceal their membership and deny that they were Communists; to penetrate existing American organizations, and to help one another attain positions of influence and power in those organizations; **to work for the Communist goal** under the guise of "social reform" and "democracy." This is, of course, the basic strategy that has been followed ever since.

By 1907 the Communists were strong enough to organize a wing of the party that operated openly under the leadership of a criminal named **William Z. Foster.** One of Foster's closest associates and advisers, in 1907 or soon thereafter, was **Felix Frankfurter,** an immigrant who had wormed his way into the post of secretary to the Secretary of War in the cabinet of President Howard Taft.

By 1910 the first big Communist cell was planted in an American university—**Harvard,** of course. So far as I have been able to learn, the famous cells in **Teachers College of Columbia University** were not organized until somewhat later.

By 1917 the Communist conspiracy in the United States was strong enough directly to affect the policies of the American government. As everyone knows, the Communist seizure of power in Russia was carried out by criminals trained in the United States. A whole shipload of this vermin was sent from New York City under the command of a butcher named **Leib Bronstein,** who became famous under one of his many aliases, **Leon Trotsky.** This ship was intercepted by the British Navy and taken to Halifax, but a vigorous protest from **President Wilson** forced the British to release this shipment of human germs and escort it to Russia.

The pressure on Wilson doubtless came from several sources, but the most important seems to have been a banker named **Jakob Schiff,** who had been the financial manager of **Wilson's** presidential campaign, and whose banking house, **Kuhn, Loeb & Co.,** had more than a year earlier deposited in Swedish banks $50,000,000 in the name of **Trotsky** and another degenerate whose true name and early career has never been satisfactorily ascertained but who is known to history as **Nikolai Lenin.**

In 1918 **Felix Frankfurter** was publicly denounced by former President Theodore Roosevelt **as an accomplice of Lenin and Trotsky.** He accordingly retired from the American government to a professorship in **Harvard University,** where he settled down to train two generations of traitors and slip them into positions of responsibility in Washington or into law schools throughout the nation. **Alger Hiss** was but one of the hundreds whom **Frankfurter** prepared for their important tasks.

I have mentioned these dates primarily to remind you of the great progress that the Communist conspiracy made **before 1919,** when they decided to set up an official political party headed again by **William Z. Foster.** This official party, the segment of the conspiracy that is openly displayed, has never been large. **It probably has never had over 90,000 card-carrying members at any one time.** It has served on the one hand as a recruiting and testing agency to enlist talented conspirators who, after they had proven their worth and ability, could quietly be transferred to one or another division of the underground, and it has served on the other hand as a shield to mask and facilitate the work of the part of the apparatus that consists of conspirators who pose as "liberal intellectuals," and who urge the American people to save themselves from Communism **by reforming their legal and economic system along Communist lines at home,** and **by taxing themselves to finance Communist governments abroad. . . .**

Now these foreign events, although, of course, designed to weaken further our military position, are, in the Communist plans, **strictly subordinate to the great program of internal subversion.** This also has its center in Washington. Let me call your attention to one detail that you may not have noticed. We have all read about the president's so-called "economy" budget, and the loud yammering in Congress for increased expenditures, which is, of course, primarily a means of making foolish Americans think they have gained something if merely the crippling burden of that "economy" budget is dumped on their backs. **Taxation has always been one or the primary instruments of the Communist conspiracy.** You may remember the famous remark that is attributed to **Harry Hopkins,** I know not how accurately: **"We have to bleed the American pigs dry before we butcher them."**

But in this "economy" budget one should note which department of government was granted the largest increase. It is **the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare,** which, in this budget, is granted a total outlay of $3,139,719,000—**an increase of one billion dollars over 1954.** Now this is the agency that is spending its money to promote such things as **fluoridation of public water supplies.**

By the way, you are here on the scene of one of their great triumphs, probably a triumph obtained by lavish expenditures from the Federal treasury. The unfortunate people of Chicago were ordered by the little dictator in their city hall to drink water contaminated with sodium fluoride, and they are now drinking it, and are not even allowed to express their own opinion by a vote.

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is also the agency that is currently promoting another Communist scheme to enlist the services of well-meaning dupes under the guise of "social good." The current agitation about **Mental Health** was begun by the **World Health Organization** whose president was that ubiquitous traitor, **Alger Hiss.** It is sponsored in this country by the **National Association for Mental Health,** whose director, **Julius Schrieber,** refused to tell a Congressional committee whether or not he was a Communist on the grounds that **his answer might incriminate him.**

But the greatest promotion is, of course, done **with *your money*** by **the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.** In this one department, according to **Herbert** Philbrick, an agent of the F.B.I. who spent nine years in the Communist party, you will find **fully one-third of the top echelon of Communist conspirators in this country.** Note, please, that he does not say that one-third of the people in the Department are Communists. On the contrary, observers in Washington estimate that **75% to 80% of the responsible officers are conspirators.**

Philbrick's point is that **of the whole top echelon of international criminals, one-third have chosen to place themselves in that one department.** That's a lot of rotten eggs to put in one basket, but the statistic will help you understand why this department needs $3,139,719,000 for its "minimal" operations next year.

I have said enough, I think, to suggest **how desperate our situation is.** Our ancestors were never confronted by a danger **so terrible** and **so immediate.**

But I permit myself to see some hope. As the huge sale of the Overstreet book shows, **the American people,** who watched in a narcotic apathy, induced by the press and the radio, while the Communist conspiracy struck down the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, **are at last becoming faintly aware of their danger.** Some people everywhere have been made uneasy by such outrageous exhibitions of Communist confidence as the use of paratroopers to overawe Americans who **thought** that they had constitutional rights. Protest is at last being heard against taxes that are imposed ostensibly for "welfare" and "progress," but in reality **merely to bleed dry what Hopkins called "the American pigs."** Farmers are rejecting the bribes offered them by the commissars, and resenting governmental terrorism. And what is even more important, on the local level in many a community **people are becoming aware of the real purposes behind such things** as regional planning, fluoridation, "mental health," "counselling programs" in the schools, and the many other local activities that serve the Communist purpose of **persuading the boobs to fasten on themselves their own chains.**

I know of no more clear and concise program for Americans than that which you set forth in the magnificent set of resolutions adopted last April by your Continental Congress. I may say that I first permitted myself to hope when I read those resolutions in the pages of the **American Mercury,** a magazine which, by the way, **the Communist conspiracy,** through its control of the distributing agencies, **has succeeded in barring from most of the nation's newsstands.**

Remember that **the tentacles of the conspiracy reach into your home town,** where its puppets are promoting fluoridation, "mental health," and innumerable other plans to accustom us to gradually increasing slavery and intimidation. On these issues also you have in your resolutions given Americans a program for action.

Take that program and act by it in all matters, national or local. Make your voice heard. Each one of you belongs to a club or a social circle. Speak out; **tell Americans of their danger.** I ask you for courage and resolution: you have displayed them as an organization; now display them as individuals in the community to which you belong.

This may, I know, entail some sacrifice. But our ancestors risked their lives and their honor **to create this nation.** Is it too much to ask us to risk our lives, if necessary, **to recapture it from our enemies?**

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Dr. [redacted]
The Wooster Clinic
1740 Cleveland Road
Wooster, Ohio

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Dear Dr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 22, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased that you have found my articles of interest. Your grave concern over communism is understandable, and I am enclosing some material which you may wish to read.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

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February 22, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very interested in doing what I can to alert my friends to the danger of International Communism. I have enjoyed your articles, and have passed many of the re-prints, especially those that appear in The Reader's Digest, on to my friends.

Lately I have heard of an organization known as The John Birch Society, that seems to be directed by Mr. Robert Welch of Massachusetts. From what I have been able to find out, this seems to be a very worthwhile organization with the same general principles.

I wonder if you are familiar with this organization and would be kind enough to advise me of its objectives?

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March 3, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Sun Oil Company
Post Office Box 850
Jackson, Mississippi

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 23, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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No record identifiable with correspondent. Bufiles indicate prior cordial correspondence with one [redacted] in Chester, Pennsylvania.

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4. Jackson, Mississippi

February 23, 1961

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of John Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in the John Birch Society. Its goals and interests appear to be in the interest of freedom as opposed to communism and an over socialization of our country. I have no method of investigating nor judging said society and am desirous of knowing whether the organization is affiliated with any known communist organization or has promoted anything considered subversive or unAmerican.

I would appreciate a synopsis of the opinions and findings of Federal Bureau of Investigation on the John Birch Society.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Montgomery, Alabama

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

Your letter dated February 22, 1961, has been received. It was kind of you to comment favorably on our pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth," and I want to thank you sincerely for your best wishes.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing other material on the general subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: One Mrs. [redacted] Washington, D. C., telephonically contacted the Director's Office in February 1954, relative to a personal problem involving her divorce from her husband. (66-2120-5963) No other references located which might be identifiable with correspondent. Correspondent's address verified by telephone directory check.

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Feb. 22, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I should like to congratulate you on the excellence of your report in the pamphlet "Communist Target - Youth." It needs much publicity.

My highest regards to you for years of good work for American.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

Montgomery
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief Investigator
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EX-114

March 6, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]

Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 23, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. The functions and responsibilities of this Bureau as a Federal investigative agency, furthermore, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiries.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mr. [redacted] 3-6-61

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Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, has been bitter in attacks upon the Eisenhower Administration, and our field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of his group

It has been necessary on several occasions to admonish Myron C. Fagan, national director of the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., for his use of the Bureau's name in furthering the sensational-type literature his group disseminates. He also has implied that he has had access to our files.

America's Future, Inc., has not been investigated by the Bureau, and John T. Flynn, its head, is a veteran writer and lecturer on anticommunism. He was affiliated with the America First Committee during World War II. (62-60629)

Correspondent's inquiry regarding impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren is probably submitted since some of Myron C. Fagan's leaflets have urged such impeachment.

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February 23, 1961

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

Gentlemen:

Could you please send me a letter giving me some information on :

The John Birch Society
also;

Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.
P. O. Box 46205, Cole Branch
Hollywood 46, California
also on;

America's Future, Inc.
542 Main Street
New Rochelle, New York

And, I hope this is not asking to much, some information about the impeachment proceedings being brought against Chief Justice Earl Warren, is it a subversive movement?

Thank you very much. This information would be very informing and helpful as I am a senior in High School and would like to know more about each.

Thank you,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Burlington, Washington

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Burlington,
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Feb. 23, 1950

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

Dear Sir,

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Could you give me any information on "The John Birch Society"?"

I do wish to thank you again for your efficient taskforce.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

P.S. I would appreciate any material you can spare on Communism.

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Mrs [redacted]

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EX 101

March 1, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Delaware, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

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Feb. 17, in Delaware, Ohio, there was a meeting of the society at the home of [redacted] M. D. There were 100 people present. I tried to go in place of a friend but couldn't because my name hadn't been submitted and I didn't have a written invitation to present at the door. The speaker was Rev. [redacted] a Baptist minister. His topic was "Socialism and the Bible" Some of his statements follow.

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Thank you.

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Delaware, Ohio

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Mrs. [redacted]

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March 6, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Monticello, Georgia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 22, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Howard D. Smoot, Former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. (67-263689)

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Monticello, Ga.
Feb. 22, 1961.

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

Dear Sir,

I would like to know the rating given, Dan Smoot, P. O. Box 9611, Lakewood Station, Dallas 14 Texas and The John Birch Society which I understand originated in Houston Texas. Would you consider them worthy organizatons to work with in the task of helping to understand Communism at work in our country?

Thanking you I am

yours sincerely,

%s/[redacted]

(Mrs.[redacted] Monticello, Ga.

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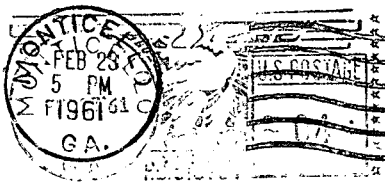

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of February 20, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. I can assure you that I have never sanctioned this organization.

As a matter of policy, I am unable to comment regarding the pamphlet which you forwarded with your communication. I hope you will understand my position. Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you, and I am returning the pamphlet which you forwarded. Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent's enclosure

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[redacted] b6
Midland, Texas b7C
February 20, 1961

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I have enclosed a pamphlet that has been distributed in the high school. My daughter is a debate student and a very good one I might add. The article is in my estimation a condemnation of the United Nations and ignorant of debate procedure at least as it applies to this area. There are statements in this pamphlet that deeply disturb me. I'm upset to think that in these days of world tension when our President is urging strong support of the United Nations as our bulwark against communist aggression that such literature is being placed in the hands of adults much less those of our high school students.

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3/27/86 Spinnaker

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Thank you so much for your attention. It is selfish of me to presume upon your time when you are burdened with the security of millions but I'll be forever grateful for your counsel.

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Mrs [redacted]

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March 6, 1961

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Miss [redacted]

[redacted]

Buffalo 1, New York

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Dear Miss Harris:

Your letter of February 25, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Buffalo 1, N. Y.
February 25, 1961

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Thank you.

Sincerely yours

/s/ (Miss) [redacted] b6 b7C

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Sincerely yours

Miss [redacted]

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March 6, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Santa Barbara, California

MR & MRS [redacted]

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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The letter from you and your husband was received on February 27, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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Bufile 100-434516 contains a pamphlet issued by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAFF) which states that this organization was established at a national conference of conservative students and youth leaders held at Sharon, Connecticut, during September, 1960. This conference issued a statement which stated in part "that the forces of international communism are at present the greatest single threat to these (constitutional) liberties; that the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this (communist) menace..." Its task is to enlist members from every campus and every community and to organize programs which will develop local conditions and which will achieve local conservative objectives. Material available does not indicate that this group is a subversive organization.

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

Santa Barbara, Calif.

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February 22, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

We are requesting and would value so very much your personal or public opinion of the John Birch Society. We are members of this organization and though believing very strongly in its principles, we at times feel dismayed by the recent smear campaign going on in Santa Barbara. Knowing how communists use front organizations after reading your book - "Masters of Deceit", could you please let us know if we are being "duped" or "used"?

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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P.S. If possible, could you also let us know your opinion of the Young Americans for Freedom Club started at Sharon Conn. in 1960?

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

AIRMAIL

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

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Santa Barbara, Calif.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: February 27, 1961

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MR. SHIRLEY PALMER - BALL
146 SAINT MATTHEWS AVENUE
LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY
INQUIRY RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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On the morning of February 24, 1961, above-named individual called the Bureau from Louisville, Kentucky, and was referred to SA Thomas F. Mitchell of the Crime Research Section. Mr. Palmer - Ball identified himself as Vice-President of the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Corporation in Louisville and a volunteer coordinator in the Louisville area for the John Birch Society.

Mr. Palmer - Ball advised that recently the Louisville Courier-Journal ran an article "smearing" the society. He said that last Sunday the newspaper, over its radio station in Louisville, WHAS, continued what appears to be a definite attack on the society by presenting a radio program entitled, "Moral Side of the News." Guests on this program were four ministers of the Louisville area who attacked the society stating that it was a fascist organization and could be compared with the Hitler movement.

Mr. Palmer - Ball further stated that he feels the society itself could withstand such a smear attack, but he is anxious to launch a counter offense on behalf of the society in order to protect the individuals working for the society in Louisville. In connection with his counterattack, Mr. Palmer - Ball stated he planned on using the facilities of the weekly newspaper, "Voice of Saint Matthews," published in Saint Matthews, Kentucky, with a circulation of about 6,000.

Mr. Palmer - Ball requested that the Director, if possible, send him a letter setting forth his knowledge of the John Birch Society and its aims. He added that if the Director could not furnish him such a letter, he would appreciate any suggestions the FBI might make as to how such a smear attack could be fought.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: Mr. Shirley Palmer - Ball

There is no record in Bureau files identifiable with this individual. The John Birch Society has been the subject of numerous inquiries received at the Bureau. Founded by Mr. Robert Welch, of Belmont, Mass., it is allegedly an anti-communist organization, but Welch has stated that it might take on the appearance of the "front" in order to attract true subversives. Welch has been openly critical of former President Eisenhower, and in his book, "The Politician" in a vicious attack on Eisenhower, he accused the President of being a dupe of the communists.

Mr. Palmer - Ball was advised that the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. The Director, therefore, would be unable to help but that no inference should be drawn from this fact either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding this society.

Domestic Intelligence Division advised that early in February on the Director's instructions a limited inquiry was initiated into the John Birch Society. Boston has been instructed to obtain from established sources information concerning the corporation, its officials, and sources of income.

With regard to the Louisville Courier-Journal our relations with this paper have been very spotty with both favorable and unfavorable editorials. In December, 1958, they were extremely critical of the Director's response to unfavorable criticism. At that time they ran a scandalous cartoon with the caption, "Thou shalt not criticize the FBI."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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March 3, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Bill's Auto Sales
Post Office Box 548
Powell, Wyoming

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 22, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 22, 1961

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

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On the other hand I have read so much of people being duped by communist front organizations and I don't want to be a part of that statistic.

An early reply would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]

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1. Mr. [redacted]

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March 6, 1961

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[redacted]
Houston, Texas

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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Houston, Texas

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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It is a known fact that we are living in an age of deceit. This causes one who is interested in good government to be most cautious in lending his support to various groups which promote good government.

As most communist front groups are operating under the guise of humane and patriotic societies, I am compelled to consult you and your wealth of information about one group in particular. This group is known as the John Birch Society, having it's headquaters in Belmont, Massachusetts. I am convinced this is one of the most devout anti-communist groups in operation today. It's principle leader seems to have more information on communist activities at his disposal than our entire congress. I would say it has it's roots in the constitution of the United States as set forth in 1787 as opposed to the watered down version of the present time.

I would greatly appreciate any comments you will make and information you may give me concerning this, John Birch Society, group and it's activities.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

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Sincerely yours for good government,

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March 6, 1961

Mr. Henry Lebak
Alexander, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Lebak:

Your letter was received on February 27, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data relative to the group you mentioned.

This Bureau does not issue a list such as you described. You can obtain a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. You may also be interested in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." Although this booklet is currently out of print, you may be able to secure a copy from your local library.

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society, an anticommunist group, has not been investigated by the Bureau, but we are watching its activities since its founder, Robert Welch, indicated it might be used to attract true subversives.

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Alexander, N. Dak.
Feb. 21, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The people in this area are in the process of organizing into "John Birch Society" chapters and I am making preparations to start one in Alexander, N. Dak. I want to do all I can to help combat communism, but want to be on the right track. Would you kindly inform me as to your opinion on this group. It looks all right to me, but would hate to be wrong on it.

Is it possible to acquire any list of people and organizations listed as communist. Would like any available information that would be a help in the battle. Also it might be well to find out the proper procedure in handling such lists.

Sincerely

Henry Lebak

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Alexander, N. Dak.
Feb. 21, 1961

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Sincerely
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EC-68 62-104901-724

March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Nashville 12, Tennessee

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 26, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Party, USA
One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
The Communists Are After Our Minds
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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the President to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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[redacted]
Nashville 12, Tennessee
February 26, 1961.

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

Re: John Birch Society

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am interested in joining the John Birch Society, and I would like to know your opinion of this organization before I make my final decision. Although I feel that this organization stands for the true democratic ideals, your opinion is still desired and would be most helpful.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Nashville 2, Tennessee
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

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March 7, 1961

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Big Spring, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter dated February 27, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as strictly a fact-gathering agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to comment concerning the group you named and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

For the above reasons we have not, consequently, compiled a list such as you described. If you would like to have a copy of the list of groups which have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has also released a "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." The Government Printing Office advises that it is currently out of print, but you may be able to secure a copy of it in your local public library. Enclosed is other material on the subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (7) (Listed on next page)

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Enclosures (7)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
How To Beat Communism
Press Release 12-22-60
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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[redacted]
Big Spring, Texas
February 27, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I have been approached by some member of the John Birch Society to join their organization.

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Is this society clear of subversive or communist taint?

If you have a list of organizations considered infiltrated by communists or a list of acceptible organizations, by the F. B. I. standards, please forward a copy to me.

Respectfully,

/s/ [redacted]

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Big Spring, Texas
February 27, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C

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Respectfully,

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March 7, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wolf Point, Montana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked February 27, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. "American Opinion" is a brochure written by Robert Welch.

TRUE COPY

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wolf Point - Montana.

J. Edgar Hoover -
Washington - D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please do answer my question by return mail! to me it is most important.

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What is the John Birch Society? address: The Bookmailer - Box 101 - Murry Hill Station - New York 16 - New York -

or American Opinion -
Belmont 78 -
Massachusetts - N. Y. -

Is it a Communist Society?
Here they have many followers who believe in the Society - as for me I am not sure - So please answer my question

/s/ [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Wolf Point - Montana.

J. Edgar Hoover -

Washington - D.C.

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March 7, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Communications Department
General Board of
Christian Social Concerns of
The Methodist Church
The Methodist Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington 2, D. C.

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 28, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by this Bureau on the subject of communism. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6) (Listed next page).

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Enclosures (6)

How To Beat Communism	3-part Series - Christianity Today
What You Can Do To Fight Communism	Expose of Soviet Espionage
Director's speech 10/18/60	Communist Target - Youth

NOTE: Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, has been highly critical of the Eisenhower Administration in his writings, and all field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of this group since Welch at time indicated that he thought organizing a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

GENERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS
OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

THE METHODIST BUILDING
100 MARYLAND AVENUE, NORTHEAST
WASHINGTON 2, D.C. · LINCOLN 6-1000

February 28, 1961

Information office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We have been receiving numerous letters requesting information on the John Birch Society, Inc., which has its headquarters in Belmont, Mass. Its purpose is apparently to speak out against communist influences in our country.

We have contacted the society and received information from them. But our questioners want further information concerning the evaluation of this organization. We thought that the FBI might have information and evaluations on the John Birch Society.

Can you help us on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Newington, Virginia

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked February 28, 1961, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

In response to your question regarding the decisions of the Supreme Court, it is suggested that you correspond with the Reporter of Decisions, The Supreme Court of the United States, 1 First Street, Northeast, Washington 25, D. C. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Series from "Christianity Today"

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Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C 3-7-61

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Spelling of last name verified in phone directory.

The Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society; however, we are watching its activities to see if it may become infiltrated. Its founder, Robert Welch, has been most critical of the Eisenhower administrations in his writings.

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Newington, Virginia
Feb. 24, 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover

Sir: I would like some help in a problem about which I, as an American citizen, am greatly confused and worried. My neighbor is a member and staunch follower of the John Birch Society. I firmly believe the Society's premise that Communism is a serious threat and would like to join a group dedicated to fighting communism at every angle-however I can not help but doubt a group which condemns & criticizes every leader & institution of our American Government. I believe that underming the American people's faith in their government is aiding & abetting the Communist cause. My neighbor assures me that only by fighting (through letters etc) these elements which the John Birch Society declares (with what appears to be documented proof) to be subversive can we drive Communists from our Government.

Their current project is to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren. They believe there is sufficient evidence to prove that the Warren Court has decided in favor of the communist conspiracy at every opportunity. I have read their literature on this matter. Where can I obtain a more complete record of Supreme Court decisions?

Can you help me with any information concerning the ideals, plans & good faith of the John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch?

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Thank you

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Newington, Virginia
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Thank you

Mrs [redacted]

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March 6, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 25, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
Series from Christianity Today,
What You Can Do to Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
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February 25, 1961

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please advise me. I have been asked to join a 'John Birch Group', and they claim that they are 100% against Communism. I'm against this too but after reading your ~~Bkk~~ book, 'Master's of Deceit,' I no longer know if a person dare get involved in any group activity. They all appear to be under suspicion.

This group says that it has been cleared by the Attorney General's office and also the F.B.I.. They mentioned something about the blue book (this I didnot understand too well.)

Could you please tell me what the opinion of the John Birch Group is in the eyes of the F.B.I.?

I want to help, if there is a way to help our country to fight Communism or any other force that might endanger our free way of life. I just don't want to make a mistake. Please advise.

Sincerely,

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Mrs.
Sturgeon Bay
Wisconsin

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REC-68 62-104401-730

March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 23, 1961, and I appreciate your kind comments concerning the work of this Bureau.

With respect to your inquiry, while I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

In view of your interest with regard to the communist menace, I am enclosing several items on communism which are available for general distribution by the FBI and which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
17th National Convention CPUSA & March, 1960, LEB Introduction
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record concerning the correspondent.

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[redacted]

Amarillo, Tex.
Feb. 23, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover -

Dear sir -

Recently my husband and I joined an organization known as the John Birch Society. We personally feel this group is anti-Communist as they say they are. However, there are those of opposite feeling. Would it be presumptious to ask for your opinion as to the merit of the society?

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May I say also a very firm and heartfelt "thank you" for the very fine work carried out by your organization - May God bless you and help you in this work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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

62-104401-731

March 3, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
San Antonio, Texas

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Dear Mrs. Harper:

I have received your letter of February 22 and in response to your request I am enclosing a copy of my report, "Communist Target--Youth," together with other material regarding the general subject of communism which you may find of value. There is no charge.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the FBI had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any recommendation concerning it.

Regarding your other inquiry, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Jones
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Feb. 22 -

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Please send me any information you might have on communism in the churches, and on The San Francisco Student Riots of May 1960. I will remit the cost of printing, postage, etc.

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Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

P S. Can you also give me any recent information on the agitators at the U. of Texas - are they still planning a repeat of The San Francisco Riots for next fall - if so what can our young group do to prevent it. We had thought of working with the Austin Freedom group, showing the film, "Operation Abolition" to the student body & then going to our respective sororities with our documentations to warn them of the planned riot next fall. I'd like your views on this and any suggestions as to how we should go about it.

Also - what is your opinion on the John Birch Society? Do you feel it is a good way for us to help in combating communism?

Many thanks for your time and information!

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MRS. [redacted]
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please send me any information you might have on communism in the churches, and on the San Francisco Student Riots of May 1960. I will remit the cost of printing, postage, etc.

Many thanks -

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Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

P.S. Can you also give me any recent information on the

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agitators at the U. of Texas are they still planning a repeat of the San Francisco Riots for next fall — if so what can our young group do to prevent it. We had thought of working with the Austin Freedom group, showing the film, "Operation Abolition" to the student body + then going to our respective sororities with our documentation to warn them of the planned riot next fall. I'd like your views on this and any suggestions as to how we should go about it.

Also — What is your opinion on the John Birch Society? I feel it is a good way for us to help in combating communism?

Many thanks for your time and information!

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March 7, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Shreveport 82, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I do appreciate the expressions of confidence in the activities of the FBI in your letter of February 27. You can be sure my associates and I will continue to devote all our energies to maintaining the standards of performance in this Bureau on which the American people depend.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may find of value.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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February 27, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

It is my sincerest hope that history will accord you the very highest niche on the scale of Americanism. It must be rather discouraging to feel that you are carrying on the good fight alone. Scores of conservative thinking Americans such as myself are waking up to the Communist menace, and are informing their senators and Representatives that we expect positive action in closing the gaps created in our laws that fight Communism. As a new member of the John Birch Society I wish to thank you for one of your works "Communist Target: Youth". This report and others like it are invaluable in concentrating our efforts toward fighting back, and not to slow surrender.

In closing I will say it is my fondest dream that within two years perhaps the shackles imposed within the last nine years will fall away.

Yours for America,

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March 7, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

Corona del Mar, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 1, 1961. I understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write to me.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I would like to point out, however, my strong belief that full knowledge of the true nature of communism is vital if we are to effectively resist its influence. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. Education is of strategic importance in the struggle raging between this evil conspiracy and the free world. When fully cognizant of the aims and objectives of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to combat this menace with the weapon it fears most--truth.

I am enclosing material on the general subject which you may find of interest. Some of this literature contains suggestions as to methods of fighting communism. Additional copies of any of these items can be sent to you in reasonable quantities on request and at no cost.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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2. [redacted]
3. Corona del Mar, California
February 24, 1961

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter because of my growing concern about the increasing popularity of the John Birch Society, as directed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. Inasmuch as your name and the Department of Justice is being tossed around (along with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Jesus Christ) in the interests of this society, I would like to know how best to combat such an organization.

I should state that of course I am against Communism, and have the same query as many of my friends: "What is the best way to combat Communism -- besides reading authoritative books, being informed about local officials, school personnel, etc.?"

It seems very clear to most of us locally in our forties and fifties that a society such as "John Birch" has many evils, not the least of which is the attempt to destroy our confidence in Kennedy and Johnson, Nixon and Lodge alike, the advocation of impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, the abolition of the United Nations, and the elimination of a democratic form of government. But the fact remains that this society is being contributed to and fostered by a large number of young married couples in their twenties -- well-to-do, probably very sincere, and pseudo-intellectual. This is a source of great worry to those of us who recognize Robert Welch not as a guiding light but as possibly 1) a Communist, or 2) a Fascist, or 3) a possible candidate for another party, or 4) at least a crackpot. Whatever he may be, he is gaining a goodly number of ardent supporters who are dedicated and who are pouring money into his till, and in return are happy to take his advice. As he says in his two-hour lecture film, the goal is a million people, each with a $1000 life membership.

I feel sure that your Bureau is well aware of all this, but do you have some ammunition with which the average citizen can combat it? It is very painful to watch, especially when the current violently anti-Communistic feeling is something we all earnestly want. To use sincere people honestly interested in fighting Communism for this purpose is a terrible waste. But if one offers an argument, one is looked upon as a poor, misguided soul -- or as a pro-Communist.

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I am appealing to you because - so far - your word is greatly respected. Unfortunately, you are often quoted only in part, and your warning against vigilante action is ignored.

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Sincerely,

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Vital Statistics: Wife of [redacted] for Pacific Telephone Company - cleared by FBI because of nature of work. Mother of [redacted] - 1933.

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March 8, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Jennings, Louisiana

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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Jennings, La.
February 27th, 1961.

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

Gentlemen:

Will you please give me any information that you can about the John Birch Society, Inc, Belmont 78, Mass?

A Chapter has been formed here recently and I have been approached with an invitation to join. I understand that it is Anti-Communist which is good, but is it recognized by your Department as a bona fide organization? All good Americans want to stop Communism and I too want to do what I can, but can my small dues do more good in some other way that by joining this group? Your comments will be appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

1. Mr. [redacted]
2. P. O. Box [redacted]
3. Jennings, La.

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62-109060-735

March 8, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of service to you, the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. From this I hope that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your understandable concern with regard to the communist menace, I am enclosing several items which set forth my views and may be of interest to you.

Thank you for your kind comments concerning the work of the FBI, and I trust that we will continue to merit your support and approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent. The John Birch Society was established by Robert Welch of Boston, Massachusetts and has been engaged in anticommunist activities. The Bureau has conducted an inquiry concerning it.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First you must know that I have been among the group of Americans you so aptly describe as "apathetic". I have always been conscious there were communists in America but have always been indifferent to their activities. Recently and only recently some friends of mine of whom I'm extremely fond handed me some literature to read. Among the various articles are your own "Communist Target - Youth" and a reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960, with your attached "Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA".

The knowledge garnered from these articles has infuriated me for being so indifferent to the danger and to the point where I must fight this insidious disease with all the abilities God has given me. It is along these lines I seek your counsel, not as the head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation but as an authority on communism and as a loyal American.

The "various articles" other than yours, mentioned in paragraph one, were written by such men as Dr. Fred Schwarz, Kenneth Goff, Tom Hutton and Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. It is about the latter I inquire. I have read their "Blue Book" with which you are no doubt familar. I was impressed by many good points therein and confused by some of its' philosophy. I have not joined nor will not join until I can ascertain whether or not the John Birch Society is considered to be subversive. This seems to be the only cohesive force in this area dedicated to fighting communism but if you believe they are too far to the right then I will appreciate your advice in channeling my efforts. 62-104401-735

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In closing I want to thank you for the excellent job you have done and are doing to make America a better place in which to live....to take time from your endless tasks to answer my request.

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[redacted] - Phoenix, Arizona

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(62-10441)~~ 62-104401 - (REG) DATE: 3/7/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT A. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY);

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

For the Bureau's information, this is to advise that a chapter of The John Birch Society has been formed at Chelan, Washington. The Seattle Office was so advised by Mrs. [redacted], Manson, Washington, who was seeking information regarding the character of the organization. Mrs. [redacted], of course, was informed of the confidential nature of our files.

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Mr. [redacted]
Ambrose Printing Company
164-166 Fourth Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 3, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Department of Justice Bldg.
9th & Pennsylvania Avenues
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and would like to have your comments on this particular organization.

Our local group is very interested in whatever information you might give this request because of our high esteem for you and the office you hold.

Thanking you for any information you may give us in advance on the above, we remain

Yours sincerely,

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REC-60 62-[illegible]-739

March 9, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

We do not have any literature available for distribution pertaining to the organizations you mentioned, nor do we maintain a list of material which we have available for distribution to the public. Data which we do disseminate to citizens is available without charge.

Enclosed is literature dealing with the general subject of communism, some of which contains suggestions as to what we Americans can do.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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[redacted]
Compton, California
March 2, 1961

[redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1340 W. 6th Street
Los Angeles, California

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Gentlemen:

My wife and I recently [redacted] a local chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY whose headquarters are in Belmont, Massachusetts.

There has been some controversy in the newspapers, radio and television concerning this organization, and it has been labeled by some as subversive.

While we do not find any subversive activities within the organization, before becoming further involved in the work, we would like a letter from you advising whether or not this organization is objectional or listed in your files as subversive.

Mrs. [redacted] and I want to be on record with your agency that we are very anxious to do our part to expose and stop the communist menace, but at the same time expect your agency to advise us against the wrong group with which to associate ourselves.

May we hear from you?

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Very truly yours,

[redacted]

CC to Washington, D. C. Headquarters

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28th February
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I just finished reading your book "Masters of Deceit" and several of your articles - I am now a very concerned American -

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Third: I would like to know your stand - the FBI's on the John Birch Society - (I am not a member)

Fourth: I am a Methodist. What is the truth about all I hear about us (& the Episcopolians)? Being so infiltrated etc? Also the truth about the Council of Churches who are being so blackened?

Fifth: What is this group-Atheist they call themselves-that read Ayn Rands beliefs? Is this a Communistic group? I know they say not but their basic belief is the same as Communists. Do you have any literature on this?

Finally Mr. Hoover - as a wife and a mother I have but one concern in my heart the future of my children - of all children -

I know I can trust & believe any information you write or recommend -

Please answer my letter quickly -

Sincerely

Mrs. [redacted] b6
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Sincerely Mrs [redacted]

Wichita, Kansas

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REC 66 62-104431-740

March 1, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

Pasadena, California

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Pasadena, Calif.

Sir,

I have the opportunity to join the "John Birch" Society. This seems to be an organization that is really doing something about Communism locally where people like me can help too.

There is so much controversy on the John Birch Society lately in my town, I wonder if you could tell me if this organization is lawful & proper and clear with your office.

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Thank you,

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/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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MR. [redacted] b6 b7C

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THE SANTA BARBARA JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INDICATES YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND APPROVE THE ACTIVITIES AND PURPOSES OF ROBERT WELCH AND HIS ORGANIZATION IMPERATIVE YOU STATE YOUR POSITION PLEASE REPLY COLLECT WIRE COPY OF THIS WIRE GIVEN TO SANTA BARBARA NEWS PRESS RESPECTFULLY

[redacted] SANTA BARBARA CALIF.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 3/7/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9458)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

On 2/21/61, Mr. [redacted] contacted the Greensboro, N. C. Resident Agency. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] advised that he was extremely interested in anti-Communist activities and that he had recently heard of the John Birch Society and understood that their purpose was to fight Communism in the U. S. However, he advised that prior to joining any such society he desired to ascertain if this organization was in any way subversive.

He stated he had written to the headquarters of the John Birch Society at Belmont, Mass., and received some publications from this organization. He stated that in these publications it listed some of the council members, among which that were well known was Mr. T. COLEMAN ANDREWS, former Director of Internal Revenue Service, and ADOLPH MENJOU, movie actor. These publications further indicated to him that this organization was organized at Indianapolis, Ind. in 1958, and that one Mr. ROBERT WELCH was the founder of this society.

He stated that if he could ascertain that this organization was not subversive and was actually dedicated to fighting Communism in the United States as reflected in its publications he would be interested in such a society at Salem, Va., where he resides.

Mr. [redacted] was advised that the jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. He was advised the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal government and as such does not issue clearances or non-clearances. b6 b7C

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[redacted]

Mr. [redacted] is described as:

White
Male
Born [redacted], Victoria, Va.
Height 5' 9"
Weight 145 pounds
Employment - [redacted] Steel's Service Warehouse, Roanoke, Va.
Military service - U. S. Navy, claims honorable discharge
NSN [redacted]
Residence - [redacted], Salem, Va.

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The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and Richmond in the event that a John Birch Society is organized at Salem, Virginia, and the above individual is a member or assists in organizing the John Birch Society in the city where he resides.

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March 9, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
The National Life and
Accident Insurance Company
National Building
Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 1, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity o any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Letter to Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate it very much if you would advise me as to the position of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with regard to The John Birch Society. A number of my friends belong to this group and according to my understanding of its purpose, it seems to be a worthwhile organization; however, before joining such a group, I would like to be certain that it is not regarded as a subversive organization by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any information which you can furnish me as to the findings of your organization and your opinion regarding the value of this Society would be very greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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March 10, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

West Covina, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on March 6, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated. I want to thank you for your prayers and kind comments about the work of this Bureau.

I am enclosing some material about communism, and you will notice that several of these reprints give suggestions for combating this conspiracy. There is no charge for any literature this Bureau is privileged to distribute; therefore, the money you forwarded is being returned.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to the organization you mentioned, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the group about which you inquired.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (9)
Communist Party, USA
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Conv
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
The Communist Menace
Correspondent's enclosure

What You can Do to Fight Communism
Where do we Stand with Communism
How to Fight Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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West Covina, California.

February 28th 1961

[redacted]

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

Dear Mr. Hoover: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

This letter has been on my mind for many weeks now and today I felt I must get it off to you.

I have no vital information to relay, no spies to expose, no suggestions or complaints. To the contrary in fact.

I am writing to say "thank you" Mr. Hoover for the many, many years of dedicated, untarnished, vigilant service you have given to our country and hense to my own family.

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You are one of the few men in public service that I can point out to my children [redacted] and say "follow his example"

Within the past three years I have finally awakened to the Communist threat facing our nation and Mr. Hoover I tell you unashamed I'm afraid! and I am a woman 38 years of age.

How can we fight something we cannot see nor get ahold of, how do we know a Communist when we see one when they lie to hide their true dedication? How do we stamp out this vicious thing that spreads into every activity, occupation, level of life we know like an unchecked cancer.

My hours are filled to the brim with Cub Scout P.T.A. Little League and Church work. I send magazines to India to fight the Communist Propaganda, we have prepared our extra food and water in case of an emergency, I have a first-aid card, we try to live our lives as an example to our youngsters of their American Heritage. My husband is a veteran of WW 2. and the Korean conflict but with all this the fear remains.

I take great personal comfort in the fact that you are still in control of the F.B.I. with your finger on the pulse of this insiduase danger. I know that the Lord will not put more on us than we are able to bear.

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I felt I wanted to tell you how very grateful our entire family is to you and I know there are millions more who share this feeling but have'nt the time to write.

Enclosed you will find $1.00 which I hope you will use to send me any information or publications you feel might aid me in seeing this thing called Communism alittle more clearly.

Before I close I would like to ask you one question.

An organization called the John Burke (Birch) group is becoming apparent in West Covina (our little city) dedicated to "Americanism,patriotism" etc, etc and sounded very good until they came out with the stateemant that they were against P.T.A. who they consider Communist inspired.

Do you know anything about this organization Mr. Hoover are they what they appear to be and just misinformed concerning P.T.A., or could it be that the P.T.A. has been infiltrated and needs to do alittle house cleaning also.

The above subject is of great concern to me and I would greatly appreciate any information you might have concerning this.

Once again may I express my sincere appreciation for all you have done for ALL AMERICANS in your position as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Many prayers have been said in this house for your safety, health and continued guidence from above.

Sincerely.

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West Covina, California.

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March 9, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Lowville, New York

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. For this reason, I cannot recommend any organizations to you, and I hope you will not infer either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the group you mentioned.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Enclosures (7)
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Christianity Today Series
How to Fight Communism
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Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C 3-9-61

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization. It has not been investigated by the Bureau, but we are watching its activities inasmuch as its founder, Robert Welch, indicated that it might be used to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the President to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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Lowville, N. Y.
Feb. 28, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently become interested in what I believe to be an Anti- Communistic Organization.

If it actually is what it appears to be, it would seem that it should be whole heartedly supported.

However I would hate to sign an application only to find I had been mislead.

Can you give me the names of any bonafide Anti-Communistic Organizations now in operation?

At present I am especially interested in "The John Birch Society" Belmont 78, Mass. I understand it is headed by a Mr. Welch (former owner of Welch Candy Co.) in or from Washington, D. C.

Your kind attention to this matter will be appreciated.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ (Mrs.) [redacted]

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Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) [redacted] b6 b7C

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March 2, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Granger, Indiana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 21, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am unable to offer any suggestions as to a ready source where you might obtain the information you are seeking, but I firmly believe that if the individual will thoroughly acquaint himself not only with the true aims of communism, but also with those ideals on which the Nation was founded, he will be able to wisely choose from among the many organizations those dedicated to preserving our hard-earned freedoms.

Enclosed is some material pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Intro.
One Nation's Response To Communism
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Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. See airtel to SAC, Indianapolis, 3-2-61. Enclosure was a copy of a sheet carrying a Jack Mabley article and extracts from "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society indicating the pros and cons of the Society.

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21 February 1961

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Granger, Indiana

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

Dear Sir:

There is currently a drive for membership to the John Birch Society going on in this area. Enclosed is a copy of a paper that is being used to promote the society.

Although one of my friends has approched the local FBI office about the society he has only received the answer that the FBI office is not an "educational office".

I am concerned over just what is the truth in this paper. This Jack Mabley has written his column in such a way that he would not have to present proof of the existance of the book that he refers to.

Could you shed any light on the subject? Perhaps you would rather have specific questions.

1. Who is telling the truth-Jack Mabley or Robert Welch?

2. If your office cannot assure me that the John Birch Society is anti-communist in nature- who can?

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Sincerly yours,

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CON (Source: Chicago Daily News, 30 January 1961)

PRO (Source: "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society)

The purpose of the organization is to fight communism through individual action and influence on American politics by the Society members.

The immediate and most urgent anxiety, of course, is the threat of the Communist conspiracy. And well it should be. For both internationally, and within the United States, the Communists are much further advanced and more deeply entrenched than is realized by even most of the serious students of the danger among the anti-Communists.

In summary, gentlemen, we are losing, rapidly losing, a cold war in which our freedom, our country, and our very existence are at stake. And while we don't seem to know we are losing this war, you can be sure the Communists do. There is just one thing -- only one thing in the whole world -- which the Communists fear today. It is that, despite their tremendous influence in our government and over all of our means of mass communication, the American people will wake up too soon to what has really been happening, and what is now happening right under their very noses.

This octopus is so large that its tentacles now reach into all of the legislative halls, all of the union labor meetings, a majority of the religious gatherings, and most of the schools of the whole world. It has a central nervous system which can make its tentacles in the labor unions of Bolivia, in the farmer's cooperatives of Saskatchewan, the caucuses of the Social Democrats of West Germany, and in the class rooms of the Yale Law School, all retract or reach forward simultaneously. It can make all of these creeping tentacles turn either right or left, or a given percentage turn right while the others turn left, at the same time, in accordance with the intentions of a central brain in Moscow or Ust'-Kamenogorski. The human race has never before faced any such monster of power which was determined to enslave it. There is certainly no reason for underrating its size, its efficiency, its determination, its power, or its menace.

The whole essence of the Society's purpose, and the guiding principle for action, covering not only the fight against collectivism but the fight for constructive replacement, may be summarized in the objective expressed by just five words: Less Government and More Responsibility.

The Wrong Way To Fight Reds

Birch Society Book Is Bared

Jack Mabley's Story

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Inasmuch as 99.9999 per cent of us are anti-Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens asks, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

Group Founded In Indianapolis

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

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WELCH HAS written a privately printed book called "The Politician." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, and Chief Justice Warren and Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

Some Excerpts From the Book

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to be to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt.

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: ". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

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WE REPRINT these words only because they are totally idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in his mind.

The Communist threat in this country is real enough. The country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the Communist evil.

But the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work.

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March 9, 1961

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Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Detroit 5, Michigan

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Dear Miss [redacted]

3/31/86 SpMacMile

Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased that you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," useful in your study of communism.

In regard to your inquiry, the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer from this that either we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your understandable concern with regard to the communist menace, I am enclosing several items which explain my views on this matter which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can do to fight Communism
God and Country or Communism?
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Party, USA
Series from "Christianity Today"

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Miss [redacted]
Detroit 5, Michigan

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March 3,1961

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

Dear sir,

Being a member of the Cardinal Mindszenty Study Club, I am very interested in the checking of communism. I have read your book Masters of Deceit and have found it useful in my study.

The following is an excerpt from "American Opinion" July - September, 1960, Vol. III No. 7, Robert Welch. The report is fantastic. I would greatly appreciate your opinion on the matter.

"Never before has treason been so brazen and so audacious. Our State Department, which created Soviet Cuba, is now using the power of the United States to make another Cuba of the Dominican Republic. We have suspended testing of nuclear weapons for only one conceivable purpose--to give the Soviets time to attain, or at least claim, superiority in weapons of which propaganda has engendered in us an hysterical fear. No one dares to say that all available evidence indicates that the pilot of our famous U-2 must have purposely landed his plane in Russia; and that objectives of those who planned the incident must have been: (1) to give the Soviet a model to duplicate; (2) to provide the American Communists with an excuse for getting reconnaissance over Russia suspended; and (3) to post-

pone the "Summit Conference" with a maximum of public disgrace to the United States."

I would also appreciate any material you can send about communism.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Victoria, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Party, USA
One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Victoria, Texas
March 3, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been to an introductory meeting of the John Birch Society and agree strongly with what their principals and goals seem to be -- fighting communism and more conservative government. However, before joining this group I would like very much your opinion on the sincerity of this organization.

I would appreciate an answer at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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March 3, 1961

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March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
The Capital National Bank
Post Office Box 181
Compton, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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THE CAPITAL NATIONAL BANK
OF COMPTON
NEWMARK 1-5166 NEVADA 6-2353 P. O. BOX 191
400 East Compton Blvd., Compton, Calif.

February 28, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in obtaining information in regard to the John Birch Society, whose address is Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

They represent themselves as a group organized for the sole purpose of combating the rise of communism in the United States. My membership has been solicited and I consider the cause to be worthy; however, since it is possible for such organizations to be totally ineffective, and sometimes they are actually for communism instead of against, I would like the benefit of such information as you are able to give me in regard to the society.

I have been furnished with considerable detail in regard to membership, operations and dues. The information that I desire from your office is as to whether the Society is reputable and effective.

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Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

62-104401-750

March 10, 1961

EX-103

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Glenview, Illinois

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 1, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. I can well appreciate the concern which prompted you to write and it is gratifying to know that my book, "Masters of Deceit," is one of the books you have read to obtain knowledge of the nature of communism.

With respect to the other sources you mention, I am unable to comment since the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of your interest in this subject, I am enclosing several items which you may find of value.

I firmly believe that it behooves every one of us to make a concerted effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist menace. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. Education is of strategic importance in this matter, for when fully cognizant of the aims of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to defeat it with the weapon it fears most--truth.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no correspondence with the correspondent and no derogatory information with respect to him. The correspondent encloses a copy of an article by Jack Mabley in which he replies to a letter from a reader who complains about the John Birch Society and accusations being thrown around by subversive right-wing anticommunist groups. He says it distresses him to see so many well-meaning people caught up on this wave of emotionalism which borders on hysteria. With some, anyone who disagrees with them is suspect as a communist. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Jack Mabley. He wrote previously in his column in the Chicago Daily News and was highly critical of the John Birch Society. This Society was organized by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, in December of 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization and Welch has been quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his Administration. We recently conducted an inquiry concerning this group.

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[redacted]
Glenview, Illinois
March 1, 1961

Mr. Tolson
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Miss Gandy

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

Dear Sir;

We are residents of Glenview, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Because of our Pastors tireless efforts to awaken us to the dangers of Communism, we are a very wide awake town regarding Communist strategy and tactics.

Numerous lectures by such dedicated Americans as, Father Becka, Walter Judd and Herbert Philbrick, a well planned school at Glenview Naval Air Base and the very effective books, MASTERS OF DECEIT, THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE, and QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON COMMUNISM, also contributed to our growing concern. As a result of all this effort by people we respected and admired, many of us became actively interested in anti-communist societies, such as, the Cardinal Minzenty Groups, John Birch Society and American Security Schools.

All of these groups have spent a great deal of time and effort in showing films such as, COMMUNISM ON THE MAP, OPERATION ABOLITION, LATVIA MY LATVIA etc. We also hold individual schools in our homes playing tape by R. Arens, Scousen, Philbrick, Dr. Benson, Dr. Schwartz, and many others. All in all we have probably reached 20,000 people or more and to some degree have added to their knowledge of the Communist techniques and purposes.

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ATT. T[illegible]
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The large majority of the people engaged in this anti-communist activity are well educated, well meaning Christians and patriots. They are not radicals and are interested only in saving our Country from its tragic apathy. However, in the last three months or so we have been ridiculed as alarmists, crackpots and even called Communists by a group of people led by one columnist of the Chicago Daily News. Who also happens to be a member of a One World Group in the Community Church of Glenview. He has written several derogatory columns about our efforts, the latest I have enclosed.

You, Mr. Hoover, are the most widely respected and revered authority in the field of American security, you enjoy a reputation with all Americans that is unique in American history.

I would appreciate having your opinion of this "grass-roots" type of anti-communist activity. Tell us if we should disband, or counsel us as to more effective methods of aiding our Country in Her hour of danger.

Your reply to this rather lengthy letter will be deeply appreciated and anxiously awaited.

Respectfully yours,

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JACK MABLEY:

"IT IS a delight to know that I have found someone else in this world who reads the newspaper backwards! What does it mean?" **Emilia C. Gilbert, Chicago.**

ANSWER: I don't know. I've read from the back to front since I was a little kid. Maybe it means we like the picture page. Maybe we like to save the best for last.

If you start worrying about these things, you can get in trouble. If you find comfort in numbers, there are a lot of us.

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"**WHAT IS** our world coming to? Do we no longer observe the Sabbath? Why must stores stay open on Sundays?

"Who are these people who shop and what are their reasons for shopping on Sunday? Are we all getting so mercenary we must either be greedy or selfish in allowing this to go on?

"If we did not patronize the stores they could not stay open. I, for one, would like a crusade to stop this feverish, snowballing idea."—**Mrs. E. Lyons, Chicago.**

COMMENT: This question is almost as sticky as bingo. I have never known a businessman who wanted to stay open on Sunday, but they say competition forces them to open.

Declining to patronize stores on Sunday is a reasonable way to protest. I object to laws requiring stores to close Sundays. This is a Christian holiday and the government has no moral right to impose one religion's beliefs or practices on non-Christians.

Regardless of your or my beliefs, an increasing number of stores are opening Sundays, and some say Sunday will be a full, normal business

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Nothing Like Reading Backwards

ay before many years have passed.

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"WHILE READING your column Feb. 7 I st wondered how you think we should solve e problem of segregation. Do you have any ggestions?" **Margaret Klaba, Justice.**

ANSWER: Yes. Integrate.

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"I AM VERY concerned by the accusations ing thrown by suburban right-wing anti-Com- unist groups deprecating Ambassador Steven- n, Sen. Douglas, Dwight Eisenhower and ner government dignitaries.

"Such accusations undermine government, as ll as the United States, and are causing great r among older citizens who are certain that ernment leadership is being controlled by mmunists — or certainly those with Com- ist leanings.

"The John Birch Society is only one of the groups making irresponsible remarks.

"Some of the so-called anti-Communist leaders have actually formed 'cell groups' which are busy trying to expose suspected Communists in the community. In some cases, one might label this new occupation modern-day witch hunts.

"The believers in the Robert Welch school need to be severely reprimanded for looking to men such as he for leadership when they should be occupying themselves with reaffirming their belief in the United States rather than kowtowing to the Communist scare—which is exactly what the Communists want." — **Jean Shanberg, Chicago.**

COMMENT: I agree. My thinking is influenced by a former FBI agent who probably has done as much as any other layman in the country to combat American Communists.

He shows me how the irresponsibility of extremists like Welch, leader of the Birch Society, does great harm to responsible anti-Communist efforts.

It distresses me to see so many well-meaning people caught up in this wave of emotionalism, which borders on hysteria. With some, anyone who disagrees with them is suspect as a Communist. They need, as much as anything, some lessons in depth on the meaning of Americanism.

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"FOR A considerable time I greatly admired the straightforward manner you used in dealing with diversified subjects, but recently you seem to be straddling many issues."—**Mrs. H. A. Cream, Chicago.**

COMMENT: Do you want blood? If this is straddling, what would a firm stand be?

(Mabley is on WBBM nightly at 8.)

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March 10, 1961

Honorable Milton R. Young
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

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I have been advised of your call to my office regarding the John Birch Society, and in response to your inquiry regarding this organization, I wish to advise that I have not endorsed this group or its activities in any fashion whatsoever.

You also made inquiry regarding a statement which has been erroneously attributed to me to the effect that up to eighty per cent of the top officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are communists or are under communist influence. This is, of course, a completely ridiculous assertion and when a report of this matter was brought to my attention recently it was promptly and emphatically denied as a fabrication.

Your interest in contacting me regarding this situation is very much appreciated, and I assure you we are always happy to be of any possible service or assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Mr. Parsons (Sent Direct)
1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent Direct)
1 - Mr. Jones (Sent Direct)
1 - Mr. Morrell (Sent Direct)

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Hon. Milton R. Young

NOTE: See DeLoach to Mohr memorandum dated March 9, 1961, regarding call from Senator Young. A newspaper in Newport Beach, California, on 2-23-61 carried a report to the effect that the Director said "the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has 80% of the top communists in the nation." Although this statement is somewhat different than the one given by Senator Young, it obviously refers to the same situation. By letter of March 1, 1961, the Secretary of HEW was advised of the fraudulent nature of this story. Files reflect cordial contacts with Senator Young and he has come to the defense of the Bureau regarding the confidential nature of our files. In 1956 charges were made that Senator Young "had sold out to natural gas interests," however, Senate committee hearings regarding this charge were dropped because of lack of evidence to support the allegation.

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March 10, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

I have received your letter dated March 3, 1961, with its enclosure, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting on the organizations you mentioned.

I am, however, enclosing some literature concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

3/31/86

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that in her community there is great confusion, all in the name of anticommunist propaganda, and a person does not know what to believe.

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

She mentions the John Birch Society and the Fund for the Republic and inquires: "Cannot you through the proper channels of our government have definite statements of authenticity given to the American people?" She then states she would also like to know the truth about Moral Re-Armament and the Cinema Educational Guild.

She enclosed a circular containing reprints of articles which have appeared in the "Santa Barbara News-Press" which were critical of the John Birch Society. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist group and has not been investigated by the Bureau. It has been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower alleging that he is a communist.

The Fund for the Republic has not been investigated by the Bureau; however, numerous persons connected with it have in the past had questionable associations. It has at times been very critical of the Bureau, the loyalty program and internal security problems. (100-391697)

Moral Re-Armament has been described as a world-wide semireligious organization, pacifist in nature, with idealistic objectives. There is no indication it is subversive. (62-43223)

The Cinema Educational Guild, headed by Myron C. Fagan, is allegedly an anticommunist group which has also distributed anti-Semitic and anti-Negro literature. It has been necessary to contact Fagan on several occasions to request him to refrain from mentioning the FBI in any manner. (62-87267)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "How to Beat Communism."
3. "God and Country or Communism."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

FE MRS. [redacted] CITY
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Santa Barbara, California

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Air Mail

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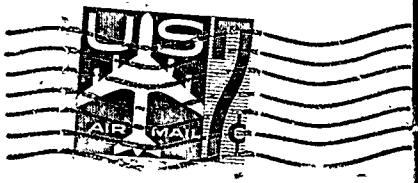

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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MRS. [redacted]

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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March 3, 1961

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

EXP. PROC.
MAR 6 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover, It is my prayer that this letter be placed in your hands. The writer is an American citizen, an intelligent person and one who is greatly concerned about the future of our country and her children.

In this town of Santa Barbara, a pleasant place to live in, I find within the last year and now, increasingly so, a great confusion, all in the name of anti-communistic propaganda.

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The doctrinal bunk & bleeding, seemingly contradicts the other in their so called patriotic utterances.

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Specifically, I mention the

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Mailed - Santa Barbara News-Press, Santa Barbara, Calif.

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John Birch Society and the Friends of the Republic.

Cannot you through the proper channels of our government have definite statements of authenticity given to the American people?

I enclose a few samples of the confusion so abundant which to my notion is a tool and part of the planned communistic program. Spreading the seeds of dissension, confusion and a great depression are all part of the scheme for the battle of our minds so we will surely fall as over-ripe fruit into the hands of our enemy.

Specifically, please give me a statement on the John Birch Society and the Friends of the Republic - headed by Robert Welsh and Robert Hutchins,

MR. [redacted]

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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respectively. They appear to be at each other's throats —

And I think the time is growing very late. Two other organizations I would like to know the truth about are Moral Re-Armament and a so-called Cinema Educational Guild of Hollywood, Calif. which is circulating a list of American citizens classed as Communists — namely one is Chet Huntley —

These all, I know are before you but the average american citizen is bewildered by this barrage of literature and so called movies such as Communism on the Map etc. Something must be done before it is too late,

Sincerely,

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REC- 50 -753

March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Miami 55, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention
One Nation's Response To Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Series from "Christianity Today"

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MAR. 2/61

DEAR SIRS,

I am writing to request either an official opinion or fact, pro and con. I hope you can help me with this.

As a citizen, I am greatly concerned over the Communist problem facing us today both on a world wide scale and here at home.

I feel that I should have become aware of this earlier but none the less, I am aware now that we have a grave fight on our hands and something must be done.

In searching for a means of fighting this situation I first have tried to become better educated about them. Then I looked for a group that would allow me, as an individual, to do something truly constructive and with purpose.

I have come across a group that goes by the name, The John Birch Society. I"ts headquarters are in Belmont, Mass. and it is headed by a Mr. Robt. Welch. I have studied their handbooks and from what I read, their aims and methods appeal to me greatly.

What I seek from you people is an opinion on this group, or Mr. Welch. Do you think it would be advisable of me to join their organization? There are so many groups here & there that it is hard for the uninformed to know which is on our side, and which is not.

Any help and advice you might give will be greatly appreciated.

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Sincerely,

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MIAMI, FLA

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March 13, 1961

Mr. Corwin N. Spencer
448 Hermosa Place
Palm Springs, California

Dear Mr. Spencer:

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Your letter dated March 5, 1961, has been received.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. To secure a list of the groups which have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Correspondent's enclosure is an article by Gene Blake from the Los Angeles Times entitled "The John Birch Society: What Are Its Purposes?" It is one of a series outlining the background and the anti-Eisenhower Administration views of Robert Welch. Address of correspondent verified by telephone directory check.

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Palm Springs
Calif
March 5-1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Enclosed is a clipping from the L. A. times of this morning and I am asking that you in your busy life take the time to read it and advise me or have someone advise me what you think of it and the statements made herein.

For your info I am 66 years of age served in the U. S. N. R. F. in world war No 1, a 32 0 Mason, member of Christian Science Church and retired.

I love my country and all it has given me and articles such as the enclosed worry me so and because one does not know what to believe.

My business career was with The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co where I spent 36 years before retirement. You may check on my background.

Some years ago your office sent me a booklet which contained the names of societies groups etc which were wondered subversive and I should like another copy.

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Sincerely yours

/s/ Corwin N Spencer

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MAR 7 1961

For your info I am 66 years of age served in the U.S.N.R.F. I am a Mason Kol, a 32° Mason, member of Christian Science church and retired.

Have never written and all is here given for what it is worth such as the enclosed upon my own and because I do not know what to believe.

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MAR 14 1961

My business career was with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co for 36 years before retirement. Hope you may find any background.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Bernice U Spencer

Corwin V. Spencer
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For Israel is a nation that me...

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Continued from First Page

monthly magazine, American Opinion. In 1957 he gave up most of his other business responsibilities to devote nearly all his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause.

Welch chose the subject of one of his books as the name for his society because he felt this young man symbolized all that the society should stand for.

John Birch was a fundamentalist Baptist preacher from Georgia who became a missionary in China and then an intelligence officer with Gen. Claire Chennault's forces during World War II. He helped Gen. James Doolittle escape from China after the famous raid on Tokyo.

But 10 days after V-J Day, Capt. Birch was shot and killed in a Chinese village near Hsuchow. Five years later, former Sen. Knowland charged in a Senate speech that he was murdered in cold blood by Chinese Communists.

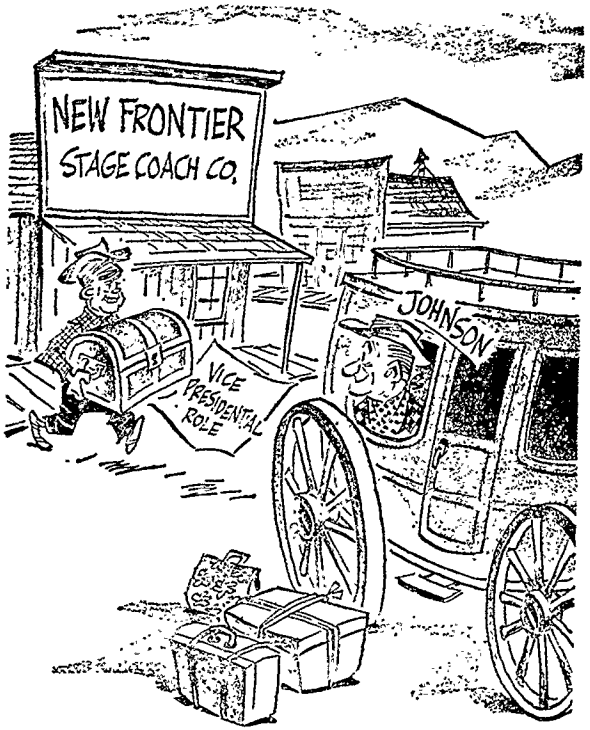
Aims at Expose

Welch's book purports to be a documentation of that charge, as well as an expose of a "cover-up" by the U.S. government in a policy of "appeasement" toward Red China.

"It is clear that the Communists, high and low, recognized John Birch as standing for America, for Christianity, and as the very embodiment of those qualities and forces which were in their way," Welch wrote.

" . . . he was the first, or very nearly the first, casualty in American uniform in a war still being waged . . . With his death and in his death the battle lines were drawn, in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed."

Monday: The Blue Book "bible" of the John Birch Society.



Bimrose, in the Portland Oregonian

Still waiting for his baggage

If I could second-guess myself on rearing my children, which I cannot, I'd do it the same way again. The public school systems and the private schools are complementary. Both, I think, are essential—and both are helpful to each other.

The private schools, when they have the money, have the advantage of greater freedom that is inherent in any small and private institution, and they definitely do have the compulsion upon them to equal, at the least, and to strive to surpass the working level of public schools. I don't mean that they always accomplish this. The level of achievement in public schools sets a high standard. But the compulsion to strive toward it is upon the private schools.

And as they strive, and raise their standards, they put a similar compulsion upon the public schools. Which is what I was saying. The two kinds of schools are competitive, and their competition constantly raises the achievements of each.

All this sounds perfect. And so it will be, but only as long as the private schools are able to stay in the race. And that, I think, is their solid argument when they go around seeking endowment gifts.

For private giving is one of the great public services.

...se wizards practice a highly stylized art, for which they are generally well and deservedly paid.

But the years have taken their toll of California's best campaign experts, one way or another, so any day now you may see in The Times' HELP WANTED MALE section of the classified advertisements a small notice to this effect:

"CAMPAIGN MANAGER NEEDED — Bright young man who hasn't been to the political well too often to assist veteran office-seeker who's afraid he might . . ."

Reputedly, Nixon is already on the lookout for fresh talent in the event he challenges Gov Brown, ...ficial boundaries that split us into segments, the urgency of "blanketing" metropolitan complexes like Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco—all these spell costly propstopping, motorcading and helicoptering.

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Sen. Tom Kuchel's already preparing to hire a station wagon in which he and his handsome wife will stump the state "as it's never been stumped before," against whomever the Democrats nominate against him.

Other top campaigners will doubtless do the same.

Nixon did, in '50, with Chotiner at his side.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY BRAINERD DYER

Speaking in the gymnasium of little Westminster College at Fulton, Mo., March 5, 1946, Great Britain's war-time prime minister, Winston Churchill, gave currency to the term "iron curtain."

"Nobody knows what Soviet Russia . . . intends to do in the immediate future, or what are the limits, if any, to their expansive tendencies," Churchill said, and then continued, "From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the European continent."

Urging the western world to act to prevent World War III while time remained and voicing lack of confidence in the United Nations, Churchill called for a military alliance between the United States and Great Britain.

Some critics charged Churchill with undermining the United Nations just when it was struggling to establish itself, while others praised him for pointing out what most statesmen had hesitated to make clear—that Russia was actually challenging the peace of the world.

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The John Birch Society: What Are Its Purposes?

This is the first of five articles reporting the background, purposes, organization and leadership of the John Birch Society, which has set a national membership goal of 1 million and expects to have 100,000 by the end of 1961.

BY GENE BLAKE

On a wintry day a little over two years ago, a dozen men gathered in Indianapolis at the invitation of a retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer, Robert Welch.

They were influential, busy men. One came from Oregon, one from Kansas, one from Missouri, two from Wisconsin, one from Illinois, one from Indiana, one from Tennessee, one from Virginia and two from Massachusetts.

These men weren't exactly sure why they were there, except that they all shared the same concern over the menace of international communism, its influence in America and the fate of this nation.

Two-Day Explanation

For two full days they listened to Robert Welch set forth his views of the problem and what he thought should be done about it. Out of that meeting of Dec. 8 and 9, 1958, came the John Birch Society.

Within a year there were working chapters in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, California and Washington. There were also members of the home chapter—a sort of "at-

litical standpoint. In Russia, less than 3% of the 200 million people are Communists and in any country they have taken over there have been no more."

Talbert sees Communist influences working directly here in front organizations, infiltrating political organizations and college campuses. But more than that he sees Communist objectives being furthered by certain newspaper writers, in motion pictures, in church pulpits and in all levels of government.

Aims Are Same

"It is sometimes necessary to differentiate between Socialism and Communism, although their aims are the same—leading to the destruction of our constitution and private enterprise," Talbert said.

"There are a lot of things going on in city, county, state and federal government that are certainly driving us into the arms of Socialism. If we continue on the road to Socialism, it will be just an overnight shift to Communism."

John Birchers in Southern California and throughout the country

conspiracy included former Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, Chief Justice Warren, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"The Politician," distributed confidentially to a limited number, has caused

Welch, of course, is just one of many who have preached this doctrine of imminent Communist domination to some degree for years. One was the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who has become almost a patron saint of the John Birch Society.

But Welch appears to have had

A REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

Any national organization with a political purpose is of paramount interest to the general public.

Any such organization, methodically yet semi-secretly organizing to influence public opinion, is the public's business.

The John Birch Society is such an organization.

On this page The Times publishes the first of five articles reporting on the founding, the purposes and the operations of the John Birch Society. These articles quote verbatim from the writings of Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, including his manuscript "The Politician," of which photostatic copies are available although it was distributed confidentially to a limited number. The articles also quote extensively from the society's Blue Book, currently used as the society's guide for action, and from leaders of the organization here in Los Angeles.

At the conclusion of this series of articles The Times will publish its editorial opinion of the purposes and activities of the John Birch Society. We suggest in the meantime that each of you, as a free American citizen, read these articles carefully.

NICK B. WILLIAMS
Editor, The Times

large" members—in about 40 states.

Now, after another year, the list of states with from one to more than 100 working chapters has grown to 34, plus the District of Columbia, and there are home chapter members in all 50 states.

Makes Voice Heard

Organized and developed quietly at first—almost secretly—the society is now making its voice heard and no longer shuns the spotlight. By the end of the year the national membership is expected to reach 100,000. The goal is a million.

There are several thousand members in scores of chapters throughout Southern California today, according to Paul H. (Tex) Talbert, Beverly Hills insurance executive who is a member of the society's national council.

They are hard at work attacking the Communist menace as they see it on the home front, either directly or through other organizations — PTAs, social and civic groups, study clubs, church societies.

Talbert won't hazard a guess as to how many working, hard-core, live Communists there are in Southern California. But he and his fellow John Birchers do not believe that is the crux of the problem.

Takes Only a Few

"Even though there are relatively only a few Communists," Talbert said, "for every one there are 10 people standing behind ready to do their bidding and for each of these there are another 10 — the do-gooder type — willing to go along with them.

"It would take only a few hundred Communists to upset the balance from a po-

to alert the public, according to Talbert, through concentrated letter - writing campaigns, circulating petitions, speaking before various groups, showing anti-Communist films and distributing anti - Communist literature — under the over-all leadership of founder Robert Welch.

Point to Book

Who is the man who brought this about and what is his purpose?

Detractors are quick to point out that Robert Welch is the man who wrote several years ago, in a manuscript called "The Politician" by some and the "black book" by others, that former President Eisenhower and top members of his administration were Communists or tools of the Communists.

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist and has been for 30 years," Welch wrote on page 267, "this opinion is based largely on an accumulation of detailed evidence and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Welch also wrote of Dwight Eisenhower on page 268 in "The Politician":

". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

'His Boss'

And on page 210:

"In my opinion the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party. For one thing, he is obviously a great deal smarter."

Others listed by Welch in "The Politician" as part or tools of the Communist

some discomfort among members — but by no means all of them.

Some obviously agree with it, or at least feel there is sufficient evidence to believe that Welch's charges might be true. Oth-

Robert Welch

ers may temper the charges by stating that Mr. Eisenhower and some of the others were or are merely unwitting tools of the Communists.

Clue to Program

At any rate, this gives a clue to the general tenor of the society's charges: Communists have been and still are in control of high places in the U.S. government, the armed forces, the courts, the schools and universities, the press, radio, television and motion pictures, unions, the United Nations, the private foundations and the churches.

Unless the public wakes up, the society fears, it is only a question of time before the United States falls without a struggle into the world-wide Communist dominion ruled from the Kremlin.

than any other man in welding his followers into a cohesive force with a program of action. It is a program of fighting fire with fire, openly using some of the tactics that have proved successful for the enemy.

Farmer Ancestry

Welch was born in 1899 on a North Carolina farm. His ancestry, mainly farmers and Baptist preachers, is traceable to one Miles Welch, who came to this country from Wales in 1720.

He was educated for four years at the University of North Carolina, two years at the United States Naval Academy and two years at Harvard Law School. He moved to Boston in 1919 and has been in the candy manufacturing business all his adult life.

For many years he was vice president in charge of sales and advertising of James O. Welch Co., with factories in Cambridge and Mansfield, Mass., and in Los Angeles, as well as its subsidiary sales corporations in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Los Angeles and Seattle.

Was NAM Director

He has served as a director of a bank and several other business corporations. He was a member of the board of directors of the National Assn. of Manufacturers seven years, regional NAM vice president three years and chairman of its Educational Advisory Committee two years.

Welch also has been an extensive world traveler, speaker, author, editor and publisher. His books include "The Road to Salesmanship" (1941), "May God Forgive Us" (1952) and "The Life of John Birch" (1954).

For five years he has edited and published a

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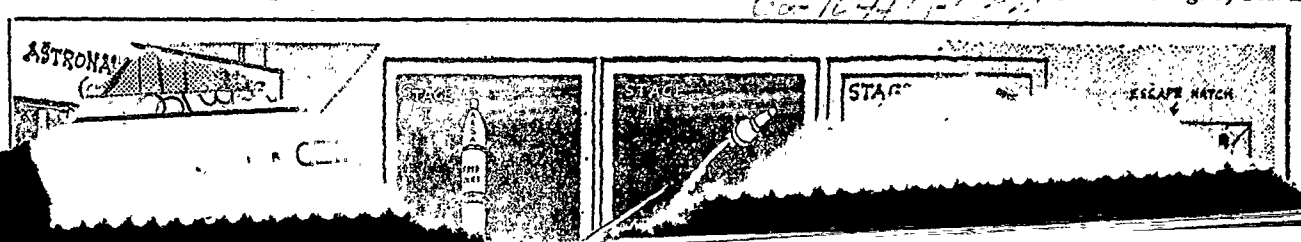

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March 10, 1961

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Wichita 17, Kansas

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Wichita 17, Kansas
March 2, 1961

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9 th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send all information available on the organization and activities of the John Birch Society.

Requested by,

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Wichita 17, Kansas

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March 13, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
South Coast Life Insurance Company
318 McFaddin Building
Beaumont, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

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SOUTH COAST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOUSTON, TEXAS
March 3, 1961

W. R. "PAT" WORTMAN
318 McFADDIN BUILDING
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

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

Dear Sir:

Literature from "The John Birch Society" has come into my hands, and, accepted at face value, makes a considerable impression.

Can you tell me whether or not this organization is truly the loyal American organization it purports to be? Can, in your opinion, an ordinary citizen render a service to his country through this society?

It would be gross ingratitude to fail to thank you for the magnificent service you have rendered your country and your fellow-citizens. Thank you, Mr. Hoover.

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March 13, 1961

Mr. Albert J. Toth
Justice of the Peace
Box 41
Lyons Falls, New York

Dear Mr. Toth:

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Your letter postmarked March 5, 1961, and enclosure have been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.
Mar 4 1960

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Friend Hoover

What do you know about Robert Welch, Belmont Mass? He has men going around too join then in there Society I am going to send you one application that they want the the people to join They want keep it q.t. If know anything please let know

Your truly

/s/ Albert J Toth
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DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women $1,000.00
(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each.)

Regular annual membership in the Home Chapter	For men	$24.00
	For women . . .	12.00
Membership in a local chapter, minimum per year:	For men	$24.00
	For women. . . .	12.00

(This may be paid as $2.00 per month for men, and $1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____ Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely, 3/25/76 [illegible]

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

_____

Date _____

Application Approved By _____

Dues Received _____

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ALBERT J. TOTH
LYONS FALLS
Box 41

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March 10, 1961

Miss [redacted]
[redacted]
Austin, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of March 2, 1961, has been received, and it is indeed reassuring to learn of your awareness of the menace of communism.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I would like to point out, however, my strong belief that education is of strategic importance in the struggle between communism and the free world. Full knowledge of this evil conspiracy's true nature is vital if we are to effectively resist its influence. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. When fully cognizant of the aims and objectives of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to combat this menace with the weapon it fears most--truth.

Enclosed is some material on the general subject which you may find of interest. Some of these items contain suggestions as to ways of opposing communism, and additional copies of any of this literature are available in reasonable quantities upon request and at no cost.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Austin, Texas
March 2, 1961

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

3/28/61 Hoover

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just become acquainted with a person who is a member (of six months' standing) of the John Birch Society, which is headed by Robert Welch. To me, the views of this Society, as I hear them through this person, are fanatical and radical. This person has let his fight against communism become his whole life--overriding everything else, even his job and his church.

If the communists are as evil and widespread and dedicated to their cause as he says they are, the world is in a pretty bad mess. But I find it hard to go along with everything he says (and I know little of politics, anyhow). Apparently this Society condemns nearly every prominent political figure today--or at least a good percentage of them--as being "out and out" communists, "pink", or at least Socialistic (which he claims is the next thing to communistic). This communistic label extends even to FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt. Of course, everything I had heard all my life about the Roosevelts has been good, and this talk about them is hard to take--for instance, the part about Eleanor Roosevelt being affiliated with over eighty communist front organizations.

I am only twenty, with a background of two years of music in college, and now employed as a secretary. I don't want to see my country under Communist rule, but I don't want to become radical about them, or get involved in something I don't understand.

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So could you explain some things to me about how the Communists work, how real their threat is, and what I can really do to combat--or help combat--them? Also, I would like to know if this John Birch Society is really doing good (such as the move to impeach Earl Warren), or if it's just a way Robert Welch found to get an easy living?

I am reading your Masters of Deceit, and find that quite an eye-opener. But I'd like for you to send me some more information--from you, and not just pamphlets and a form letter.

Thank you for your attention.

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Respectfully yours,

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March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Pon and Company
711 North Azusa Avenue
Azusa, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 6, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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February 23rd, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many of my friends and I would like to take an active part in the crusade against Communism with our time and our funds.

I have been solicited for membership in the John Birch Society and before considering support of this organization, I am seeking an expression from you relative thereto. I shall be pleased to lend support to any other organizations that might be recommended or at least have received clearance by your department.

An early reply will be appreciated.

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REC-9 [redacted]-760

March 13, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 28, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiries.

No suggestions come to mind where you might be able to secure a list of persons engaging in subversive activities; however, a copy of the list of organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450 can be secured by submitting a request to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

I am pleased to know of your desire to help combat communism, and enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. It will be noted that the Bureau is aware of some of the individuals correspondent named as having affiliation with communist front organizations.

Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in his writings, and our field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of his group. At one time Welch had stated that he believed an organization having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

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[redacted] Texas
February 28,1961.

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J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington 25,D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in justice being done in our United States. Therefore I am wanting some information which I think that you can provide. I furthur am interested that our United States stay a free country.

Would you send me a list of the people who are un-American and un-American organizations? I especially am interested in these people [redacted] Harry Emerson Fosdick, [redacted] E. Standley Jones, [redacted] G. Bromley Oxnam, [redacted] Henry P. Van Dusen , Walter Van Kirk, [redacted] You will note most of these are Methodist, I am a Methodist and have had contact with many of these people through the years. It is hard for me to think they are un-American and are connnected with un-American organizations knowingly.

Would you tell me some of the activities one can do to keep our United States a Republic and free.

I have been given some material saying that the people above are un-American. Is the John Birch Society a worthy group to work with to fight communism?

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Yours truly

Mrs. [redacted]

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Amarillo,Texas

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March 13, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Poulsbo, Washington

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 3, 1961, has been received, and I am most appreciative of your expressions of confidence in this Bureau.

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch, Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch was openly critical of former President Eisenhower's administration. We are conducting inquiries concerning this group. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

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has not been investigated by the Bureau. The Los Angeles Chapter of this organization has circulated a petition calling for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and, in 1958, the Seattle Chapter recommended investigation of the FBI.

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Director's Speech 10-18-60
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
God and Country or Communism?
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Communist Target--Youth
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Poulsbo, Wn.
March 3, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

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I have heard, that a group calling themselves "John Burch Society" are active in Bremerton, Wn. They claim to be fighting Communism, but I could not get that OK'd through the sources I've tried, so would appreciate any literature, etc. on them.

Also, I have been unable to get anything on the American Civil Liberties Committee - except that members from this Society have said it is subversive.

If I am out of line, asking for information on these groups, I'll be happy to have you inform to that effect.

We do have faith and trust in you and our F. B. I.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted] b6
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P. S. Why can't the F. B. I. Office here give me the good or bad of John Burch Society?

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Poulsbo, Wn.
March 3, 1961

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REC. 35 62 - 104401 - 762

March 13, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

South Fort Mitchell
Covington, Kentucky

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letters dated March 1, 1961, have been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your kind expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiries and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the group you named.

Enclosed is a copy of my articles which were reprinted in "The Advocate," together with other material on the subject of communism which you may find of interest. There will be no charge.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8) Series from "Christianity Today"
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South Fort Mitchell does not appear in the Postal Guide, and address set up per call to Post Office Department.

TRUE COPY

March 1, 1961

Mr. J. E. Hoover.
FBI
Wash. 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

May I first extend my admiration and that of all my freinds for the time and energy you expend in trying to preserve our country from evils of all kinds, especially that of Communism.

In my efforts of the last year to become an active patriotic citizen, I have been a member of a Cardinal Mindzenty study group who make a study of ten government reports compiled by members of the various Security Committees. These have been very enlightening.

Our attention has now come to a group called the "John Birch Society" organized by a man named Robert Welch, This seems to be a very much organized group for action against the tide of Communism. However, in their book "American Opinion" of October of last year they indicate that Dog Hammarskjold is an agent of the Communist conspiracy, by reason of evidence especially in the Bang-Jansen treaty. Also that theU. N. is but a tool of the Kremlin.

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What I would like to know, as I have been contemplating being a member of this group, is it possible for you to give a recomendation or comment regarding this "John Birch Society." So many of us have great respect for your opinion.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely

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So. Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

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/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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March 1, 1961

Mr. J.E. Hoover
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Wash. 25, D.C.

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If there is a cost I will submit it by return mail.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely

[redacted] b6 /s/ Mrs. [redacted]
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4 March, 1961

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

RE:- THE BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. [redacted] and I have recently been hearing and reading about the above-named Society, purporting to be Anti-Communist. Both by editorialization and in news items, The Santa Barbara News-Press, published by a highly respected scion of one of our pioneer families, Thomas Storke, has condemned the principles and the national leader, a Robert B. Welch, of Boston. By no stretch of the imagination could Mr. Storke be presumed to be Pro-Communist, yet it appears to worry him, as it does us, that a considerable number of American citizens of substance and intelligence have been persuaded to join the Society.

My main purpose in writing you (and to presume upon your time) is to ascertain if there is available any dispassionate, unbiased source of information, bulletin, publication or news release from your office which attempts to evaluate this Society. Some of our friends and acquaintances are receiving literature and admonitions to join the Society.

Perhaps the most serious statement attributed to Mr. Welch appears to quote him as saying that ex-President Eisenhower is a Communist. This has distressed us deeply, as has, according to Mr. Storke, insinuations that ex-President Truman and others of our national leaders are Communists. While Mrs. Phelps and I certainly do not consider ourselves entitled to any so-called "classified information", we are deeply disturbed, and would greatly appreciate anything you can tell two natives of California whose American heritage goes back many generations.

Perhaps I could identify myself as a present member of the Defense Orientation Conference Assn., and a highly enthusiastic member of JCOC 23, which made the October, 1956 trip to some of our major defense establishments. As a retired farmer, a veteran of World War I, and the father of one son who fought as a platoon leader of the Marine Corps in Korea, and another who served in the Navy, it seems to me the purposes and objectives of The Birch Society should become public information.

Sincerely yours,

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 28, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont dated 2/7/61 recommended that in order to give us a better insight into the John Birch Society (JBS) and "American Opinion" we should have Boston check appropriate sources and records to determine the facts concerning the incorporation of JBS, its incorporators, its credit rating, the circulation of "American Opinion," et cetera. In answer to Bureau airtel of 2/8/61 the Boston Office advised by letter dated 2/17/61 of its check into this matter.

There is set forth below a resume of the information furnished by Boston.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Incorporated on 12/23/58 as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and was assigned charter number 624-300. The officers were listed as: Robert Welch, President and Treasurer, and Ellen M. Lovett, Clerk (Secretary). The Directors were listed as Mary M. White, Robert Welch and Ellen M. Lovett. The incorporators were listed as Robert Welch; Marian Frobert Welch (wife of Robert Welch); Ellen M. Lovett; Mary M. White; Ellen Douglas Snow, also known as Mrs. Stanley Carman Snow, formerly Mrs. Alexander Gucker; Philip L. Jenkins; and Juliette D. Guild. All of the aforementioned are residents of the Boston, Massachusetts, area. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. The records of Dun and Bradstreet contain a report dated 8/5/60 which states that Welch declined a financial statement concerning JBS on 8/4/60 but did state that JBS had sufficient capital to meet its needs. The records of Dun and Bradstreet and the Credit Bureau of

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~~1 - Mr. Parsons~~
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Greater Boston disclosed that Welch has a favorable credit rating. Boston furnished brief background information concerning the above individuals and stated that the files of that office do not contain any identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning any of them. Boston also observed that Ellen Douglas Snow was the widow of Special Agent Alexander Gucker of the Bureau who was assigned to the Albany Office and who died of a heart condition in his berth on a train in 1952 while en route from Albany to New York City to assist in an inspection of the New York Office.

"AMERICAN OPINION"

While "American Opinion" is published by Robert Welch who also founded the JBS, there is no indication that "American Opinion" is the official publication of JBS. It being noted that "American Opinion" was in existence for about three years before JBS came into existence.

Incorporated on 1/13/56 under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The officers were listed as Robert Welch, President and Treasurer, and Ellen M. Lovett, Clerk (Secretary). The Directors were listed as Robert Welch, Ellen M. Lovett and Ellen Douglas Gucker. The incorporators were listed as the same three individuals. The aims and purposes were listed as the dissemination of information to the general public through the medium of the publication of papers, books, magazines and lectures. According to a 4/23/58 financial statement the assets were listed as $27,320.85. A financial statement of 6/27/60 showed the assets to be $77,475.82. A Dun and Bradstreet report dated 3/25/59 showed that "American Opinion" was organized by Welch, who is of independent means, to publish an anticommunist periodical and that on 3/24/59 Welch declined to furnish a financial statement but did state the corporation had sufficient funds available to meet its needs and other operating expenses. The circulation of the publication was listed as between 5,000 and 6,000 subscribers with an annual volume of business around $25,000 or better. The report further disclosed that "American Opinion" is sold at the rate of $5 per year, with 11 issues being published annually.

On 2/14/61 Arthur Flynn, Postmaster, Belmont, Massachusetts, advised that mailings of JBS and "American Opinion" bear the address 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, and are handled through the Belmont Post Office.

We have never investigated JBS, "American Opinion," nor Welch. A review of Bufiles and indices did not disclose any identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning any of the above individuals

Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: John Birch Society
62-104401

ACTION:

We have furnished background information to the field concerning Welch and JBS by SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3/10/59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60. The field was instructed to keep the Bureau advised of the formation of any chapters of JBS and that the Bureau was particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use JBS or its chapters. In the information we have received from the field there has been no indication that any subversive elements have been interested in the JBS or its chapters. We will continue to keep a close watch on the information received from the field and in the event any information is received indicating that we should initiate an investigation of JBS or any of its chapters, we will do so. You will be kept advised of any further pertinent developments concerning this matter.

100-1-14-1-765

March 15, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. Some of these reprints give suggestions for combating this atheistic conspiracy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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How to Fight Communism
Where Do We Stand Today
Struggle on a New Plane
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the President to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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GEOLOGICAL ENGINEER—PETROLEUM ENGINEER
BOX [redacted]
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS

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March 8, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is an organization in which I have become interested that is known as the John Birch Society. We are often warned that organizations are not always what they appear to be, and that we should investigate before joining. Could you please tell me whether or not this is truly an anti-communist and patriotic organization and whether or not you could recommend it as a means of fighting Communism?

Any other suggestions that the Bureau has to make regarding the fight against Communism, would be most helpful.

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Yours very truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Los Angeles 14, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 5, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer in this connection that our files do or do not contain data regarding the group you mentioned.

I cannot speak for Congressman Smith, and it is suggested that you write to him directly. I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which is available for distribution.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Party, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
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MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

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March 5, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
U.S.Dep't of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I'm very much interested in the professed policy and program of The John Birch Society, organized to fight Communism and reestablish the principles and purposes proclaimed by the writers of the Constitution in the United States.

After telling a friend that I was seriously considering the idea of becoming a working member of this Society, he suggested that it might be wise to inquire of you first as to the theory and practice of this organization with which you may be somewhat familiar.

I have read the Society's Blue Book, your book "Masters of Deceit" (which Pasadena Republican headquarters lends to readers), and Herbert Philbrick's "I Led Three Lives".

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If your position does not allow ~~you to evaluate~~ information secured, do you think our Representative, H. Allen Smith, former FBI ~~agent, could help~~ me?

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March 14, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Santa Ana, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your very thoughtful letter of February 28, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. With regard to your inquiry, I am forwarding several items which express my views concerning the communist conspiracy which you may find of interest.

One of the enclosures is a copy of my report "Communist Target--Youth," a detailed account of the events which occurred during the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings held in San Francisco. An analysis of this report will reveal its purpose was not to defend the activities of the House Committee nor does it cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat, and, armed with that knowledge, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

This Bureau has had no connection with the preparation, sponsorship or distribution of either of the films which you mentioned in your letter. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any recommendations with respect to them.

As an investigative agency of the Federal Government, the FBI does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. From this I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Thank you for your kind comments concerning the work of the FBI, and I trust that I will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Santa Ana, California
February 28, 1961.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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As a perplexed young wife and mother, this acute problem of Communism has become the major topic of conversation within my family and amongst our friends and "former friends". In fact, we have come to the point of not knowing whom to believe or trust. Ordinarily, I wouldn't consider taking the valuable time of a person like yourself, but as I would consult a doctor for a communicable disease, I am consulting you, whom I respect more than any living American.

First of all, let me give you a background of our situation here in Southern California. My husband and I are in our late 20's and have children about to enter school. Many of our friends and acquaintances have, through club meetings and private gatherings, had the opportunity of awakening themselves to the Communist threat of infiltrating our America. Some of us have heard lectures and seen films, and the reaction has been crazy and mixed up.

Personally, we are horrified and are ready to jump on the wagon and act like Paul Revere! But then we try to remember we are civilized and not become too fanatical, because becoming too tempered or over-zealous could be a very dangerous thing. Some of these films and speeches intend to alarm people since they feel we have been idle and complacent far too long, and if we want to save our country we have to make up for long lost time. All this sounds perfectly feasible to me. If we were to wake up some morning under a Communistic dictatorship and military force we would go insane or all be murdered in the streets for refusing to give up our belief in God and freedom as we know it.

I have just read Cleon Skousen's The Naked Communist which has been my first real education pertaining to Communism and the threat to our government. I found it extremely profitable in understanding this problem as a neophite. It also creates a feeling of alarm, that things have to change because it is inconceivable that our ideals and republican way of life could ever be compatible with that deranged set of principals set down by Marx and Engels. I have read some of your Law Enforcement Bulletins and know you are certain that the Communists want world domination, their ultimate desire being to terminate Capitalism and fly the Red flag in our country!

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But there is such mixed emotion amongst our people over this. I'm

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certain our group of friends is a good criterion for many groups of loyal Americans. There are those who feel as we do and don't exactly know where to go with their energy. There are those who refuse to believe it's possible. There are those who arch their backs because they feel the whole thing is out of porportion and will turn into a so-called "witch-hunt". There are those who think the whole mess is a political maneuver for the concervatives to be rid of the liberals, that the threat of real Communism isn't a threat to the United States. And there are those who label anyone a Communist who doesn't believe as they do.

How can we recognize the magnitude of this Communistic threat and where can we turn to know how to act effectively? I ask you because I believe you are the one man who is trusted and respected by all, and there would be no arguments or disbeliefs from any alert American over your words. We all have different ways of fighting for what we believe, and I know there are groups organizing now to fight and pressure for America's security. But couldn't we be duped into a force that might also be a potential evil?

I am appealing for your advice because so many Americans are in need of it, because you stand for absolutely nothing to gain except the survival of freedom. At the present time good people are doing harm because of ignorance and other good people are ineffective because they don't know whom to trust.

Personally, I am curious as to your opinion of Robert Welsh and his John Birch Society? He seems so strong that we wonder if such a man could be potentially dangerous or is he absolutely on the right path? Also, the films "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition" have created such a rumpus that some people feel they have shown the whole threat out of porportion, therefore they are propaganda. We feel the films are valuable because they awakened us and we are planning to show them in our home to alert others, but we want to be able to defend them too!

We are looking forward to attending the Orange County School on Anti-Communism to be held locally next week. We know that we will recognize the threat more than ever from listening to this distinguished faculty, but still, the documented imprint of J. Edgar Hoover is the one stabilizing force to bring all real Americans to their senses.

You have my sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks for any help or guidance. Our country must be filled with people as confused as we and we <u>must</u> protect ourselves against the deplorable Communist plans for the future.

Loyally,

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EX-114 — 104401 — 768

March 14, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Laguna Beach, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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John Edgar Hoover
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The meeting to which correspondent refers is probably the recent seminar held by Dr. Fred C. Schwarz and others on communism.

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March 6, 1961
Laguna Beach, Calif

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DATE 3/28/16 BY SP1 [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover -

We need advise. It is presumptious to take up your valuable time but I know of no other I would fully trust.

The issue is Communism. Who are we to believe? How can we distinguish the true from the false?

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We are just a couple of the U.S. Millions who work for a living and can't attend Meetings like that being held at Disneyland this week. We'd love to attend but we have to work to eat.

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How can we determine who to follow and believe? We want to remain free and true to our good American Heritage.

Thank you sincerely, for your trouble & time in reading this.

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Mrs. [redacted]

Laguna Beach, Calif.

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March 6, 1961
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Mrs. [redacted]

Laguna Beach, Calif.

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100-384401-769

March 15, 1961

Miss [redacted]
New Dorm-[redacted]
Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee

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Dear Miss [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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While certain activities of the United States National Student Association parallel the Communist Party program, our over-all coverage of the Communist Party and its activities and the file reviews conducted concerning United States National Student Association officers show no indication that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the United States National Student Association or has infiltrated the United States National Student Association top echelon. (100-346566-683)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Due to several controversial issues which have come up on our campus, I am writing as a member of the Maryville College [redacted] to request information about two organizations. We are particularly concerned with any Communist affiliation or infiltration that might be present in the groups and would appreciate reply as soon as is possible. The organizations are these: b6 b7C

1. The United States National Student Association (USNSA)
2. The John Burch Society

Thank you for any information that might be available.

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Sincerely, 62-104401-769

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Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee

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March 15, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 6, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was intended to be an easy-to-read primer on communism for students and other Americans who would like to learn something about this evil menace. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of our most effective weapons against communism.

I am sending, under separate cover, several items on the subject of communism which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Sturgeon Bay. Wis.
[redacted]
March 6,1961

J. E. Hoover
Director, F.B.I.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have read many times your book entitled, "Masters of Deceit" and feel like something must be done, due to events that are taking place in this world today. With grave concern I am writing to you for the answer. I have given your book to many to read and offered it to Civic groups, and all agree something more has got to be done. Many A mericans are ready to do all they can and all seem to agree our entire government needs to be cleaned up . We all are eager to know what to do and want to alert and are willing to do our part. But, where do we start? It seems everything, since the last rigged and stolen election, is completely government controlled. We desire to do our part on all levels and keep in very close touch with our Governor's and Congressmen but do they have any powers left to act on this issue. We all wrote to maintain and keep the, House Un-American Activites Commitee. We hope it is retained, and kept a part of our government.

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We would appreciate material on this matter as soon as possible and steps we can take to fight this threat facing the US.A. today. If we know sound measures that can be taken and are informed from the State Department and other departments in government we can act along the right lines in our communities. Many groups, namely one has began in our county The John Birch Group" and they are hard at work to get members to join in their efforts to combat communism. I am skeptical of these groups and refuse to join them, but sincerely I would like information, direct from you as to what information we can secure to work on this important mission. As individuals we are doing a small part but we know if we knew what to do, we could become a strong force in this fight against communism.

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Very Sincerely,

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Mrs [redacted]
[redacted]
Sturgeon Bay, Wis

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REC-9 62-[illegible]-771

March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Dallas, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated March 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting your contacting this Bureau is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He undoubtedly is referring to the John Birch Society, headed by Robert Welch, and the field offices have been alerted to watch the activities of Welch and his group. He has attacked the Eisenhower Administration in his writings.

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Dallas, Texas
March 6, 1961

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

Gentlemen:

At the present time in certain parts of Texas, an organization called the "John Burke Society" is holding meetings and explaining the growing dangers of communism.

A Mr. Fred Koch in particular, will travel to any part of the country to talk to an aggregate of twenty people. Some of the printed information distributed by this organization contains information such as; that Francis Gary Powers was not shot down in Russia, but landed his plane after being paid by the Russian Government. All of the information that I have read by this organization is very interesting, but still I am rather skeptical about their product.

Would you please give me any unclassified information about this organization so that I might be convinced that they are doing a worthy thing and not duping the public? Also, would you please send me any printed information that your great organization has pertaining to the communist party in the United States.

I hope to hear from you shortly. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 3/16/61

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-

SUBJECT: "THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING, (INTERNAL SECURITY),"

Re SAC Letter 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60.

On 3/8/61, Mr. [redacted] State Furniture Distributors, Inc., 810 10th Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico, advised that there are two chapters of The John Birch Society in existence in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Mr. [redacted] identified these chapters as #466 and #532 and indicated there were approximately seven members in each chapter. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] chapter #466 and that one [redacted] Dalton Insurance Agency, 1120 New York Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico [redacted] #532.

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Mr. [redacted] further advised that chapter #465 is located at Roswell, New Mexico, has an approximate membership totaling 10 and that the chapter leader is Mr. [redacted], Roswell, New Mexico. # 465 subject organization

Concerning Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. [redacted] advised there is no specific chapter in existence in Albuquerque, New Mexico but that Mr. [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society with a membership from the home chapter in Massachusetts. According to Mr. [redacted] The John Birch Society chapters in the state of New Mexico are working for the stated objective of the organization which is "Less Government, More Responsibility and a Better World."

The Albuquerque Office has received no indication of any efforts by subversive elements to take over and use the above identified chapters of this society.

Above being furnished for information purposes.

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FBI

Date: 3/14/61

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Santa Barbara, California
INFORMATION CONCERNING

REC-61

Remy call to the Bureau today.

SA THOMAS H. THORNTON, Senior Resident Agent, Santa Barbara, California, advised ASAC ALEXANDER this morning that he had been contacted by [redacted], Santa Barbara, phones [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] advised that he had been contacted by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Santa Barbara, California, and had been requested to print 10,000 copies of the poster "What You Can Do To Fight Communism," which poster was put out by the Director. Mr. [redacted] stated that the poster was an entire duplicate of the one put out by the Bureau, however, on the last line under the statement "Patriotism Is Everybody's Job", the Society had requested that it be printed to the effect that these posters were being distributed by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Santa Barbara, California.

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Mr. [redacted] advised SA THORNTON that he did not want to print this reproduction of the Bureau's poster without permission of the Bureau and requested that permission either be granted or denied for printing of this poster.

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In accordance with Bureau instructions, SA THORNTON was advised that he should contact [redacted] and tell him that under no circumstances would permission be given by the Bureau to reprint this poster in the manner as he had been requested

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Mr. [redacted] was also to be told that the Bureau will interpose a strenuous objection should he print these posters.

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SA THORNTON contacted [redacted] and advised him as above at which time [redacted] stated that if the Bureau would not give permission, he would advise the plant not to print the posters. [redacted] indicated to SA THORNTON that he was going to abide by the decision of the Bureau in regard to the reproduction of this poster.

Any further pertinent developments in this matter, of course, will be brought to the Bureau's attention.

REC-87 62-104401-774

March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Bakersfield, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

3/28/86 Spymaster/Inve

I have received your letter of March 8, 1961, and the interest which has prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

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With respect to the organization you mentioned, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on communism which may be of some assistance to your wife and you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Expose of Soviet Espionage
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding correspondent.

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Clare-Brock Agency

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March 8, 1961

VIA AIR MAIL

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

Dear Sir:

In the last six months or so, my wife and I have become cognizant of the Communist menace and have resolved to do something to fight this threat.

In our long somewhat dormant interest in this situation, we have found many other substantial local citizens feeling very much the way we do. The results have been a hodge-podge of meetings, discussions, showing of films, etc. We have felt the need for a more definite organized "track to run on."

Recently though one of our close friends we were invited to attend a local meeting in which it was suggested a local chapter of the John Birch Society might be formed. It was proposed that subject material, organization information, etc., be obtained direct from a central source. We found as we checked the Society, their leader, Mr. Welch has indicated people like Milton and Ike Eisenhower as being communistic. This, along with several items of another nature made us wonder as to what we should do.

Quite frankly, we are confused as to how we can help in this Anti-Communism fight and we appeal to you for suggestions as to how we can best help, and your recommendations as to the John Birch Society and anything else of pertinence.

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March 17, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Mount Morris, Michigan

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

The kind comments in your letter of March 9, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write are appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism

March 9, 1961

Dear Sir:

For many years I have admired the splendid work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have read most of your books and speeches. I have followed those concerning Communism with special interest. I am so interested that I would like to fight against Communism to, in the ways that are available to me. Before proceeding I would like your advice on a certian matter.

I know you have most certainly heard of the John Birch Society. I have been thinking of joining this group in the near future, in the hopes of a well directed fight.

I have heard many good things about this group. But I have also heard some bad. It is almost impossible to sort out the truth in situations of this type,and I want to be careful. I don't want to do more harm than good.

If you could give me your opinion in this matter I would be very grateful,as I know I could rely on your judgment.Thank You.

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March 16, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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I am glad that my book, "Masters of Deceit," has been of assistance to you and your group in your endeavors to learn more about the menace of communism. Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on this subject which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Since reading your most informative book, Masters of Deceit, a group of my immediate friends meet weekly to discuss it and just what we can do to get more people aware of the present threat of the communist conspiracy.

I have received some literature from The John Birch Society, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and have since purchased from them and read their Blue Book and The Life of John Birch. They seem to be working toward the stamping out of this internal communist threat through small chapters in numerous states under the leadership of Robert Welch.

My group and I were on the verge of joining this John Birch Society when Time, March 10, 1961, pages 21-22, printed a slanted, but nonetheless derogatory, article about the John Birch Society and about its "dictatorial" leadership by Robert Welch.

Of course, I can see that this article does nothing but try to degrade this organization, but I am definitely concerned and alarmed at their 'quoted' implications concerning the content of Welch's book, The Politician. I have never heard of this book.

Consequently, I would appreciate any information concerning the John Birch Society, Inc. that you have available for public consumption.

Thank you. I shall be anxiously awaiting your reply.

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March 15, 1961

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We have had other recent citizens' inquiries concerning the Great Decisions meetings affiliated with the Foreign Policy Association. This group, with headquarters in New York City, is well known to the Bureau, but we have not investigated it. Its purpose allegedly is to carry on research to aid an understanding of the foreign policies of the United States and to encourage local groups to discuss foreign policies. Vera Micheles Dean, born in Russia, is allegedly the leading policy-making official of FPA and is reportedly pro-Russian and an apologist for the Soviet Union. (100-371054 and 62-68549).

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Birch Society Denies Commie List

By THOMAS THOMPSON
and DON BOYETT

An Amarillo official of the John Birch Society today denied any connection between that organization and an alleged list of at least five Amarillo men accused of being Communists or leaning toward communism.

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William L. (Jerry) Lee, volunteer co-ordinator for the society, told The Globe-Times if such a list of alleged fellow travelers does exist, it is not a product of the John Birch Society. "And as far as I know none of our people had anything to do with it," he added.

"As far as I know there are no Communists in Amarillo," the retired commander of Amarillo Air Force Base said, though he did add that some people in Amarillo may be unknowingly used as dupes of communism.

The rumored list includes the names of two ministers, a candidate for the City Commission, an attorney and a City of Amarillo department head. Some of the men on the list say they have been told that such a list exists and that their names are on it, though none have seen it.

Gen. Lee blamed the rumor on possible Communist tactics. "The Communists would like nothing better than for us to be divided and fighting among ourselves," he said.

The rumored list climaxes several weeks of edginess built up here by clashes between John Birch members and others who consider the society is too extreme in its method of fighting communism. A few crises have built up in Amarillo churches over the issues and some ministers fear serious splits will develop in their churches.

Gen. Lee says friction in the churches is caused by the ministers defending the National Council of Churches, which he says is Communist infiltrated. "We have documented proof that the National Council has been infiltrated by Communists," he said, "and some of these ministers just won't listen to us.

"Until we can convince them that the National Council has some Communist followers in it there is going to be some friction," he added.

The retired general said that not long ago he had been accused of calling a minister here a Communist. He said that this is a false accusation.

"Preachers don't become Communists; Communists become preachers," he said.

He went on to say that singling out prominent local people could be the handiwork of "fellow travelers. That's a prime technique of the Communists."

The John Birch Society is a nationwide organization dedicated to fighting the spread of communism. It was started in 1958 by a Boston candy maker, Robert Welch, who is the self-appointed head of the organization. International headquarters of the society are at Belmont, Mass.

The first chapter was organized here last August by Lee, who had been a member of the home chapter at Belmont. Since his retirement from the Air Force Gen. Lee has dedicated his life to the fight against communism and has selected the John Birch Society as his primary vehicle in that fight.

Lee estimates there are now some 16 chapters in Amarillo, each with from 12 to 20 members. Many other chapters are located in other Panhandle and South Plains cities and he figures there are as many as 60 chapters in Houston alone.

Lee says the main credo of the organization is "less government, more individual responsibility and a better world."

In contacts with the public, he said, the members speak only as individuals and never sign their name in letters as members of the John Birch Society. Members of the chapters band together to study the spread of communism and the workings of their own government.

Most of their activities consist of writing letters to editors, as well as to congressmen and senators concerning national issues. One goal of the society as set forth in its "Blue Book" is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, a point referred to in many letters to the editor here.

Members of the Birch Society were instrumental in asking the Amarillo City Commission recently to ban a "Great Decisions" discussion series from being held at Mary E. Bivins Memorial Library.

Citing a booklet prepared by an American Legion Post in Atlanta, Ga., the opponents of the program contended it was leftist-inspired.

The discussion series is sponsored in a number of U. S. public libraries by the 42-year-old Foreign Policy Association, an educational institution supported by foundation grants, individuals and subscriptions, and claiming endorsements of President Kennedy, former Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, former Vice President Richard Nixon and all former American presidents to Woodrow Wilson.

The city commission refused to bar the discussion series from the library.

Lee said most of the Birch Society members are people who have only recently become aware of the spread of communism and must be educated to the fact.

The society also has fostered a large number of splinter groups here, which possibly include even more members. Most of these groups were started after some people attended John Birch Society meetings, but felt the authoritarian type organization was not the answer.

Many of these groups are now conducting their own study courses for informative purposes, but are not tied to any formal organization.

The bulk of John Birch Society membership here is composed of doctors, dentists, insurance men and realtors, though by all means not all in these professions and businesses subscribe to the movement. Few if any attorneys are members.

Lee spends most of his time making speeches against communism and showing the John Birch Society - information film. This film is a speech by Robert Welch which gives the background of the organization, along with a running history on the spread of communism over the

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WILLIAM L. LEE

ROAD PROJECTS SET

Bids Sought On Overpass

Bids were called Saturday by the Texas Highway Department on two projects of importance to the Amarillo area, including the overpass to link North and South Taylor in the expressway dispersal system through downtown Amarillo.

The bids on a total of 79.8 miles of road and highway improvements will be opened and contracts awarded March 17-18.

The overpass work includes construction of the structure over Fort Worth & Denver and Rock Island tracks and building approaches and frontage roads. The overpass is one of two to be constructed in the expressway system. The other span will link North and South Pierce.

The other project of Amarillo area interest involves extending the four-lane, divided portion of U. S. Highways 87-287 south from .03 miles north of the Moore County line to 7.1 miles south of the line into Potter County. The modernization of the highway has already been completed from Dumas south to the point .03 miles north of the Moore County line.

Eventually, the highway between Amarillo and Dumas will be entirely of four-lane, divided character.

The Panhandle improvements are part of 1,727 farm road and 966 miles of U. S. and state highway work called for in the bids, which are estimated to total $26.8 million.

Other Panhandle projects include:

CASTRO—U.S. 385 from Texas 36 in Dimmitt to north county line, 34.5 miles seal coat.

LAMB and BAILEY — Farm 303 and 298, Sudan to Farm 54 and .5 mile west of Baileyboro, east to Circleback; 21 miles, rebuild grade and surface.

HARDEMAN — Texas 283 and Farm 2640 Quanah to Red River and Texas 283 in Quanah; 11 miles grading and surfacing.

GRAY—Ranch 1321 east of Lefors; 6 miles grading and surfacing.

The Castro and Potter bids have been called for March 17, with bids on the Lamb-Bailey-Hardeman, Gray and Potter-Moore projects on March 18.

CONGOLESE ROUT U.N. FROM PORT

Sudanese Troops Slain

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo, March 6 (AP) — Weary U.N. troops laid down their arms and withdrew from the key Congo port of Matadi after 24 hours of bitter street fighting with Congolese soldiers, a U.N. spokesman reported today.

Negotiations are going on with the Congolese government to get a U.N. garrison back into the [illegible]

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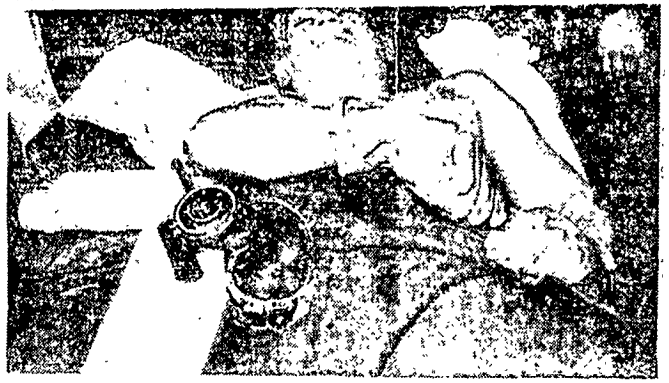
Peace Corps for Home Front Fund



—Globe-Times Staff Photo

Slightly Waterlogged

Out of the drink after 102 hours, 37 minutes and 40 seconds is Bill McFarland, Amarillo skindiver who claims a new world record for remaining submerged. In spite of his washed-out appearance, McFarland was in good condition when his marathon underwater stay ended Sunday at 10:59 p.m. (See Page 15).

Midwest Hit By Tornadoes

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A rash of tornadoes stabbed into parts of the Midwest today killing four persons, injuring several others and causing extensive damage.

Rain, snow and fog plagued widespread areas of the midcontinent.

A small tornado spun into a rural community near Stanton, Tenn., killing an 8-month-old child and two adults. All were Negroes. Their houses were badly damaged.

Another tornado hit in Kokomo, Ind. Mayme Mansfield, 68, was killed when the winds demolished a transportation truck terminal and sent a motor unit crashing into her house.

Another Indiana storm toppled eight big smokestacks at Austin, in the southern part of the state.

A half dozen persons were injured in the Indiana storms, requiring hospital treatment.

Small tornadoes hit in southern Illinois and Indiana, but only two injuries were reported.

One twister cut a destructive path through Litchfield, in southeastern Illinois damaging several buildings.

A woman resident of a Litchfield housing project was cut by flying glass and a man suffered bruises when the trailer home was hurled 50 feet through the air.

A tornado caused heavy wind damage at Jerseyville.

High winds smashed a concrete service station in Effingham, Ill., and tore down a theater screen in the area.

The winds caused widespread damage to other buildings, trees and utility lines.

The twisters were the second to hit Illinois in less than two days. A tornado ripped into Chicago's South Side late Saturday killing

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MAD THAD Says:

You can't object to a hand picked candidate — if you get to do the picking.

Neely-Greenhill-Lowndes Insurance.

Police Class Blood Donors

The entire membership of the Amarillo Police Department's Class 61-1, Training Division, today volunteered to donate blood for Mrs. Mae Marcum who is to undergo open heart surgery in Dallas.

Addition of the 24 men to the list of donors has assured Mrs. Marcum of sufficient blood for the operation to be performed in Dallas. Other volunteers bring the total to 48 available for donations.

The heart surgery will repair heart valves damaged as a result of Mrs. Marcum's bout with two cases of rheumatic fever. She first was stricken when she was seven years old and had another attack in 1954.

Students of the police school volunteering included John C. Bacon, Lewis A. Bevers, Ralph E. Bolstad, Lance O. Brewer, Tommy H. Cannon, Michael E. Cullen, Fredrick K. Ferguson, Richard A. Garratt, Benjamin L. Gerald D. Jackson, Burl F. Johnson, James M. Layman, Richard D. Mathis, Richard W. Meador, Lee A. Mitchell, James S. Mondloch, Laurence G. Russell, Fran-

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United Nations is empowered to use force as a last resort, the spokesman said.

Two Sudanese U.N. soldiers — of the 130-man garrison — are known to have been killed in the battle, which raged throughout Saturday and until noon Sunday, thirteen other Sudanese were wounded and 12 still are missing.

A Canadian signal captain also is missing and the U.N. spokesman said there are grave fears for his safety.

Matadi is the Congo's principal supply port and without control there, the U.N. supply operation could be gravely endangered.

Trouble blew up in the hillside town 60 miles up the Congo River when Congolese units erected road blocks to impede the movement of U.N. personnel. Two helicopters also were seized as they touched down at nearby Boma. That was on Friday.

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Next day, the Congolese tried to dislodge an 11-man guard of U.N. Sudanese troops which had been thrown around a hillside villa used as a communications center by a Canadian signal unit.

The Congolese opened up with 37mm. antitank guns, killing a Sudanese and wrecking the post.

A Canadian captain who went out to parley with the attacking Congolese was not seen again.

Vastly outnumbered and with their ammunition running low, the Canadian signal post and its Sudanese guards surrendered Saturday evening.

Elsewhere in the town, fighting went on until noon Sunday.

More than 1,000 Congolese troops, armed with machine guns, mortars and antitank artillery, were ranged against the U.N. Sudanese garrison.

(The Congo situation led the United States today to cancel a Navy goodwill visit by a five-ship task force to Capetown, South Africa. The vessels were directed to sail back to the Congo area.)

(Canadian army officials in Ot-

(See CONGO—Page 2)

'Bellringers' March Tonight

Door-to-door solicitation for funds to support the fight against mental illness will begin at 6 p.m. today as 1,500 volunteers participate in a "Bellringer's March."

The three-hour march will be conducted by members of the Amarillo Society for Mental Health. "Bellringers" will wear tags displaying the sign of a ringing bell, symbol of a real bell cast in 1953 of shackles formerly used to bind mental patients.

Amarillo's goal is $15,000. The national goal is $10 million. During the first 10 months of 1960 there were 73 persons committed to the State Hospital in Wichita Falls through the Potter County Court.

Heading the Amarillo march are chairman Mrs. Dick Cline, Mrs. P. R. Nicols and Fenton Farwell.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy says the Peace Corps he has proposed may serve on the home front as well as abroad.

"One of the matters which we are now studying," Kennedy said, "is how we could use Americans who desire to serve in our own country—slum areas, in education retraining and all the rest.

"We are now attempting to see how we can use this reservoir of talent and desire here in our own country as well as abroad."

The President's comments were recorded at the White House during a television discussion with Eleanor Roosevelt. The program was televised Sunday.

Overseas reaction to the peace corps idea varied. In many regions with low living standards there was pleasure at the President's proposal.

Mrs. Roosevelt suggested during the discussion that some corps members might work in depressed areas in the United States. "That's right," Kennedy replied.

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R. Sargent Shriver, the President's brother-in-law who was appointed director of the Peace Corps Saturday, also appeared on the TV program. He said proposals to have Peace Corps members work in settlement houses as part of their training for overseas service was being discussed.

Other corps officials said no decision had been made on the suggestion, one of many being considered.

Shriver said he wanted every American who desires to serve in the corps to have a chance to volunteer. Kennedy has said he hopes to have 500 to 1,000 young men and women in service around the world by the end of the year.

Mrs. Roosevelt called the response to the Peace Corps idea phenomenal.

Kennedy said the response was overwhelming. He added, "I think that we have really thousands and hundreds of thousands of people in this country who want a chance to be of service to the country and to the causes with

(See PEACE CORPS—Page 2)

$5 PRIZE

Newstip on Tar Baby Is Winner

Mrs. Wanda Gale Wilson, 3801 Hayden, had a real tar baby on her hands Thursday afternoon her small daughter became smeared with the sticky stuff. Doctor and firemen couldn't succeed at the clean-up jobs. Mrs. Wilson will receive a check for $5 as first place award in the weekly newstip contest conducted by the Globe-News Publishing Co.

Mrs. C. M. Abernathy, 1423 Trigg, received an unusual dime in change last week. The coin was an overprint, 1942 over 1941, from the Philadelphia mint. Her husband reported the find and will receive a check for $3 as second prize.

Many calls were received in the newsroom concerning the eclipse of the moon Thursday morning, but the first call came from Hugh Force, 1501 S. Beverley. He is awarded third prize of $2.

Others calling with tips during the week were Billy Sampson, 2320 Victoria; Larry Carroll, 1610 Bowie; Mrs. Jeanne Timmons, 108-B St. Francis; Miss Leela Thompson, 2400 Walnut; Mrs. James Shaw, 310-A W. 3rd; Kim Pinckard, 1613 Mustang; Mrs. W. D. Daniel, 2010 Austin; Mrs. Joe Carlile, 1909 Washington; Mrs. James E. Anderson, 4919 Plains; Mrs. Paul Horn, 2334 Hawthorne; Virginia Mote, 3325 Julian, Apt. 129.

EVERETT H. PIXLEY

VIRGIL PATTERSON

Two Elected By Shamrock

Two new directors of Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation were elected at the annual meeting of stockholders in the First National Bank Building Annex today. The election of Everett H. Pixley of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Virgil P. Patterson of Amarillo increases the board to nine members.

Shamrock directors re-elected at today's meeting were J. Harold Dunn, C. A. Cash, Ray C. Johnson, Ralph S. Euler, James A. Lyles, R. G. Morrison, and Ross D. Rogers.

Both new directors are bankers. Pixley being senior vice president of the Mello National Bank and Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and Patterson being president of the First National Bank of Amarillo.

Patterson is a native Texan, born in Taylor, and a 1928 graduate of Southern Methodist University. His long banking career includes seven years as a national bank examiner and a period as vice president of the American National Bank of Austin. He was elected president of the Amarillo bank in 1943. He is also a director of the bank and a member of the board of the Emerald Corporation in Amarillo.

Patterson is active in civic affairs and a strong booster of Boys Ranch, serving as a director of that organization. He is an avid baseball fan.

Pixley was born in Allendale, Ill., and graduated from the University of Oregon in 1921. From 1923 to 1936 he served as resident manager in the bank relations department of General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Pittsburgh. He was associated with the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh from 1936 until 1946, when he became vice president of the Mellon National Bank and Trust Company. He became its senior vice president in 1960.

Pixley is a director of the Glenn L. Martin Company and has been a director of the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Red Cross since 1946. He is a member of the Association of Reserve City Bankers, Phi Delta Theta, and the Christian Church.

Liz Taylor Gravely Ill

LONDON, March 6 (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor, gravely ill with pneumonia, has developed anemia and is being given blood transfusions, her doctors reported tonight.

Dr. Carl Heinz Goldman, one of the actress' six-man medical team, said:

"We are a little worried about her today. Her blood is not very good. She is becoming anemic and we are giving her blood transfusions."

Goldman said in an interview the 29-year-old star is "still gravely ill."

He declined to elaborate further on her condition, and said a bulletin will be issued at 4 p.m. EST.

The movie actress spent a restless day — with a tube inserted in her throat to aid breathing. Earlier reports said she had displayed some improvement after a restless night.

Recommended Reading

- JOB OUTLOOK draws divided reaction—Page 3.
- LINCOLN HAD no appeasement for South—Page 10.
- MICHELANGELO in demand by kings—Page 16.
- BOREDOM MARKS life on Guantanamo—Page 17.
- OHIO STATE MAY be ripe for an upset—Page 19.
- WHAT IS EDUCATION? Editorial on Page 22.
- RADIO AND TV logs on Page 23.
- INDUSTRIAL development of city studied—Page 30.

THE WEATHER

SNAPPY

AMARILLO AND VICINITY: Considerable cloudiness today and tonight becoming partly cloudy Tuesday. Cooler daytime temperatures. High today 60, low tonight 35, high Tuesday 60, low Sunday 28, high Sunday 68. Rainfall past 24 hours, trace.

NORTHWEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy and a little cooler most sections today. Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer east and a chance for a few showers northern portion tonight. Decreasing cloudiness and cooler Tuesday. Highs today 56 north to 75 southeast. Lows tonight 35 north to 35 south.

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO: Considerable cloudiness today and tonight with occasional light snow mountain areas and a few showers lower elevations. Gusty winds this afternoon. Tuesday partly cloudy and a little warmer. Highs today 45-55, lows tonight 20-30.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST: Temperatures will average 2 to 5 degrees below normal. Cooler early part of week, warmer mid-week and cooler last of week. Little or no precipitation.

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As reference to "Masters of Deceit" was only in passing, material is not being sent under separate cover.

[redacted] SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

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March 4, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Weare urgently in need of good advice. Like so many patriotic Americans these days, my wife and I are confused.

For many years we have been aware of the true nature of the international communist conspiracy. During the 1930's I read some of the socialist and communist classics, consequently I thought it was a mistake in '33 when our nation recognized the Soviet. In recent years we have been increasingly more alarmed, as a result of our own Government aiding and abetting the spread of the "cancer", close to our own shores in Cuba.

Consequently, when recently we first heard of the John Birch Society and it's program, we became very interested, read all the literature, saw the films, and decided to start a local chapter made up of fifteen or so of our more conservative friends and neighbors. All of us are loyal, patriotic, Christian Americans who desire nothing more than the destruction of tyranny and despotism, from whatever direction, and a rebirth and reeducation to the basic old American precepts and principles.

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Lately the Birch Society has been undergoing a violent smear attack from much of the press in Southern California, with even some of the alleged conservative papers joining the act. As a result of all this pressure and criticism some of our

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members are now wavering and are beginning to wonder if maybe they have been duped into joining a questionable organization. The writer doesn' t feel this way, but after much of the publicity given to Welch's remarks about our former President, you can see the cause for concern. When our esteemed,A.D.A., California attorney general, Stanley Mosk, says that the Birch Society is subversive, I am naturally inclined to think the opposite.

Next on my reading list is"Masters of Deceit". I have just finished "I Saw Poland Betrayed" and "Russia's Race for Asia". We subscribe to " Human Events", " The Dan Smoot Report", and "National Review". To keep abreast of the party line we subscribe to "National Guardian", and back in the'40s we subscribed to "The Daily Worker" for the same reasons.

We love our country, wish to conserve it, and will fight bitterly anyone trying to subvert or destroy it. Please tell us, Mr. Hoover, are we on the right track in joining The Birch Society?

Sincerely

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March 16, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
West Palm Beach, Florida

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 7, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. In view of your interest, I am enclosing material on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

I want you to know that your kind expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI is deeply appreciated. In this connection, I thought you might also like to know that there is no truth to the rumor that I am thinking of retiring. My only desire is to continue in my present capacity as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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W. Palm Beach, Fla.
March 7, 1961

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

Dear Sir;

Kindly inform me if the John Birch Society is a communist organization. I have seen some of the literature that they send out and am in doubt as to whether to believe it or not.

I trust you will continue to head the FBI as long as you possibly can do so.

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Yours sincerely,

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March 15, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Big Timber, Montana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of March 7, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Big Timber, Mont.
March 7, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

Please send me any information you may have on the John Birch Society Incorporated

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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March 16, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 9, 1961, has been received, and I do appreciate the concern which prompted your inquiry.

The FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you with respect to the organization you mentioned, and I hope that you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your letter.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing several items which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
17th Nat'l Convention CP USA
Series from Christianity Today
One Nation's Response To Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was formed in Belmont, Massachusetts by Robert Welch and is allegedly anticommunist in nature. The Bureau has conducted inquiry concerning it.

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Mr. W.C.Sullivan
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

March 9, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society is becoming quite active in our area and I feel confident that you and your organization are well acquainted with its activities. I have been invited to join it and have listened to and viewed a speech on film by the founder and self appointed leader, Mr. Robert Welch.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire of you in regards to the background, sincerity and capabilities in the capacity he assumes, of Mr. Welch and as to your opinion of the activities of this society.

Most Sincerely yours,

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

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March 17, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

Bozeman, Montana

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention & 3-60 LEB Intro.
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The Manion Forum is a network radio program which could be considered controversial in that a variety of speakers are presented. Clarence E. Manion is former Dean of Law at

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Norte Dame University, and we have had some cordial correspondence with him.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the president to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

March 8, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

Can you set aright a confused AMERICAN? I hope so.

On March 5, 1961 I heard the Manion Forum on which it was reported that the John Birch Society was perhaps the best anti-communist organization in this country.

Prior to the above mentioned date I also heard Dan Smot, from Texas, give, in two parts, the reasons why he thought Chief Justice Earl Warren should be impeached.

Now I read in the March 10, issue of Time magazine that the John Birch Society is behind Dan Smot's proposal and that this organization is not what it is purported to be.

So you see I am rather confused, and, as a student of Law I would like to do my part in helping to stamp out this breed of tyranny called communism, but first I must know which organization is truly anti-communist, if indeed any of them are.

Thank you in advance for any and all information you may be able to supply concerning this matter.

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Bozeman, Montana

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March 16, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Canoga Park, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 7, 1961, has been received, and I do appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

As an investigative agency of the Federal Government the FBI does not furnish evaluations or comments with respect to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you regarding the subjects of your inquiry and I hope that you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to these matters.

In view of your interest in combating the communist menace, I am enclosing several items which you may like to read. This material is available for general distribution by the FBI, and additional copies may be obtained in reasonable quantities upon your request.

Thank you for your prayerful good wishes and your kind expressions of support for the work done by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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17th Nat'l Convention, CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Intro.
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J. Edgar Hoover,
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

3-7-61

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of The John Birch Society. I would very much appreciate your opinion of the Society, its founder Robert Welch and his monthly publication, American Opinion.

I want to fight Communism and from what I've been led to believe I think I'm in the right organization.

I assure you that your answer will be kept in strict confidence.

God bless you and please accept my thanks for a job well done in the service of our country.

Very truly yours,

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Canoga Park, Calif.

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March 20, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Cucamonga, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated March 7, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtful message.

The FBI does not have a mailing list for the dissemination of material on the subject of communism; however, it is a pleasure to enclose publications currently available for distribution along such lines.

With reference to your other inquiry, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigating agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the group you named.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am contemplating joining an organization called "The John Birch Society". Please give me your opinion of this organization.

Also please send me the latest information published by the FBI concerning communism, or put my name on a mailing list so I may receive information regularely concerning communism.

Thank you,

/s/ [redacted]

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P.S. Keep up the good work.

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Thank you

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P.S. Keep up the good work.

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REC- 65 62-104411-785

March 15, 1961

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Saint Paul Methodist Church
4317 Wolflin Avenue
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

3/28/61 Communism

Your letter dated March 8, 1961, has been received.

The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations and comments. Enclosed is material on the general subject of communism available for distribution by the FBI. Additional copies of these reprints can be sent you without charge, if desired. I hope that the publications being forwarded will give you and your parishioners suggestions as to how you can take effective action in protecting our American way of life.

I am glad to know of your wish to combat the growing menace of communism. A well-informed citizenry is essential to the preservation of a free society as we know it today. I would like to emphasize, however, my own strong belief in the great importance of having sound knowledge of the exact nature and character of this threat.

Lack of full knowledge is dangerous in that it is responsible for the reprehensible and indiscriminate labeling as communist those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. When fully cognizant that communist influence threatens, on the other hand, I hope you will not hesitate to voice your convictions with courage.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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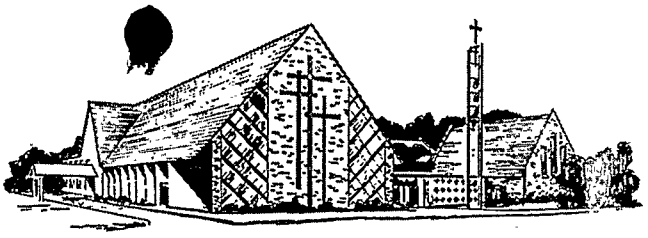
NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles, nor is the General William Lee described. It will be noted, however, that this is a very common name and in view of the hundreds of references with build ups of it in Bureau indices, these references were not all checked.

The field offices have been alerted to watching the activities of Robert Welch and his John Birch Society. Welch has strongly criticized the Eisenhower Administration in the past, and once expressed the opinion that he believed a group having the appearance of a communist front organization would be effective in attracting true subversives.

Saint Paul

METHODIST CHURCH

O. A. McBRAYER, Minister



4317 Wolflin Avenue

Amarillo, Texas

March 8,1961

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

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DATE 3/28/86 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Amarillo must be a familiar name to you, if all the people have received letters from you who claim too. I,too, am writing to you concerning ourstruggle with communism, but, perhaps in different light from some of the others.

My concern is with the methods and action of groups of our people called "John Birch Society". While most of these are fine people, good citizens with noble motives, some of their judgments are unjust if not liable. My first knowledge ofthe society was in January,when apparently, with stimulus from Welch, they began an attack on some of the church related periodicals. After several groups' examinations, it appeared to be only theological difference instead of "communist infiltration and teachings."

Tensions have built within the community and some churches until one might believe the communist were the winners of "round one" in our city. Smear-gossip has run rampant until it is not safe to speak, teach or even talk with 'friends'. This has been aided by the films of the society as well as "Communism On the Map" and "Operation Abolition" and speeches by a retired Air Force General. At a recent PTA meeting in our Avondale school, Gen. Wm Lee stated that we were not to trust anyone for he might be a communist- not our teachers,the text books, the minister, Sunday School teachers, not our neighbor, not even our mate.

William

Another minister and I met with some of the society leaders of our city last Saturday. Gen. Lee was not present. In the course of the discussions these general ideas were evident: Anyone is a "communist" who- 1) has Socialist political leanings, 2) teaches with Progressive educational methods, 3) has Liberial Theological views, or 4) differs in ideas or practice with members of the society. They also set forth their aims during the discussion as; a) distruction of the National Council of Churches, b) impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, c) distruction of the Supreme Court, d)withdrawal of the US from the UN, e) impeachment or some method of getting rid of the "communist"President Kennedy, and, f) ending integration of racess

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I am worried for fear that this kind of zealot activity and name calling may lay us waste in community and church and thus be taken in by communism. I fear also that the communist could use a "dictator michine" like the Birch Society for its hate program.

Gratefully yours

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MR. J. E. HOOVER:

DEAR SIR,

I hope you do not mind my using the back of your letter, it may serve to connect my answer with my original question.

First, I wish to thank you for the reading matter you sent to me. I have learned much from reading these pieces. I am one who just steped out of 'the dark' and to read these things makes my blood boil. I hope you are being overloaded with letters requesting material on this menace as it is easily seen that this fight will be one of the people rather than government.

Secondly, I felt that you would be unable to give me a direct answer on the position of the John Birch Society and it's founder, Mr. Welch, I wrote just to find out for sure. Since my letter, there has been more than one piece in the news about this group, a great deal of 'mud slinging' from many corners. These things have prompted me to go ahead with my membership in their group; because they must be getting close to something big. There is always a great uproar when anyone starts putting pressure on the Reds or their dupes as per Sen. McCarthy & if they are fighting hard enough to bring it up in Congress, this Society must be on the ball. I hope you agree, off the record.

Thirdly, I was greatly relieved to see your personal reply in the Miami Herald, Letters to the Editor section, stating that you had no idea of resigning your post. I breath a soft, Thank God. One question about this came to mind; why did not your letter receive equal billing with the so called "Tip Off" that you were getting out. In my estimation, the assurance that you are staying should be on page 1, the "Tip Off" rated pg. 2.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 10, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Miami 55, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 2, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

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Los Angeles 4, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 8, 1961, has been received, and your kind message is deeply appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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LOS ANGELES 4, CALIFORNIA

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March 8, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have called the Los Angeles Office of the F.B.I. and have written to the Attorney-General, Washington, D.C. and have not been given the satisfaction that I had hoped to receive.

I am deeply interested and concerned about the state of affairs in our Country. I am ready to assist or help in any way that I can to help awaken Americans to the infiltration of Communism. Consequently when the John Birch Society was presented to me it seemed to be the answer; however I have wanted Clearance concerning this organization and since the above Departments are unable to verify the integrity of this Society I am hoping that you have the time to give me your personal views on this matter and any suggestions that I can follow in order to awaken the people in my community to the imminent dangers that surround us.

I have always appreciated your efforts on our behalf and I would like to compliment you for your courage, conviction, and patriotism. I know the people are behind you. Keep up the outstanding work, we count on you.

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Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Ventura, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 9, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. I am returning the self-addressed, stamped envelope you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Party, USA
Director's Speech of 10-18-60
The Communists Are After Our Minds
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As Director of the organization delegated with the responsibility for our national security, you are the one whose opinion would be most accurate as to the true motives behind various national organizations in this regard.

A chapter of the John Birch Society is being formed in this area. I would greatly appreciate receiving from you your opinion as to approval or disapproval of the motives and work of this organization in relation to the national security of these United States.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs [redacted]

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Mrs [redacted]

Ventura, Calif.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-15-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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The Bureau has, of course, been cognizant over a period of time of the many fanatical right-wing anticommunist organizations which are presently spreading widely throughout the country and of their utterly absurd viewpoints. For your information, I am attaching copies of letters dated March 6 and 8, 1961, from Mr. [redacted] Dallas, Texas, and [redacted] Saint Paul Methodist Church, 4317 Wolflin Avenue, Amarillo, Texas, which typify the absolute confusion and lack of confidence in American institutions and one's fellow man being caused by representatives of such organizations.

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Both Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] inquire concerning the John Birch Society (JBS). The former makes wild allegations re Francis Gary Powers, the convicted U.S. "spy" now in Russia, being in collusion with Russia which reports are being disseminated by one Fred Koch representing the JBS.

Mr. [redacted] mentions one General William Lee, a retired Air Force general, who recently spoke at a Parent-Teacher Association in his area (and possibly represented the JBS), at which time General Lee allegedly stated "we were not to trust anyone for he might be a communist--not our teachers, the textbooks, the minister, Sunday School teachers, not our neighbor, not even our mate." [redacted] also informs: "Tensions have built within the community and some churches until one might believe the communist were the winners of "round one" in our city. Smear-gossip has run rampant until it is not safe to speak, teach or even talk with 'friends'."

General William Lee is not identifiable in Bufiles. Fred Koch, who is speaking for the JBS, may refer to Fred C. Koch, author of "A Businessman Looks at Communism" and President of the Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Inc., Wichita, Kansas. The Manion Forum Network disseminates material presented by Koch.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information. Attached two letters have been acknowleged by forwarding to both Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] various publications on the subject of communism from the Bureau and informing them we could furnish no information concerning the John Birch Society.

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Dallas, Texas
March 6, 1961

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

Gentlemen:

At the present time in certain parts of Texas, an organization called the "John Burke Society" is holding meetings and explaining the growing dangers of communism.

A Mr. Fred Koch in particular, will travel to any part of the country to talk to an aggregate of twenty people. Some of the printed information distributed by this organization contains information such as; that Francis Gary Powers was not shot down in Russia, but landed his plane after being paid by the Russian Government. All of the information that I have read by this organization is very interesting, but still I am rather skeptical about their product.

Would you please give me any unclassified information about this organization so that I might be convinced that they are doing a worthy thing and not duping the public? Also, would you please send me any printed information that your great organization has pertaining to the communist party in the United States.

I hope to hear from you shortly. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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March 17, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Director's Speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion

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Box [redacted]

Amarillo, Texas

March 8, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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My Dear Mr. Hoover,

We seem to have an ultra-patriotic group in Amarillo, to put it literally, who have been raising hell by various accusations concerning communism amongst local people. They call themselves the John Birch Society. The organization purports to be 100% American but they sure have a strange way of doing business. There code seems to be, "we'll lead, you follow, and no questions asked." One of their current goals besides intimidation seems to be the overthrow of the U.S. Supreme Court by impeachment. An ex-general, William L. Lee, is the public leader; but on hearsay evidence is not the real leader. I'm inclosing an article from this evening's paper concerning the group.

You are probably aware of this organization but I'd like to call it to your attention. If there is any public information concerning this group I would appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

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38th Year, No. 11 10 Cents 36 Pages Amarillo, Tex., Wednesday, March 8, 1961

Ministers Ask Lee To Back Charges

A group of Amarillo ministers today called on a retired Air Force general here to take any documented evidence which he has concerning Communism in the National Council of Churches to proper authorities.

The ministers said in a prepared statement that any such evidence does not belong in the hands of individuals or organized groups, but should be turned over to the FBI and proper courts "that action under the law can be taken to resolve the said charges."

Participating in preparation of the paper were nine ministers representing all denominations in Amarillo which are associated with the National Council of Churches. Eight of the ministers signed the document. One, who was in on the preparation of most of the paper, was called from the meeting and had not had an opportunity to sign the document by noon today.

In their paper, the ministers cited a statement made recently by the National Council in which it was denied that any Communist influence is present in that organization.

They called the charges made on Monday by Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William L. Lee of Amarillo as being in violent contradiction with the National Council statement and called attention to the "Constitutional right of every American citizen to be confronted by his accusers and be tried by the courts."

Ministers who signed the instrument are: Bishop George Quarterman, bishop of the Episcopal diocese; Dr. E. B. Lindreth, district superintendent of the Methodist Church; the Rev. Charley P. Harnest, Covenant Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Clayton Sugg, minister of Grace Lutheran Church; Dr. Luther Kirk, minister of San Jacinto Methodist Church; Dr. Jordan Grooms, minister of Polk Street Methodist Church; Dr. Newton Robison, minister of First Christian Church, and Dr. Skinner, minister of First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. William Everhart, minister of Westminister Presbyterian Church, was present for most of the discussions, but was called from the meeting before it was completed and had not signed by noon.

The statement follows:

"We, the undersigned ministers, are concerned by the charge that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA has been infiltrated by Communists and the claim that is made by Gen. Lee that he has in his hands 'documented proof' of this fact. We, as Christian citizens, would welcome any opportunity to rid the country of Communist infiltration in the church or in any area of our society.

"The public charge made by Gen. Lee is in direct contradiction to the following statement from the leaders of The National Council of Churches in the USA:

" 'From its very first moment of existence in December 1950, when the denominations constituted this agency to witness to their unity in Christ and to conduct their cooperative work, the National Council of Churches has never had a Communist Party member or sympathizer among its officers or staff, or its executives. Every one of these devoted church members is deeply loyal to his country. Every one of them resists, by conviction, and by virtue of his professional activity, the attemps of Communism to infiltrate and undermine a free society both in America and other nations of the world. The Council defies anyone to offer proof of probative value to the country.

"'Since the Council was formed, literally thousands of clergymen and laity have participated actively in the work of its numerous departments and committees, including the members of the Revised Standard Bible Committee. We know of no one of these thousands who has Communistic leanings. Certainly none has

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 9, 1961

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Enclosed is a report concerning captioned organization which appeared in the March 10, 1961, issue of Time magazine. It is a succinct picture of a lunatic-fringe type of organization that is doing more harm than good with a professional anticommunist attack on everything and everyone opposing its own dictatorial policies.

Most interesting in the enclosed article is the parallel it draws between the organization and operation of the Communist Party and the John Birch Society, both of which exist under the hard-boiled dictatorial direction of one man, both of which have cells in various cities throughout the country, and both of which operate effectively through front organizations in a militant manner that is barely a goose step away from the formation of goon squads.

Equally important is the reported observation of a Chicago conservative who backed away from the John Birch Society with the observation that it "is the kind of thing that does violence to everything we're trying to accomplish" and "siphons a lot of well-meaning people off into a lunatic fringe" while "giving anti-Communist efforts a black eye," hurting us "much more than it helps us."

The supporters of this organization and those influenced by the vicious propaganda it has been putting out are typical of the fanatics who have been attempting lately to disparage and discredit Bureau speakers who have been giving audiences a true, factual picture concerning the nature of the threat which communist activities in this country represent.

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For information.

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The Americanists

Among the U.S. brotherhoods dedicated to the fight against Communism, nothing is quite like the John Birch Society. Except for an elite corps of leaders, its members shun personal publicity, and their names are held by the society in strictest secrecy. Its cells, of 20 to 30 members apiece, take orders from society headquarters, promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name. Carefully avoiding normal channels of political action, the society accepts the hard-boiled, dictatorial direction of one man who sees democracy as a "perennial fraud" and estimates that the U.S. is 40% to 60% Communist-controlled. In other time, other places, the John Birch "Americanists"—as they call themselves—might seem a tiresome, comic-opera joke. But already the society admits to cells in 35 states, and its partisans have made their anonymous and unsettling presence felt in scores of U.S. communities.

In Wichita, Kans., student members of the society are trained to tell their cell leader of any "Communist" influence [redacted] of guilt. A Wichita businessman who planned to make a modest contribution to a University of Wichita fund was dissuaded because members of the society were demanding that certain professors and books be thrown out. "My business would be wrecked," said he, "if those people got on the phone and kept on yelling that I am a Communist because I give money to the school." Society members in Nashville, Tenn., started telephone campaigns to warn homeowners that some of their neighbors were suspected Reds. The project with current top priority is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, and activities in a dozen cities range from the "spontaneous" circulation of petitions to a rash of letters to newspapers, and a HELP IMPEACH EARL WARREN banner strung across the main street of Pampa, Texas (and taken down by the police a few hours later).

The Red Plot. All society activity comes under the firm thumb of a balding, deceptively mild-mannered, retired businessman from Belmont, Mass., named Robert Welch. Son of a North Carolina farmer, Baptist Welch, 61, spent 25 years as an executive with Cambridge's famed candy-making James O. Welch Co. (run by his brother). After the war, Welch began to bone up on Communist literature; eventually he decided that such [redacted] social security and income tax laws were part of a plot to ready the U.S. for Soviet conquest. Welch left candy for fulltime anti-Communist pamphleteering in 1958. He founded the John Birch Society the next year, naming it for a U.S. Navy captain killed by Chinese Communist guerrillas after V-J day.

Welch's *Mein Kampf* is a masterpiece of invective called *The Politician*. Shown only to close friends, the book is now being withdrawn from circulation, largely because its judgments on contemporary leaders repelled more people than they attracted. Some Welchian estimates:

¶ The Eisenhower brothers: ". . . Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party . . . For [the former President], there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and his actions. That word is treason."

¶ CIA Director Allen Dulles: "The most protected and untouchable supporter of Communism, next to Eisenhower himself, in Washington."

¶ The late John Foster Dulles: "A Communist agent."

Right-Wing Names. For public consumption, Welch has kept his vitriol well enough in check to avoid libel suits. A prolific author, he has turned out reams of Red-baiting copy, including the *Blue Book* that guides the society's actions. He puts out the monthly *American Opinion*, as well as a bulletin that informs all dues-paying ($24 a year for men, $12 for women) members of the society's monthly aims. Despite the ill-fame of *The Politician*, Welch has been highly praised as a freedom fighter by a horde of familiar right-wing names, *e.g.*, Actor Adolphe Menjou, Lawyer Clarence Manion, ex-Diplomat Spruille Braden, who grace the society's council and have the right to appoint his successor.

Not all conservatives are so sanguine about Welch. Many object to the society's contempt for dissent from its views, feel that its militant words and thoughts are barely a goose step away from the formation of goon squads. "This is the kind of thing that does violence to everything we're trying to accomplish," says one Chicago conservative who backed away from Birchism after a glimpse at *The Politician*. "It siphons a lot of well-meaning, respectable people off into a lunatic fringe run by Welch, at the same time giving anti-Communist efforts a black eye. It hurts us much more than it helps us."

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March 17, 1961

Mrs. Frank W. DeFriece
Secretary-Treasurer
The S. E. Massengill Company
Bristol, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. DeFriece:

I have received your letter of March 13, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

While I do wish it were possible to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you, and I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was intended to be an easy-to-read primer on communism for students and other Americans who would like to learn something about this evil menace. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of our most effective weapons against communism.

I am sending, under separate cover, several items on the subject of communism which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Christianity Today

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I will appreciate it very much if you will give me a report on the John Birch Society, whose organizer is Mr. Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. Is it a reliable organization to fight Communism?

I was on a tour last summer, which included Russia, and I am eager to fight Communism in every way.

Sincerely,

Pauline M. DeFriece

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(Mrs. Frank W. DeFriece)
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March 20, 1961

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Mrs. James H. Knorr
131 South Pershing
Wichita 18, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Knorr:

Your letter of March 8, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate your kind comments about the work being done by this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the group you mentioned.

I am enclosing literature concerning the general subject of communism. You will notice that some of these reprints give suggestions relative to combating this menace.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4) What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How to Fight Communism
Communist Party, USA
Communist Target - Youth

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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There are so many of us -- housewives and mothers - who want to do all in our power to help our Country. Please tell us how!

Thank you for taking time to help us. And, many thanks to you for all you have done and are doing for our United States.

Most Gratefully, 62-104401-793

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Cochituate, Mass.
March 8, 1961

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

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Has it achieved any success in contributing to defeating the growth of Communism in this country?

Do you advocate such an organization or is it merely tolerated because it represents one of our freedoms and remains within legal boundaries?

This note represents a sincere effort to get at some facts about this organization, if facts are available. I am not interested in fighting it or joining it, unless of course it became too destructive, merely in having some factual information.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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/s/ [redacted]

Cochituate, Mass.

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Pasadena 3, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 10, 1961, and I appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance to you regarding your inquiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject which you mentioned.

I firmly believe that it behooves all of us to make a concerted effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist menace. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it often results in the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. Education is of great importance in this matter, for when fully aware of the aims of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to defeat it with the weapon it fears most--truth.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with the correspondent. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist movement and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The Bureau has conducted an inquiry concerning it.

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March 10, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We support everything you do in your department 100 % and respect your judgement.

We have joined the John Birch Society and feel their stand on anti-socialism and anti-communism are sound and correct.

In our Los Angeles area, Pasadena and La Canada, we are receiving bitter criticism to the movement. Can you give us a recommendation on Mr. Welch and his background? Is it the same as what you stand for: Is there any reason why we should not be members of this group?

We have the uneasy feeling this could be a clever way for the Communists to get a list of names of people here in America with like thinking and this would certainly make their task of elemination very simple for them.

May we have an honest answer from you please?

Sincerely yours,

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Pasadena 3, California

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March 20, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Lafayette, Indiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me is appreciated.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a list of those organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. Another publication which may be of help to you is the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." I have been advised by the Government Printing Office that this pamphlet is now out of print, but it is possible you may be able to locate it at your public library.

While I would like to be of service to you in connection with the other matters you mentioned, the FBI, as an investigative agency, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have in our files data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of the interest you expressed, I am pleased to enclose some material pertaining to communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Director's 10/18/60 Speech
Subversive Organizations List
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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March 10, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover;

In this March 10th issue of Time Magazine, as you are most undoubtedly aware of, is this hair-raising article about the John Birch Society. May I have your opinion of The John Birch Society? Is it Communist infiltrated? What is your opinion of Robert Welch? We are leaders of an Anti-Communist study group in Lafayette, and know of several very respectable citizens of our community who have joined the Society last fall when The John Birch Society was in town to solicit members.

Also, may I have your opinion of such magazines, papers, etc. as Human Events, American Opinion, the American Mercury, also of Time Magazine. Also, do you approve of the Cardinal Minzsenty Foundation and the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade?

Also a pamphlet of suggested good reading,materials on Communism, called "Inside the Communist Conspiracy" by Phyllis Schlafly? Also do you approve of Rosalie M. Gordon who wrote "Nine Men Against America"?

Also could you please send me a copy of subversive and communist front organizations?

I am sure this will clear up for many of us our doubts about these questions. I will look forward to a reply from you very soon. Thank you!

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b6 /s/ Mrs. [redacted]
b7C [redacted] Lafayette, Ind.

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted] Lafayette, Ind.

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March 20, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Austin 5, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of March 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I am unable, therefore, to make any comment concerning it. May I suggest that you direct your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

It is my firm belief, however, that a broad knowledge of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. The FBI prepared a detailed account of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist Party, USA in the California demonstrations. I am enclosing a copy in order that you may have the full background in this matter. An analysis of this report will show its purpose was not to defend the activities of the House Committee nor does it cast doubt on the motivation or loyalty of American youth. It is intended rather as urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat and, armed with that understanding, to resist being duped into unlawful or unthinking action.

Enclosed is additional material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4) 17th Nat'l Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
Communist Party, USA — Communist Target--Youth
Series from Christianity Today

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Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C 3-17-61

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives. Dr. Fred C. Schwarz is known to the Bureau and is apparently capitalizing on his acitvities with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade to promote literature he has written regarding communism.

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3-10-61

Dear Mr Hoover

I am an average American citizen, and worried deeply about the Communists.

To get straight to the point, Some of the speakers against Communism, some of the organizations against communism, and a film against communism sounded and looked straight forward & honest to me. Now I have been told by a certain person that this isn't so, but they are all fakes. Namely, Dr. Schwartz is fake, The John Birch Society is completely fake and is a front itself. Also the film Operation Abolition is complete fake, and the rest of the reports on communist infiltration in churches is false. If you could, I wish from my heart that would send me a report on these subjects mentioned.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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March 17, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Clayton, New Mexico

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest. You will notice that some of this material gives helpful suggestions for combating this atheistic menace.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's Speech 10-18-60
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Communist Party, USA

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March 11, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am utterly confused as to what I as an individual should do to resist communism and the welfare state.

The John Birch Society is being organized in this area. Do you think I should join them? I know you will not like to give ratings to groups of this kind, but with the power of this force much could be done.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Clayton, N. M.

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March 21, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Charlotte, North Carolina

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

In response to your request, it is a pleasure to forward to you, under separate cover, 100 copies of each of the items you requested, except our poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." Cur supply of this poster is temporarily depleted; however, arrangements have been made for you to receive 100 copies when available. I regret that we are unable to fully comply with your request, but the demand for some of our literature is such that we cannot always fulfill individual requests. There is no charge for any of the material which this Bureau is privileged to distribute to the public.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Party, USA
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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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NOTE: Bufiles indicate that by letter dated 2-27-61, correspondent was forwarded 2500 copies of "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention, CPUSA." She indicated in a prior letter that she was a member of the John Birch Society. Her request was trimmed to 100 copies. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the president to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

Follow-up made for Room 4237.

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March 11, 1961

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Frderal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. [redacted] & I wish to thank you for all the materials you have so very graciously and generously sent us to help us in our fight against Communism.

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There just isn't enough time to do all we need to do--time seems to be running out fast---fortunately for us we have a man so dedicated as you are, who can give us the information needed so badly to combat this enemy.

Somehow, when people see your name as author of anti-Communist literature they seem to be a little more responsive. As Mr. [redacted] has mentioned to you at another time, we have over two hundred on a mailing list and Mr. [redacted] gives talks on this subject. At the risk of perhaps seeming greedy I would appreciate your sending us 300 of the following articles. That is 300 of each--please.

100 GOD AND COUNTRY OR COMMUNISM?

- COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

- ONE NATION'S RESPONSE TO COMMUNISM

out WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

- COMMUNISM: THE BITTER ENEMY OF RELIGION

- AMERICA--FREEDOM'S CHAMPION (Addresses at the National Convention of The American Legion, Miami Beach, Fla. October 18, 1960)

We realize that this is ordering in large quantities--and that it costs money to print these articles, so we are willing to cover cost.

We received the 2500 copies of "To all Law Enforcement Officials" Thank you so much.

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Sincerely yours,

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March 17, 1961

Dr. [redacted]

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Upland, California

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Dear Dr [redacted]

Your letter of March 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Howard D. Smoot, EOD 3-23-42, resigned 6-15-51, following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement.

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March 10 - 1961

Dear Mr Hoover:

I am very conscious of the Communist threat to our Country, & would certainly be anxious to do anything in our power to stop the menace.

Would you be so kind as to tell me the feelings of the F.B.I. concerning the "John Birch Society," & the validity of its monthly newsletter, & also your comments of Dan Smoot & his monthly publication.

Sincerely
Dr [redacted]
Upland, California

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March 21, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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Whittier, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter postmarked March 12, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I would like to point out that this Bureau does not issue clearances of any type, and we have not sanctioned or cleared the organization in question. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 8, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Because of recent wide spread publicity being given to the John Birch Society, and as a citizen who is interested in furthering honest anti-communist activities, I am desirous to know the stand or opinion taken toward this organization.

I have been informed by Birch Society members that this organization has been cleared by the F.B.I. as a non communistic one, and that it is whole heartedly approved by J. Edgar Hoover. Is this so?

Please advise me. I shall be very interested in your reply.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. [redacted] b6
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Whittier, California

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Written California

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Mr. [redacted]

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Nashville 4, Tennessee

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J. Edgar Hoover

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March 13, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

During recent weeks several articles and editorials have appeared in the Nashville newspapers and in other newspapers around the country attacking the John Birch Society.

On the surface, this Society seems to have an admirable purpose. I certainly want to fight the spread of communism but hesitate to join an organization whose purpose is questionable.

It is my understanding that the John Birch Society has been and is currently under the survailance of the F.B.I., therefore, I would like to know just what is your opinion of the John Birch Society.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. [redacted]
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Brooksville, Florida

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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"SPRING OF THE MERMAIDS"

ON U. S. HI-WAY NO. 19 & FLA. HI-WAY NO. 50

BROOKSVILLE · FLORIDA

March 12, 1961

Dear Sir:

I was approached by someone the other day wanting me to join a group called the John Birch Society. It is suppose to be an anti-communist group, however I am very skeptical about such groups. They seem to be primarily interested in getting certain bills passed or vetoed.

Would you please inform me as to the validity of the John Birch Society. The book they put our is called the Blue Book. They advise members to read American Opinion.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

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YOU HAVE TO SEE IT — TO BELIEVE IT

Los Angeles, California
March 12, 1961

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Mr. Otis Chandler
Los Angeles Times
202 West First Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

First of all, lest j'accuse, I am not a member of the John Birch Society but am sorely tempted to join it after reading the five articles last week and your editorial today.

The Los Angeles Times was at one time my trusted friend and guide. Your tacit and inexplicable approval of the Russian Festival shocked me, in fact, so much so that I have not attended any more Bowl performances since - nor will I until the Board of Directors come to their senses. Your attitude during the Republican campaign nearly finished my faith in you - your editorial on Mr. Nixon was your only worthwhile contribution and then it was too little and too late. Your editorial today finished off the last vestiges of my faith and trust in your judgment. I am grateful for one thing, however. I knew nothing about the John Birch Society before the first article on Sunday, March 5, 1961 - thank you for educating me.

Your "What to think" paragraphs are unbelievable and appalling. One small voice (or group) in this frightening morass dares to speak up and to question the higher echelons and you, of all people, denounce this group which obviously puts love of America and freedom above love of power, position, money and partisan politics.

The wealth of documented material available, proving how far and in how many ways this cancerous communistic and socialistic growth is progressing, apparently impresses you not at all. Fighting these destructive doctrines with their own weapons is obviously the only way to do it. I fail to see how documented statements of facts can be classed as 'smear tactics' and who questions the decency and loyalty of most Americans? Why this "red herring" across the trail? I, and many others, do at times question the aims and/or integrity of some officials and our right to do that, Mr. Chandler, is still our American prerogative, at least until this, too, is chained in the cellars along with other precious freedoms.

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Our freedom was established by men fighting and dying for the ideals they believed in. All nations too lethargic to fight have been swallowed by the totalitarian states. The press could, and should be, the greatest force and asset a nation can have provided honesty, intelligence and logic is its guiding light.

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I'm not at all interested whether or not you publish this letter but should you do so it must be printed in its entirety. I disapprove of your partial quotes one day and corrections etc. the next. Either print it all or none at all.

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CC: Robert Welch
Paul H. Talbert
J. Edgar Hoover

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(Mrs. [redacted]
Los Angeles 34, California

Peril to Conservatives

(An Editorial)

The Times published last week a heavily documented series of articles which defined the nature and methods of the John Birch Society in the words of its absolute master.

The quotations from Robert Welch, and from some of his lieutenants, nail down the treacherous fallacy that an honorable or noble objective justifies any means to achieve it.

Our fear of the John Birch Society is based on our own findings, on the meticulously researched articles written by Gene Blake. In them it can be read, within quotation marks, that Communists must be fought with their own weapons, smear for smear. Even—and the quotations are brutal—with sedition.

Every conservative must adhere to the general purpose of the society as it is stated by Robert Welch: "to promote less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Every loyal American must agree devoutly with the society's immediate intention of "stopping the Communists and destroying their conspiracy, or at least breaking its grip on our government and shattering its power within the United States."

And every informed American must agree with the society's tenet that the United States is actually now engaged with Soviet Russia in a struggle for the survival of our system.

With all honorable Americans, this newspaper looks with disgust and dread upon the godless materialism and blood-soaked tyranny of the Communist conspiracy. It is because of our people's disgust and dread that the Communists must seek their ends by secret subversion, by seducing officials, by discrediting our institutions, sowing distrust among us, aggravating union and racial disputes, entering without conscience into any course that will serve the purpose of Moscow.

Then what is likely to happen to the member of the John Birch Society who abandons all the rules by which he has lived his decent life, and adopts instead the techniques and the rules of conspiracy to fight Communists in Communist fashion?

If the John Birchers follow the program of their leader, they will bring our institutions into question exactly as the Communists try to do. They will sow distrust, and aggravate disputes, and they will weaken the very strong case for conservatism.

What are we to think when our last three Presidents, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower, are accused either of being Communists or Communist dupes?

What are we to think when these charges are leveled against Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, against his brother Allen who heads our vital Central Intelligence Agency, against the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court?

What are we to think when the honor and integrity of the Vice President of the United States, the Republican Party's nominee for President, are questioned?

What are we to think when we are told that our nation's press almost without exception is Communist infiltrated and inspired?

What are we to think when we are told that our churches almost without exception are corroded with active agents of Moscow?

What is happening to us when all loyal Americans are accused of being Communist dupes unless they subscribe to the radical and dictatorial direction of one self-chosen man?

All sincere conservatives must ask themselves these questions. And they must answer them.

The Times believes implicitly in the conservative philosophy. It has challenged all these men and most of these institutions on the soundness of one or more issues. But The Times does not believe that the argument for conservatism can be won—and we do believe it can be won—by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree.

Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion.

OTIS CHANDLER,
Publisher, The Times.

Los Angeles Times
Sunday, March 12, 1961

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March 17, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Midland, Texas [redacted]

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 13, 1961, and I want to thank you sincerely for the confidence you and your husband have expressed in the work being done by the FBI. Your prayers are also appreciated.

Although I would like very much to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files concerning the group you named.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (5)

How To Beat Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention
Director's speech 10-18-60
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Series from "Christianity Today"
One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: Neither correspondent nor her husband is identifiable in Bufiles. No reference is being made in outgoing relative to the rumor that Mr. Hoover is contemplating retirement, since Mrs. [redacted] probably is not making reference to this rumor in her last paragraph.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the President to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a prospective member and strong supporter of the John Birch Society, I am concerned about its critics. For such a cause I am certainly willing to face criticism if the F.B.I. considers it a worthwhile organization.

Will you please inform me whether you have unfavorable information about this organization. Realizing it is easy to be duped into believing Communist front organizations are patriotic causes, I felt I should write you first.

May I express the appreciation of my husband & myself for your fine work toward reducing the Communist menace. As long as you remain at the helm, we feel the Federal Bureau of Investigation remains safe. We offer our prayers for your guidance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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/s/ [redacted]

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March 17, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
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Midland, Texas

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TOL XM Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 10, 1961, and I do appreciate your generous remarks and good wishes.

I firmly believe that it behooves every one of us to make a concerted effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist menace. This is vitally essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it is often responsible for the reprehensive and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. Education is of strategic importance in this matter, for when fully cognizant of the aims of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to defeat it with the weapon it fears most--truth.

In view of your interest in the subject of communism I am enclosing several items which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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b7C [redacted] Midland, Texas
March 10, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is with heartfelt thanks to God for men like yourself that I am writing to you.

I want to express my appreciation to you for the great work you and your organization have done over the years for the cause of Freedom and Liberty in our beloved America.

It is this cause to preserve and protect our heritage that is most important now. It is in the greatest danger that it has ever been. My great concern is that the American people, through complacency and self-indulgence, will allow our country to be destroyed by international communism from within our own borders.

It was with this danger in mind that I became a member of the John Birch Society so that my efforts could be more effective in defeating this terrible menace. The principles of our society, to reduce the size of Government, restore individual responsibility and make the world a better place for all people, are something worth working for.

My prayers are that your position will not be jeopardized by the concentrated smear that the communists and their dupes are presently using against you and the House Committee on Unamerican Activities.

May it be God's will that the American people be enlightened about the threat of slavery facing us and of the efforts by yourself and others to defeat that threat.

Sincerely,

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March 20, 1961

Dr. Jerre L. Noland
4018 Brownlee Road
Louisville 7, Kentucky

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Dear Dr. Noland:

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Communist Party, USA

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What you can to to Fight Communism
17th National Convention CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Intro.
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One Nation's Response to Communism

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JERRE L. NOLAND, Ph D
4018 Brownlee Road
Louisville 7, Ky.
TW 6-6923

March 10, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate receiving information regarding the John Birch Society, with headquarters in Belmont, Massachusetts.

The members whom I have met appear to be serious minded, dedicated American citizens who are united in the common cause of fighting Communism. On the other hand, some recent publicity (Louisville Courier Journal, February 19, 1961; Time Magazine, March 10, 1961) has been so critical of the society that the question has arisen whether membership in this group is consistent with good citizenship.

I am a civil service employee of the Veterans Administration and an officer in the United States Army Reserve, so that your opinion of this organization will be valuable to me and to my friends who may find themselves in a similar situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Jerre L Noland

Dr. JERRE L. NOLAND, Ph.D.
Chief, Medical Research Laboratory
Veterans Administration Hospital

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March 21, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

Glendive, Montana

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Glendive, Montana
March 13, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I would like some information concerning the John Birch Society and here is what I want to know: Is this organization against Communism or is it supporting Communism? Is this society worth having contact with?

I would appreciate literature and advise concerning this organization. I would like to know also what I can do as a citizen of United States of America to help combat the spread of Communism in our nation.

I would appreciate to hear from the F.B.I. as soon as possible.

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March 21, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
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Camarillo, California

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I regret to advise that, as a matter of policy, I am unable to recommend any organizations to you. I hope you will understand my position in this respect. Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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March 10, 1961.

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F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been reading very controversial opinions in regard to "The John Birch Society."

Will you please send me the opinion of the F. B. I. as far as its being a Patriotic Organization is concerned.

Please suggest other groups which are American.

Thank You -

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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March 17, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Washburn, North Dakota

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The Communists Are After Our Minds
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Washburn, North Dakota

March 10, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The purpose of this letter is to ask the opinion of your organization about the John Birch Society. Do you consider membership in the society an effective means of doing something to oppose communism? Is it a good, patiotic American group which warrants the support of patriots who want to keep America American?

I feel that I must do what I can to promote a rebirth of patriotism in our country. I am a school teacher by profession trying to do what is right. If the above group is not one solution, what should one do?

I shall sincerely appreciate your answers to the above questions.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/21/61

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-13536)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
INFORMATION CONCERNING;

ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY

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The following information is submitted for the Bureau's information in accordance with SAC letters 59-13 and 60-5:

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On 1/13/61, Mr. [redacted] (Protect Identity requested), Jewish Community Council, 184 Salem Avenue, Dayton, O., furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

The Jewish Communist Council, at Dayton, has received information that The John Birch Society of Boston, Massachusetts, presently has several members in the Dayton, Ohio, area whose identities are unknown.

Mr. [redacted] described The John Birch Society as an organization which purports to fight Communism. He said, however, that he has learned that a speaker of this Society has stated at a meeting that "We will have to give up some of our democratic processes to achieve our aims". This organization has, in the past, called President EISENHOWER a Communist.

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A local source of Mr. [redacted] has advised him that there are two known members of this Society in Dayton whose identities were not disclosed. Mr. [redacted] said that this organization is basically composed of Catholics; that it is an extreme right-wing group; and that although it is not a violent type of organization, it definitely has "anti-Semitic overtones". Mr. [redacted] further advised that a source in Boston, Massachusetts, has advised the Anti-Defamation League that this group is definitely anti-Semitic and has the backing of considerable wealth.

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According to Mr. [redacted] JOHN BIRCH was an individual killed by the Communists in China. The John Birch Society is supposedly backed by a candy manufacturer by the name of WELCH.

Mr. [redacted] said that his organization, which is affiliated with the Anti-Defamation League, is definitely interested in this organization in view of the allegations of anti-Semetism. He said that his organization has a source of information at Dayton, Ohio, which is furnishing information concerning the Dayton "cell" of The John Birch Society. He said that the source is concerned with [redacted] since it is conceivable that this organization may, at some subsequent date, be cited by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Mr. [redacted] stated that if the Bureau desired further information concerning the Dayton activities of this group, he would be glad to identify his source and make arrangements for contact.

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On 3/10/61, Mr. [redacted] advised that he has ascertained that the John Birch Society at Dayton is composed of 15 to 24 people, exact number unknown, [redacted] being one [redacted] at Dayton. He said that the society is active on the campus of the University of Dayton, and that a [redacted] at the university is associated with this group. According to Mr. [redacted] source of information, this group has a membership fee of $12.00 for women and $24.00 for men. He said that he knows of no militant activity planned by them, but that he anticipates they will be active in writing letters to editors of local newspapers which will reflect the views of the group. Mr. [redacted] said that he feels that the local group will oppose any efforts to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and take other action along the same line.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that if he should receive any further pertinent information concerning The John Birch Society or its founder, ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., he would advise the Dayton RA.

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In accordance with mentioned SAC letters, the Cincinnati Division is conducting no investigation concerning this matter, and will promptly advise the Bureau in the event further information is volunteered by Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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March 22, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
222 62nd Street
Newport Beach, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Enclosures
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
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Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives. Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Frederick C. Schwarz and others affiliated with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Sullivan to Belmont memo of 9-22-60 indicates that when a representative of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum in September (which sponsored a school on communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz,) the Agent commented that Schwarz made several "pitches" for articles in a book he had written on communism and his publications were displayed. Neither he nor his organization has been investigated by the Bureau. At the present time, we are discouraging the distribution of material to this organization and those affiliated with it.

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[redacted]
NEWPORT BEACH
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPT. OF JUSTICE
J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

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THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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/s/ [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Parsons
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1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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EX-113

Date: March 21, 1961

To: Office of Security
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reference is made to your letter dated March 13, 1961, which enclosed a copy of a letter to the Secretary of State from [redacted] dated February 27, 1961, and which requested information concerning the John Birch Society (JBS).

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Our files disclose that the JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in order to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of the JBS as "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

In an article "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds" by Jack Mabley in the January 30, 1961, issue of the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, Mabley comments on Welch and the Society. Mabley states Welch,

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Welch authored a book entitled "The Politician," which he did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed, which he sent to friends who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed it was a vicious attack on the political beliefs of former President Eisenhower and, by innuendo, alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist.

Welch also publishes a magazine "American Opinion," which was incorporated January 13, 1956, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and which he also uses as an outlet for his anticommunist crusade. As an example of the type of material which appears in "American Opinion" an article was published in the October, 1959, edition entitled "A Review of Reviews" written by Revilo P. Oliver, a professor at the University of Illinois. This article contained allegations that between 70 and 80 per cent of the responsible officers in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy. This appears to be a follow-up of a speech made by Oliver in March, 1959, at which time he allegedly stated that one third of the top echelon of the communist conspirators in this country are in the HEW and stated his source was Herbert Philbrick. Philbrick, a former FBI informant, upon interview has denied giving Oliver any information concerning communist infiltration of the HEW. Our files disclose that Philbrick never furnished such information to the FBI.

Office of Security
Department of State

This Bureau has not received any information which would indicate that the activities of Welch or the JBS come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Attached is a copy of the letter from the Department of State dated 3/13/61 and a copy of the letter of [redacted] to the Secretary of State dated 2/27/61.

Miss [redacted] indicates in her letter that she has additional information to furnish. Inasmuch as the Bureau was not provided a copy of the State Department's reply to Miss [redacted] letter, you are instructed to have an agent immediately interview her, providing the files of your office do not contain information which would preclude such an interview, and advise her that our contact with her has been prompted by the referral of her letter to the FBI. Explain the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI in the internal security field to her and that we are interested in any information she may have in this regard. Follow the instructions outlined in SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3/10/59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60 pertaining to this organization. Immediately furnish the results of this contact to the Bureau.

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Bureau indices contain no identifiable subversive derogatory information concerning Miss [redacted]. Bufiles indicate the American Association for the United Nations, Inc., (100-377086), is not an organ of the United Nations, but is an association formed to carry on educational activities to the end that the United States may cooperate to the fullest extent practicable in official international organizations functioning in the various fields of international cooperation. The FBI has never investigated the American Association for the United Nations, Inc.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The field has been instructed in SAC Letters 59-13 (F) and 60-5 (C) to keep the Bureau advised concerning the JBS and that the Bureau is particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use JBS or its chapters. Miss [redacted] letter to the Secretary of State on the letterhead of the American Association for the United Nations, Inc., Santa Barbara County Chapter, states that her information is probably beyond the scope of the FBI and that she would be willing to be interviewed by someone from CIA or the State Department.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/21/61

FROM C/ SAC, Norfolk (105-New)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

On 3/9/61, Mrs. [redacted] The Book Nook, 116 College Place, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that The John Birch Foundation or Society had recently held a meeting in a room at the Lafayette Yacht Club, Norfolk. She stated the object of the meeting was to form a chapter of the John Birch Society in Norfolk and the object of the John Birch Society is to fight communism.

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She stated that the annual dues are $24.00 for men and $12.00 for women and that a life membership can be obtained for $1,000.00.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that a young man whose name she does not know but who was allegedly from Richmond, Virginia, showed a film regarding the life of JOHN BIRCH at the meeting held in Norfolk. She stated that she got the impression that a chapter of The JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had been organized in Richmond. Mrs. [redacted] stated that literature was sold to those present and that this included the following:

(1) The Life of John Birch, by ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.

(2) American Opinion, Volumn II, Number I, January 1959
This contains bibliographies of various books regarding communism and reflects that it is intended primarily for reference purposes.

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(3) The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, Third Printing Copyright 1959 by ROBERT WELCH.

This book reflects that The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis on 12/9/58. As of the first anniversary date, it had working chapters in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, California, and Washington.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that the local people in Norfolk who seemed to be the leaders in attempting to form a chapter of The John Birch Society in Norfolk were WILLIAM McKENDREE, FRANK R. FORD, and Mrs. J. ADDISON HAGAN. She stated that she understood that Mrs. HAGAN is a lifetime member of The John Birch Society.

The Norfolk files reflect that WILLIAM I. McKENDREE resides at 9443 Willow Terrace, Norfolk; that he is owner of the WILLIAM I. McKENDREE COMPANY (duplicating machines), 245 W. Bute Street, Norfolk; and has been an active member of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties (DSSIL).

On 11/19/55, WILLIAM McKENDREE advised SA HARRY L. McCARTHY of this office that he was a member of the DSSIL and that this group was very anti-communist in its nature and objectives. He stated that he personally had given some public talks against communism.

The Norfolk Ledger Dispatch Newspaper, on 4/11/59, contained an article entitled "Defenders File 3 Candidates For House". This article reflects that three DSSIL-backed candidates announced on 4/11/59 they will seek election to the House of Delegates. One of those named was W. I. McKENDREE. The newspaper identified McKENDREE as one of the founders of the Norfolk Chapter of the DSSIL and the Tidewater Educational Foundation, Inc.

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An article appearing in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot Newspaper of 11/11/57 reflected that two Norfolk men had been elected to posts in the State organization of the DSSIL. The article further reflected that FRANK R. FORD, Norfolk jeweler, had been named a State Vice-President. The article also reflected that both FORD and HAGAN were members of the Board of the Norfolk Chapter of the organization.

The Norfolk files reflect that JOSEPH ADDISON HAGAN resides at 524 Warren Crescent, Norfolk; that he is the owner of Hagan Sales Company, 820 W. 21st Street, Norfolk (manufacturer's representative).

A mimeographed leaflet carrying the heading "Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, Norfolk Chapter", reflected that a meeting of this group was to be held on 10/18/60. This leaflet was signed: Defenders of State Sovereignty, J. Addison Hagan, President, Norfolk Chapter.

J. ADDISON HAGAN is also carried as the victim in Norfolk File 9-256; Bufile 9-34513.

No investigation is being conducted concerning The John Birch Society, UACB; however, any additional information received regarding this organization will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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Information copy of this letter being sent Richmond since Mrs. [redacted] reported a man from Richmond was in attendance at the Norfolk meeting of entitled organization.

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March 16, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Santa Barbara, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 6, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. I regret that I am unable to comment on the situation which you described in your communication.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Director's speech 10-18-60
Communist Target--Youth
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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a newspaper article from an unidentified newspaper concerning the fact that special leaflets issued by the John Birch Society had been ordered by the California Association of School Administrators.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the president to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

P.O.Box [redacted]
Santa Barbara, Calif.
March 6, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am taking the liberty of sending you the enclosed clipping, taken from the News Press of Santa Barbara a few days ago. My purpose in sending it may need some clarification.

About two weeks ago, the News Press started a campaign of attack on the John Birch Society here in Santa Barbara, and have followed it up with daily pounding ever since. The gist of the attack consisted of claims that this Society was a menace to the community, a security risk, and that it was doubtless subversive. The only reasons given for the attack was that their leader Mr. Welch had said some things uncomplimentary regarding Mr. Eisenhower. Although the members here are not in accord with Mr. Welch's statements, still the News Press holds them responsible for the statements. Regardless of the wisdom of such attacks, the reason for my enclosure of the clipping is that, in view of the fact that the whole status of the John Birch Society is controversial, with no evidence that these attacks are justified, it would seem to me that the act of sending 3000 copies of these leaf- to the California Association of School Administrators for distribution throughout the schools is setting a dengerous precedent of unfair propaganda in a fashion which should be prohibited by some enforcement agency, either State or Federal. Am I right?

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Special Leaflets With John Birch Articles Go Fast

Of an initial printing of 5,000 leaflets containing recent News-Press articles and editorials about the John Birch Society, less than 500 were unordered at noon today.

Public interest in the leaflets has been such that even with only word-of-mouth publicity, the special printing was practically gone today.

One of the largest orders—for 3,000 leaflets—came from the California Association of School Administrators, which plans to distribute them to all administrators of elementary, secondary and junior college districts in the state.

The News-Press has received hundreds of letters and telephone calls commenting on its recent articles and editorials about the society. It has also received hundreds of requests for clippings of the published material.

The 5,000 leaflets were printed because of that demand.

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March 21, 1961

Mrs. Cyril F. Wray
430 South Knight Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wray:

I have received your letter of March 9, with enclosure, and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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One Nation's Response to Communism
Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with Mrs. Cyril (Alouise) F. Wray. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an alleged anticommunist organization, has bitterly criticized former President Eisenhower and his Administration in the past.

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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Park Ridge, Illinois
March 9, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of Jack Mabley's column of Jan. 30th which appeared in the Chicago Daily Newspaper.

After reading that article I was horrified to note that the John Birch Society was giving a program sponsored by the American Legion in Park Ridge.

I called my local F.B.I. office to ask if this was considered a Communist Front Organization and was told that they could reveal no information but I would have to write to the Attorney General's office.

In the first place my letter would probably get no further than the desk of some clerk in the office and the John Birch Society could be giving 50 talks while I was still finding out whether they were considered subversive.

I feel that if we are to fight communism we must be able to recognize it whatever its form and where can we get information on it if not the F.B.I. ?

As a private citizen I would like to do my part to defeat communism but I can't write to the Attorney General every time I want information so please tell me a quicker and more efficient method.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cyril F. Wray

/s/(Mrs. C.F.) Alouise Wray
430 S. Knight Ave.
Park Ridge, Illinois

P.S. A similar article appears in the March 10th issue of Time.

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The Wrong Way To Fight Reds

Birch Society Is Recruiting

BY JACK MABLEY

THE John Birch Society is going to Chicago area churches chambers of commerce and civic organizations, to recruit members.

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Jack Mabley's Story

Inasmuch as 99.9999 per cent of us are anti-Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens asks, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

Group Founded In Indianapolis

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

This organization must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss," says Welch, and he is it.

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WELCH HAS written a privately printed book called "The Politician." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Chief Justice Earl Warren and former defense secretary Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

Some Excerpts From the Book

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems ti put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: ". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

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WE REPRINT these words only because they are totally idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in his mind.

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(Mabley is on WRBM nightly at 8.)

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(Mrs. C.J.) Alonia Wray
430 S. Knight Ave.
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P.S. a similar article appears in the March issue of Time.

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March 22, 1961

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Miss [redacted]
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Nashville 4, Tennessee

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Nashville 4, Tennessee
March 10, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

For several years I have been deeply concerned with the growing menace of the Communist conspiracy both in America and abroad; so, several months ago I joined one of our local chapters of the John Birch Society. As I have studied communism rather extensively, I did not go into this movement in complete ignorance or without some investigation on my own. Some of the local leaders were known to me through work in other conservative groups; and some of the national leaders, including Mr. Welch, were known to me by reputation. Having read the Society's literature and having seen its films, I was convinced that this was the first citizens' organization which really showed much promise of being able to work effectively against the communist conspiracy.

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Apparently, the Society is beginning to hurt the communists considering the proportions of the current smear campaign going on in the liberal press. Of course, all members are warned that this may occur; and when our morning paper (not noted for accuracy in reporting or any great antipathy to communists - only anti-communists) began a rather vitriolic campaign against us, I was not too disturbed. A rather alarming situation has been brought to my attention, however, which does concern me very much, and that is the statement in the March 10 issue of TIME MAGAZINE to the effect that John Birch members in Nashville, Tennessee, have launched a telephone campaign to tell people that their neighbors are communists! I believe this statement to be completely false as the first indication I, or any other member so far as I have been able to determine had of this was a statement in The Nashville Tennessean that such a thing would be despicable (which it certainly would). Shortly after that, the statement in TIME appeared. (It is my understanding that TIME's Nashville correspondent is connected with The Nashville Tennessean and that is probably where the story originated.) I am completely sure that if such an act were ever committed by a member of the John Birch Society in any chapter, that person would be put out of the Society immediately, and this smear campaign has not lessened my faith in either the Society or its leaders. For my own protection however, considering the lengths to which the other side will go, I would like to know now if there is any reason that you know of that would make it unwise for any patriotic American to belong to the John Birch Society. Under no circumstances would I want to do anything that might nullify what little effectiveness I might ever have in the fight against communism. If you can answer this query I shall be deeply grateful.

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God bless you and all the dedicated men and women who make up the F.B.I.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Springfield

REC-84 62-104401-88 March 21, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 12, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the group you mentioned. I am enclosing some information on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you, including a copy of a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

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Letter to Mr. [redacted]

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ENCLOSURES:
Communist Target - Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism
Attorney General's Subversive List
NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, was organized by Robert Welch. Welch has been critical of the Eisenhower Administration in the past. He once stated that he felt a group having an appearance of a communism front could be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Portsmouth, N. H.
12 March 61

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Three of the activities of the "anti-communist" club called the John Birch Society are to brand past President Dwight Eisenhower and Milton Eisenhower communists and to impeach Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren.

It is of great interest to me, and several of my friends who are considering joining this club, to know if the Federal Bureau of Investigation approves of this society. I do hope it is possible to label this club as either communist inspired or anti-communist.

Would it also be possible to obtain the latest listings of organizations which for one reason or another have been declared subversive?

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

/s/ [redacted]

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Respectfully,

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March 17, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Manhattan Beach, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 7, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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How to Fight Communism
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Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target - Youth

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identical with correspondent. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anti-communist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

The Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation has not been investigated by the Bureau and is to a certain extent affiliated with Dr. Schwarz and the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade in that they have in the past utilized some of the literature of this group.

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[redacted]
Manhattan Beach, Calif.
March 7, 1961

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J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, District of Columbia,

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am interested in joining an Anti-Communist group.

Could you evaluate the John Birch Society, Cardinal Mindszenty Group and the organization in which Dr. Schwartz is active?

A person has no way by which to properly judge these various groups.

Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-17-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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A letter has been received from captioned individual in which he encloses a letter he wrote to the Editor of "Independent Star-News" of Pasadena. Mr. [redacted] letter to Lee M. Merriman is a lengthy report upholding Robert Welch and the John Birch Society. It would appear that the "Independent Star-News" has been critical of this Society. Mr. [redacted] reasons for writing the Director are to get the Director's judgment regarding the character and worth of Mr. Welch and to ask if Mr. Hoover thinks the sending of this letter would help the fight against communism.

In the letter to Merriman [redacted] states that copies have been forwarded to Mr. Welch and Mr. John Edgar Hoover and that he requested answers from each man. Since it is evident that [redacted] is trying to draw the Director into a local controversary between the Pasadena paper and the John Birch Society, it is believed that a brief perfunctory letter should be forwarded.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) That the attached perfunctory letter be forwarded to Lewis.

Enclosure sent 3-21-61

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March 16, 1961

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Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

Princeton, New Jersey

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 8, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write to me is indeed appreciated.

I regret that I cannot help you in this instance because we do not have any information concerning the organization in question for public dissemination. As you know, we very carefully avoid evaluating or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am not unmindful of the problems some anti-communist organizations create, but as your friend pointed out, "Let us keep our balance in what we do."

I am sorry I could not help to the extent you wanted me to, but if I can be of service in some other way, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

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NOTE: Correspondent is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first name basis. Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted] and we have had considerable prior cordial correspondence with him. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his Administration. Welch has claimed that the organization might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. Correspondent's enclosure was a page from the Santa Barbara News Press (California) issue of February 26, 1961, containing an editorial critical of the John Birch Society.

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Princeton, N.J.

March 8, 1961

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

Dear Edgar:

My friend, [redacted] now a resident of [redacted] California, has asked me to make some inquiries regarding the John Birch Society. He enclosed this tear sheet from the News-Press, February 26 (see columns 1 and 2.)

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Anything pertinent will be appreciated. The source will be kept confidential.

Faithfully yours,

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The News-Press Stand On John Birch Society

The editor and publisher of the News-Press is in his 85th year. His entire life has been spent in this community. His memory takes him back many years and his reading even further. He lived when conditions were rugged. When West was West and men were men. He lived during periods when if a man or a group of men openly by word of mouth, or the printed word, called our president, our vice president, our secretary of state, the president's brother, members of the Supreme Court, and others at the head of our government, traitors, they were made to answer. Such slanders often called for a visit from a courageous and irate group which brought with them a barrel of tar and a few feathers. And such instances were particularly likely to occur if the slanderer came from New England. He lived when men were considered cowards when they hid behind their women's skirts and clothed their identity through anonymity.

It is in the light of this background that the News-Press tells where it stands on the John Birch Society.

Santa Barbara News Press
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Statement of Principles

We Recognize

That Communism's advance threatens democratic institutions throughout the world.

We Believe

That democratic institutions can be endangered as much by extremists of the right as by those of the left.

That Democracy can be strengthened only through open discussion of issues, in the spirit of the Constitution and Bill of Rights — that secret or semi-secret political organizations have no place in our society.

That our democratic institutions are sound enough to withstand the give and take of open political discussion and examination of all ideological beliefs.

That Democracy suffers when fear of Communism leads to irresponsible, unsubstantiated charges of treason or evil connivance against our political, religious, educational or cultural leaders.

That traitors should be dealt with by the courts, not by vigilante groups.

We Condemn

The adoption of totalitarian organization or tactics to fight the Communist danger, for as totalitarianism flourishes, Democracy dies.

The spreading of slanderous generalities, without basis in specific fact, to cast suspicion on the loyalty or character of citizens whose views differ from those of the majority.

LET US KEEP OUR BALANCE in what we do. Let us not, in the intensity of our convictions, nullify the rights of others to hold and voice their own beliefs.

AN EDITORIAL

During recent weeks, the News-Press has sought to enlighten its readers about a semi-secret organization called the John Birch Society.

We believe that the News-Press has performed a public service by bringing the activities of the society to the attention of the community. Hundreds of our readers have agreed. But a newspaper would be derelict in its duty if it did not express its opinion of the way the society is organized and the tactics it employs.

First, let there be no mistake about this: Communism must be opposed vigorously. Its gains throughout vast areas of the world are shocking. Every American must be alert for Red infiltration. But that does not lead logically to the conclusion that to fight Communism at home we must throw democratic principles and methods into the ashcan and adopt the techniques of the Communists themselves, as the John Birch leaders would have us do.

The News-Press condemns the destructive campaign of hate and vilification that the John Birch Society is waging against national leaders who deserve our respect and confidence.

How can anyone follow a leader absurd enough to call former President Eisenhower "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy"? Those are the words of the national leader of the John Birch Society, Robert Welch, in a manuscript entitled "The Politician," of which photostatic copies are available.

The News-Press condemns the dictatorial, undemocratic structure of the society.

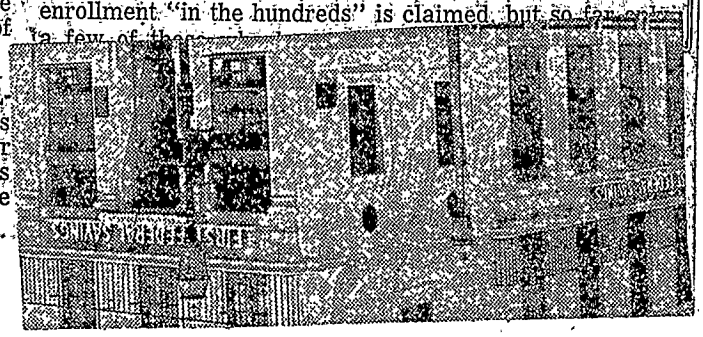
The News-Press condemns the tactics that have brought anonymous telephone calls of denunciation to Santa Barbarans in recent weeks from members of the John Birch Society or their sympathizers. Among victims of such cowardly diatribes have been educational leaders, including faculty members of the University of California at Santa Barbara, and even ministers of the Gospel.

The News-Press condemns the pressures on wealthy residents, who fear and abhor Communism, to contribute money to an organization whose leader has said that "for reasons you will understand, there can be no accounting of funds."

In the Blue Book, the society's "Bible," leader Welch said that the organization needed one million members. He also said that the dues are "whatever the member wants to make them, with a minimum of $24 per year for men and $12 for women."

One million members, divided equally between men and women, would bring him 18 million dollars a year. Quite a sum to play with without accountability!

The News-Press challenges members of the society to come into the open and admit membership. A local enrollment "in the hundreds" is claimed, but so far only a few of these



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March 21, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]

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South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 12, 1961, and I do appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

While I would like to be of assistance to you regarding your inquiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer from this either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects which you mentioned.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material containing suggestions on ways to combat the menace of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Communist Party, USA — One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism — Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Enclosures contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was established by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts and is allegedly an anti-communist organization. We have [illegible] regarding it.

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

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Dear Sir.

Recently I attended a meeting on Communist subversion in the United States given at St. Elizabeth Hospital by a Brother [redacted] from Dayton University.

It was suggested that our group be addressed by a member of the John Birch Society of Mass. I am interested in doing what I can to combat subversive action.

I would like to know if this previously mentioned group is a bona fied anti-communist organization.

I would also like to know if the F. B. I. could suggest some other organizations that are dedicated in fighting Communism in this country.

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SOUTH FT. MITCHELL, KY.

The John Berch Society has gone on record claiming that Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is a Communist.

I am confused on this statment and would appreiciate any comment you might have regarding this claim..

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Respectfully,

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March 16, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Glendale 8, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 8, 1961, has been received, and your generous remarks regarding my book are sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is material dealing with the general subject of communism, some of which contains suggestions as to what we Americans can do.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How To Beat Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Glendale 8, California

March 8, 1961

J. E. Hoover, Director
C/O Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

As a mother of four, wife of a man who believes with the deepest conviction in the United States Constitution, and wanting to help my country in some way to unshackle itself from the Communist monster which is so surely leading us to ruin, I am writing to you for advice.

I have been approached to join the John Birch Society, which seems to be creating even more confusion in my already confused head. As strongly as I agree with Robert Welch in theory, I do not want to be guilty of "creating a monster" which could ultimately do as much harm to our free way of life as the monster to which the society has dedicated itself to destroy. This is where the advice to which I referred to comes in.

I have read your very good book "Master of Deceit", Fred C. Schwarz's "You Can Trust The Communists", "McCarthy and the Communists", "Report of American Bar Association, Special Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy, and Objectives," "Why People Become Communists", and many other pamphlets, etc; all of which leads me to believe that something must be done, BUT WHAT? Any light which you might shed either for or against the John Birch Society will be greatly appreciated by me and my Family.

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Very best regards,

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MAR 10

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March 21, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Cleburne, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 12, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI.

Your desire to help combat communism is very much appreciated, and I am enclosing material currently available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines. We cannot furnish you any data on the specific meeting you mentioned.

In response to your inquiry, I am unable, as a matter of policy, to counsel you regarding your joining the group you named. In this connection, I must inform you also that the FBI does not issue clearances of any type. I am unable to answer the other question you raised, furthermore, since information in our files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice.

The pamphlet you forwarded has been brought to our attention on numerous occasions in the past, and you will note that it contains a statement to the effect that the procommunist records of the individuals named therein are documented in the files of certain Governmental investigating agencies. I want to assure you that neither the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., nor its national director, Myron C. Fagan, has had access to data in our files in the preparation of their publications. Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

It has been necessary on several occasions to admonish Myron C. Fagan relative to his use of the names of the Director and the FBI in the furtherance of his publications. Correspondent's enclosure was a copy of the pamphlet entitled "The Reds are Back in Hollywood!!! Don't Patronize Reds!!!," well known to the Bureau.

Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How to Beat Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Correspondent's enclosure to incoming letter

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Mar 12. 1961
[redacted]
Cleburne, Texas

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

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I want to thank you for your wonderful work you are doing to keep communism from taking over in the United States. You are the most respected man in the U. S. today. I enjoyed reading your article written in "Christianity Today" which was reprinted in the Congressional Record. Every preacher should read it.

I have recently become interested in preventing a communist take over here. I am an Air Force Reserve Captain with a Security Clearance and believe in the free entiprize system as well as the Democratic form of Government. I have become interested in the John Birch Society, which appears to be a truely patriotic organization. At the present time with it's present organization and goals would I jeprodize my Security Clearance by becoming associated with this group. I realize you cannot tell what the future holds for this organization. But I feel I must do something for my country in its hour of need.

Enclosed is a phamplet "Reds Are Back In Hollywood." What can you tell me of this? Also recently I asked my Congressman, Mr Olin E. Teague, if there was an organized effort to reeducate the American public along (over) Socialist & communist lines? He said he thought this is very possible. Can you tell me anything about this.

I realize these are difficult questions I have asked. Please keep writing to the American people. They will believe you when they believe no one else. I would be happy to have any type of material on communism that you could send me. I am particularily interested in meeting of the 6th Communist International and its aims for political warfare. This Meeting I believe occurred in 1934. Thank you again.

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Respectfully yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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EX-113

Ack 3-24-61 Dick Lamb

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Cleburne, Texas

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

I Want To Thank You For Your Wonderful Work You Are Doing To keep Communism From Taking Over In The United States. You Are The Most Respected Man In The U.S. Today. I Enjoyed Reading Your Article Written In "Christianity Today" Which Was Reprinted In The Congressional Record. Every Preacher Should Read IT.

I Have Recently Become Interested In Preventing A Communist Take Over Here. I Am An Air Force Reserve Captain With A Security Clearance And Believe In The Free Entiprize System As Well As The Democratic Form Of Government. I Have Become Interested In The John Birch Society, Which Appears To Be A Truely Patriotic Organization. At The Present Time With It's Present Organization And Goals Would I Jeprodize My Security Clearance By Becoming Associated With This Group. I Realize You Cannot Tell What The Future Holds For This Organization. But I Feel I Must Do Something For My Country In Its Hour Of Need.

Enclosed Is A Phamplet "Reds Are Back In Hollywood." What Can You Tell Me Of This? Also Recently I Asked My Congressman, Mr Olin E. Teague, If There Was An Organized Effort To Reeducate The American Public Along (over)

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Socialist & Communist Line [redacted] Said He Thought This Is Very Possible. Can You Tell Me Anything About This.

I Realize These Are Difficult Questions I Have Asked. Please Keep Writing To The American People. They Will Believe You When They Believe No One Else. I Would Be Happy To Have Any Type Of Material On Communism That You Could Send Me. I Am Particularily Interested In Meeting Of The 6th Communist International And Its Aims For Political Warfare. This Meeting I Believe Occurred In 1934. Thank You Again.

Respectfully Yours,

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

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Tempe, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 10, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

In response to your inquiry, the House Committee on Un-American Activities has as one of its primary responsibilities the recommending of appropriate legislation regarding subversive activities to the United States Congress. I have always felt that this Committee makes a contribution in its public disclosure of the forces that menace America and its efforts represent the reason why the venom of the communists has been directed against it as well as against the FBI.

The article which you requested me to forward you is no longer available for distribution. I am, however, enclosing several items with respect to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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God and Country or Communism
Communism: Bitter Enemy of Religion
Series From Christianity Today
One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: Mrs. [redacted] has corresponded before, our last outgoing to her was on 9-1-60 when she complimented "Communist Target--Youth." We have previously sent her Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, 17th National Convention CP, USA, 3-60 LEB Introduction and Expose of Soviet Espionage. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning her.

MRS. [redacted]
TEMPE, ARIZONA

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I was lead to believe yesterday that you were opposed to the HCUA during a debate concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ held at the spring board meeting of the Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese of Arizona. I do not believe this is correct. I speak on communism and would like to have something to refute this impression when it arises again.

I would also like to obtain five copies of God and Chaos which I feel is a valuable statement concerning the Red menace within the religious denominations of our great land.

Thank you sir, for your devotion to our Republic.

Most sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]
John Birch Society
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 3/23/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mrs. [redacted] Dallas, Texas, phone [redacted] advised on 3/13/61 she was recently invited to attend a movie and meeting dealing with the communist menace. She said the invitation was from Mrs. [redacted], Dallas.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated she and her daughter with a friend (an exchange student that resides with her) attended the movie which was entitled "Communism Across the Map (or Continent)", during the evening of 2/28/61 at the Highland Park Town Hall on Drexel Road. She said after the movie a [redacted] made a few remarks and she met several persons that attended the movie. She was invited to attend a meeting to be held at a later date and did express a desire to learn more of the communist threat. [redacted]

She said she and her husband attended the meeting on 3/13/61, being picked up at their home by a Mrs. [redacted] mother of [redacted] and taken to the meeting held at the residence of [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] said they were admitted by a person who stayed at the door and appeared to be screening the persons present, the meeting was conducted in a militant manner and consisted of talks by persons present. She said that it was at that time she learned it was a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. She and her husband met several persons and were furnished a book entitled "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society," by ROBERT WELCH. In addition they were furnished a book "Communist - Socialist Propaganda in American Schools," by VERNE P. KAUB, as well as numerous leaflets and pamphlets on various facts of communism and other matters including one soliciting recipients to direct letters to their high elected officials asking the impeachment of Justice EARL WARREN. Mrs. [redacted] stated she will retain the literature should it be needed.

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Mrs. furnished the following as persons she met at the movie and/or meeting:

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Dallas, Texas

(attended movie)
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Mrs. to attend movie)
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. (attended movie and meeting)
Dallas, Texas

(meeting at home)
Dallas, Texas

showed movie)
(attended movie and meeting - mother of
Dallas, Texas.

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Mrs. further advised her son. and resides in a garage apartment at the residence of , Austin 5, Texas. She said her son, who is a has been hazed unmercifully, apparently because of his friendship and associations with a Negro student. She said the treatment accorded her son and have necessitated both of them moving from the campus and finding housing elsewhere.

This is being submitted to Bureau for information.

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March 23, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

Wichita 4, Kansas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 18, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The Communists Are After Our Minds
How To Fight Communism
Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

March 18, 1961

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

Gentlemen,

A recent article in Time; issue dated March 10, 1961, page 21, titled " The Americanists; aroused my interest to write your department seeking facts about the John Birch Society, as your department knows them. Is this Society good or not good for America? Is this Society safe or not safe for America? I am seeking a true evaluation of this Society in order to be a better informed citizen and your cooperation in this matter will be most appreciated. I am not and never have been a member of either the John Birch Society or the Communist Party.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Wichita, Kansas (4)

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March 21, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Johnson City, Tennessee

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of March 13, 1961, and I do appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

With respect to your inquiry, I have not endorsed the organization to which you refer. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer from this either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject which you mentioned.

I firmly believe that it behooves all of us to make a concerted effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist menace. A lack of understanding is dangerous in that it often results in the reprehensible and indiscriminate labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views. Education is of great importance in this matter, for when fully aware of the aims of communism, we can all share in the opportunity to defeat it with the weapon it fears most--truth.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent in the locality of his residence. The article to which he refers appears on pages 21 and 22 of the March 10 issue of "Time Magazine." It is an analysis of the John Birch Society and comments concerning the extreme right-wing tendencies of this organization. The John Birch Society was founded in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert Welch and has been engaged in allegedly anticommunist activities. The Bureau has conducted inquiry concerning it.

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Mr. W.C. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

[redacted]

Johnson City, Tennessee,
March 13, 1961.

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(Personal)

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Your attention no doubt has been or will be called to the article in the March 10th issue of Time Magazine, (page 21), about the John Birch Society and Mr. Welch the founder thereof. I don't think there is anyone anywhere who could question my love for and my devotion to my country and my dislike for Communism in any form, but when a very close personal friend of mine approached me about the local John Birch Society movement, I expressed a dislike for any Vigalante Group who was so careful to conceal the names of it members! However, when I was assured that you personally had given your approval of the John Brich Society, I concluded I must be mistaken in my objection, and was feeling inclined towards membership until I read the article referred to above.

What I should like to know now is did you specifically endorse the John Birch Society, and, if so, does your endorsement still stand. I still would look with much disfavor on any organization who is reluctant to let its membership be known, unless, of course, as in this instance, the orgamization is endorsed by someone like you in whom I have complete confidence and who is in much better position than I to know how matters like this can be best handled.

I am sure you will comply with my request that you do not divulge to anyone outside your own organization the fact that I have written you, and that you consider this a matter strictly between you and me.

With assurances of my very highest regards for you, I remain,

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March 22, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
San Gabriel, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
How To Beat Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Red Goals and Christian Ideals
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

TRUE COPY

March 14, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am thinking of joining the John Birch Society. Please send me a letter with your approval that is is an Anti-Communist Organization.

Thank you

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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San Gabriel, Calif.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Thank you

Mrs [redacted]

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San Gabriel, Calif.

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Mr. [redacted]

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of March 16, 1961, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer that our files do or do not contain data regarding the organization you mentioned.

I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may wish to have, together with a copy of a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
AG List of Subversive Organizations
Communist Party, USA
Communist Target--Youth
17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
Christianity Today Series

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization has

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criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. Welch once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front might be effective in attracting true subversives.

Midland, Texas
March 16, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me if the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts, is on the FBI's list of subversive organization. I have been solicited for membership in this organization, but due to some of the unfavorable publicity would liketo receive your answer prior to affiliating with an establishment that would be contrary to the best interests of myself and the country.

Yours very turly,

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Mrs. [redacted]
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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I have not sanctioned the organization which is the subject of your communication. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Target--Youth
One Nation's Response To Communism

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Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the president to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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[redacted]
Midland, Texas
March 10, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Some friends of mine have been trying to interest me in joining the "John Birch Society." One of their selling points was "The society has the approval and backing of J. Edgar Hoover." After reading something of this organization in Time Magazine and talking with the local members, I found it difficult to believe you supported this type of thing. These members say Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge and numerous other people in public life are so-called communists "dupes". The methods, as explained to me, of how this society operates are absolutely frightening. Please, Please let me know if you do give your support to this Society and if you do why.

I'll appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs [redacted]

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Midland, Texas
March 10, 1961

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

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March 24, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Dickinson, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 16, 1961, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. Consequently, it will not be possible for me to take the action you suggested.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dickinson, Texas
March 16, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

I have recently joined the John Birch Society and must, for my own peace of mind, know what you think of the organization and the vile article which appeared in Time magazine on March 10th.

Having read Masters of Deceit I am convinced that we must do something about the communist menace and feel this organization furnishes a program of positive anti-communist activity which I can follow. Since joining I have yet to witness anything that approaches the activities mentioned in the article and cannot help but believe that the editors of Time find it necessary to attempt to destroy an organization which approaches the awful truth and expose the communist conspiracy. Their motives certainly leave much to ponder.

If, in your opinion, The John Birch Society performs a patriotic service to our nation it seems to me you are in a position to set the people and the editors of Time straight. They find it rather difficult to refute your word!!

God bless you.

Mrs. [redacted]

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Dickinson, Texas
March 16, 1961

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

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If, in your opinion, The John Birch Society performs a patriotic service to our nation it seems to me

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March 22, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Odessa, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 15, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I am glad to know you enjoyed the material previously sent you. I am also pleased to know of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am also unable to comment concerning the group you named since the functions and responsibilities of the FBI, as a Federal investigative agency, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

The pamphlet you forwarded has been brought to our attention in the past, and you will note that it contains a statement to the effect that the procommunist records of the individuals named therein are documented in the files of certain Government investigating agencies. I can assure you that neither the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., nor its national director, Myron C. Fagan, has had access to data in our files in the preparation of their publications. The pamphlet in question is being returned.

Although I am unable, as a matter of policy, to recommend any specific organization with the express aim of

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Mrs. [redacted]

combating communism, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by this Bureau which I hope will offer suggestions as to how you can take effective action in protecting our American way of life.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's speech 10-18-60
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How To Beat Communism
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[redacted] directed to her Congressman, J. T. Rutherford, was referred to the Bureau by him in April, 1959 in which she inquired concerning two organizations. Mrs. [redacted] also sent a letter to the Bureau dated 4-21-59 making the same inquiries and Bulet 5-1-59 informed her that we could not help since we did not investigate the two organizations in question. (65-69946-144) no other pertinent references.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that he thought organizing a group having the appearance of a communist "front" might be effective in attacking true subversives. He has bitterly criticized the Eisenhower Administration in his writings.

Correspondent's enclosure was a copy of the Cinema Educational Guild's pamphlet entitled "Don't Patronize Reds!!!" well known to the Bureau. The CEG and its national director, Myron C. Fagan, disseminated anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. Fagan has been admonished relative to his misuse of the Director's name in the furtherance of his publications.

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[redacted]
Odessa, Texas
March 12, 1960

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Once again I am writing to you for information. Over a year ago I asked for your help and was immeasurably pleased with your prompt reply. Since that time, I have read your book Masters of Deceit plus many others.

Now I am on the verge of joining a group called the John Birch Society. In your opinion, is this group truly an anti-communist group? If you are unable to express your opinion, could you please refer me to another reliable--Non-liberal (if that is possible) source. I am also enclosing a pamplet I have and would like to know about the reliability of this also.

In my zeal to join an "Americanism" group, I should hate to join the wrong thing.

My own Congressman has already proven thru his recent voting records that he is not interested in the thoughts of his constituents, consequently I know of no one else to write to in regard to this matter.

Thank you very much

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Sincerely yours.

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Odessa, Texas
March 12, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Once again I am writing to you for information. Over a year ago I asked for your help and was immeasurably pleased with your prompt reply. Since that time I have read your book Masters of Deceit plus many others.

Now I am on the verge of joining a group called the John Birch Society. In your opinion,

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is this group truly an anti-communist group? If you are unable to express your opinion, could you please refer me to another reliable non-liberal (if that is possible) source. I am also enclosing a pamphlet I have and would like to know about the reliability of this also.

In my zeal to join an "Americanism" group, I should hate to join the wrong thing.

My own congressman has already proven thru his recent voting records that he is not interested in the thoughts of his constituents, consequent I know of no one else to write to in

Regard to this matter.
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March 22, 1961

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter dated March 13, 1961, with enclosure, has been received in Mr. Hoover's absence from Washington. Please be assured your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosures (4)
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
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Series from Christianity Today

NOTE: It is to be noted that correspondent does not specifically ask our opinion of the John Birch Society, and the cutting from "The Canadian Record, weekly newspaper published in Canadian, Texas, contains an attack on the John Birch Society. No record of this newspaper in Bufiles, and no prior correspondence has been had with its staff. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist organization; however, Robert Welch, its founder, has stated that the Society might take on the appearance of a "front" in order to attract true subversives. During the Eisenhower Administration, Welch criticized the President to the point of calling him a dupe of the communists.

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Little League plans made

—See story on page 17

State President of the B&PW Clubs is Mrs. Ruth Fox of Dallas, who will present the charter to the Canadian club on Saturday night.

—Story on page 8

Rotarians slate pancake supper tomorrow night

—Story on page 12

A special report

The John Birch Society

An American Dictatorship

See Pages 2 and 3

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The Rainbow Girls are having a bake sale Saturday at Johnson's Supermarket and Bestway Market. Home-made pies and cakes will be sold. Proceeds will go to send some of the girls to the Texas Grand Assembly in June.

The Order of Eastern Star will have a Friendship night Tuesday, March 14 at the W. C.T.U. Building at 7:30. Those attending are asked to bring a salad.

New arrival out-of-town: A son, Jeffery Allen, born March 6th and weighing 6 lb. 14 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith of 626 Willow Lane, Eagle Lake, Texas. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Canadian.

The B&PW realized $73.51 from their rummage sale last Saturday. The money will be sent to the Texas Rehabilitation Center at Gonzales.

In Hemphill County hospital today: Mrs. Frank Shaller, Mrs. Frank Exum, Vick Helton, Mrs. Joe Immel, Mrs. Vernon Shoubroek of Higgins, Robert Moreland and Julius Born. Dismissed during the week: Mrs. Larry Bailey and baby boy (March 2), Bill Meador and Mrs. George Hand (March 4), Charley Galliton (March 7), Sidney McKinney of Amarillo and Mrs. J. O. Sims of Mobeetie (March 8).

City sets budget hearing

—See story on page 16

Johnny Schaef has Grand Champ barrow at Top o' Texas Show

—See story on page 12

Otis Riley enters race for Mayor

—Story on page 12

Wildcat track team will enter Gruver meet Saturday

—See story on page 17

High school open house 7:30 tonite

Donegals are blooming

Carl Williams, general chairman of the 1961 St. Patrick's Day celebration at Shamrock, checks the program of last year's celebration and works on details of the forthcoming Irish Festival slated for March 17 at Shamrock. Shamrock boosters were in Canadian Tuesday morning to advertise the celebration.

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The John Birch Society: a threat to America?

By BEN R. EZZELL
Editor of The Record

WHAT is the John Birch Society? A number of people have asked that question since we made our first casual mention of the name in these columns two weeks ago.

It's possible . . . even probable . . . that you've never heard of it before. It's also possible . . . and probable . . . that you're going to hear a great deal of it before you're through.

It is . . . according to its founder and absolute ruler, a wealthy New England manufacturer named Robert H. W. Welch . . . an arch enemy of international Communism and our only hope of defeating Communist domination of the United States.

Its avowed goals, as set forth by its leader, are to achieve "less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world."

That's a program which most of you, if you're average patriotic Americans, can agree with wholeheartedly.

But the methods by which Welch, through the John Birch Society, proposes to achieve these goals will . . . if you're an average patriotic American . . . raise the hair on your head.

He proposes, in essence, to establish an American dictatorship . . . with Robert H. W. Welch as its head.

And he may do it.

A few nights ago in a neighboring city, by special invitation, I saw and heard the founder of the John Birch Society deliver a two-hour address in which he outlined the threat of Communist domination in America and his plans to defeat it. This was in the form of a film which is shown to all prospective members of the John Birch Society as the first step in their assimilation.

In it, Welch first reviews the undeniable progress of Communist conquest around the world . . . then presents his program for containing it.

His premise is simple: The Communists, he declares, are already two-thirds of the way along in their master plan for world domination. They have, Welch declares, already taken control of the government of the United States. This being true, the only thing left for patriotic Americans to do is to become subversive, go underground, and undermine the government.

To do this, Welch continues, we must have an organization . . . and a leader. "We have the organization," he declares, indicating the John Birch Society, "and I am the leader."

Anticipating any doubts, Welch quickly admits that he may not represent a free choice. "I may not be the person you would have chosen," he tells his audience. "I may not even be the person I would have chosen. But I am the only person who is available and my way is the only way. There is no other choice."

Having established himself as the leader of the crusade, Welch then makes it clear to prospective John Birch Society members that he will exact absolute loyalty and unquestioning obedience.

By his own estimate, a Communist-fighting organization like the John Birch Society needs "a hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss." Welch obviously thinks he is it. He has all the qualifications for dictatorship. He is tough, able, persuasive, dynamic . . . and fanatic.

Welch, in fact, sees nothing wrong with dictatorship. He admires dictators. "The only non-Commun-

Communist vs. Fascist?

IN THIS issue of The Record, we are devoting an exceptional amount of space to a report on the John Birch Society . . . a secret, political organization which is beginning to be heard from around the country.

We do this in the belief that an organization which has successfully kept itself in the dark for most of the time since it was organized more than three years ago should have the benefit of some light.

We think the John Birch Society needs a great deal of light shed upon it, because it appears to have some very dark corners indeed.

It advocates a policy which, if successfully carried out, could result in the total destruction of the American government as we know it, and of American liberties as we enjoy them.

While we agree, like most Americans, with its avowed purpose of defeating Communism in America . . . we disagree, wholeheartedly, with the methods by which it proposes to accomplish this end.

We realize that, by this statement, we brand ourselves, in the eyes of John Birch Society members, as pro-Communist. So be it. They may think so, but they had better not say so.

The founder and dictatorial leader of the John Birch Society declares that Americans must choose between domination by Communists or the leadership and government of the John Birch Society. We do not believe that this is so. If it is, we see nothing much to choose. A dictatorship of the Communist left can be no worse than dictatorship of the Fascist right. In either event, freedom for the individual would no longer exist.

But we still believe that there is strength in a free society . . . if the members of that society remain alert, keep themselves informed, and are not stampeded.

The John Birch Society aims to create a stampede. If it succeeds, by generating such fear of the Communist left that we, as a nation, are stampeded to the Fascist right, then we may yet see the creation of the American dictatorship which the John Birchers are told is necessary to the defeat of Communism.

Don't sell them short. They are headed by a man who means business.

And don't join them . . . if you place any value on your own freedom.

How long is too long?

THE RIDICULOUS appearance of a special election ballot with more than seventy candidates for a single office is almost certain to bring cries from the outraged public that "there ought to be a law . . ."

And this sort of irresponsible mis-use of the privilege of the ballot is the kind of thing that could easily inspire lawmakers to give us "a law" to prevent repetition of such a thing.

We hope they'll think better of it, however.

Too often, in cases like this, a law which is hastily enacted creates worse evils than it cures.

It should not be made an insurmountable task for a qualified citizen to get his name on a ballot as a candidate for a public office . . . even for such an important office as United States Senator from Texas. It would be easy, by sky-rocketing the filing fee, to freeze out most of the would-be candidates who have filed in this freak election . . . and over-eager legislators could probably think of more formidable gimmicks to discourage the hot potato.

But isn't it better to let the sensation-seekers and self-advertisers clutter up the ballot occasionally, rather than create a barrier which might prevent one good citizen from someday offering his services to the public?

Somewhere in the multitude of three score and ten . . . or is it twelve? . . . candidates on the special ballot, for that matter, there just might be a man better qualified for this U. S. Senate post than the half-dozen "serious" candidates.

That wouldn't require too great a stretch of the imagination, now would it?

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Spur of the Moment

Governor Price Daniel and Speaker James Turman, are both learning some political lessons which both of them should have known long before.

Turman rode rough-shod over nearly half of the Legislature's House of Representatives in January after he had won a squeaker of a race to be elected Speaker. Unwisely retaliating against all those who had voted against him, Turman appointed all his supporters to choice committees . . . and left the rest of the House in the cold. The result was predictable: Turman has made himself so many enemies that he can't muster a working majority to handle a legislative program.

The Governor, for his part, managed to alienate almost the entire Legislature by attempting to force through his own tax proposals . . . including the highly unpopular payroll tax . . . while brushing aside all alternate plans offered by members of the Legislature. The result: the assembled Legislators have ploughed him under.

We think it's nice for Governor Daniel and Speaker Turman to learn through doing . . . but it's too bad that the people of Texas have to get the bill for their kindergarten exercises.

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It's amazing what a bunch of bureaucrats can come up with, comments Editor Jim Gillentine in The Hereford Brand . . . if you give them enough red tape.

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"ISN'T it amazing," observes the Second Street Philosopher, "how many people long to live forever . . . but can't amuse themselves on a rainy evening?"

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Will Dictatorship be answer to US Reds?

John Birch founder thinks it's only answer!

ist governments left in the world today," he declares in the filmed speech, "are a handful of small nations . . ." and he mentions, admiringly, the government of the Dominican Republic under dictator Trujillo, and that of Nicaragua under Somoza, to name a couple.

He wastes no admiration on democracies, however. "Democracy," says the leader of the John Birch Society, "is merely a descriptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

The John Birch Society is not, in any sense, democratic. "Direction will come from the top," Welch tells his prospective converts. There is to be no arguing with his decisions, and no debate.

"We have no time for useless parliamentaray procedures," he declares.

"We are going to cut through the red tape and parliamentary briar patches and roadblocks of confused purpose with direct authority at every turn. The men who join the John Birch Society . . . are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway. We are going to use that loyalty, like every other resource, to the fullest possible advantage."

In event any rugged individualists crop up in the John Birch membership, Welch says provision has been made to take care of them. Presumably he means to cashier them . . . not liquidate them.

"We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every-question theme," Welch declares.

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Who is this man who is making a serious bid to become an American dictator?

Robert H. W. Welch is a prominent Boston business man, a former vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers and for seven years a member of the NAM board of directors. He was born in North Carolina, graduated from the University of North Carolina, attended the U. S. Naval Academy for two years, and graduated from Harvard Law School. At 60 years of age, he has retired from business (candy manufacturing) to devote his whole time to the John Birch Society and his bid for power.

And by the very audacity of his approach . . . his demand that loyal Americans follow his orders implicitly, and give of their time and their money to bring about the destruction of the United States and create, in its place, a dictatorship to be headed by Robert Welch . . . he might succeed.

He has succeeded, certainly, in attracting thousands of followers all over the nation. The society membership lists are secret . . . but there are indications that The John Birch Society may have 100,000 members or more. Welch's initial goal was one million members. Since he launched the Society at Indianapolis on December 9, 1958, he has scaled down that requirement . . . and now thinks he can accomplish his goals with a much smaller membership.

"We have found out," he told a Boston Herald reporter last summer, "that what we can accomplish through small chapters is immensely greater than we thought."

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There is evidence, in this area at least, that these "small chapters" are beginning to flex their muscles . . . perhaps an indication that the organizational period is about over and the Society is ready for real action.

A nationwide example is the campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren . . . a man who, Welch asserts outright, is an avowed Communist. The anti-Warren campaign originated with the John Birch Society, and is being actively encouraged by it, according to members . . . although it has been taken up and is being abetted by other anti-Communist action groups, such as the Committee for Individual Freedom. This Committee, which is active in Canadian, may not be affiliated with the John Birch Society, but is obviously under its influence.

More immediate to the Panhandle area is the pressure campaign being waged by John Birch Society members on ministers of certain prominent Protestant churches in Amarillo and Pampa . . . a campaign which has some aspects of Ku Klux Klan operations of the past. In view of Welch's insistence on "control from the top," it is almost certain that these localized pressures are being carried on at the great man's direction.

John Birch Society chapters (probably several in each instance) are active both in Pampa and Amarillo.

There is, apparently, no John Birch Society chapter in Canadian as yet . . . though there are John Birch Society members here and the organization has been discussed locally.

That some church groups would be targets of the Society was indicated by Welch in his filmed speech. "Some Protestant preachers," he declared, "actually use their pulpits to preach outright Communism."

Schools will be a prime target, too. "We're doing a lot of work on school texts," Welch told a Boston Herald interviewer. "Most of them are loaded and there aren't any decent substitutes."

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How does the John Birch Society spot Communists? Welch has a pat answer for that one, too. According to his standards, anyone who opposes the John Birch Society is apt to be a Communist, or at best a fellow-traveller.

It was Welch's extreme sensitivity to Communism in high officials . . . taints unsuspected by other innocent by-standers . . . that brought his Society the first, and only, major publicity which it has received up to now.

Welch reportedly authored and privately printed a book, "The Politicians," which he distributed only to top-level John Birchers. In it he devotes all of its 302 pages to "proving" that Dwight Eisenhower and many members of his administration are "conscious, dedicated Communists."

Chicago Daily News writer Jack Mabley "exposed" the book last July 25, after a copy of it, which he says "was intended only for secret distribution to the leaders of the society," fell into his hands.

Mabley quoted Welch's book as accusing President Eisenhower of treason, and accusing most of his aides as being part of the Communist conspiracy to take over the nation. This apparently is the basis of Welch's assertion that the present United States government is already Communist, and therefore John Birchers must "go underground" and undermine the government. In his filmed speech, Welch labels John Kennedy as "communist" although Kennedy was, at the time, not yet President.

After Mabley's column appeared, the Milwaukee Journal picked up the story and this publication was followed a few weeks later (in August of last year) by a comprehensive three-part series in the Boston Herald in which Stanley Eames interviewed Welch himself.

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There the story dropped, apparently.

A search of the periodical indexes for several years back reveals no mention of the John Birch Society in any American magazine or periodical. The John Birch Society has effectively stayed out of the limelight.

The Society has its own magazine, however . . . a magazine entitled "American Opinion," written and edited by Welch and distributed monthly from his Belmont, Massachusetts headquarters. A "John Birch Bulletin" is also distributed monthly to John Birch chapters . . . and it is through the bulletin that Society activities are directed.

Welch works through an organization of "coordinators" who organize chapters with the help of movies of Welch delivering his marathon speeches . . . one of which reportedly lasts six hours with a coffee break.

He told Boston interviewers that his organization is weakest in New England . . . strongest in the midwest, and particularly strong in Tennessee, Texas and Southern California.

The Amarillo Daily News last August 14 identified C. O. Mann of Midland as "a regional coordinator for the John Birch Society." Mann was in Amarillo to form a chapter, according to the newspaper.

Highly active in the organizational work of the Society in this area is Brigadier General (retired) Jerry Lee, former commander of Amarillo Air Force Base, who says he is "devoting his life to the work."

One thing is certain: the John Birch Society isn't interested in recruiting riff-raff. It takes aim at the arch-conservative who is eminently respectable, and has either a position of influence or wealth, or both.

There is one other requirement: the recruit must be prepared to give unquestioning allegiance, and absolute obedience, to the founder. As Welch warns is prospects, the society is run from the top down . . . the most efficient form of government.

If he succeeds in recruiting enough solid citizens with enough wealth and enough influence to carry out his will, the United States may get rid of the clumsy trappings of democracy and adopt a really efficient form of government . . . an absolute dictatorship, with Robert H. W. Welch at its head.

One thing can be said of Mr. Welch. He is not an atheist. He believes in a Supreme Being. And he believes that He is it.

A limited number of re-prints of this article will be made available, on request, from The Canadian Record. There will be no charge.

Who's John Birch?

THE John Birch for whom the John Birch Society is named was a missionary to China who became a captain in the U. S. Army during World War II and, while carrying out his mission to preach the Gospel, also gave aid to many downed American fliers, set up radio networks, supervised building of air fields, and in general supplied valuable intelligence to U. S. forces. According to the late General Claire Chennault, he was very good at it.

At the end of the war, John Birch was singled out from a party of Chinese and Americans and was shot and bayonetted by Chinese Communists.

His story was told in The Saturday Evening Post (issue of Jan. 22, 1955) under the caption: "The Top Secret Story of John Birch's Murder Was the Tip-off on China's Reds." It is also told in a book, "The John Birch Story," written by Robert Welch and distributed to all members of the John Birch Society.

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March 23, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
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Wichita, Kansas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 15, 1961, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the organization you mentioned.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization has criticized the Eisenhower Administration

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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The people of Wichita, with whom I have talked, seem to have varied opinions about this organization--whether it is pro-communistic or anti-communistic.

Could you please forward some information on this matter as it seems I am in the dark about it.

Being that my father, Mr. [redacted] Kans. of Belmont, Mass. has been a long time enemy of Bolshevikism and Communism, I am very much interested about such things.

Please let me hear about the John Birch Society at your earliest convenience.

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely -

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March 23, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Lubbock, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 17, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated. Your favorable remarks concerning my administration of the FBI are encouraging.

In response to your inquiry, the FBI, being a Federal investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to help you in this regard and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

The FBI does not maintain lists such as you mentioned; however, I am enclosing a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In addition, the publication, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," which was prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities but is now out of print, may be located at your public library.

Enclosed also is material containing some of my recent observations and statements regarding the communist menace.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Attorney General list per Executive Order 10450
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Director's speech, 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: There is no information in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. It is not possible to determine exactly what item [redacted] has in mind; however, it would appear he is referring to the Director's Law Enforcement Bulletin Introduction of 3-1-60. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

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March 17, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have heard some good reports on the activities of the John Birch Society. We are anti-communist, anti-socialist, anti-new deal, anti-United Nations, World Court, or any other outfit that is taking over, or seeking to take over the American way of life. I want to do what I can to preserve our freedom, but there are so many good sounding societies, groups and organizations that turn out to be communist fronts that I want to be sure that the John Birch Society is not just a Communist Front for something or other before I make any effort to join. Would you please let me know what you can about this society. I would also appreciate any material you have available listing Communists, Fellow Travelers, and the latest list of subversive organizations and individuals that you have available for public distribution.

I have also heard that you recently either made a speech or wrote an article pointing out some of the things the American people ought to know about the Communists and their plans for this country. If you have a copy of this available may I have one.

I will be very frank in saying that you head the only Department of our Government that I personally have any confidence in. I believe we can rely upon your Judgment with reference to the true nature of the Birch Society.

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Yours truly,

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March 22, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Toms River, New Jersey

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of March 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

With regard to your other inquiry, as a matter of policy, I am unable to make any comment as the matter you mentioned is of concern to the Department of State. I hope you will understand my position. I am referring a copy of your letter to that agency. Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Toms River, New Jersey
March 14, 1961

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

Dear Sir:

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Recently I have learned of an organization known as the John Birch Society, an active, but possibly not effective anti-Communist group. If this group is what it claims to be, membership would be advantageous for all Americans. However, as a wife, mother, and [redacted] I do not wish to participate in any movement which could be detrimental to our country. Therefore, Would you please avail me of any information you might possess about the John Birch Society.

Also, could you please tell me if any action is being taken by our country to free American prisoners currently held by the Soviet?

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March 22, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
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Commercial Printing and Letter
Service Company
1015 North Hawkins Street
Dallas 4, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 13 has been received and the grave concern which you expressed regarding communism is understandable. Please accept my thanks for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI.

While I would like to be of assistance to you regarding your inquiry, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organization you mentioned in your communication.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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March 13, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First, let me take this opportunity to thank you for all the long years of patriotic service and self-sacrifice you have given to our country. I feel certain our country would not be as fine a place as it is today if we had not had the benefit of your leadership in the FBI.

I have a deep respect for you and for your knowledge of the activities of various organizations (patriotic and otherwise) over the country. This leads to my second reason for writing this letter.

I have been asked to join The John Birch Society. Since I know very little about this organization, I would appreciate your giving me your opinion of it and any information you have concerning its founder, Robert Welch.

I realize you and your staff are very busy, and I thank you in advance for taking the time to give me this information.

Sincerely yours,

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March 20, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]
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South Pasadena, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of March 13, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your very kind comments.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal government, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I cannot, of course, as the head of this Bureau, make any personal comments or evaluations in this regard. I hope you will not infer in this connection that our files do or do not contain data regarding the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memo dated 3-17-61 captioned [redacted] South Pasadena, California." Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory on correspondent. He commended the Director on his speech before the American Bar Association and was sent a cordial note of thanks. [redacted] knows the Director occasionally makes speeches; therefore, his comment regarding the Director's taking a leave of absence is being intentionally ignored.

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13 March 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After serious thought I have decided to ask you to read the enclosed copy of a letter which I have felt should be sent to the Editor of a Pasadena newspaper which has in the past few weeks attacked Robert Welch and The John Birch Society in a way which to me has been reprehensible. Please know that I fully understand that you cannot answer at length thousands of communications which must come to you. Indeed, there must be many you cannot answer at all. But I do hope you can advise me whether you think the sending of the letter can help the cause for which you have become our national symbol.

Before sending the letter I am submitting a copy of it to Mr. Welch to be sure that I will not ill-advisedly embarrass either him or the Society.

I trouble you in this way because of my profound admiration and respect for you and all that you stand for. I expressed this regard in a letter I wrote to you following your splendid talk at the convention of the American Bar Association in Los Angeles.

For many reasons I would deeply appreciate your giving me your judgment regarding the character, purposes and worth of Mr. Welch, The John Birch Society and their efforts to make effective the fight against Communism.

May I express my conviction, as one American citizen, that the time has come when the gravity of the struggle between the Communist Conspiracy and those men and women in the world who have considered themselves free is such that the highest interests of this country desperately need your personal voice in the mission of awakening the blind and confused and ignorant masses of our people. There is no other man whose voice could carry half the conviction or do half the good in this job of awakening

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and arousing the citizenry of this country that you could accomplish. Is it too much to suggest that you give thought to the obtaining of a leave of absence from your present responsibilities to devote yourself to addressing gatherings of persons throughout the country?

With my great respect and regard, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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South Pasadena, California

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Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Altadena, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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This letter is purposely addressed to you at your home. It is, through you, addressed to Messrs. [redacted] the Independent Star-News, your Pasadena newspaper, of its attack upon Robert Welch and the policies and membership of The John Birch Society. You are [redacted] As such you conduct your work behind a newspaper organization and its power, editorial and otherwise, which you feel protects you personally from those outside. You do not act, ever, on equal terms with your fellow citizens. Therefore I, a citizen unknown to you, come to you at your residence, where, under the guise of editorial policy you, if addressed at your office, could ignore what I have to say.

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1. I deplore and express my abhorrence of the conduct you three men have engaged in, designed to nullify the work of The John Birch Society a group of Americans and hold it, them and the founder of that group up to obloquy and scorn. The group you would destroy has as its goals accomplishments as high as man can conceive, in particular, to save the survival of this country as a free nation. It is significant to me that you have timed your efforts to destroy that work of that group to coincide with similar action by newspapers in Los Angeles and Sante Barbara.

2. You have deliberately sought, by creating false impressions, to poison your readers against Robert Welch, impugning his character and judgment by editorials and columns. The bases of this effort by you three men have been, according to what you have published, written declarations made by Mr. Welch more than two years ago and your disagreement with his judgment and views. It is noteworthy that there has been not one bit of evidence that you have considered or cared to know with fairness and exactitude the bases of Mr. Welch's views or judgment. There has been no indication that you know anything about the knowledge he has had in the past which has so often later confirmed his judgments. I do not know Mr. Welch personally, but I have read his magazine from the start of the predecessor of American Opinion. I profoundly respect his past dedication to learning about the Communist Conspiracy and the devotion of his entire life to the effort to awaken and lead those who care to work for the highest interests of this nation and to save it from Communist slavery.

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3. This man and his tremendous effort have by you three men and your paper been treated with subtle and contemptible writing from the cowardly position of newspaper editors who wield a power of incalculable advantage over any individual citizen by reason of their power to pick and choose and time whatever appears. Although you have had The Blue Book of the Society, which reveals the man's character and sincerity and devotion to the best in human life you have written not one word of good about him.

4. You decry the ways and means his best judgment has advocated, effectively and successfully opposing this nation's deadly enemies. That is your right, if so you are disposed. But you would damn The John Birch Society and all its members which are not Mr. Welch, as some members have pointed out. You have deliberately and irresponsibly chosen to lead your readers to ignore the fact that Mr. Welch and the members of The John Birch Society are distinct considerations.

5. I believe your record is not one to be justifiably reconciled with a desire to serve the true interests of this country and its survival as a free nation, dedicated to the ideals that have moved Mr. Welch to act as he had done. You have been completely negative toward that action and have sought to destroy that effort, without the slightest visible effort to serve the nation's welfare or those purposes by any constructive contribution of your own.

6. If you three men honestly cared so to serve and feel Mr. Welch and the Society mistaken in their approach to the cause of opposing Communism, pursuing methods inimical to the interests of the United States and the cause of freedom and their survival you, three individuals, could have acted to set in motion means for the correction of bad judgment in a fair-minded, decent and constructive way. The course you chose was the antithesis of such a path. You have made a record of effort to destroy the one great hope that exists to avert disaster. You have offered nothing in its place. That record is one of conduct absolutely opposed to the preservation of this nation, for its purpose is to stop that great effort, to silence and remove from the scene that sole hope of awakening and leading into action the millions who, in default of such action, will be enslaved.

7. The conduct of you three men is conduct which incalculably weakens and jeopardizes the chances of resisting the onslaught of the Communist Conspiracy by fighting it with effect by whatever methods employed -- even those such men as you may approve. You know this. What you must also know is that such an effect directly assists and advances the cause of Communists in an incredibly appalling way. I therefore submit that such conduct betrays this nation and the cause of everything that is decent and noble and of spiritual value for which this country at its best has stood. Such result I believe to be as damaging, deadly and opposed to this country's best interests

as the results of any action by any traitor who has ever chosen or will ever choose to align himself with the Communists and play into their hands. I do not call you traitors or Communists. Whatever you are is determined not by name calling, but by the facts of what you do.

8. At this point it is time for you and all Americans to face the fact which I believe the most vital and important one of all to be recognized in this frightful struggle which is determining the issue of whether it shall be ~~between~~ life or death for the freedom of man. The time has arrived when Americans must recognize that labels are beside the point and only serve to confuse the issue. The only question that matters now is what serves to help this nation and freedom and what harms them and sets them back. Motives, and this includes yours, cannot count in the determination of that issue, however revealing of character they may be. Your actions and their results do. I submit that the recent action of you three men harms this nation and the cause of freedom in a way no less terrible and deadly than the action of any traitor or Communist agent. It is high time, and long past it, that the conduct of Americans be judged by the test of whether it helps the Communists or helps the United States. By that test must each American be judged as friend or foe, in deed and effect.

9. Let your position be tested, then, by the measure of your desire and willingness now to serve the cause of truth, of fairness, of true courage. You have sordidly attacked one man and those who, with him, would, to the utmost of their good faith, take action to fight Communism at this juncture which I am convinced is quite as desperate as Mr. Welch has made so plain. You have made this attack from a position of great inequality, from your editorial office, with the power of your newspaper's control of what appears in its pages. Have you three the character to stand up to those you have sought to condemn in the eyes of your readers as three individual citizens meeting other citizens on equal terms, as men stripped of your newspaper's power and insulation? Let us see.

10. I ask you three men to advise me whether you three, as individual men responsible and accountable for what has been done by your newspaper, will meet Mr. Welch -- or such man or men as he may designate -- on a public platform, to make your accusations and implications against him face to face and then allow him to answer you? Likewise, will you meet such leader or leaders of The John Birch Society to accuse them and allow them in like manner to rebut your charges? I put these questions in deadly earnest, for they can test your decency, your good faith, your personal courage.

11. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Welch and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. I shall advise both men of your answers, and I request answers from each of you. It is all to the good, all the better for the test of your characters, that I am a citizen unknown to you -- one American who feels about the danger that we are in exactly as does Mr. Welch.

12. As I write this letter I do not have any idea whether Mr. Welch or The John Birch Society will feel it sensible to draw the issues of the fairness and significance of your attack upon them by responding to a willingness on your part to accept my proposal -- if you advise me of that willingness. Take note of this fact, that I am not a member of the Society. I do not indicate any agreement or disagreement on my part with Mr. Welch's personal views, other than my full agreement with his appraisal of the Communist danger to this land of the operations of the Communist Conspiracy; nor do I here express approval or disapproval of his convictions regarding the only effective ways of fighting it successfully. That is in no sense material to the issue I have chosen to draw in this letter. I want you to understand, therefore, that I do not speak for any one but myself; this being so I can in no way that I can see embarrass Mr. Welch or The John Birch Society should their judgment consider a meeting such as I propose inadvisable. But by your response to my request, or your ignoring it, this letter can accomplish a good deal. I am mailing it to you by certified mail, with a return receipt requested, so there will be evidence of its receipt by you three men.

Yours very truly,

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March 22, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Anaheim, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 13, 1961, and the interest which has prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I can readily understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism. It is my firm belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. I have always felt that private citizens, acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of our most effective weapons for overcoming the menace of the Communist Party. The initiative displayed by private citizens in acting to thwart the aims of the communists is a tribute to our American way of life.

Enclosed are several items setting forth my views on this subject which you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. No attempt has been made to search Bufiles regarding the various individuals and organizations she has mentioned for the purpose of answering her communication. However, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have a decision to make and I know of no one else to whom I can ask. I'll try and make it brief.

We have had a lot of "communism" exposed in our schools. A lot of activities discovered around that is demoralizing and labled communism.(definitely Un-American). I've helped in getting petitions signed to try and recall a member from our School Board that belonged at one time to the A.Y.D., now the A.C.L.U. He had a meeting in his home with guest of honor, Frank Wilkinson. He 'Joel Dworman' had circulated literature against our House Committee. Publically admitted he believed along Wilkinsons same line etc. I participated as much as I could in exposing his and other A.C.L.U. activities. I can't understand why they are not on the subversive list.

This all lead to our laws that have been nullified by the Supreme Court that have hampered removing communists from our society. The "Slochower v. Bd. of Education" 1956 decision seems to have even taken away our rights to control who is running or teaching in our local schools. More than a dozen more decisions appear to me to have been a terrible blow to you (F.B.I.) and UnAmerican Activities Committees and local courts in bringing any kind of a control on subversion.

Now, I'll tell you my problem. In Feb. I listened to a speach(film) by Robert Welch of the John Birch Society - Read the Blue Book and made application to join the society. I have listened to such speakers as Cvetic, Skousen, Barns, Swartz, Strubel, the Millers and a local professor at an Anti-Communist class in Santa Ana College. It seemed to me, they advocated all the same ideas of what we can do to try and curb the communist conspiracy. The Los Angeles Times paper ran a series of articles this past week condemning the Birch Society and Mr. Welch to the most. The Editorial (by Otis Chandler) to finish it off, said "they will bring our institutions into question exactly as the Communists try to do" "They will sow distrust and aggravate disputes, and they will weaken the very strong case of conservatism" "Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion." Unquote.

As you probably have all their date (as per Blue Book of that Society) I won't go into more.

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What I want to know, would I (in your opinion) be aiding the communist aggression in our U.S.A. in belonging to and working with this organization? What can I and other ordinary people do (workers & Homemakers) to try and keep communist propraganda from being taught our children in schools - plus other things that demoralize them such as sex, disbelief in Religion, disrespect of parental advice. If we have to spend so much time checking the schools, it takes away most of our home life with our children.

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Pray tell me! 1. Is the John Birch Society bad for our country during this peril. 2. What can we do - with our laws gone on such. - to curb communist subversion in our schools.

P.S. I have read your Masters of Deceit plus numerous State Senate Committee Books on Un-American Activities.

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March 22, 1961

Mr. [redacted]

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Alhambra, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter of March 13, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Alhambra, Calif.
March 13, 1961

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

Dear Sir,

The Organization generally designated as the "John Birch Society" has been reviewed by, and editorially denounced by, a large Los Angeles Newspaper.

I,personally, feel the time to be ripe for some show of urgency by "The People" - A "Standing up to be Counted" - and would like to be apprised of the view the F.B.I. takes in regard to this organization. I am strictly anti-communist and opposed to violence, but would sincerely like to be active in a reasonable and orderly activity dedicated to defeating the ends of communism in our country.

My thanks in advance for your opinions.

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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MARCH 13, 1961

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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DEAR SIR,

THE ORGANIZATION GENERALLY DESIGNATED AS THE "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY" HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY, AND EDITORIALLY DENOUNCED BY, A LARGE LOS ANGELES NEWSPAPER.

I, PERSONALLY, FEEL THE TIME TO BE RIPE FOR SOME SHOW OF URGENCY BY "THE PEOPLE" - A "STANDING UP TO BE COUNTED" - AND WOULD LIKE TO BE APPRISED OF THE VIEW THE F.B.I. TAKES IN REGARD TO THIS ORGANIZATION.

I AM STRICTLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND OPPOSED TO VIOLENCE, BUT WOULD SINCERELY LIKE TO BE ACTIVE IN A REASONABLE AND ORDERLY ACTIVITY DEDICATED TO DEFEATING THE ENDS OF COMMUNISM IN OUR COUNTRY.

MY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR OPINIONS.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/21/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (80-1262)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Bremerton, Washington
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE
AND TOURS)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Reference Seattle letter 1/20/61 and the Director's letter to Mr. [redacted] dated 1/25/61.

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For the Bureau's information there is attached a clipping from the March 13, 1961 issue of the "Bremerton Sun." I thought the Bureau might be interested in this clipping in view of the prior correspondence between the Director and Mr. [redacted]

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Editor, The Sun:

I read a letter in The Sun on Februray 25th entitled "Red Promotion," and from what I read that is just what it was.

The individual who wrote it also had a letter on February 2nd encouraging people to join the American Civil Liberties Union. I have my opinion concerning this fine upstanding organization but the following citation by the Congressional Committee to Investigate Communism (Fish Committee) says it much better; "The A.C.L.U. is closely affiliated with the communist movement in the United States, and fully 90% of its efforts are on behalf of Communists who have come into conflict with the law. It claims to stand for free speech, free press, and free assembly, but it is quite apparent that the main function of the A.C.L.U. is to attempt to protect the communists in their advocacy of force and violence to overthrow the government." There are many other such citations. I do not make the slightest insinuation that the writer of the letter is a communist or a sympathizer. I only bring this up because I feel that the people have a right to know what they are being encouraged to join.

The individual who wrote those two letters is obviously misinformed and not aware of the extent that our country today is threatened by this godless menace. This was demonstrated by his statement in "Red Promotion": "We have upgraded the imaginary power of Communism. . ." Anyone who has taken the time to read "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover quickly recognizes that this cancer in our society is far from being imaginary.

The writer further said that if he were Mr. Khrushchev he would put the riggers and pushers of "Operation Abolition" on the payroll. If the writer makes reference to the Communist Party program to render useless our internal security laws, he then is misinformed because the riggers of the program, "Operation Abolition," are the Communists themselves. They originated it in September, 1957. What that such a program does exist and show in one instance how it operated. I grant you, it may be a little tough to take, knowing it happened in the United States of America. But really, I've never heard of any group of outlaws putting a stool pigeon on the payroll before, have you, sir?

D. A. PAPINEAU,
1701 Bloomington,
Bremerton.

RE: [redacted]

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Bremerton, Washington
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

BREMERTON SUN
3/13/61
Bremerton, Wash.
JACK McHENRY, Editor
Single Edition

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March 24, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Los Angeles 24, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 15, 1961, has been received, and I am pleased to know that you have read my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Where Do We Stand Today
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Party, USA
How To Fight Communism

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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MRS. [redacted]
LOS ANGELES 24, CALIFORNIA

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March 15, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Recently there has been a great deal of publicity in the Los Angeles area in regard to a John Birch Society, led by one Robert Welch. They purport to be anti-communistic.

Is this an organization worthy of support? Can you tell me if this Robert Welch is a bona-fide anti-communist?

Having read your book Masters of Deceit with detailed descriptions of communist tactics, I am skeptical of this organization's structure.

Any information you can ~~give me will~~ be most appreciated. I am anxious to combat the encroachment of communism ~~in our~~ country.

Thank you.

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62-[illegible] - 845

March 24, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]

Wichita 8, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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2. [redacted]
3. Wichita 8, Kansas
March 16, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are hearing so much in our city and by reading the press, various magazines, and from our leading ministers, about the John Birch Societ that I am somewhat confused. Consequently, I wish to know the facts on this organization from your department.

We have seen this film, Operation Abolition, many, many times on the local TV, at clubs, etc. I have read the stand taken by my own church, The Methodist Church, and you will find this well defined, in CONCERN, Jan. 15, 1961; likewise the same in The Christian Century, and many other leading church peroidicals. Then I have read the one in The Reporter, of Nov. 24, 1960, and I sent for the publications put out by The Bay Area Student Committee, Berkeley, California. And from all these and from having seen the film many times, it seems to me that our HUAC has certainly made a very grave error in allowing this "untrue" film being shown and from sponsoring it.

We now have here in Wichita a very strong organization of what is called, The John Birch Society, so I have been told. I have not attended any of the meetings nor have I seen their film, COMMUNISM ON THE MAP. This organization even entered into our recent city and school board election, so it appears from what I have read in our only newspaper, The Wichita Eagle. I understand that our local library has their Blue Book and one may read it in the Reference Room; this I have not done yet, but have read what has been in Time, etc.

So, I shall appreciate your opinion on this organization. I am not a crusader, but am an interested housewife, and I think that one needs to know the background of such groups. We are all vitally interested in preserving our type of American government, but often such groups have done more harm in dividing our citizens on this alert toward Communism than to make all of us work together in harmony.

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Most sincerely,

[redacted]

(Mrs. [redacted]

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March 24, 1961

AIRMAIL

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
South Laguna, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 17, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the group you mentioned.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material which you may wish to read, together with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Correspondent's envelope
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Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Airmail postage being utilized since envelope forwarded by correspondent contained airmail stamp. "Three Arch Bay" per enclosed envelope.

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[redacted] California,
March 17th, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover: John Birch Society

With all your manifold duties and responsibilities, I do hope you can find time to read and reply to this short inquiry.

Since attending the Christian Anti-Communism School held at the Hotel Disneyland in Anaheim, California, several of us are now awakened to our situation and want to get into the fight to stamp out Communism in our Country.

A John Birch chapter is being formed here in South Laguna. Please tell us, do you approve of the John Birch method of combatting this terrible menance, or is there some other more effective method to pursue; --- I mean in addition to prayer.

A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply and I do hope this will not be too great an imposition for we do rely on your judgment and trust you implicitly.

Very Sincerely,

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[redacted] (Mrs.) [redacted]
South Laguna, Calif.

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March 23, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
S. A. Felton and Son Company
325 Bankers Trust Building
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

[redacted]

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your communication postmarked March 15, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Enclosures
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60
The Communists Are After Our Minds

NOTE: Enclosures were a newspaper clipping regarding the John Birch Society from an unidentified newspaper clipping and a business card. Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower Administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Mrs. [redacted]

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Dear Mr. Hoover: Mrs. [redacted] & I joined -- we want to help fight Communism -- Note clipping -- I am quite "concerned" -- are we fighting them or did we join them. Is the Birch Society thoroly loyal??

/s/ [redacted]

John Birch Society

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MAR 27 1961

2- ENCLOSURE

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INCORPORATED

Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Founder
ROBERT WELCH

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M. T. PHELPS
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J. NELSON SHEPHERD
JAMES SIMPSON, JR.†
ROBERT W. STODDARD*
CHARLES B. STONE, III
PAUL H. TALBERT

*Executive Committee
†Deceased

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Dear New Member: [redacted]

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This will acknowledge and thank you for your membership application and dues.

Your card is enclosed for membership in Chapter No. 163 of which Mrs. [redacted] is Chapter Leader.

March 5 61
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Dues payments are necessary, and we want you to know that we are grateful for them. We also want you to know, however, that the contribution of your time and efforts to The John Birch Society -- in its fight for causes and purposes in which you and I believe -- will be even more important, and even more appreciated. We welcome you to a body of men and women dedicated to doing all they can, together and as individuals, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Dear MR. HOOVER: MRS. [redacted] & I joined - WE WANT to help fight COMMUNISM - NOTE clipping - I AM QUITE "CONCERNED" - ARE WE fighting them OR did WE join them. Is the BIRCH SOCIETY thoroughly LOYAL ??

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March-9-61

THE COURIER-JOURNAL, LOUISVILLE, KY.,

Birch Society Is Denounced In Senate

Reportedly Called Ike A Communist

By The Associated Press

Washington, March 8—Senator Milton R. Young (R., N.D.) said in the Senate today that leaders of an ultra-conservative and semi-secret group operating in many states have falsely accused former President Eisenhower of being a Communist.

Young said the organization, known as the John Birch Society, claims to be fighting Communism and has accused Young himself of "being about every kind of a scoundrel, including a Communist or pro-Communist."

He said the leader of the society is Robert Welch, a retired business executive of Belmont, Mass.

Formed In Cells

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield of Montana lauded Young for his denunciation of the society. He said he has heard of the group in his own state and "something is wrong somewhere."

Young said the society has organized cells in North Dakota among "some of the most able and influential people in each community."

He said Welch has "made accusations against the President of the United States and other top officers far beyond anything the late Senator Joe McCarthy (R., Wis.) ever thought of."

"To label some of our most loyal and dedicated people as Communists plays right into the hands of the Communists," he added.

Articles Go On Record

Young placed in The Congressional Record articles from The Chicago Daily News of last July 26 and the current edition of Time magazine dealing with the Birch society and Welch.

(The existence of two John Birch Society chapters in Louisville was disclosed in an article by Robert Hermann in The Courier-Journal on February 19. Chapter leaders here are W. Earle Otis, an architect, and Shirley Palmer Ball, a businessman. Other members include S. Rayburn Watkins, executive vice-president of Associated Industries of Kentucky, and Dr. N. Burnett Magruder, executive director of the Louisville Council of Churches.)

The Chicago News story said Welch is author of a book, "The Politician," which tries to prove that former President Eisenhower was a dedicated Communist and his brother, Milton R. Eisenhower, was "Ike's superior in the Communist Party."

Income Tax Held Red

The Time article told of society activities in several states and said Welch is a former prominent Boston businessman who regards the income tax and Social Security as moves towards Communism.

It said John Birch was a U. S. Navy captain who was killed by Chinese Communist guerrillas after V-J Day in 1945.

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March 23, 1961

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Mr. [redacted]

Los Angeles 7, California

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Director's Speech 10-18-61
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Communist Party, USA

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Dear Sir:

Please advise as to the status of the John Birch Society.

Sincerly

[redacted]

Los Angeles 7, Calif.

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Dear Sir:

Please advise as to the status of the John Birch Society.

Sincerely

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Los Angeles 7, Calif.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D.C.

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Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

West Palm Beach, Florida

March 23, 1961

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of March 15, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind remarks.

I regret to advise that our supply of the reprint that you requested in your communication has been depleted. I am sorry that we are unable to be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Her question as to whether the John Birch Society has a comeback with regard to the "Time" magazine article is being ignored. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, an allegedly anticommunist organization, has criticized the Eisenhower administration bitterly in the past. He once stated he felt a group having the appearance of a communist front would be effective in attracting true subversives. No literature is being forwarded in view of correspondent's affiliation with John Birch Society.

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FBI
REC'D WASH. FIELD OFFICE

March 15, 1961.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Ack

I have been an admirer of yours for many years, but since my entrance into the study of UNESCO, Communism in my church, etc. you and your many wonderful statements have been constantly in mind --and I have quoted you many times. I recently made a stencil of your quote "Anyone who opposed the American Communist....." How the lefties have been working on a small group of us here in Florida.

EX-114 REC-33 62-104451-849

Recently received one of the finest things I have ever read on the Christian's problems with the Communist ideology. It is your work done in three series for Christianity Today THE COMMUNIST MENACE: RED GOALS AND CHRISTIAN IDEALS, ETC. ABSOLUTELY THE BEST. MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU IN MAKING THE PROBLEM SO VERY CLEAR.

MAR 27 1961

I WOULD LIKE TO SEND THIS TO EVERY MINISTER I KNOW --- AND MANY OTHER GOOD PEOPLE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND. Please tell me where I can order them and the price.

mmd
ack 3/29/61
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Believe me I know no one could have written as you did and not be one of God's special

Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

West Palm Beach, Florida

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people so I know that you are under his constant watch.

My very best to you .

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Sincerely,

Mrs [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]

P.S. This morning I am doing volunteer work in the John Birch reading room --we lend books and allow people to read your publications, Dan Smoot, etc. Our society has been under constant attack from the Miami Herald Newspaper and now Time magazine. Don't we have any come-back? [redacted]

March 24, 1961

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EX-101

Mr. [redacted]

Rochester 22, New York

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[redacted]
Rochester 22, New York
March 16, 1961

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently there has been a lot of articles about an anti Communist group know as the John Birch Society Inc. headed by Robert Welch of Bellmont Massachusetts.

I would like to know if this group is working for the betterment of our country or is it working against it?

Please send me a copy of the booklet Communism the Target of Youth. For which I have enclosed twenty cents.

Yours truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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Rochester 22, New York
March 16, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.
Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently there has been a lot of articles about an anti Communist group known as the John Birch Society Inc. headed by Robert Welch of Belmont Massachusetts.

I would like to know if this group is working for the betterment of our country or is it working against it?

Please send me a copy of the booklet Communism the Target of Youth. For which I have enclosed twenty cents.

Yours truly,

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

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 14, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ATTEMPT TO DISTRIBUTE BUREAU LITERATURE
WITHOUT APPROVAL

#290,504

ASAC William Alexander of Los Angeles called shortly after 2 p.m. today and advised that a printer in Santa Barbara, California, had just been in touch with our Resident Agent in that city. The printer stated that he had received an order from the John Birch Society to print up 10,000 copies of our poster, "What You Can Do to Fight Communism." The Society representative had then requested the printer to print an addition on the statement to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the John Birch group. ASAC Alexander advised that the group had not to their knowledge requested Bureau approval to reproduce the Director's statement.

Alexander was advised that in view of the extremist position taken by this group that we should not, of course, have anything to do with them and that obviously they were attempting to capitalize on the Director's prestige. He was told that the printer should be informed that the FBI had not given approval for this group to reproduce our poster nor could we approve of the addition to this poster reflecting it's distribution by the John Birch Society. Alexander advised this matter would be handled promptly and a follow-up airtel would be submitted on the results.

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This is the group whose magazine carried the article that up to 80% of the top officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are communists or under communist influence. They have accused former President Eisenhower of being a communist dupe and have called for the impeachment of the Supreme Court and have made similar ridiculous allegations.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the Bureau's prestige, it is recommended that an SAC Letter be prepared instructing the field that no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to this group or to any of its representatives. It is further recommended that the Special Agents in Charge be alerted to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions this organization. The field should be told that requests for any attempts to reproduce Bureau publications by the John Birch group should be turned down.

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I Agree

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Jones
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/21/61

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-771)

SUBJECT: [redacted] approx 1944

Pasadena 10, California
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Robert A. Welsh

Re Bureau airtel 3/16/61 captioned as above.

[redacted] was contacted at his residence on 3/21/61 by SA JAMES A. NORTON.

Mr. [redacted] was advised as instructed in referenced Bureau airtel. No discussion was had concerning ROBERT WELCH or the John Birch Society.

[redacted] expressed his deep appreciation for such a prompt reply to his letter and was extremely appreciative that an Agent called on him.

no further action
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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI 62-[illegible]-852

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PASADENA 10, CALIFORNIA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Enclosed are two copies of an incoming dated 3-5-61 from captioned individual. Bufiles contain no references to him.

You are instructed to have one of your Agents contact Mr. [redacted] and advise him that while we do not ordinarily comment on the integrity of any individual, publication or organization, our files contain no information which would impugn the reputation, character, integrity or loyalty to the United States of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower or his brother, Milton. Under no circumstances should any comment be made concerning either Robert Welch, his book entitled "The Politician" or the John Birch Society.

Submit results of this interview, under above caption, to reach Bureau no later than 3-24-61.

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Follow-up made for 3-24-61 Killed. See line from LA 3-21-61. RVA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-16-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)
ATTEMPT TO DISTRIBUTE BUREAU LITERATURE
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Reference is made to your memorandum to Mr. Mohr of 3-14-61 (attached), which advised that a printer in Santa Barbara, California, had advised our Los Angeles Office that he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of the poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that it was being distributed by the JBS.

ASAC William Alexander of Los Angeles was advised on 3-14-61 that we should have nothing to do with JBS since obviously they were attempting to capitalize on the Director's prestige. He was told that the printer should be informed that the FBI had not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could we approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

It was recommended and approved by the Director that an SAC Letter be prepared instructing the Field that (1) No Bureau publications are to be made available to JBS, (2) Alert the Field to the possibility that JBS may attempt to reproduce and distribute Bureau publications, and (3) That any requests by JBS for permission to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached SAC Letter regarding the John Birch Society be approved.

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Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Malone - Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/24/61

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (62-1672)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFO. CONCERNING (INTERNAL
SECURITY)

Re SAC Letter 60-5(C) captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, Jr., - INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)," and Butte letter to Bureau, 9/9/60, with same caption as this letter.

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The "Montana Standard," a Butte, Montana, daily newspaper, issue of 1/31/61, reported that [redacted] of Santa Barbara, California, [redacted] of the JOHN BIRCH Society, would speak in Butte that day. Subsequent information was received indicating efforts of various responsible persons in Butte to form a JOHN BIRCH Society.

Films have been shown and lectures given in Dillon, Montana, concerning the Society and efforts made to organize a Chapter in that small community.

Through correspondence with the Bureau by an interested individual it was ascertained that a Chapter has been formed in Sidney, Montana.

During 3/61, information was received that ~~a~~ ANOTHER ~~sister~~ Chapter has been formed in Stevensville, Montana.

Recent contacts with this Office by interested citizens inquiring about the Society indicate a growing DISILLUSIONMENT ~~disallusionment~~ by people with the material published by the Society. Further, the recent article in "Time Magazine," concerning the Society, as well as a series of articles being published by the "People's Voice," a weekly newspaper published in Helena, Montana, concerning the Society, have done much to bring about this feeling on the part of local citizens.

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There has been no indication from Confidential Informants or other sources of efforts by subversive elements to take over or to use this Society or its Chapters.

This is for the Bureau's information.

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Date 3/28/61

To

[XXX] Director (AM)

Att.

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Title JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INFO. CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

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- [ ] Deadline passed
- [ ] Delinquent
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Re Butte letter to Bureau, 3/24/61.

Please make following corrections: Para. 5, line 2, change "sister" to "another", and delete "a" in line 1 of this paragraph; para. 6, line 1, word 1 should be spelled "disillusionment".

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DATE 4-2-96 BY [redacted]

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To: SAC, El Paso

From: Director, FBI

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MISS [redacted]
FT. STOCKTON, TEXAS
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram from the above-captioned individual dated March 23, 1961. As it is not possible to determine her address from Ft. Stockton telephone directory, you are instructed to obtain her address from Western Union Office at Ft. Stockton and personally acknowledge her communication to me. Of course, she should be advised that the FBI does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, it will not be possible for me to accede to her request. Suairtel results to reach Bureau, Attention: Research (Correspondence and Tours), by 4-4-61.

Enclosure

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Follow-up for 4-4-61.

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded in 12-58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anti-communist; has chapters throughout the country and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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2:12PM March 9, 1961

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
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Senator MILTON R. YOUNG (R. - North Dakota) telephoned through secretary for the Director. He was advised of the Director's absence and was referred to Mr. Leinbaugh in Mr. DeLoach's absence.

Senator Young said he and Senator Mansfield made critical statements yesterday regarding the John Birch Society. Defenders of the Society claim that the Director has endorsed the Society and Mr. Leinbaugh emphatically denied this. Senator Young also said that the Society claims that the Director has stated that 70% to 80% of the officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare were communists or had been influenced by the communists. Mr. Leinbaugh told the Senator that this had been previously brought to the Director's attention and that it is totally untrue in that the Director has not made such a ridiculous assertion.

Senator Young said he would appreciate a letter pointing out this information.

Mr. Leinbaugh is preparing a memorandum.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/27/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)

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Re SAC Let 61-14 (D) dated 3/21/61 regarding JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS).

[redacted] who appears on several stations in the southeast, presenting a program entitled, [redacted] He is on the Bureau mailing list to receive publications, his home address being [redacted] Greenwood, S. C.

[redacted] is personally known to SA [redacted] at Greenwood, S. C. On 3/24/61, he volunteered the fact he is the [redacted] of The John Birch Society. He did not indicate he had actually formed a chapter at Greenwood, S. C.

He has been actively fighting communism for the past several years. He has always praised the Bureau and is known to be a great admirer of the Director.

The above is furnished in view of referenced SAC Letter which states no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 9, 1961

FROM : C.D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: SENATOR MILTON R. YOUNG (R-NDAK.)
INQUIRY RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Senator Young called early this afternoon and in my absence spoke with Leinbaugh in my office. The Senator said that he and Mike Mansfield (D-Montana) had blasted the John Birch Society on the Senate Floor yesterday (UPI ticker attached), and the Senator said that frankly he had been amazed at the reaction. He said right after the speech he began to receive criticism from members of the Society and he had had several communications which alleged that Director Hoover had endorsed the John Birch group.

Leinbaugh told the Senator that this was a patent falsehood, that Director Hoover, of course, never endorsed any groups and most certainly would not issue any statement defending the activities of the John Birch Society. The Senator said he was relieved to hear this. He then added that members of this organization had informed him of the assertion that up to 80% of the top people in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are communists or communist supporters and that Mr. Hoover was the source of information for this assertion. * The Senator was told that this ridiculous claim had already been brought to the Director's attention and it has been promptly nailed as a complete fabrication and falsehood.

Senator Young added that if at all possible he would deeply appreciate receiving a short note from Mr. Hoover regarding the above-mentioned matters and he was told we would be happy to comply with his request.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be forwarded to Senator Young.

Done 3/10/61

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Enclosures

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Jones
1 - Mr. Morrell

advise by & send him copy of letter sent to Sen. Young

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* The October, 1959, edition of the "American Opinion" publication of the John Birch Society carried an article by R. P. Oliver which article contends that between 70% and 80% of the responsible officers in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy. (Memorandum attached)

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(BIRCH SOCIETY)

WASHINGTON--SEN. MILTON R. YOUNG, R-N.D., AND SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD, MONT., TODAY SOUGHT TO RALLY PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, WHOSE TOP OFFICIAL ACCUSED FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER OF BEING A COMMUNIST AGENT.

IN SEPARATE SENATE SPEECHES, YOUNG AND MANSFIELD DEPLORED THE ORGANIZATION'S GROWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE DAKOTAS AND MONTANA, ALTHOUGH YOUNG QUOTED A (TIME) MAGAZINE ARTICLE AS REPORTING IT HAS ACTIVE "CELLS" IN MORE THAN 35 STATES. ONE NORTH DAKOTA CITY ALONE HAS FOUR CELLS, YOUNG SAID.

HE SAID THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES "SOME OF THE MOST ABLE AND INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN EACH COMMUNITY." ITS CRITICISM, HE SAID, IS LEVELED "NOT AGAINST LIBERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS, BUT AGAINST MORE MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD, AND EVEN CONSERVATIVE, REPUBLICANS."

SOCIETY PRESIDENT ROBERT WELCH "HAS MADE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS FAR BEYOND ANYTHING THE LATE SEN. JOE MCCARTHY EVER THOUGHT OF," YOUNG SAID.

HE SUBMITTED AN ARTICLE FROM A CHICAGO NEWSPAPER (NEWS) IN WHICH WELCH'S BOOK, "THE POLITICIAN," WAS SAID TO HAVE TRIED TO PROVE THAT EISENHOWER "IS A CONSCIOUS, DEDICATED AGENT OF THE COMMUNISTS," AND HIS ADMINISTRATION "CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY."

MANSFIELD JOINED IN CRITICIZING THE ATTACK ON EISENHOWER, AND IN URGING THE PUBLIC TO "JUDGE THIS ORGANIZATION FOR WHAT IT IS."

YOUNG SAID THE SOCIETY HAS ACCUSED HIM "OF BEING ABOUT EVERY KIND OF SCOUNDREL, INCLUDING A COMMUNIST OR PRO-COMMUNIST."

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ENCLOSURE

(D) THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) -- SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959, set out background data concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, and his anticommunist campaign. SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, advised that in December, 1958, Welch created an organization called "The John Birch Society," the long-range objective of which has been summarized as "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Recently, a printer in Santa Barbara, California, advised he had received an order from JBS to print 10,000 copies of my poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." The JBS also requested the printer to print an addition on the poster to the effect that this statement was being distributed under the auspices of the JBS. We have advised the printer that the FBI has not given approval for JBS to reproduce the poster nor could the FBI approve of the addition to the poster reflecting its distribution by JBS.

In view of this irresponsible organization's attempt to capitalize on the FBI's prestige, no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives. You should be alert to the possibility that this group may attempt to reproduce Bureau publications and distribute them giving the impression that the FBI sanctions JBS. Immediately advise the Bureau of any such information coming to your attention. Further, any requests by JBS to reproduce Bureau publications should be turned down.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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TO SAC INDIANAPOLIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

[redacted] INFORMATION CONCERNING, RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS SECTION) BY LETTER RECEIVED MARCH TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE, [redacted] INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, ADVISED HE IS MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) AND INDICATED HE INTENDS TO VISIT INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE ON MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE TO DISCUSS THIS ORGANIZATION. [redacted] PREVIOUSLY WROTE TO ME ON MARCH FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE, REQUESTING INFORMATION REGARDING JBS AND I REPLIED ON MARCH TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE, THAT FBI DOES NOT MAKE EVALUATIONS REGARDING ORGANIZATIONS. YOU SHOULD FURNISH NO COMMENTS REGARDING JBS TO [redacted] IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN SAC LETTER SIXTY-ONE - FOURTEEN (D).

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo dated 3-24-61 captioned [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana "AFH:jo"

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 24, 1961

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [redacted]

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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On 3-23-61 a letter signed by captioned individual enclosing a business card of the [redacted] and a newspaper clipping regarding the John Birch Society was received by the Director. [redacted] indicated in his letter he had joined a "Birch Chapter" on 3-5-61 and asks whether he would be helping the fight against communism by working with the organization. He stated he plans to visit the Indianapolis Office of the FBI on 3-27-61 to discuss the John Birch Society.

Bufiles show [redacted] wrote the Director on 3-15-61 enclosing material regarding the John Birch Society and inquiring about it. By letter of 3-23-61 the Director advised [redacted] that the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

OBSERVATION:

Since the reply to [redacted] initial communication makes it clear that no information can be furnished by the FBI regarding the John Birch Society, there is no apparent reason to acknowledge his second letter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached radiogram advising Indianapolis Division of [redacted] intention to inquire about the John Birch Society on 3-27-61 be approved.

(2) No acknowledgment be made to [redacted] letter received 3-23-61.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 3/31/61

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re: Boston letter to the Director dated 2/17/61.

On March 21, 1961, HERBERT A. PHILBRICK advised that he had no current information concerning the number of JOHN BIRCH CHAPTERS now functioning.

PHILBRICK stated that on his last personal contact with ROBERT WELCH, about two years ago, he was told that there were 20 chapters in Houston, Texas, and one chapter in Bismark, North Dakota. He has no additional information at the present time concerning the number of chapters of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He stated that if he obtained additional information concerning this, he would furnish same to the Bureau.

Because of PHILBRICK's lack of particulars, the above information is being submitted by letter to the Bureau rather than by letterhead memorandum.

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This case is now being closed in the Boston Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re letter from the Director, FBI to the Office of Security, Department of State, captioned "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)" dated 3/21/61.

SA RILEY L. MILLARD contacted Miss [redacted] Santa Barbara, California, for an appointment about 10:30 a.m., 3/25/61. She advised that she was very confused and stated that she would call back to advise when it would be convenient to see Agent. At approximately 11:00 a.m. Miss [redacted] called and stated that Agent could call on her at 2:00 p.m., 3/25/61.

At 2:00 p.m. SA MILLARD called on Miss [redacted] She advised that she was emotionally upset and distraught to the point where she was unable to talk to Agent. For this reason she had asked her friend, a Mr. [redacted] to meet with her and explain what she had in mind. While awaiting Mr. [redacted] the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibility in the internal security field were explained to Miss [redacted] She stated that her concern was over events which have been happening in Santa Barbara, California, which have been causing the people to become suspicious of each other. She mentioned the speeches made in Santa Barbara recently by CLEON SKOUSEN, WILLIAM BUCKLEY and EDGAR BUNDY. She stated that she considers them rabble rousers. At this point Mr. [redacted] arrived, whereupon Miss [redacted] stated that he could explain what she had in mind. [redacted] was advised of the Bureau's responsibilities in the security field.

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[redacted] Santa Barbara, [redacted] is employed as a [redacted] at the U. S. Navy Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, California. He stated he is quite concerned over the furor which the John Birch Society is causing in Santa Barbara. He stated the local paper in Santa Barbara had editorialized against the John Birch Society which resulted in a division of thought in the Santa Barbara community. Several months ago he attended a gathering where a tape by ROBERT WELCH described as the founder of the Society, was heard. [redacted] stated WELCH practically accused President EISENHOWER of being a communist and spoke in high tones of the quality of the government in the Dominican Republic. b6 b7C

Later Mr. [redacted] wrote a letter to the "Santa Barbara News-Press" denouncing the John Birch Society. As a result of the publication of this letter, several calls were made to Lt. Commander [redacted] Point Mugu, California, by unidentified persons calling Mr. [redacted] a "dirty communist" and asking questions such as "what are you going to do about it." He stated he considers this an insidious attack in an attempt to get his job because of his open objection to what he considers a completely wrong method of fighting communism. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated that he has worked for the U. S. Government in the propaganda field and was with OSS during World War II. He directed anti-communist and anti-Fascist propaganda and movies and believes that he has a background of being anti-communist as well as anti-Fascist that should satisfy even the severest critic.

Mr. [redacted] continued, stating that "the John Birch Complex" should be watched as a possible silver shirt type organization. He stated that the Director of the FBI should be advised that "while passing under cover of anti-communist, the John Birch complex is using his name and a stable of retired FBI men as covers for their meetings." He mentioned specifically CLEON SKOUSEN, HERBERT PHILBRICK and MATT CVETIC. The John Birch Society is encouraging the reading of anti-communist literature put out by the Director of the FBI as well as his book "Masters of Deceit." They are showing the films "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map," all of which has as its objective the lending of dignity to their organization and of confusing the people as to their true purpose. Mr. [redacted] stated in this connection that he has no objection to the Director's book and that he intends to b6 b7C

read it himself some day. The John Birch complex is a rebirth of all the worst aspects of the MC CARTHY era, except that this is worse because it has a brain behind it. He felt that the Director must avoid becoming a tool of the John Birch complex.

Mr. [redacted] continued that in Santa Barbara a Mrs. [redacted] an employee of U. S. Congressman TEAGUE, with office in the Post Office Building in Santa Barbara, "brainwashed" him for an hour concerning the communist threat to our schools and churches. A Mrs. [redacted] is a tool of the John Birch Society by publishing a sheet called "The Freedom Press." A Mrs. [redacted] who writes anti-communist articles is spreading the John Birch line. The Santa Barbara Speakers Forum is part of the John Birch Society (JBS) and is bringing to Santa Barbara such speakers as CLEON SKOUSEN, WILLIAM BUCKLEY, EDGAR BUNDY and the like. b6 b7C

Concerning Lt. Commander [redacted] Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was given an award at Point Mugu recently by the U. S. Navy for having made 200 speeches against communism. At least one speech was made under the auspices of the JBS in Ventura, California, and one under the auspices of Mrs. [redacted] in Santa Barbara. Mr. [redacted] questions the wisdom of permitting the use of a Navy officer in this fashion. b6 b7C

Both Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] are known to SAs [redacted] and THOMAS H. THORNTON as being strongly anti-communist and who have stated that although they are not members of the JBS, they do approve of its anti-communist aims. Mrs. [redacted] has published four or five monthly issues of a throwaway which she now calls "The Freedom Press." Mrs. [redacted] has a weekly syndicated column which appears in more than a hundred newspapers in which she has been doing a series of articles for teen-agers on the dangers of communism. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] stated that one of his chief sources of information in this connection is [redacted], writer for the "News-Press" who wrote the articles which appeared in the News-Press "exposing" the JBS.

Mr. [redacted] stated that what he has to say could be summed up by saying that in his opinion "the John Birch complex" is causing lack of faith in democratic principles and is as great a threat to this country as communism.

Miss [redacted] stated she thinks that what Mr. [redacted] has said sums up her opinions on this subject. b6 b7C

Neither Miss [redacted] nor Mr. [redacted] asked any specific question concerning the John Birch Society; therefore, no statements were volunteered.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contained no information of a derogatory, subversive nature regarding [redacted] or [redacted]

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 3-29-61

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[redacted]

At 10:10 a.m., March 29, 1961, Mr. [redacted] Office of Naval Intelligence, phoned Special Agent Whitson and stated that in connection with an individual who had made application for employment with ONI the applicant had stated he was a member of the John Birch Society, which the applicant said was "on the FBI Preferred List." Mr. [redacted] asked if there was any such thing as an FBI Preferred List, and he was told by Special Agent Whitson that the latter was not aware of the existence of such a list, but that if ONI desired to check the accuracy of the applicant's statement it should be brought to the Bureau's attention through regular channels in connection with any name check request on the applicant.

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Agent Whitson did not discuss the John Birch Society with Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] primary function in ONI is censorship planning.

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For information.

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1 - Mr. ~~Parsons~~ Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. L'Allier
1 - Mr. Whitson

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The Attorney General

March 10, 1961

Director, FBI

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INQUIRY FROM SENATOR MILTON R. YOUNG
REGARDING THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

For your information, Senator Milton R. Young called my office yesterday to make inquiry regarding the John Birch Society. The Senator advised that he and Senator Mansfield had attacked this group on the floor of the Senate and that he had been amazed by the reaction to his remarks. He said that following the speech, members of this Society had contacted his office claiming that I had endorsed this group.

The Senator was told that this assertion was a complete falsehood inasmuch as it was, of course, outside of my authority to endorse any group or organization. He was further told that I would not under any circumstances issue a statement defending the activities of the John Birch Society.

Members of this group also made claim to Senator Young that up to eighty per cent of the top people in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are communists or communist supporters and they said that I was the source for this information. The Senator was advised that this ridiculous claim had been previously brought to my attention and that it had been promptly labeled as a complete fabrication.

By letter of March 1, 1961, I advised the Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff of the above-reported statement which had been erroneously attributed to me.

Previous information was furnished to the Department concerning the John Birch Society by our memorandum dated February 1, 1961.

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For your additional information, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Senator Young dated today.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Byron R. White - Enclosure
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Parsons (Sent direct)
1 - Mr. Belmont (Sent direct)
1 - Mr. Jones (Sent direct)
1 - Mr. Morrell (Sent direct)

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From: Director, FBI

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"LAWRENCE DAILY JOURNAL-WORLD"
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

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Enclosed are two copies of an editorial which appeared in captioned newspaper on 3-16-61. The item was called to the Bureau's attention by Mrs. [redacted] of Wichita, Kansas. Copies of her letter and enclosure, as well as a copy of our reply, are also enclosed for your information. We have had limited cordial correspondence with her.

It is noted that the editorial says that leaders of the John Birch Society include my name among a group of individuals they labeled as "pure-bred Reds." While we have received information that this group has named certain Government officials as communist, this is the first information the Bureau has received alleging that the Society linked my name with subversive elements. You should have a mature, experienced Agent contact Mr. [redacted] of the "Journal-World" and ascertain his source of information concerning me as expressed in the editorial. Be certain Mr. [redacted] understands that we have no interest whatsoever in the Society and that our only concern is to determine the basis for the allegation relating to me. For your information, the Bureau's position in response to inquiries concerning the Society is that we do not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Bureau files reflect very limited contact with this newspaper. On 3-25-57 [redacted] was sent a copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin upon his request. Suairtel results under above caption to reach the Bureau no later than 4-6-61.

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Follow-up made for 4-6-61.

NOTE: See letter to Mrs [redacted] same date.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 28, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

While talking to [redacted] to the Chief Counsel, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), on other matters 3-27-61 she advised in confidence that they have received a letter from the John Birch Society signed by Robert Welch asking that the HCUA conduct an investigation into the background of the John Birch Society so that their patriotic motives could be shown to the public. Mrs. [redacted] said that they were going to write back and say that such an investigation would be merely self-serving and that they would not conduct any such investigation.

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Mrs. [redacted] said that she would keep us posted. She also indicated to Kemper that they have literally been swamped with requests for information not only from Congressmen and Senators but from the general public on the attitude of the John Birch Society. She expressed her own personal disapproval of the methods used by Welch and said that his type of activity is doing more harm than good.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 30, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
Los Angeles 62, California

By letter dated 3-24-61 correspondent forwarded a copy of a letter which he had sent to the editor of "The Los Angeles Times", Los Angeles, California. In his letter to the editor, he complains that people are bothering him through telephone calls because of the [redacted] and that of the John Birch for whom the John Birch Society was named. He was complimentary to the FBI in stating that "FBI men know their business."

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Bufiles indicate that [redacted] was forwarded a letter in November, 1957, by the Director thanking him for sending a Directory of Conchologists reflecting a list of persons interested in the knowledge and study of mollusks. The Directors name appeared in the Directory.

The John Birch Society was founded in 12-58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anti-communist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that correspondent's letter and enclosure not be acknowledged in that he states no reply is needed.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 4, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PLYMOUTH MEETING, PENNSYLVANIA

By telegram dated April 2 captioned individual complains concerning the Director's April Law Enforcement Bulletin introduction. He apparently believes that it was directed against the John Birch Society and he advises Mr. Hoover that he is being paid to protect the Constitution. [redacted] does not ask any questions nor make any requests. Evidently, he is merely using this means of voicing his opinion.

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Bufiles contain nothing which is identifiable with [redacted]

In view of the tenor of correspondent's remarks and his opinion, no purpose can be served in entering into an argument with him.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that no acknowledgement be afforded the telegram from [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/7/61

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-D)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies each of a letterhead memo and a letterhead memo of evaluation, captioned as above.

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(U) The source is [redacted] a CS of WFO. [redacted] learned the information from [redacted] U.S. Department of Commerce, who is handling the Commerce Department reply to Senator ENGLE.

The letterhead memo is classified "Confidential" since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of a source of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
April 7, 1961

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The John Birch Society was formed in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts.

On April 1, 1961, a confidential source advised he learned that Senator Clair Engle of California recently received an inquiry from a California chapter of The John Birch Society. Senator Engle was requested to advise that chapter what the United States Government is doing with regard to trade with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The chapter plans to read Senator Engle's reply at its next meeting. The source advised that Senator Engle referred the matter to the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, United States Department of Commerce. (U)

According to the source, the Bureau of Foreign Commerce planned to advise Senator Engle that the United States Department of Commerce will not approve shipment of any materials to the Soviet-bloc which have any possible military use. (U)

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Washington 25, D.C.
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Reference Memorandum dated April 7, 1961, dated and captioned as above.

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (62-1394)

RE: MISS [redacted]
FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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Re Bureau airtel to El Paso dated 3/24/61.

LORENE J. ADAMS, who is Mrs. [redacted] was contacted at Fort Stockton, Texas, March 30, 1961, by SA ROY C. DAHL. She resides at [redacted] Fort Stockton, TEX

Mrs. [redacted] inquiry was answered in exact accordance with instructions contained in reBuairtel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 4/3/61

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12314)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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In compliance with SAC Letter 60-5, the following information is transmitted. b6 b7C

By letter dated March 9, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted] Jamestown, North Dakota, requested of the Minneapolis FBI Office an evaluation of the John Birch Society noting that its literature purports it to be an Americanist Society which is opposed to the advance of communism. Mrs. [redacted] was contacted on March 17, 1961, in Jamestown, North Dakota, at which time she advised that on the previous Thursday, March 9, 1961, in the local paper, "The Jamestown Sun", an article appeared concerning Senator YOUNG's remarks regarding the John Birch Society. She said the following Saturday in the same paper were letters to the editor concerning the John Birch Society, one of them by a [redacted] of Bismarck, North Dakota, who Mrs [redacted] said she had met at a social recently and had received from him a kit of the society which included a blue book reciting the purposes and procedures of the organization and other material. She also advised that [redacted] indicated that there was in Bismarck, North Dakota, a study group of the John Birch Society. She said that this is all she knew concerning the existence of this organization and nothing had come to her attention indicating that there was any individual or group or literature being disseminated or active in the town of Jamestown or the vicinity. b6 b7C

Reference is made also to another letter received by the Minneapolis Office of the FBI from one [redacted] of the [redacted] Fargo. This letter is dated March 10, 1961, and he asks for any information concerning the John Birch Society. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] notes in his letter that he travels extensively in North Dakota and Minnesota talking against communism, trying to instill a desire in the part of these people with whom he talks

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to know more about the subject of communism. He further indicates he has been asked for information on this group and observes that from outward appearances indications are that this group is of extreme conservatives with no ulterior motives apparent.

Mr. [redacted] who is also an Air Force Reserve Major, was interviewed on March 16, 1961, and he advised that he has read the recent "Time" magazine article concerning the John Birch Society and he had locally become aware of existence of the organization particularly on March 5 and 6, 1961, when a film shown by an area representative at the Graver Hotel presented Mr. WELCH of that organization giving approximately a two hour talk on the subject of the spread of world communism. [redacted] said he was present at this meeting along with six or seven other individuals including one [redacted] a Fargo, North Dakota attorney who is employed by the Blue Cross organization and is a conservative in his political thinking; [redacted] a Casselton, North Dakota farmer who has been endeavoring to induce people to join the organization and one [redacted] of North Fargo. [redacted] said he did not know the other persons present nor could he recall the name of the area representative for the Birch Society but it was his understanding that this representative had come from Milwaukee. He said that this local showing of the film was arranged for by [redacted] and it was his understanding that there had been other showings of the film in western North Dakota and eastern Montana and possibly at Bismarck, North Dakota prior to the showing at the Graver Hotel in Fargo.

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An examination of the guest register of the Graver Hotel through the cooperation of [redacted] with offices in the Black Building, Fargo, failed to show any guest registered at the Graver from Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the period immediately prior and during the dates of March 5 and 6, 1961.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /62-104401/

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /100-59001/ 2P

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ~~PAREN~~ [JBS] ~~UNPAREN~~. INFORMATION CONCERNING. PAUL H. TALBERT, INSURANCE BROKER, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY NATIONAL COUNCIL, JBS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED AGENT, LOS ANGELES OFFICE, APRIL TWO, SIXTY ONE, DRAWING ATTENTION TO ARTICLE FEATURED IN LOS ANGELES EXAMINER, APRIL ONE, SIXTY ONE CAPTIONED ~~QUOTE~~ "BIRCH SOCIETY BRANDED AS ANTI ~~DASH~~ U.S." ~~UNQUOTE~~, BY FRANK CONNIFF, NATIONAL EDITOR HEARST NEWSPAPERS, AND BEARING AT EITHER END OF TOP BANNER RED INK SPREAD, A PHOTO OF ROBERT WELCH AND DIRECTOR HOOVER. MR. TALBERT TOOK EXCEPTION TO EXPRESSION IN CONNIFF-S ARTICLE - ~~QUOTE~~ "THIS REPORTER HAPPENS TO KNOW THE FBI HAS TAKEN A DIM VIEW OF THE JBS FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW AND HAS ITS AGENTS IN THE PROPER PLACES TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OVER ITS ACTIVITIES." ~~UNQUOTE~~. TALBERT ADVISED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD ROBERT WELCH, JBS FOUNDER, HAD WRITTEN OFFICIALLY TO OTHER WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES SEEKING FULL OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION OF JBS BY SENATE SUB ~~DASH~~ COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL SECURITY. TALBERT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION [redacted]

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OVER FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR FACT SENATOR EASTLAND OF SENATE COMMITTEE, HAS LONG BEEN TARGET FOR LEFTISTS AND COMMUNISTS IN U.S. TALBERT SAID HE JUDGED THAT CALIFORNIA STATE AUTHORITIES, WHO ONCE SAID INVESTIGATION WOULD BE CONDUCTED OF JBS, HAD NOW RENEGED AND THAT CALIFORNIA STATE INVESTIGATION WAS PROBABLY NOT FORTH COMING. TALBERT SAID HE AND DONALD JACKSON, FORMERLY OF HCUA, WERE PREPARED TO TRAVEL FROM LOS ANGELES TO WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR PURPOSE ENLISTING HCUA TO MAKE INVESTIGATION JBS AT THIS TIME. TALBERT WAS REMINDED THAT SENATE AND HOUSE ARE SEPARATE BRANCHES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THAT, OF COURSE, NO COMMENT COULD BE OFFERED REGARDING HIS PLANS OR INTENTIONS. ABOVE IS FOR BUREAU-S INFORMATION. CLIPPING OF INSTANT EXAMINER STORY BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

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We must stick to no comment to all inquiries & not be drawn into this brawl.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 7, 1961

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-25282)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On March 2, 1961, Mr. [redacted] Stow, Ohio, orally advised that he had been contacted by one [redacted] Ohio, concerning membership in captioned organization. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society (JBS) and that since his initial contact with him he, [redacted] has been receiving literature concerning the organization. Among the items thus received was a copy of the JBS "Blue Book". b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that, based upon his conversation with [redacted] he has learned that the latter is the only JBS member in [redacted] Ohio, but that a chapter has been in existence in Cleveland, Ohio, for sometime. He advised that this chapter meets monthly and that the only concrete results of the Cleveland JBS chapter's activity thus far mentioned by [redacted] was a successful effort to obtain the removal of a United Nations Seal from aircraft operated by the United Airlines. [redacted] was unable to evaluate or otherwise clarify the purpose of this action. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that, since the JBS is opposed to Communism, he has considered joining the Society. In view of certain statements contained in the "Blue Book", however, he had some reservations about affiliating with the Society and he requested the Bureau's advise in this regard. He was courteously informed of the confidential nature of FBI files and the consequent necessity of informing him that no advice or information could be furnished to him. Mr. [redacted] stated that he understood the Bureau's position in such matters, but that he would attend at least one meeting of the JBS in Cleveland, Ohio, and would be happy to furnish any pertinent information obtained to this office. b6 b7C

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He was then informed that the FBI could neither approve or disapprove his proposed action and that any association between himself and the JBS would have to be at his own discretion and in accordance with his own best judgment. He was further informed that the FBI is interested on a continuing basis in any efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate and influence mass organizations and that, should he obtain any information indicating Communist Party infiltration of the JBS, it would be appreciated if he would make such information available to the FBI. Mr. [redacted] stated that he would gladly make any pertinent information obtained available to this office.

JOHN [redacted]

On March 30, 1961, Mr. [redacted] telephonically contacted the Cleveland Office to advise that he had learned that the JBS organizers in Cleveland, Ohio, are [redacted] and [redacted] all of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. [redacted] could furnish no additional information concerning any of these individuals. It is also noted that indices of the Cleveland Office are negative concerning the above mentioned persons. b6 b7C

In addition to the above information, the Cleveland Office has been the recipient of other telephone inquiries concerning the JBS. These inquiries have been uniformly answered with information concerning the confidential nature of FBI files and the consequent inability of this Office to furnish any information to private persons and/or organizations.

In view of current Bureau instructions concerning the JBS and the fact that to date no information has been obtained from confidential informants, confidential sources or public information sources indicating that local units of the JBS have been infiltrated by the Communist Party, no further investigation in this matter is contemplated by the Cleveland Office and it is being placed in a closed status. In the event information of a pertinent nature is obtained in the future, it will be immediately furnished to the Bureau along with appropriate recommendations relative to any further investigation which appears warrented.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/5/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

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On 4/3/61, Mrs. [redacted] Charlotte, N. C., telephonically contacted the Charlotte office and stated she is a member of the John Birch Society. She stated that the April 2, 1961, issue of the "Charlotte Observer," on page 8A, carried an article which was critical of this organization. She said that at the end of this article it was stated that J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the FBI, had issued a statement which implied criticism of the John Birch Society, and that she would like to obtain a copy of this statement. She was advised this office could make no comment regarding the article she referred to and she stated that she believed she would write to FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C. and attempt to obtain such statement.

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The foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for information, inasmuch as Mrs. [redacted] may contact the Bureau.

There is enclosed copy of an article which appeared in the "Charlotte Observer" in its issue of 4/2/61, which is believed to be the article Mrs. [redacted] refers to.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

This Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the John Birch Society (JBS) or its founder Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. However, the files of this Bureau disclose the following information.

The JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in order to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-objective of the JBS as "less government, more responsi- and a better world."

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In an article "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds" by Mabley in the January 30, 1961, issue of the "Chicago News," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, Mabley ts on Welch and the Society. Mabley states Welch, own words, is absolute boss of the Society and quotes as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, torial and dynamic boss." Mabley sums up his article ating the communist threat in this country is real the country needs the energy and interest of every n who will work to counteract communist evil; but unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist

Welch authored a book entitled "The Politician," he did not have published but had a limited number of s printed, which he sent to friends who he believed

ONE YELLOW: The information set forth above is identical information furnished State Department by letter dated 61 in answer to that Department's request for information ning JBS.

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would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed it was a vicious attack on the political beliefs of former President Eisenhower and, by innuendo, alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist.

Welch also publishes a magazine "American Opinion," which was incorporated January 13, 1956, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and which he also uses as an outlet for his anticommunist crusade. As an example of the type of material which appears in "American Opinion" an article was published in the October, 1959, edition entitled "A Review of Reviews" written by Revilo P. Oliver, a professor at the University of Illinois. This article contained allegations that between 70 and 80 per cent of the responsible officers in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy. This appears to be a follow-up of a speech made by Oliver in March, 1959, at which time he allegedly stated that one third of the top echelon of the communist conspirators in this country are in the DHEW and stated his source was Herbert Philbrick. Philbrick, a former FBI informant, upon interview has denied giving Oliver any information concerning communist infiltration of the DHEW. Our files disclose that Philbrick never furnished such information to the FBI.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-6-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)

Shortly after 7 a.m. this morning on WRC Radio News, the statement was made that Cardinal ~~Cushing~~ had endorsed the controversial JBS and its leaders. Mass.

We will, of course, be on the alert for news clippings on this to submit as early as possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Morrell
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Parsons

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 31 1961

FROM: J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your memoranda of March 6, 1959, September 11, 1959, and September 16, 1959, captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr." and to your memorandum of September 8, 1960, captioned as above.

You are requested to furnish this Division with a copy of the other chapters of Mr. Welch's books "The Politician", if they are available, and a copy of the "Blue Book", reportedly available at any of the Society's bookshops.

You are also requested to furnish this Division with a summary of all of the information you may have on Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., and "The John Birch Society" and to make a preliminary inquiry in order that this Division may determine whether an investigation is warranted.

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April 6, 1961

Assistant Attorney General
J. Walter Yeagley

Director, FBI

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 31, 1961.

In accordance with the request contained in the second paragraph of your referenced communication, there is enclosed one Photostat each of "The Politician" and "The Blue Book" of the John Birch Society.

In accordance with the requests contained in the third paragraph of your referenced communication for a summary of information on the Society and Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., and that a preliminary inquiry be made in order that the Internal Security Division may determine whether an investigation is warranted, this is to advise that a summary of the information concerning the Society and Welch was forwarded to the Attorney General dated April 5, 1961, and a copy was designated for you. In view of the contents thereof no further action is being taken concerning your request for a preliminary inquiry unless a subsequent request is received from you.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 4-3-61

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: MR. [redacted]

Today Mr. [redacted] called the Bureau and spoke to SA Heim in my office. He said that he had noted an article in the "Los Angeles Examiner" issue of Saturday, April 1, 1961, concerning the John Birch Society. The article, written by Frank Coniff, stated that the John Birch Society was anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic and anti-U.S., according to the caller. He said that the article mentioned FBI Director Hoover's recent statement against vigilante action and that the article by inference or implication if not outright statement related that the FBI disapproved of the Birch Society.

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[redacted] said that he is a Catholic and is not a member of the Birch Society. He remarked that he had checked on the Birch Society and could find nothing in its material which appeared to be anti-Catholic or anti-U.S. He said that he has always held Mr. Hoover and the FBI in the highest esteem and was most grateful that the security of the whole country was in their hands. If the FBI has, in fact, investigated and found the John Birch Society to be subversive, [redacted] stated that he will be the first to oppose it. He said, however, that he wanted to know what the FBI's feelings were concerning this organization.

It was pointed out to Mr. [redacted] that the FBI as an investigative organization of the Federal Government did not make any evaluations or statements concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. It was emphasized that accordingly such action was not within the province or the jurisdiction of the FBI and that it would be entirely wrong to say or infer that Mr. Hoover or the FBI had made any such statement or evaluation of this or any other organization. In response to Mr. [redacted] inquiry concerning the Director's recent statement against "vigilante action," he was advised that the Director has on several occasions as a matter of policy spoken out against reckless and vigilante action in connection with law enforcement and the national security of the country.

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DeLoach to Mohr memo
Re: MR. [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] repeated his strong support for the FBI and requested that he be furnished some of the Director's public statements and material concerning the menace of communism. He was told this material would be forwarded to him and would include the full text of Mr. Hoover's statement on "vigilante action." By envelope today without cover letter the following reprints were sent to Mr. [redacted] LEB Introduction, 4-1-61, Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, One Nation's Response to Communism, Director's address to The American Legion, Miami Beach, Florida, 9-18-60 and LEB Introduction, 3-1-60 with Analysis of 17th National Convention of CP, USA.

The Los Angeles Office is forwarding a copy of the John Birch Society articles in the "Los Angeles Examiner" of April 1, 1961. Efforts to obtain a copy of this paper locally were made with negative results.

Received 4/3 in p.m.

RECOMMENDATION:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4-6-61

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12314)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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The "Jamestown Sun" of Jamestown, North Dakota, dated March 11, 1961, contains an Associated Press release out of Bismarck, North Dakota, quoting utterances by one [redacted] following statements made by Senator MILTON R. YOUNG, Republican of North Dakota, concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

Following are quotations from this article as attributed to [redacted]

"Said [redacted] 'I don't think the senator understands the purpose of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. I hope he will take the time to visit a society meeting sometime. He will never find a more dedicated and sincere group of Americans.'

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[redacted] described the organization as a 'patriotic group whose central idea is for less governmental interference and more individuality.'

"He said the organization is concerned about the advance of communism in the world and that he, personally, feels the growth of the communistic threat 'should bother us all.'

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"[redacted] said there are about a dozen JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY chapters in North Dakota located principally in Bismarck, Williston, Fargo, Braddock and Watford City.

"He said the chapters hold regular meetings and follow a definite program to promote their ideas.

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"[redacted] description of the group differed with that of Time magazine.

"He maintained that many members do not go along with everything WELCH believes. He said the organization is trying to accomplish a purpose and banding together is the best way of achieving that end.

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"[redacted] said he was not acquainted with the information YOUNG spoke of that brands former President EISENHOWER as a Communist.

"He said each individual ascertains for himself whether the program and aims of the society are what they wish to follow.

"The question of WELCH being a dictatorial power in the society does not enter the picture, according to [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 28, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 4629-4641. Congresswoman Green, (D) Oregon, commented on the John Birch Society. She stated "Many outstanding Americans, of varying political persuasions, have expressed concern at the tactics, the organizational structure, and the real aims of this organization." Mrs. Green included an article from the Washington Post of March 26th "setting forth some of the concerns as this group utilizes the language of 'un-American' for objectives, which, to say the least, might bear closer American public scrutiny."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MARCH 27, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Date: 4/7/61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (62-11243)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Mrs. [redacted] discussed the information contained herein with SA [redacted] on 4/7/61:

Mrs. [redacted] who is well known to the Bureau, is [redacted] which contains a great deal of political comment of a very controversial nature.

"The New Bedford Standard-Times" (New Bedford, Mass.), 4/4/61, p. 10, under the by-line "Standard-Times Staff Writer," reported that "members of the John Birch Society (JBS) and others were told last night that the views of some of our scientists, if adopted, would mean surrender to international Soviet Communism." The article then set out comments of a speaker. That was the first paragraph of the article. In the fifth paragraph, the article explained that "Mrs. [redacted] spoke before some 100 persons at the American Institute (AI), 64 Sigourney St., Jamaica Plain." The article added that the discussion was sponsored by the AI and had been recommended by the JBS to its

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membership. The next paragraph added that WELCH, the head of the JBS, was not present for the talk and that the JBS was not discussed by Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] was very much upset by the article because she said it was a deliberate lie and a plot on the part of someone to destroy her and [redacted]" and to discredit the fight against communism. She also felt that the article was an attempt to make it appear that she supported the JBS and/or to force her to take a position on that subject.

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Mrs. [redacted] explained that she had been invited to speak before the AI by the [redacted], at the suggestion of HERBERT [redacted], AI President. She stated that her topic was to be "[redacted] No. One Issue - Survival." While working out the arrangements for the talk, Mrs. [redacted] agreed that the JBS would not be discussed.

Mrs. [redacted] arrived at the hall where she was to speak somewhat tardy because of traffic congestion. As she entered the hall, [redacted] chairman of the affair, was explaining to the audience that Mrs. [redacted] would not discuss the JBS.

Mrs. [redacted] in her talk, did not mention the JBS. During the question and answer period which followed her talk, she was asked if the JBS would become the subject of a Senate investigation. The chairman immediately ruled the question out of order. However, Mrs. [redacted] remarked that since she was neither a Senator nor a member of the JBS, she was in no position to answer the question.

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As the affair ended, one of the audience introduced himself to Mrs. [redacted] the "New Bedford Standard-Times."

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Mrs. [redacted] wanted the Bureau to be informed that:

1) She had been invited to speak at this affair by the AI at the suggestion of its president, HERBERT PHILBRICK.

2) She did not mention the JBS during her talk.

3) She made it clear that she was not a member of the JBS.

4) Some time ago, she declined an invitation to write for "American Opinion," which is published by the JBS.

Mrs. [redacted] solicited suggestions as to whether she should do anything to correct the implication made by the article that she was a member of the JBS. She was politely informed that the Bureau could not advise her in this matter. After talking for some time, Mrs. [redacted] said she would call Mr. [redacted] the "Standard-Times", and discuss this with him.

Mrs. [redacted] called later to report that she had discussed the matter with [redacted] He informed her that he was the Massachusetts organizer of the JBS and that he had sent out letters to members of the JBS recommending that they might want to hear her speak. [redacted] promised to publish a blurb to explain that she was not a member of the JBS and that she had spoken at a meeting sponsored by the AI at the invitation of the AI.

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This is being furnished to the Bureau as it is possible that Mrs. [redacted] may at some future date contact the Bureau and refer to the information set out herein.

A copy is being forwarded to Boston, inasmuch as it contains information regarding personalities and activities in that area.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4/10/61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. [redacted]

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A letter was received from captioned individual on April 6. He apparently is upset over present attempts on the part of many of the newspapers to link the Director's introduction to the April 1, 1961, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin to the John Birch Society. [redacted] stated that he was not a member of the Society but would be proud to be one. The tone of his letter is quite belligerent and at one point, he tells Mr. Hoover "If the shoe fits - wear it." Throughout his communication he lectures the Director and it is not felt he deserves a reply in view of his attitude. He is not identifiable in Bufiles.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the letter from [redacted] not be acknowledged.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 4/7/61

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-10091)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(Internal Security)

REC-71

Re SAC Letter 60-5, which contains background data concerning captioned organization.

There is being summarized data of possible Bureau interest relative to the John Birch Society (JBS), based upon press articles which have recently appeared in Portland daily newspapers.

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The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, on 3/29/61 contained an article entitled "Salty Self-Styled Rebel Claims John Birch Label," under the byline of [redacted] staff writer, for the Oregonian. The article quotes JOSEPH A. MALLON, age 69, a resident of Pleasant Valley on a 40 acre farm east of Portland as having stated that he was the "original John Birch Society" in Oregon.

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The second article in the series by Staff Writer [redacted] appearing in The Oregonian on 3/30/61, entitled "Anti-Red Society Pioneer Traces Group's Growth in Oregon," noted the JBS "apparently" came to Oregon "about two years ago" and referred to JOSEPH A. MALLON as having stated that he was the head of the state's first chapter. MALLON was reported as having stated he had received a letter from ROBERT WELCH, founder and head of the JBS, appointing MALLON "chapter leader" for the "first chapter in Oregon," which was "to be Chapter No. 143."

The above article went on to state that another "early leader" was [redacted] Portland insurance man and [redacted] Portland. In a written statement, reportedly written for the Oregonian, [redacted] related, according to the article, that in [redacted]

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September, 1959, seven people, including professional and business executives, attended a two-day meeting in Seattle, Washington with ROBERT WELCH. All but one of the seven became associated with the society. [redacted] became a "part" of the organization in January, 1960 and remained so until July 1, 1960. He reportedly organized a "number of chapters" throughout Oregon and disagreed with MALLON's statement that the latter was the first JBS member in Oregon. MALLON indicated that some of his chapter's members later formed their own chapters, it being his guess that there were "about eight other chapters in the Portland area," six of them started by original members of his group. He described chapters as normally having an average of twenty members with a maximum of thirty members. b6 b7C

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A third article by Staff Writer [redacted] appearing in The Oregonian on 3/31/61, entitled "Internal Disagreement Apparent in Extremist Birch Society," refers to PAUL ~~CLEMENT~~, 71 year old television repairman, 3907 SE Clinton Street, Portland, Ore. as one of Oregon's early John Birch members, and one of those in MALLON's chapter.

The fourth article in the series appearing in The Oregonian on 4/2/61, by [redacted] is entitled "Birch Society Coordinator Gives Up Farm to Join 'Battle,'" and pertains to [redacted] Oregon coordinator of JBS, who reportedly stated he became coordinator in September, 1960, and subsequently gave up a small farm and dairy near Springfield, Oregon, to devote his full time to the activity. The article noted that [redacted] "parried questions about the number of John Birch chapters in the state with the statement 'This is an area which I haven't received instructions on,'" adding it was not a "question of secrecy exactly," but was up to headquarters. b6 b7C

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[redacted] identified as the father of three children and traveling in a house trailer, was quoted as stating he averaged "about 26 meetings a month" which would include "meetings of existing chapters, open chapter meetings, with guests attending, meetings of interested groups set up by individual chapter members and meetings of interested groups of their own initiative." [redacted] reportedly "helped set up six chapters since last September" and he visits all that he and [redacted] set up," the latter being identified as referring b6 b7C

to [redacted] predecessor in the job, and the one who introduced [redacted] to the JBS in February, 1960.

In referring to his job, [redacted] noted he received $300 per month, plus mileage from JBS headquarters for his work. Dues were stated to be $24 per year for men and $12 for women. He stated his official duties included helping set up chapters and making sure existing chapters are functioning effectively, his activities thus far being in the area west of the Cascade range.

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[redacted] The fifth and concluding article in the series by [redacted] appeared in the 4/2/61 issue of The Oregonian under the title "John Birch Founder Says 'Fantastic' Measures Required." According to this article there " reportedly" are chapters of the JBS in Eugene, Medford, Grants Pass, Lebanon and Newport (Oregon), in addition to "several" believed to exist in Portland. The article described [redacted], proprietor of [redacted] as a "John Birch member," belonging to the chapter of Mrs. [redacted], in Tigard, Oregon.

On 3/30/61, an article entitled "John Birch Society Flourishing in Oregon" appeared in the Oregon Journal, Portland daily newspaper, in which [redacted], Portland insurance man, was quoted as having stated that he had organized the JBS in Oregon in Medford, Grants Pass, Newport, Lebanon and Portland, devoting six months to the task, after attending a 1959 meeting in Seattle where he met ROBERT WELCH, founder of the JBS. The article made further reference to Mrs. [redacted], Tigard, Oregon, as leader of the JBS chapter in the Southwest Portland suburban area. Mrs. [redacted] was reported as having stated the chapter had been meeting monthly in her home.

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Meanwhile, on April 5, 1961, the Oregon Journal contained an article with dateline of "Washington Bureau of Journal," captioned "Birch Group Actions Scored by Representative Green" in which the Oregon Congressman EDITH GREEN reportedly called upon the people to judge "outfits like the JBS not in terms of what they say they are against but in terms of what they say they are for." Her remarks reportedly followed receipt by her of a substantial number of letters from "Portlanders and other Oregon residents" who identified themselves as members of the JBS or whom she

regarded as clearly identifiable as members because of the tone and wording of their letters."

The Oregonian on 4/6/61 contained an article under "Washington (Special)" dateline, entitled "John Birch Society Puts Green on 'Sympathizer' List," in which Representative GREEN was quoted as having stated in her newsletter to constituents that she had been termed a "Communist sympathizer" for disagreeing with the JBS members and others demanding the impeachment of Chief Justice EARL WARREN of the U. S. Supreme Court. She also was quoted as stating that "Outfits like the JBS" should be judged "not in terms of what they say they are against, but in terms of what they show they are for."

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-6-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. [redacted]

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By letter of 4-1-61, the above-captioned individual forwarded a copy of his communication to "The New Castle News." His letter refers to the John Birch Society pointing out that the Department of Justice has voiced their concern over the organization, and the Director's April, 1961, Law Enforcement Bulletin Introduction criticizes vigilante action. He indicates that although he is not a member of the Society, he does question the disapproval of this anticommunist group particularly when the American public is constantly being urged to support the fight against communism.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted]

The John Birch Society was founded in 12-58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anti-communist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

RECOMMENDATION:

As [redacted] letter is not addressed to the Director, it is not felt desirable to become involved in his questions regarding this highly controversial group.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 3, 1961

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-3396)

SUBJECT: Mrs. [redacted]

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On April 3, 1961 the Little Rock office received a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., dated April 1, 1961 at Benton, Arkansas, signed Mrs. [redacted] Page 3 of this letter contained the following handwritten notation:

"Mr. [redacted]

To avoid the possibility of any misunderstanding, I want to add that when we members of JBS urged that Mr. Hoover be appointed Attorney General, it was not at the instigation of Mr. Hoover. So far as I know, Mr. Hoover has been completely unaware of this action on our part.

As an afterthought, it occurred to me that this point should be clarified completely.

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

Included with the above letter was a copy of the National Program Letter published by The John Birch Society, Inc., which was undated and bore the caption, "Appreciation and Encouragement"; a phamplet entitled, "The Communist Conspiracy, How you can fight it" by [redacted], Copyright 1961 by Good Reading Rack Service Division Koster-Dana Corp., 76 Ninth Ave., New York 11, N.Y., name [redacted] was underlined and an arrow pointed to the hand-printed notation (Mrs. [redacted]); and a copy of a 7 page letter addressed to Mr. [redacted] reporter of the Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock, Arkansas, which requests [redacted] to print "a TRUE 'expose'" of The John Birch Society in the Arkansas Democrat.

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Mrs. [redacted] has directed letters to the Bureau and the Little Rock Office since 1960 regarding the topics of Communism and the HCUA movie "Operation Abolition". In connection with this movie she has made public statements appearing in the press, copies of which have been furnished the Bureau under the caption HCUA movie "Operation Abolition". b6 b7C

Referenced John Birch Society bulletin listed the names of the "Committee of Endorsers". Under the caption Arkansas there is listed the name Mrs. [redacted]

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 4/3/61

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: John Birch Society

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Mr. [redacted] Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General, telephoned. He advised that the Attorney General would appreciate receiving any information in the possession of the FBI relative to the John Birch Society and its president.

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A check has been made with Assistant Director Belmont who advised the Domestic Intelligence Division already had underway a proposed memorandum to the Attorney General concerning this Society. This memorandum is being expedited and it should come through for approval later today.

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The Attorney General

April 5, 1961

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

In accordance with the telephonic request of Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General John Seigenthaler to Assistant Director C. A. Evans of this Bureau on April 3, 1961, there is enclosed a memorandum concerning the John Birch Society and its founder Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

Neither the Society nor Welch has been investigated by this Bureau. However, our field offices are alert for any indication of subversive influence within the organization or any of its chapters.

We are answering inquiries from the press and public for information concerning the Society by stating that this Bureau is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. However, in the introduction to the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," dated April 1, 1961, I specifically pointed out the need for an objective and dispassionate approach in fighting the communist menace. I felt this step was necessary because of the rash of vigilante-type individuals and organizations springing up throughout the country which tend to depart from fact and use gossip, hearsay and unsubstantiated charges in fighting communism. In the long run, such tactics will hinder rather than help in this fight.

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. Byron R. White (Enclosure)
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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The following information is set forth concerning the John Birch Society (JBS) and its founder Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

Background Concerning the Society

The Society was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and was assigned Charter Number 624-300. The officers were listed as Robert Welch, President and Treasurer, and [redacted] Clerk (Secretary). The Directors were listed as [redacted] Robert Welch and [redacted] The Incorporators were listed as Robert Welch; [redacted] Robert Welch); [redacted] and [redacted] All of the aforementioned are residents of the Boston, Massachusetts, area. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of the Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

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According to recent newspaper accounts, the Society at the beginning of 1961 had chapters in approximately 35 states and it has been estimated that the Society might have 100,000 members at the end of 1961. The most pronounced activity on the part of Welch and the Society in his anti-

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communist campaign has been charges of communists being in high Government positions, including former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The most recent major activity in this regard has been the calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, who has been identified in the past as being a former member of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, recently stated he was a member of the JBS and praised the work of the Society. [redacted] stated the Society, without mentioning integration, would only be fighting communism but added that actually communism is the "root of it all" indicating, according to the source, that [redacted] meant fighting communism is also fighting integration. The source advised that [redacted] stated the main work of the Society at the present time is writing letters to Congressmen and other prominent officials, never using the Society's name, and in getting windshield and bumper stickers on as many cars as possible reading "Impeach Earl Warren."

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By memorandum from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley dated August 30, 1960, Yeagley, in referring to the Society, advised that the Department's records contained no Bureau reports on either the Society or Welch and requested this Bureau to conduct an investigation of the Society pursuant to Executive Order 10450. By memorandum dated September 8, 1960, he was advised that no information had been received by this Bureau indicating any subversive elements in the Society and that in view of this, together with the background information concerning the Society and Welch which had previously been furnished the then Attorney General by memoranda dated March 6 and September 11 and 16, 1959, all captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.," no investigation of the Society would be conducted unless a subsequent request was received from the Department. To date no subsequent request has been received from the Department for an investigation of the Society or Welch.

The Present Controversy

The JBS is probably one of the most controversial organizations in the country today. This controversy stems mainly from the allegations made by Welch and the Society

alluding to President Eisenhower being procommunist; the allegations that there are communists in other high Government positions; and calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren. This controversy has led to many attacks on Welch and the Society through the newspapers and in some congressional circles, while at the same time other newspapers and congressional circles have defended Welch and the Society. However, to date this controversy has been confined, at least in congressional circles, to the issue of Welch and the Society and not to the issue of Chief Justice Warren's impeachment.

This controversy slowly gathered momentum until it appears to have reached its peak within the past week when some Congressmen and Senators denounced Welch and the Society while others backed Welch and the Society. According to newspaper accounts, both the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) and the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) have been requested to hold hearings concerning the Society. According to such accounts, Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Vice Chairman of SISS, has denounced the Society and Welch's attack on President Eisenhower and on March 31, 1961, Dodd stated he would bring up the possibility of investigating the Society at the Subcommittee's next meeting. Also according to newspaper accounts, Congressman Francis Walter, Chairman of the HCUA, has stated that the HCUA has received many letters complaining about the Society but none contained material information indicating the HCUA could or should launch an investigation. Walter has further stated that it is not the function of the HCUA to serve as a sounding board either for an organization against individuals or for individuals against an organization. In addition, Senator John L. McClellan, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, has been quoted in the press as stating on March 31, 1961, that his Committee has no plans to investigate the Society because his Committee has no jurisdiction to do so.

In addition to this controversy splitting congressional circles into those attacking Welch and the Society and those backing Welch and the Society, the controversy has split congressional circles on the issue of whether a

congressional hearing or hearings should be conducted of Welch and the Society. Some congressional members are demanding an investigation while others are claiming there is no basis or authority for such an investigation.

Background Concerning Welch

The files of this Bureau disclose that Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts; has an office at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, a candy company; and has an office at 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, from which literature of the Society is mailed and distributed. In February, 1959, this Bureau received information indicating that Welch had authored a book entitled "The Politician," which book Welch did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed which he sent to friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed that it was mainly a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. In this book Welch by innuendo alluded to former President Eisenhower as being procommunist. Photostats of the pertinent portion of "The Politician," as well as background information concerning Welch and the Society, were disseminated to the then Attorney General by memoranda dated March 6, 1959, September 11, 1959, and September 16, 1959, all captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr."

Newspaper accounts have quoted Welch as stating that he is the absolute boss of the Society and as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss."

A description of the tactics employed by Welch in carrying on the activities of the Society is seen in the statement of Spruille Braden, the former United States Ambassador and a member of the Society's council, as quoted in an article on the Society which appeared on page six of the March 30, 1961, issue of the "New York Journal-American," a daily New York City newspaper. In this article Braden stated he did not agree with Welch's charge against President Eisenhower; that Welch may exaggerate sometimes; but "When you're in a barroom brawl, no holds are barred. You don't fight by the Marquis of Queensberry rules."

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 10, 1961

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER

As could be expected, communists both at home and abroad were quick to see the propaganda value in the news expose of the John Birch Society.

Under a Washington dateline, the Yugoslav news agency Tanyug notes the alarm caused by the activity of the John Birch Society, terming it "a semi-clandestine profascist organization with a program similar to that of the Ku Klux Klan." Further, that in its "radical anticommunist campaign" it has gone so far as to pronounce Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower as well as the late John Foster Dulles, communists. The article states that the Society has about 100,000 members, some of whom are well-known industrialists, government and Pentagon officials, who are not only combating communism but the constitutional rights of Negroes, the United Nations and American assistance to foreign countries. (FBIS/CIA, USSR & EAST EUROPE, 4/6/61, p. NN3

The Midwest Edition of The Worker on 4/9/61 states that the John Birch Society, which calls itself a "patriotic anti-Communist" outfit, has an interlinking with blatant racism and even pro-Nazis. In propagandizing the racial issue, the article attacks the Grosse Point (Michigan) Property Owners Association, which apparently screens prospective home buyers by a racist "point" system, noting that its executive secretary was one of the leaders of the John Birch Society in Michigan. The article reflects there are twenty-two chapters of the Society in Michigan and promises that next week's issue will give the "inside story" about the Society.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 3/21/[illegible] Mr. [redacted] Street, Nashville, Tennessee, [illegible] [redacted] telephonically [illegible] himself as the secretary [illegible] Davidson County, Tennessee, [illegible] appearing in the Nashville [illegible] Tennessee, on 3/21/[illegible]. He noted that the [illegible] made by a speaker [illegible] CHARLESTON [illegible] he, Mr. [redacted] read [illegible] article. Mr. [redacted] stated that [illegible] in the article and that it was his [illegible] alleged to be from an FBI [illegible] stated that based upon [illegible] in answer to [illegible] had been of the [illegible] making no statement [illegible] action.

Mr. [redacted] [illegible] article and if any comment should be made [illegible] therein. He was advised [illegible] the article and

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would make no comment. He stated that he planned to send the article to the headquarters of the John Birch Society in Massachusetts with the recommendation that they contact the FBI in Washington* relative to the statement appearing in the article and seek to get some clarification on it. He stated that if this was the FBI position, the group he did not want to be associated with it. He stated that the John Birch Society desired to cooperate with the FBI and that the members in Davidson County have the highest regard for the FBI. He stated that he felt sure that this was a misquote in the paper but that it was having the effect of driving many people out of the John Birch Societies and he hoped that something could be done to obtain some clarification which could be published which would end the confusion.

The above is submitted for information.

* LETTER RECEIVED TODAY 3-24-61 FROM ROBERT WELCH RE: THIS MATTER AND IS ATTACHED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 3/2?/61

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

APPENDIX

Pages A2047-A2048. Senator Young, (R) North Dakota, extended his remarks concerning the John Birch Society. He included an editorial from the St. Paul (Minnesota) Dispatch of March 16, 1961, entitled "A Job for HUAC," and an editorial from the Minot (North Dakota) Daily News of March 14, 1961, entitled "Twisted Perversion of Facts." He also included the "Application for Membership" required of prospective members of this Society. The application states "If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at any time, by a duly appointed officer of the society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance." Mr. Young stated "This is a strange procedure for an organization which professes to support the Constitution of the United States and the rights guaranteed under it."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 3/2?/61 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-5-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. [redacted]

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By letter of March 31, 1961, the above-captioned individual stated he was surprised that the Director has failed to issue a statement giving a clean bill of health to the John Birch Society. He indicates he is a member of the Society, and they are fighting the Bureau's opponents in the war with communism. He stated that this is why they are being smeared and would like the Director to issue a word on behalf of the Society.

The John Birch Society was founded in 12-58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anti-communist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the highly controversial aspects and statements made by prominent individuals regarding the John Birch Society, it is not felt desirable to acknowledge this communication.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. MOHR
MR. DELOACH

Mr. [redacted] called to inquire what I knew about the John Birch Society stating he had been gone when this came up and he did not know much about it. He stated that a lot of their enthusiastic young writers, he believed on the basis of no more information than he had, have rushed in and tried to eviscerate Robert Welch on the basis of what is in the newspapers. He stated before they issue any editorials on this they wanted to be sure of their facts. Mr. [redacted] stated he knew quite a few people whose opinions he respected say while this man may be indiscreet he has been charged with saying that Eisenhower is a card-carrying communist without having facts. Mr. [redacted] stated he was trying to get his people to locate Welch to convince him they want to do an honest story and find out if he said what he is alleged to have said, had he been misquoted, did he say some version or have his statements been taken out of context. Mr. [redacted] wanted to know if we have any clear-cut convictions based on our own facts upon which he could base a lead in checking into this matter.

I told Mr. [redacted] that Welch was in California and that we have never investigated him or the John Birch Society; that all I know is what has appeared in the papers. I stated we were trying to get a copy of what he is alleged to have written, and, of course, a great number of the people against him were of the very type he and I would like to expose for communist leanings. I stated this does not mean that all are in that category. I felt Welch was probably indiscreet but I believed no one had done the research job which should be done to pin him down so an evaluation could be made. Mr. [redacted] stated this had answered his questions as he was sure such a matter would not have escaped our attention. He stated if it was possible to give him a steer he would appreciate our doing so.

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Very truly yours,

APR 13 1961

/S/ J.E.H.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4/5/61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. [redacted]

INQUIRY REGARDING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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By letter dated 4/2/61, captioned individual wrote to the Director expressing his consternation over criticism being leveled against the John Birch Society. He enclosed several examples which were typical of items which are appearing in the press, including the highly controversial column by [redacted] which appeared in the April 1 edition of the Los Angeles Examiner. The Bureau is aware of the latter item which links Mr. Hoover with the growing criticism of the Society.

Bufiles contain no record concerning Mr. [redacted] The tenor of his letter is respectful and he indicates that his concern is very genuine. He makes no attempt to argue and berate the Director as have some recent writers on the subject of the John Birch Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to Mr. [redacted] wherein he is given the usual reply to those seeking Bureau opinion of an organization, and including a copy of the April, 1961, LEB* Introduction to answer his question about the "vigilante action."

* LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-4-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
PUBLISHER
PAMPA, TEXAS, DAILY NEWS
PAMPA, TEXAS

Captioned individual wired the Director on March 31 inquiring as to whether there was any connection between the April Law Enforcement Bulletin introduction and the John Birch Society. By telegram dated April 1, [redacted] was advised that Mr. Hoover's message did not mention any specific group since it is not within the province of the FBI to evaluate organizations of any type. [redacted] wired the Director again on April 3 complaining that the wire services directly attribute remarks about vigilante action to the Birch Society. [redacted] said this could do great damage to many innocent people who are the staunchest supporters of the Director and the Bureau. He wanted to know how this could be ignored and asked that this "smear" not go unchallenged.

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[redacted] was not identifiable in Bufiles and we have had no recent correspondence with his newspaper.

Apparently, [redacted] is trying to exert pressure on the Director to force him to make a public statement in favor of the John Birch Society. No benefit can possibly be derived from entering into a controversy with him. He refuses to accept the statement that the Society was not being singled out by the Director.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that [redacted] second telegram not be acknowledged.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (62-11243)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re NY airtel 4/7/61.

Mrs. [redacted] who is well known to the Bureau, furnished the following information on 4/11/61 to SA [redacted]

"The New Bedford Standard-Times" (New Bedford Mass.) 4/7/61, carried an article under the heading, "American Institute (AI) To Hear JOHN NOBLE". The article stated that NOBLE would speak at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon at John Hancock Hall under the auspices of the AI.

The article reported that AI officials have pointed out that although AI programs are often recommended by the John Birch Society (JBS), the AI speakers are not necessarily members of the JBS.

Further down in the article, it was indicated that Mrs. [redacted] was not a member of the JBS and that HERBERT PHILBRICK was president of the AI.

Mrs. [redacted] said that she would drop the issue (that is, that the "Standard-Times" carry a statement that she was not a member of the JBS) at this point. However, in the future she intends to be very careful and circumspect in her dealings with [redacted] the "Standard-Times".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/14/61

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-9991)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re SAC Letters 59-13 and 60-5 which instruct the Bureau be notified in the event any chapters of this society are organized within a field division territory.

The Richmond, Virginia, newspaper, the Richmond News Leader, in its issue of April 10, 1961, contained an article on captioned organization and reported comments made by one [redacted] Virginia, identified in the article as full-time field representative for the organization in Virginia.

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In a previous issue of the Richmond Times Dispatch newspaper, [redacted] was identified as a former State Department Historian and he advised that chapters of this organization had been established in Alexandria, Fairfax County and Charlottesville, Virginia.

The above is submitted for the information and completion of the Bureau file.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

RE : JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

REC-72

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 3/28/61, suitable for dissemination concerning klan infiltration in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Also a copy of an article which appeared in the "Dallas Times Herald" dated 3/26/61, is also enclosed in which [redacted] was identified as a member of the JBS. (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)

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T-1 in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] T-2 is [redacted] T-3 is [redacted] and T-4 is the Intelligence Unit of the Dallas Police Department.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The Dallas Office will remain alert to any further attempts by klansmen or former klansmen to join and utilize the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Dallas, Texas
March 28, 1961

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

An article appeared in the "Dallas Times Herald," a daily Dallas newspaper dated March 26, 1961. In this article [redacted] identified himself as a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS). [redacted] in this article, stated that there are ten chapters of the society in the Dallas area with fifteen to thirty members each, and the society has gotten four times larger than when he joined it in January. This article described how [redacted] devotes much of his time to work of the JBS and his fight against the international communistic plot.

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On March 8, 1961, Dallas Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the White Citizens Council of Dallas County was held in Room 4 of the Baker Hotel, Dallas, on March 7, 1961. There were seven men and three women present, and of the men present four were former members of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Among the former klansmen present was [redacted] in Dallas. [redacted] gave a talk on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, of which he, [redacted] is a prominent member. [redacted] told the group that the JBS worked in small groups. [redacted] praised the JBS in that in the past anyone who fought integration had run into a brick wall but said this society, without mentioning integration, only would be fighting communism. [redacted] said actually communism is the "root of it all," indicating he meant fighting communism is also fighting integration. [redacted] said the JBS never meets in the same place and each member has a list of ten things that he is supposed to do each month. These things include writing letters to Congressmen and other prominent officials, never using the JBS name on anything but signing only the individual's name when trying to push through some item or effort. [redacted] said JBS in this manner is driving the communists crazy.

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[redacted] said the society is acting in all fifty states and the main "push" at the present time is getting windshield and bumper stickers on as many cars as possible, reading, "Impeach Earl Warren."

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Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On November 2, 1960, Dallas Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a letterhead of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which set forth a list of officers for Rylie No. 2 Klavern, Dallas, Texas. On November 30, 1957, [redacted] was listed as [redacted] Dallas T-2 also made available a list of officers for Dallas Klavern No. 66 of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, dated November 29, 1958, which listed [redacted]

On December 12, 1957, Dallas Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., Realm of Texas, chartered its first klavern in Rylie, Texas, in November 1957. This organization used the name Soldiers of the Flaming Sword as a cover name when approaching an individual concerning membership in the Ku Klux Klan, and only after they determined that this person was safe did they reveal the true identity of this organization to be the Ku Klux Klan. b6 b7C

On October 5, 1958, Dallas T-1 advised that in June of 1958, [redacted] the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., broke away from that organization and formed the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). However, on October 4, 1958, [redacted] of College Park, Georgia, the Imperial Wizard of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, visited Dallas, at which time most of the klansmen in Dallas rejoined the U. S. Klans, having become disgusted with [redacted] over handling of klan funds.

On August 19, 1959, Dallas Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of August 19, 1959, the U. S. Klans in Texas did not have a State leader or Grand Dragon and the U. S. Klans have become badly disorganized.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/14/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

There is enclosed an article written by TED SHELTON, reporter, which appeared in the "Greenville News," Greenville, S. C., on 4/5/61, outlining the activities of one chapter of the society in Greenville, S. C., during the past six months and of a newly formed second chapter of the same society in Greenville, S. C., of which [redacted] is the leader. The leader of the original group was not disclosed, however, it quoted [redacted] JR., a local attorney, who is one of the leading citizens of this city, as being a volunteer coordinator of the society in this area, and active in the local chapter. [redacted] a member of the Greenville, S. C. City Council, was also quoted as being a member of the home chapter of the society in Belmont, Massachusetts.

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There is also enclosed a newspaper article which appeared in the "Greenville News," Greenville, S. C., 4/9/61, setting forth letters to the editor, written by [redacted] of Greenville, and [redacted] of Laurens, S.C., with reference to the Society.

No investigation or other local inquiries have been made with reference to these local chapters of the John Birch Society in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

The Bureau will be furnished any additional information coming to Charlotte's attention regarding this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Attached herewith are clippings of [redacted] article in "Los Angeles Examiner" 4/1/61 and article, same issue, setting forth remarks of Representatives HIESTAND and ROUSSELOT re captioned group.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (94-0)

SUBJECT: [redacted] John Birch Society

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Transmitted herewith is letter received at RA, Amarillo, Texas, addressed to Federal Bureau of Investigation, Amarillo, Texas.

For information Bureau, [redacted] has long been known to SA's working the Amarillo area. He was for many years [redacted] Amarillo, Texas. About two years ago, he left this position and now teaches piano and organ in his home at the above address. [redacted]

In view of his statement that he is member of the John Birch Society and in view of recent description of this organization in SAC letter as "an irresponsible organization", the Bureau may desire to handle this correspondence with caution.

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John Birch Society

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4-572 (Rev. 2-19-60)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: April 4, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A2299-A2300. Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, requested to have printed in the Record an editorial entitled "Birching the Birchites," published in the Washington Post of April 2, 1961. The editorial states "We think that the best remedy is the commonsense of the American people in detecting spurious political prescriptions. It is true that groups like the John Birch Society could acquire a more sinister significance in the case of a major debacle in U. S. foreign policy. - - - But the proper offset is continued exposure. We do not think that Mr. Welch's doctrines can survive this examination--even in the balmy season."

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4-572 (Rev. 2-19-60)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director DATE: 3/31/61

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

SENATE

Pages 5003-5004. Senator Dodd, (D) Connecticut, spoke concerning attitudes regarding the Communist menace. Mr. Dodd pointed out "there have always been naive or softheaded people, ultra-liberals who refuse to believe that communism can be all evil; - - - who are not pro-Communist, but react with far greater emotion against every manifestation of anticommunism than they ever seem capable of displaying against communism. At the other extreme, there are those who are sincerely anti-Communist but who believe that everyone who disagrees with them is either a Communist or a dupe of the Communists, that every political figure who has been guilty of an error in judgment or a policy that failed, is ipso facto, a member of the Communist conspiracy." Mr. Dodd makes reference to the John Birch Society. He commended the press for bringing the actions of this Society to public attention. Senator Hruska, (R) California, praised Mr. Dodd for his remarks and stated "There are many good but mistaken people who belong to the John Birch Society, but there are some others who are neither good nor mistaken, and they are its leaders."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 30, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 4804-4805. Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, requested to have printed in the Record an article from the Washington Daily News of March 29, 1961, entitled "Reds Everywhere: John Birch Founder Would Repeal the 20th Century," written by [redacted] This article deals with the methods used by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, in fighting communism.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 23, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 4332-4335. Congressman Rivers, (D) South Carolina, spoke in support of the John Birch Society. Mr. Rivers commented on an article in Time magazine which spoke against the Society. Mr. Rivers inserted an answer to the Time magazine article by [redacted] over radio station WEAM, Washington, on March 19, 1961. He also included the names of the council members and the committee of endorsers of the John Birch Society.

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UNITED STATES G[illegible]NT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 4, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 5097-5098. Senator Young, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He stated "I commend three of my distinguished colleagues for bringing to the attention of the Senate, and the public, ugly facts concerning the fake patriots controlling the John Birch Society. - - - I join them in their contempt for leaders of this vicious organization." The three commended by Mr. Young were Senators Young, (R) North Dakota; Kuchel, (R) California; and Dodd, (D) Connecticut. Mr. Young went on to state "I wish to point out that the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, only last week warned against vigilante action in the fight against communism. He said: The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen."

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April 11, 1961

Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 4-8-86 [redacted]

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of April 6, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I do appreciate the concern which prompted Miss [redacted] to write.

You are aware, I am sure, that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. From this, I hope that Miss Whitfield will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of her letter.

I am unable to make any recommendations with respect to groups which she may join to fight communism; however, I am enclosing several items which may be of assistance to her in this regard.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
April 1, 1961, HHB Introduction
Communist Target--Youth
One Nation's Response to Youth
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the organization the correspondent represents or any record identifiable with her. Congressman Lipscomb

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has contacted the Bureau from time to time on matters of mutual interest and we have had cordial correspondence with him. He is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee.

The John Birch Society was founded in 12/58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

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

April 6, 1961

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from [redacted], a resident of the Congressional District I represent, who is Corresponding Secretary for the Junior Women of the Twentieth Century Club, Hermosa and Colorado, Los Angeles 41, California.

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This letter is from what I believe is a very responsible group. I am not requesting comment concerning the statements or questions in regard to the John Birch Society or the films mentioned in the letter. I would however appreciate having the benefit of such comment as you might be able to make in response to the last question in the letter, which I may use in my reply to Miss Whitfield.

Sincerely yours,

Glenard P. Lipscomb
Member of Congress

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOV

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 31, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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This memorandum is prepared pursuant to the request of the Director for a memorandum on the John Birch Society (JBS).

The JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 12/58 by Robert H. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in order to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on 12/23/58 as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of the JBS as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." It has been noted from newspaper articles written about Welch and the Society that Welch is absolute boss of it and Welch has been quoted as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss." Also, according to newspaper accounts, JBS at the start of 1961 had chapters in approximately 35 states with a recent estimate that JBS might have 100,000 members by the end of 1961. The most pronounced activity on the part of Welch and the Society in his anticommunist campaign have been charges of high Government officials being communists, including former President Eisenhower. The most recent activity in this regard has been the calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. Probably the best description of Welch's recklessness and the tactics used by him is seen in the statement of Spruille Braden, the former United States Ambassador and a member of the Society's council, as quoted in an article on the Society which appeared on page six of the 3/30/61 issue of "New York Journal-American." In this article Braden stated he did not agree with Welch's charge against President Eisenhower; that Welch may exaggerate sometimes; but "When you're in a barroom brawl, no holds are barred. You don't fight by the Marquis of Queensberry rules."

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1 - Mr. Parsons
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Copy to Mr Tolson
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We have never investigated JBS nor Welch. We have furnished background information to the field concerning Welch and JBS by SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3/10/59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1/26/60. The field was instructed to be alert for the formation of chapters of JBS; that the Bureau was particularly interested in efforts by subversive elements to take over or use JBS or its chapters; and that no investigation should be conducted. As a result of the information received from the Los Angeles Office that a member of the chapter of JBS in Santa Barbara, California, had ordered a printing of 10,000 copies of the Bureau's poster on communism with the statement printed thereon that they were printed and distributed by JBS, we alerted the field by SAC Letter 61-14 (D) dated 3/21/61 of this matter and instructed that members of JBS no longer would be furnished copies of Bureau literature on the subject of communism.

While we have not investigated Welch or JBS we have had the Boston Office check public source material such as incorporation records, credit records, et cetera, for background data concerning Welch and the Society.

By memorandum from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley dated 8/30/60, Yeagley referred to a newspaper account concerning JBS; advised that the Department's records contain no Bureau reports on either JBS or Welch; requested the Bureau to conduct an investigation of JBS pursuant to Executive Order 10450; and requested copies of reports of such investigation. By memorandum dated 9/8/60 we forwarded to Yeagley photostats of previous memoranda which we had furnished the Attorney General regarding Welch and the Society; advised that no information had been received by this Bureau indicating any subversive elements in the Society; and stated that no investigation of the Society would be conducted unless a subsequent request was received from the Department in view of the information which we were furnishing in the enclosure to our memorandum. To date no subsequent request has been received from the Department for an investigation of Welch or the Society.

JBS is probably one of the most controversial organizations in the country today. This controversy stems from the allegations made by Welch and the Society ~~concerning the allegations~~ alluding to President Eisenhower being a communist; the allegations that there are communists in other high Government positions; and calling for the

impeachment of Chief Justice Warren. This controversy has led to many attacks on Welch and the Society through the newspapers and in congressional circles, while at the same time other newspapers and some congressional members have defended Welch and the Society. However, to date this controversy has been confined to the issue of Welch and the Society and not to the issue of Chief Justice Warren's impeachment, at least in congressional circles.

This controversy slowly gathered momentum until it appears to have reached its peak within the past couple days when some congressmen and senators have denounced Welch and the Society while others have backed Welch and the Society. Both the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) and the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) have been requested to hold hearings concerning the Society. Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Vice Chairman of SISS, has denounced the Society and Welch's attack on President Eisenhower and on 3/31/61 stated he would bring up the possibility of investigating the Society at the Subcommittee's next meeting. Congressman Francis Walter, Chairman of the HCUA, has stated that the HCUA has received many letters of complaints about the Society but none contain material information indicating HCUA could or should launch an investigation. Walter has further stated that it is not the function of HCUA to serve as a sounding board either for an organization against individuals or for individuals against an organization. In addition Senator John L. McClellan, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, stated on 3/31/61 that his committee has no plans to investigate the Society because his committee has no jurisdiction to do so.

Outside of congressional circles the main "boiling pot" of this controversy appears to be in the State of California where Governor Edmund Brown has ordered a probe of the Society and has called the Society a "fanatic group of the extreme right." It is noted that the Society has been extremely active in California and has created a storm in both church and educational circles. In addition to the California Governor's probe of the Society, a June hearing has been set by the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee at which Welch will be asked to testify. According to an article which appeared concerning the Society in the 3/29/61 issue of the "New York Journal-American," page two, the California Assembly Rules Committee was to vote on 3/30/61 on a resolution concerning a nationwide investigation of the Society by United States Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: John Birch Society
62-104401

According to the attached "Washington Capital News Service" release of 3/31/61, a Department of Justice spokesman stated that the growing number of inquiries which the Department has received about the Society has made it a matter of concern to the Attorney General but the spokesman refused to say whether the Department is investigating the Society.

ACTION:

None. For the Director's information.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 12, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

By letter of April 2, 1961, the above-captioned individual advised that he is not a member of the John Birch Society nor does he subscribe to the "Los Angeles Examiner." It is noted that he enclosed a copy of an article from the April 1, 1961, issue of the "Los Angeles Examiner" by [redacted] which contains reference to the Director's 4-1-61 Introduction to the Law Enforcement Bulletin on Vigilante action.

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[redacted] suggests that all members of the FBI infiltrate the society and send $24 to Robert Welch of the John Birch Society, apparently for membership dues. [redacted] also suggests that his address be kept secret.

RECOMMENDATION:

No acknowledgement be made of this communication.

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RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Re Bureau airtel to Detroit, 3/22/61, captioned "MISS [redacted].

The title is marked changed to set forth the first name of the Subject as [redacted]

Captioned individual is the owner-operator of the [redacted] located in connection with her residence at [redacted]

On January 11, 1961, Captain [redacted] (NA), (protect), Flint, Michigan, Police Department, advised SA [redacted] of the names and identities of those persons known to him who are members of the John Birch Society in Flint, (Bufile 62-104401; Detroit file 100-27934). Included among these names was captioned person. According to Captain [redacted] Miss [redacted] is physically incapacitated with a congenital bone anomaly, which has affected her entire bone structure and perhaps her mental capacities. During the last approximate year she has been active in the Cardinal Mindzenti Society activities in this area. She is also a member of the Flint Conservative Club. She professes to be an avid anti-Communist and at her own expense has distributed anti-Communist literature as a representative of one or all of the above mentioned groups.

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On March 13, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] Secretary, AC Spark Plug Division, General Motors Corporation, Flint, likewise a member of the John Birch Society and the Cardinal Mindzenti Society (see Detroit letter to Bureau dated December 2, 1960, captioned [redacted] SM-C; Bufile 100-371448; Detroit file 100-18676), telephonically contacted SA [redacted] stating that Miss [redacted] had made the statement at a recent Cardinal Mindzenti Society meeting that someone had called the FBI and was advised that the Patrick Henry League is a subversive organization and has been so cited by the Attorney General of the United States. Mrs. [redacted] was advised that the FBI does not make such statements and that no Agent had made such a statement at Flint.

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Later that same day, Mrs. [redacted] again called and advised that by rechecking with [redacted] she had learned the following: [redacted] heard the statement about the Patrick Henry League while at the home of [redacted], works with one [redacted] of [redacted] at the [redacted] had told [redacted] that he had "heard or read somewhere that the Patrick Henry League was a subversive organization".

Mrs. [redacted] stated that upon learning of this source, she contacted Mr. [redacted] He stated that after making the statement about the Patrick Henry League he had checked with a source that he did not identify and ascertained that he had been wrong in his evaluation of the Patrick Henry League. He indicated that his original statement had been based on something that he had heard from or read as written by HERBERT PHILBRICK. He did not say that he had contacted the FBI although he indicated that someone may have thought that he did.

On March 27, 1961, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] contacted Miss [redacted] Her letter to the Director was orally acknowledged. She immediately stated that she had been too hasty in writing such a letter as she and a Mrs. [redacted] had later ascertained that the person who had said that the Patrick Henry League is or was subversive had not received his information from the FBI.

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It is noted that Miss [redacted] was not and is not aware that the Special Agents contacting her had a copy of the letter she sent to the Director. She advised the Agents that her letter specifically stated that it was not she who had been advised by the FBI that the Patrick Henry League was subversive and she had pointed out in her letter that she did not know of her own knowledge that the FBI had said such a thing.

She was advised that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

She stated that she realizes this as these same points have been stated on several occasions by Mrs. [redacted] who is a study group leader in the Cardinal Mindzenti Society.

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In conclusion, Miss [redacted] expressed her admiration for the Director and the work of the FBI, stating that she wants only to assist in any way possible in the difficult tasks facing the Bureau.

Since a contact with [redacted] by Bureau Agents at this time could likely be misconstrued, UACB, no further action will be taken in this matter at this time.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-5-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: MR. [redacted]
Radio Station KGCX WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA
INQUIRY RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

BACKGROUND:

By letter dated 3-28-61 captioned individual enclosed a copy of a news clipping which quotes a letter from the Director to Senator Milton R. Young. The letter to Young points out that the Director has not endorsed the John Birch Society (JBS) and that the Director did not make a statement to the effect that up to 80 per cent of the top officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are communists. This clipping appeared in the Minot, North Dakota, "Daily News." [redacted] feels that most of the readers of the newspaper as well as himself gather that the Director is condemning the JBS, but he feels that the Director would not actually mean to condemn the society. He states that while he believes that the Director means just what he said and that he had not endorsed the JBS, others try to read between the lines and come up with the meaning that "If Hoover does not endorse it, it must be a lousy outfit." [redacted] states that he is not trying to "squeeze" an endorsement of the JBS out of the Director, but desires a statement that would clarify the situation.

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In addition, [redacted] states that he has tried to find the statement regarding the Department of Health, Education and Welfare officials being communist in JBS material without success. He asks if the JBS actually did credit the Director with the statement and cleared the situation. He would also appreciate any other statement the Director would desire to make concerning the organization and in closing stated that he was asking God to bless the Director's efforts in these trying times.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

[redacted] wrote the Director 10-17-60 requesting communist information for an anticommunist program to be given in the city. His letter was acknowledged 10-25-50 and was furnished several communist reprints. It was noted that there was no other information in Bufiles identifiable with [redacted]

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Morrell

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Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: [redacted]
Inquiry Re John Birch Society

INQUIRY RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY:

The letter which is quoted in the clipping enclosed by [redacted] is a letter from the Director to Senator Milton R. Young dated 3-10-60. This letter was sent at the request of Senator Young who contacted your office on 3-9-61. He stated that he and Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana had blasted the JBS on the Senate Floor the previous day and he had been amazed at the reaction. He had received criticism from members of the society and he had had several communications that alleged that the Director had endorsed the JBS. Senator Young was told, of course, that this was a patent falsehood and that the Director had never endorsed any groups and certainly did not issue a statement defending the activities of the JBS. Senator Young then mentioned that members of the organization had informed him Mr. Hoover was the source of information for the assertion that up to 80 per cent of the top people in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are communist or communist supporters. The Senator was told that this was a ridiculous claim, it had already been brought to the Director's attention, and it had been promptly nailed as an incomplete fabrication and falsehood.

Senator Young stated that if at all possible he would like to have a short note from the Director regarding the above matters and the 3-10-61 letter was sent to him containing the same general information as was furnished over the telephone. Senator Young's telephone call was brought to the attention of the Attorney General in a memorandum to him dated 3-10-61 and it was also pointed out that by letter dated 3-1-61 the Director had advised the Honorable Abraham A. Ribicoff that the Statement concerning officials of Ribicoff's Department had erroneously been attributed to the Director.

As a matter of interest, the statement that between 70 and 80 per cent of the responsible officers in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy has been researched in an effort to determine the original source. The October, 1959, issue of "American Opinion" contained an article entitled "A Review of Reviews" by Revilo P. Oliver, in which he stated he had consulted in Washington several weeks previously with persons intimately acquainted with the operations of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare who confirmed the estimate made some time previously by entirely different sources that between 70 and 80 per cent of the responsible officers of the Department are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy. He further pointed out in this article an intensive "mental health" campaign is under way within the Department to purge it of all employees of anticommunist tendencies. "American Opinion" is published by Robert Welch, Inc., Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and is edited by Robert Welch,

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Jonesto DeLoach Memo
RE: [redacted]
Inquiry Re John Birch Society,

who is the founder and leader of the JBS. A brochure concerning JBS received in March, 1961, reveals that Revilo P. Oliver is a Professor of Classical Languages and Literatures at the University of Illinois and he is a member of the council of JBS. It is noted, however, that "American Opinion" began operations before the JBS was formed. We have received information in the past concerning the above-mentioned statement that it was made in a speech by Oliver in March or April of 1959 and there was some implication that his source might have been Herbert Philbrick. Philbrick was contacted and denies making such a statement or even having any knowledge of the operations of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Further, he has only met Oliver on several occasions. The fact that Oliver made such a statement in March or April, 1959, speech is as far back as we have been able to trace it.

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That the attached letter be sent to [redacted] briefly pointing out that the FBI does not evaluate organizations and that the statement concerning the Department of Health, Education and Welfare officials was contained in the October, 1959, issue of "American Opinion."

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: April 10, 1961

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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KFDA-TV
AMARILLO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO
FURNISH TAPED COMMENTS RE
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Mr. [redacted] who advised he was with KFDA-TV in Amarillo, Texas, called at Noon today and spoke with SA Leinbaugh in my office.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that his station is preparing a program regarding the John Birch Society and that it is tentatively scheduled for this coming Thursday night. He asked whether or not it would be possible for Mr. Hoover to prepare a brief tape regarding his views on the Society. Mr. [redacted] was advised that in view of Mr. Hoover's extremely heavy schedule and the short notice that it would not be possible for Mr. Hoover to help. He was further advised that, of course, the FBI does not furnish evaluations of groups and that it would not be possible to lend assistance in connection with their proposed show.

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Mr. [redacted] had heard about the Director's introduction in the current issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin warning of vigilante action. He was advised that this introduction was not aimed at any specific group but that it warned against hysteria and vigilante action and pointed out the necessity for fighting communism with rational knowledge and facts. He was told that this was a public statement and that he could quote from it if he so desired. He wanted to know if it was true that Mr. Hoover had neither endorsed nor condemned the John Birch Society and he was told this was a correct statement.

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Mr. [redacted] requested permission to tape Leinbaugh's replies to his queries. This request was declined.

The above is for your information.

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1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
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CORRESPONDENCE

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

March 22, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You are, I know, a very busy man. And I would not even consider asking for enough of your time for you to read the enclosed letter, if the matter covered there were not so important -- important not just to me, but to the whole anti-Communist cause in our country.

If you are able and willing to spare the time to read the enclosed copy -- the original was mailed to one of our ablest patriots in Congress -- I believe you will agree that the use of your time for the purpose was worth while. And I can assure you that the favor will be appreciated by a lot of people besides me who are now giving their whole lives to supporting patriots like yourself, in an effort to save for our children and their children some semblance of the glorious country which we ourselves inherited.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Robert Welch

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P. S. One of our current brochures is enclosed, just in case you might wish to see it after reading the letter. RW

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

March 20, 1961

Honorable.....
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. .....?

This morning I have received from one of our members a copy of your memorandum concerning The John Birch Society, which he says you sent him with the comment that you had previously prepared it for your own information. And I want you to know that your generous and entirely fair comments about us are deeply appreciated.

And under ordinary circumstances I certainly should not write, nor expect you to read, anything more than our simple note of thanks in the sentence above.

But with the enemy now closing in, with ever more assurance and through every conceivable channel, on the informed anti-Communists of this country, these are anything but normal circumstances. Mr. Khrushchev himself has informed his followers that destruction of anti-Communist groups is one of the major objectives for 1961. It is long-standing and well recognized Communist strategy to use the "divide and conquer" tactic. And despite the fact that the anti-Communist forces in this country still have enough strength right now completely to destroy the Communist conspiracy, the Communists are clearly counting on paralyzing this opposition by divisiveness. And there never was a clearer applicability of Benjamin Franklin's admonition, that we had better all hang together or we will all hang separately, than in the situation which confronts the anti-Communists in the United States today. So I hope you will spare the time to let me, just briefly, bring you up to date as to why somebody has pushed the button to start the nation-wide pro-Communist propaganda machine turning out attacks on us -- many of these attacks, of course, by perfectly honest liberals who did not even realize that they were part of a Communist-inspired campaign.

Our members have been responsible for literally thousands of presentations of the film, OPERATION ABOLITION, put together by the House Committee On Un-American Activities, showing the Communist-planned and Communist-led riots in San Francisco -- because that film is likely to wake any patriotic American up to just what is already starting to happen in this country. Our own salaried Coordinators have many prints of this film in constant use, and just how many prints our different chapters or various individual members throughout the country have bought and are using, there is no way of our knowing. A great many conservatives have endorsed the film. But I would be willing to bet my life right now without hesitation that members of The John Birch Society throughout the country -- although not usually acting or appearing as members when showing this film to service clubs, Church groups, schools, and similar audiences -- have

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been responsible for more showings of this film than all other groups and individuals in America put together. And we have had plenty of reports to indicate that the ACLU is aware of this, even if many of our anti-Communist friends are not.

Washington Video Productions, of course, actually made our own film, which we use in presentations by our field men, to small groups, of the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society. We were delighted to learn that they were handling the commercial supply of OPERATION ABOLITION. And I would further bet that, while there would be no indication to them that the purchasers, on the orders coming in for the film, were members of The John Birch Society, quite a strong percentage of these purchasers have been our people. And I know that, because of the unusual dedication and willingness to work on the part of our members, the prints in their hands have been shown, and are still being shown, more frequently and more continuously than those owned by most other groups or individuals. And I believe that it was at least partly because of the enemy's inability to stop our people from making such extensive and repeated showings of this film that the enemy has now resorted to putting out various doctored versions of its own, with distorted or falsified sound tracks and various other changes designed to make the film discredit itself or serve the opposite purpose from that for which it was intended by the HUAC.

Our people have also been responsible for the production, and then during the past two months for literally thousands of showings, of a film strip called COMMUNISM ON THE MAP, which merely depicts factually the steady geographical advance of Communism since 1917, and especially during the past fifteen years. This film strip was conceived, prepared, and produced by an ardent member of The John Birch Society, partly from our materials. And it has been so effective that it was being shown very extensively at naval installations all over the country, by naval personnel until -- according to reports we have now received -- leftwing influences of some kind were able to get these showings by and for naval personnel stopped almost entirely. But of course such influences have not been able to stop our people from their own regular and extensive showings of the film strip elsewhere at all.

Also, the Liberals have not been able simply to laugh off, as they had obviously expected at first, our long-range campaign to get Chief Justice Earl Warren impeached. As has become increasingly clear in our monthly bulletins, we did not intend this drive as a flash-in-the-pan effort, and we were well aware of the magnitude of the task set for ourselves. Our intention is eventually, through tremendous and sufficient effort, to make enough of our fellow citizens aware of the issues involved and the values at stake to bring about the impeachment of Warren before the Court led by him can finish its destruction of our Constitutional Republic. The Communists and their sympathizers and dupes do not like -- and appear to be frightened over -- the battleground we have chosen for this long and steadily increasing attack.

It is because of these and similar activities on our part, as well

as because our steady growth and the dedication of our members represent such a potential threat to the Communist Conspiracy, that this whole campaign has been unleashed against us. Its increasingly central theme is: "Of course we like what The John Birch Society is trying to do, but we can't stand their methods." They disguise and vary the wording somewhat, so as to keep the continuity of this theme from earlier programs being too obvious. But in very slight disguise it is now popping up everywhere. And I certainly do not have to tell you the significance of that method of attack.

For these and many other reasons we have become one of the prime targets of those who wish to carry out Mr. Khrushchev's instructions to destroy anti-Communist groups, and of those who are helping Mr. Khrushchev's agents without knowing what they are doing. Of course the smear campaign is a combination of truths, and half truths, and vicious falsehoods made out of whole cloth, with the combination varying with the "respectability" of the publication or the group making the attacks. Also, of course, many of these groups are making completely unethical use of a private confidential letter which I wrote years ago, of which not a copy has ever been sold or offered for sale, and which was never offered or intended for publication, or as anything but a private confidential letter. Every copy I have ever let a friend read was sent out by registered first-class mail, return receipt requested, with the package carefully marked as confidential and with a covering letter further stressing the fact that this was and had been simply a confidential expression of personal opinion and interpretation. By the time The John Birch Society was even founded I had stopped making copies of this "long letter," we were letting it fade out of the picture, and it has never been any part of the materials of The John Birch Society in any way. At least ninety-five percent of our members had never even heard of the "letter" until it began to be mentioned and quoted in the various attacks on us -- obviously through some breach of confidence somewhere along the line.

But this has merely been a handy weapon for the Communists, pro-Communists, and their dupes and sympathizers to use. Without it they would have found or manufactured plenty of others. And in fact, even now, quite a number of the most vicious recent attacks on us have been on entirely other bases. We are supposed to be fascists, or anti-Semitic, or something else equally dastardly, despite the fact that there is not one iota of evidence, in either our materials or our operations, to justify such charges. One of the most widely used smears against us has been based on nothing more than the fact that we have whole-heartedly and emphatically agreed with our founding fathers about both the horrors of a democracy and the equally strong advantages of a Constitutional Republic, as a form of government -- and have distributed tens of thousands of brief articles explaining the difference. (As well as literally millions of envelope stickers calling attention to the fact that there is a huge difference.) And since converting this Constitutional Republic into a mobocratic democracy, as a step towards a centralized tyranny, is one of the things the Communists and their dupes and sympathizers have been working on intensively and extensively for a long time, they are naturally going to stop our efforts and our opposition if they can.

The whole question, as to whether America survives against the destruction and enslavement planned for it by the Communists, depends on how well and how firmly the anti-Communists stand together, or how easily they allow themselves to be hacked to pieces separately. And although I am sure you know this, I could not refrain from reminding you of it in connection with the current attacks on us and other developments since your memorandum was written.

Starting absolutely from scratch only a little over two years ago, we now have about twenty-eight people here in the Home Office, about thirty Coordinators in the field who are fully paid as to salary and expenses, and about a hundred Volunteer Coordinators who are paid only a part or none of their salary and expenses. We have developed a formula, of organization and growth and operation, which is so productive of dedication and real work and effectiveness, that its possibilities are disturbing the Communists more than anything which has happened since they destroyed Joe McCarthy. If all of Joe McCarthy's friends had stood by him through thick and thin, there is no telling how many exposures of Communists, or in how high places, might have taken place by now, or how helpful it would have been in this struggle which engulfs us all. The Communists may be able to destroy us by the same tactics they used on McCarthy. But I doubt it, because we are never going to stop fighting at any turn. We intend to win this struggle -- or at least to help mightily towards doing so -- despite the fact that it is now "after eleven o'clock." To that end we certainly need all of the moral support we can get from such informed and patriotic Congressmen as yourself -- and partly for the support that our members can give you and all other patriots in turn.

So, being most appreciative of the memorandum about us which you have been sending to your constituents, we are simply asking that, as a part of your own patriotic sacrifice and effort, you continue to do whatever you can, whenever you can, to have the facts about us presented fairly, and the real background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society properly understood. And with all good wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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From Our Mail

These messages and extracts are selected from the thousands that now pour in on us every month. Though much too flattering, they do not feed our vanity, we can assure you. Instead, they increase our solemn consciousness of the staggering responsibility we have assumed. But they do make the unceasing hard work seem all the more worth while, and strengthen our determination to live up to that responsibility so far as it is humanly possible, with God's help, to do so. We reprint these comments here in the hope that our members, and many friends and prospective members, will share with us the inspiration received from such words of

APPRECIATION and ENCOURAGEMENT

"Since the day I saw the tape, where you appeared on the screen, I have intended to write you --

"If people who see and hear you, on that tape (film), are not stirred to their very souls, to want to be a part of this great work you are doing, there must be something wrong --"

A Housewife In California

"Again, may I thank you for all that you have done and are continuing to do, not only for me, but for this wonderful country of ours -- somehow I feel that its destiny lies a great deal in your hands."

A Student At Yale

"It is indeed good to belong to an active, directed unit of a growing army in this struggle with the Communists, and we are deeply grateful for the superb quality of the strategy, direction, and dedication provided by your leadership."

A Working Mother In Wisconsin

"My wife and I have never been so inspired as by your program and by the potential of what can be accomplished through The John Birch Society."

A Business Executive In Arizona

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Mrs. Robert A. Murray
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Wyoming
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"But on one man's soul it hath broken,
A light that doth not depart;
And his look, or a word he hath spoken
Wrought flame in another man's heart."

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I call your attention to the marked paragraph in the second column of another long article about The John Birch Society in the NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN. It appeared in their March 19 issue. NASHVILLE TEN

In an earlier article the NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN had accused The John Birch Society of a telephone campaign in Nashville, in which members of the Society called up acquaintances and suggested that the next-door neighbors of those acquaintances might be Communists. This, of course, was pure fabrication. And one of our good members of considerable local standing in the area, Mr. Horton Early, took it upon himself, without even checking with us, to look into the basis of this smear. And he sent us a sworn deposition, of which a copy is enclosed, indicating its utter falsity.

Nevertheless TIME magazine, in its viciously distorted article about us, picked up bodily this report of the telephone campaign, from the NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, and published it as truth. (Along with so distorted a report of our activities in Wichita that I have had to discourage libel suits on the part of our members.)

Now all of this was to be expected of the NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN and also of TIME magazine. But the statement attributed to "an FBI spokesman in Washington" is hard for me to believe; and of course I have no confidence whatsoever in the veracity of the publication quoting this "spokesman." So we thought the matter should at least be called to your attention, and we would certainly appreciate any denial or comment on your part which would be helpful.

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With my continuing admiration, respect and regards, I am

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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D E P O S I T I O N

Deposition of Horton F. Early, taken on the 11th day of March, 1961 in Nashville, Tennessee. APPROX. 1913

The deponent, after being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

That he is a citizen and resident of Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, 48 years of age, owner and operator of the Air Filter Sales and Service Company, and that he is Leader of Chapter No. 110 of the John Birch Society.

That under date of February 28, 1961 the Nashville Tennessean, a daily newspaper published and circulated in Nashville, Tennessee, published an editorial wherein the writer made many statements concerning the leadership, policies, and program of the John Birch Society, including the following statement: "Telephone calls warning one that his 'own next door neighbor might be a communist' is a despicable practice, made the more so when the next door neighbor is also called and given identical warning."

That in response to this editorial the deponent sought

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out the author of the editorial, Gene Graham, on Wednesday, March 8, 1961, nine days after the date of the editorial, for the purpose of questioning him concerning the content of the editorial, as well as the purpose thereof.

That during the course of the interview the said Gene Graham, in reply to a question from the deponent admitted that:

(1) He had not read the Blue Book of the John Birch Society. ON

(2) He admitted that the portion of the editorial having to do with an alleged calling campaign was prompted solely by one telephone call to the author of the editorial, wherin the caller stated that an individual of her acquaintance, in a personal conversation in discussing the John Birch Society generally had said "How do you know that even your own next door meighbor is not a communist?" He admitted further that his caller did not even

identify the person that was reported to have said this as being a member of the John Birch Society.

(3) He could not offer any other fact to sustain the allegation made in the editorial that there was a calling campaign being conducted as had been inferred, and that his allegation was based entirely upon the heresay described in the one telephone call set out above.

Further the deponent sayeth not.

Horton F. Early, being first duly sworn, makes oath that he has read the foregoing instrument and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

This 11th day of March, 1961.

Horton F. Early

Horton F. Early

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 11th day of March, 1961.

William F. Burton Jr.

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My commission expires: Jan. 31, 1963

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-29-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH, FOUNDER
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Welch has written the Director two letters, one dated 3-22-61, the other 3-23-61. His first letter expressed the hope that the Director would have the time to read a copy of a letter which Welch had sent to a Congressman. Also enclosed with the letter was a brochure of The John Birch Society (JBS).

Welch's second letter enclosed a copy of an article by Pat Anderson which appeared in the 3-19-61, issue of the "Nashville Tennessean" concerning the JBS. This article contains three references to the FBI: (1) In connection with its educational program to combat communism, the JBS "distributes such books as J. Edgar Hoover's Masters of Deceit...."; (2) The Franklin, Tennessee, chapter of the JBS considered the Society an educational forum and "at one meeting a member reviewed Hoover's Masters of Deceit."; and (3) concerning criticism of the JBS, "An FBI spokesman in Washington said last week the FBI has been 'looking into' activities of the society. He said FBI would characterize the society as 'irresponsible but not subversive.' He said many professional anti-Communists are tied in with the society for the purpose of making money through speeches."

With regard to the statement attributed to "an FBI spokesman in Washington," Welch stated it was hard for him to believe and he had no confidence whatsoever in the veracity of the publication quoting this "spokesman." Welch said he would appreciate "any denial or comment" on the Director's part which would be helpful.

Welch also forwarded with his letter of 3-23-61 a copy of a sworn deposition of Horton F. Early, a Nashville businessman, who is the leader of Chapter 110 of the JBS. Early's deposition related to an article in the 2-28-61 issue of the Nashville Tennessean which accused the JBS of a telephone campaign in Nashville in which members of the Society reportedly telephoned people suggesting their neighbors might be communists. Early's deposition indicated this was utterly false.

You will recall that by airtel 3-22-61 (attached) SAC, Memphis, advised that on 3-21-61 Horton F. Early contacted our Memphis Office concerning the

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above-mentioned statement attributed to the FBI which appeared in the 3-19-61 issue of the Nashville Tennessean. Early said that in his opinion the quotation alleged to be from an FBI official was a misquote. He said he planned to send the article to the headquarters of the JBS in Massachusetts with the recommendation that they contact the FBI in Washington for clarification relative to the statement. Early said the statement was having the effect of driving many people out of the JBS and he hoped something could be done to obtain some clarification which could be published to end the confusion.

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We have had limited cordial correspondence with the Nashville Tennessean in the past. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Pat Anderson who wrote the article on the JBS and allegedly quoted the FBI "spokesman." Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Horton F. Early who wrote the Director in November, 1960. Early identified himself as a local Chapter leader of the JBS and requested a statement from the Director concerning the menace of communism which he desired to use in connection with his showing of the film "Operation Abolition" to a group of students. By letter 12-1-60, the Director advised Early that the pressure of official commitments precluded complying with his request. (62-104401-541)

Welch, of course, founded the JBS in 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization; however, during the Eisenhower Administration Welch, in his writings, was highly critical of the President and called him a dupe of the communists. Welch has made other irresponsible statements and currently is behind a campaign to have Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court impeached. We have not investigated the JBS. On 5-3-60, Welch wrote the Director concerning a report from one of his representatives in Texas that the FBI had said the JBS was a group of righteous citizens who did not know the facts. Welch advised there was no one in the fight against communism who had supported the FBI and the Director more than he, and cited the favorable support he had given to Masters of Deceit. The Director wrote Welch on 5-10-60 and advised it appeared that his representative in Texas had been misinformed since the FBI had never made such a comment regarding the JBS. (62-104401)

OBSERVATIONS

The FBI has not publicly characterized the JBS but any reply to Welch might be used by him. He has extreme views, is very opinionated and both he and JBS are particularly controversial in much of the country at this time. No apparent advantage would accrue to the Bureau by a reply but the possibility of becoming embroiled in the current JBS controversy through such action does exist.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the letters from Robert Welch of JBS dated 3/22-23/61 not be acknowledged.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 4, 1961

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)
MAILING LIST MATTERS

Reference is made to SAC Letter 61-14 (D) dated 3-21-61 concerning the John Birch Society wherein it is indicated that no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to JBS or to any of its representatives.

Your attention is directed to the attached letter from SAC, Charlotte concerning [redacted] who is a member of the John Birch Society and who is on the Bureau mailing list to receive publications.

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The SAC Letter, of course, was prepared to prevent the distribution of quantities of publications to the John Birch Society for their utilization in meetings and in connection with their programs. It is not felt that we should discontinue publications to an individual on the mailing list who happens to be a member of this Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

In a situation as this where a person on the Bureau's mailing list is known to be a member of the John Birch Society, it is recommended that we not remove him because of such membership.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 4/18/61

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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The San Antonio Light, a daily newspaper published in San Antonio, Texas, in its March 31, 1961, edition, contained an article which reflected that a local spokesman revealed on 3/31/61, there are "several" chapters of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in San Antonio, along with a sizable number in the Alamo city who list their membership with the home chapter in Belmont, Mass.

The number of members, however, was not revealed. One member explained it is against the rules of the organization to reveal the number. There are no officers in the chapters with the exception of chapter leaders. The chapters meet in small groups of ten to twenty members for monthly discussions, the spokesman explained. The meetings are called by the chapter leaders.

C. O. "BUCK" MANN, Odessa, who identified himself as the coordinator for the Society in Texas, said information as to the number of chapters and members in San Antonio was not available and advised the home chapter be contacted.

The April 2, 1961, edition of the San Antonio Light, contained an article which reflected that San Antonio leaders of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY came to its defense on 4/1/61, and argued it is not a monolithic organization compelled to do what its leader, ROBERT WELCH, wealthy retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer, wants it to do. Speaking up were Major General W. G. WEAVER (Ret.), wartime commander of the 8th Infantry Division, who is listed as a member of a national indorsing committee of the society, and Dr. ROBERT TERRELL, leader of one of the several local chapters.

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TERRELL said he does not know how many chapters there are in San Antonio, but that his chapter has 16 to 18 members.

This article in the San Antonio Light further reflected that TERRELL said, "I understand there are other chapters in town, though. Our chapter meets once a month. New members are urged to form their own chapters in order to keep groups small."

TERRELL was also quoted as saying, "I have not run into any fanatics in our chapter. Our primary purpose is to acquaint us with the techniques the Communists use and may try to use. I do not agree with all that Mr. WELCH believes, and we are not required to. I do not believe in the impeachment of Mr. WARREN. I wrote Mr. WELCH on this."

WEAVER described himself as an "indorser" of the Society. He emphasized the aim of the Society is to help the people understand what communism is, its objectives, and to what extremes the communists will go to carry out their objectives and achieve world domination. Like TERRELL, WEAVER said no one is required to accept WELCH's opinion on anything. WEAVER said he is not a member of any local chapter and did not know any such chapters existed until he read of them in The Light.

The 3/31/61, edition of the Waco News Tribune, a daily newspaper published in Waco, Texas, contained an article which reflected that leaders of Mexia's (Texas) chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY say there is nothing secret or semi-secret about their organization. They say they think their national organization has become the subject of a lot of controversy in magazines and newspaper over the country because it is misunderstood and because it is beginning to hurt the communists.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

V. A. MC CULLOUGH, Coordinator of the Mexia chapter, got in the spotlight when he fired a letter to Time magazine, raking Time over the coals for a recent article on the Society which MC CULLOUGH considered unfair. Time published the letter.

MC CULLOUGH and JOHNNY NEECE, Mexia, TEXAS lumber man and contractor and former Rice University football player, said anybody is welcome to attend their monthly meetings, and that it was no secret as to who are members of the chapter. They said the organization's main purpose is opposing communism and promoting the principles of Americanism.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

MC CULLOUGH operates a butane gas company in Mexia, is a member of the library board, and is an unopposed candidate for the Mexia City Commission in the election to be held on 4/4/61. MC CULLOUGH said of the local chapter that they definitely are not controlled or dictated to in any manner. He said that it is about as wide open as an organization can be and still be a cohesive organization.

MC CULLOUGH said the Mexia chapter was organized in October, 1960, and as far as he knows is the only one in the Waco area, although he said since writing his letter to Time, he has received a letter from a student at Baylor University, inquiring about the possibility of organizing a chapter in Waco.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-4-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: R. H. ANDERSON
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
KVOS, INC.
INQUIRY RE DIRECTOR'S
COMMENTS ABOUT THE
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

BACKGROUND:

By letter dated 3-27-61 captioned individual wrote the Director that he was most anxious to verify a statement attributed to a spokesman for the FBI regarding the John Birch Society. He refers to an article in the 3-19-61 edition of "The Nashville Tennessean," written by Pat Anderson and entitled, "Birch Society Has 200 Members Here." The article contained the following:

> "An FBI spokesman in Washington said last week the FBI has been 'looking into' activities of the society. He said based on what it knows, the FBI would characterize the society as 'irresponsible but not subversive.' He said many professional anti-Communists are tied in with the society for the purpose of making money through speeches."

Anderson states that it is possible that the statement to which the "Tennessean" referred is also the basis for a reference made in a letter to him from Senator Milton Young. He quotes the Senator as stating "I just could not stand idly by and say nothing when, according to the FBI, the leader of this organization, Mr. Welch, charged in his book 'The Politician' that President Eisenhower and other top-level officials were guilty of being Communists..." Anderson wants to know if any statement concerning the John Birch Society has been issued by the FBI or one of its Agents and if the Director has any opinions concerning the group or its leader.

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Anderson wrote the Director 9-16-58 stating that his television station was happy to broadcast information concerning fugitives and suggested that more emphasis could be given if we could indicate in what area the person was last

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seen. By letter dated 9-24-58 he was thanked for his suggestion but it was pointed out that all pertinent information available for distribution is furnished in connection with our fugitive circularization. The note on this letter reveals that Anderson may be identical with a Ronald H. Anderson of Seattle, Washington, who in 1950 wrote the Bureau two letters requesting the answer to several questions of an embarrassing nature concerning the extent of the assistance furnished by the FBI to the Washington State Committee on Un-American Activities, the names of the Agents who assisted this Committee and their duties. Further, why the Director did not answer Bernard DeVoto's challenge instead of attacking "Harper's Magazine." In substance, he was advised that data in FBI files is strictly confidential, no material from confidential files was furnished to the Committee, that the Bureau did not make available its personnel to the Committee in connection with its activities. In addition, he was referred to the published copy of the Director's letter dated 10-7-49 to the Editor-in-Chief of "Harper's Magazine," wherein the Director pointed out that he did not care to dignify DeVoto's half truths with a denial or explanation.

INFORMATION RE ANDERSON'S INQUIRY:

No FBI officials in Washington, D. C., of course, have publicly characterized the John Birch Society, and we have so informed persons in the Nashville, Tennessee, area, some of whom are members of the John Birch Society, who have written to the Director with regard to the article in the "Nashville Tennessean" to which Anderson refers.

With regard to the comments concerning Senator Milton Young's letter to Anderson, it is not known who was Senator Young's source; however, on 3-9-61 Senator Young contacted your office concerning criticism he was receiving from members of the Society as a result of speeches made by Senator Mansfield and himself blasting the John Birch Society on the Senate floor the previous day. He said that he had several communications indicating that the Director had endorsed the John Birch group. He was told by your office that this was a patent falsehood. Senator Young also stated that members of this organization had informed him of the assertion that up to 80 per cent of the top people in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare were communists or communist supporters and that Director was the source of information for this assertion. He was also advised that this was a ridiculous claim and that it had already been brought to the Director's attention. He requested a short note from the Director concerning this. A letter to Senator Young was sent from the Director on 3-10-61 reiterating in general what had been said over the phone. There was no comment concerning the charges made by Welch, the founder of the Society, in his book, "The Politician." Senator Young's call was called to the attention of the Attorney General by memo dated 3-10-61 and by letter dated 3-1-61 Honorable Abraham Ribicoff of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was advised that a

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statement regarding his Department had been erroneously attributed to the Director.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Anderson.

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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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SECURITY MATTER - MISCELLANEOUS

On 3/21/61 Mr. HORTON EARLY, 1529 Demonbreun Street, Nashville, Tennessee, contacted SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD, telephonically, at which time he identified himself as the coordinator for the John Birch Societies in Davidson County, Tennessee. He referred to an article appearing in the "Nashville Tennessean," Nashville, Tennessee, on 3/19/61 concerning the John Birch Society. He noted that there was a statement therein reportedly made by a spokesman of the FBI in Washington, D. C., characterizing the John Birch Society. He also noted that he, Mr. EARLY, had been quoted to some extent in the article. Mr. EARLY stated that he had been misquoted in the article and that it was his opinion that the quotation alleged to be from an FBI official was a misquote. He stated that based upon a letter written by Mr. HOOVER, in answer to an inquiry concerning an organization, he had been of the opinion that the FBI took the position of making no statements characterizing any group or organization.

Mr. EARLY asked if SA NORWOOD had seen the article and if any comment could be made concerning the statement therein. He was advised SA NORWOOD had seen the article and

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would make no comment. He stated that he planned to send the article to the headquarters of the John Birch Society in Massachusetts with the recommendation that they contact the FBI in Washington relative to the statement appearing in the article and seek to get some clarification on it. He stated that if this was the FBI position on the group he did not want to be associated with it. He stated that the John Birch Society desired to cooperate with the FBI and that the members in Davidson County have the highest regard for the FBI. He stated that he felt sure that this was a misquote in the paper but that it was having the effect of driving many people out of the John Birch Societies and he hoped that something could be done to obtain some clarification which could be published which would end the confusion.

The above is submitted for information.

* LETTER RECEIVED TODAY 3-24-61 FROM ROBERT WELCH RE: THIS MATTER AND IS ATTACHED

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3-24-61

There has been no statement made by an FBI official in Washington, D. C. publicly characterizing the John Birch Society.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-19-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS

We have received a letter dated April 4 from [redacted] which indicates he has the impression that the Director has made a statement with specific reference to the John Birch Society. His letter is a disjointed tirade in vulgar language in which he asks, is the Director a Communist Party sympathizer or would he rather be classified as a fellow traveler. He attacks the Congress and accuses Attorney General Kennedy of attacking the John Birch Society because some communists were good contributors to the Democratic Party and they are now expecting some political protection. He concludes saying "you have been a political hand shaker, for a long time and if you don't like what I have to say, you can either put up or shut up, Mr. Hoover."

OBSERVATION:

This man is obviously one of the more irate John Birch members.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of its irrational and intemperate character, no purpose will be served by acknowledging receipt of this letter.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 11, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

"The Sunday Star" of 4/9/61, page A6, contained an article entitled "Welch Denies He Said Eisenhower Is Signed-Up Red." Regarding this article the Director noted "Let me have the quotes of Welch on Eisenhower."

A review of "The Politician," a manuscript written by Welch, completed in December, 1954, and revised in August, 1956, which is a vicious attack on the military and political life and beliefs of former President Eisenhower, fails to disclose that Welch did, in fact, state that Eisenhower was "a card-carrying" communist. However, the manuscript is replete with insinuations and innuendoes that Eisenhower was procommunist and followed the orders of "his communist bosses." Welch has not published the manuscript but has had a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed or "loaned" to friends or individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents.

Some of the more flagrant statements of Welch in this regard are as follows:

In discussing the awakening of the American people to the communist menace Welch states:

> "The sad truth is that this tyranny was actually saved, in this period of great vulnerability, by just one thing; by the inauguration, on January 20, 1953, of Dwight David Eisenhower as President of the United States. . . . The rationale of his election, and the temper of the American people, made it imperative for a while that he

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> talk a good brand of anti-Communism. But the Communist influences which completely controlled him kept the reins of that control tight and effective."

In discussing Eisenhower as a candidate in 1951 Welch asks the reader to imagine that he is a member of the secret top strategy board of the Communist Party in the United States. He asks that the reader in this imaginary position not be thrown off the track by Eisenhower's announcement that he is a Republican. Welch continues:

> "For this man is completely a 'sleeper' in the Communist cause, a crypto-Communist whom you have built up, from the outside, as a great patriot."

In the manuscript Welch issues the following warning to any and all anticommunists:

> ". . . not to get too close to Eisenhower with the truth about his Communist backing and pro-Communist activities. For the truth is the one weapon he and his fellow top Communists could not withstand."

In discussing the communist attempt to dilute American sovereignty and break down the Americans' belief in independence Welch states:

> "On October 26, 1957, President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan of England issued a joint statement in which they said: 'The concept of national sovereignty is now out of date.' We do not know just what the British law covering such a situation may be. We do know that for a president of the United States such a statement, and even more his countless efforts to support it by his actions, constitute a deliberate violation of his solemn oath of office, justifying his immediate impeachment; and that the lack of any move for such impeachment itself shows the almost unbelievable extent to which he and his Communist bosses have been able to make the American people lose their conscience, their courage, and their sense."

Memo to Mr. Belmont
Re: Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
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In discussing Milton Eisenhower as Presidential adviser Welch states:

> "In my opinion the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party.". . . . "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for thirty years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Welch discusses the communist use of the late former President Roosevelt and former President Truman and regarding Eisenhower states:

> "In the first stage, Roosevelt thought he was <u>using</u> the Communists, to promote his personal ambitions and grandiose schemes. Of course, instead, the Communists were <u>using</u> <u>him</u>; but without his knowledge or understanding of his place in their game. In the second stage, Truman was <u>used</u> <u>by</u> the Communists, with his knowledge and acquiescence, as the price he consciously paid for their making him president. In the third stage, in my own firm opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and his actions. That word is treason."

<u>CONCLUSION</u>:

While it is true that Welch in this manuscript does not call Eisenhower a card-carrying communist, he does attempt to show that Eisenhower is a communist.

<u>ACTION</u>:

None. Submitted for your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 29, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 4687-4961. Senator Young, (R) North Dakota, spoke concerning the John Birch Society pointing out that he had received many communications requesting information and some suggesting investigations of this Society. He advised that many newspapers have been conducting their own investigations. Mr. Young included some of the newspaper articles and editorials. The following was included in an article from the Minot (North Dakota) Daily News of March 25, 1961: "FBI director J. Edgar Hoover has informed U. S. Senator Milton R. Young that he does not endorse the John Birch Society, a right-wing political action group, the North Dakota Senator disclosed today." Some of the other articles make reference to Mr. Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit." An article from the Washington Evening Star written by Ralph McGill contained the following: "There are a great many persons and a number of organizations in this country who keep up such a clamor and outcry against what they, in anger, fear or prejudice, call communism, that they dim the light and fervor of Americanism. No less an expert than J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has warned against those who hate reckless, unsustained charges without justification. They make his job more difficult."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 17, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A2520-A2521. Congressman Reuss, (D) Wisconsin, extended his remarks to include an editorial from the Madison Capital Times entitled "Should the Birch Cult Be Ignored or Exposed?" The editorial quotes Attorney General Kennedy in regard to his views of this Society.

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TO : The Director

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 5876-5877. Senator Proxmire, (D) Wisconsin, spoke concerning an article which appeared in the New York Times reporting that Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division, has instituted an anti-Communist indoctrination program among his troops. The article points out that General Walker distributed copies of "The Way of Life of John Birch," a book by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

The article also states "Copies of the society's magazine, American Opinion, were put on sale on Army newsstands in the Augsburg area, where the division is stationed." The article makes reference to an address by General Walker in which "He was said to have described as 'definitely pink' former President Harry S. Truman, Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Edward R. Murrow, Director of the U. S. Information Agency, [redacted] the newspaper columnist, and [redacted] for the Columbia Broadcasting System were said to be confirmed Communists." Mr. Proxmire stated "General Walker should be investigated and if this story is true, he, of course, should be relieved of his command at once, and I mean promptly. - - - Mr. President, what all this leads up to is that a pitifully misguided general is discrediting the very basis on which his own troops may be called upon to defend freedom. - - - The answer is to insist that American troops learn why they are on the frontline to defend freedom. The honest story is an inspiring and great story of practical good sense and of human idealism. It is time our troops overseas begin to learn why we are opposing communism and learn it massively from responsible, intelligent instructors."

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TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 13, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 5266-5271. Senators McGee, (D) Wyoming; Young, (R) North Dakota; and Mansfield, (D) Montana, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. They included letters, articles and excerpts from the book "The Politician," written by Robert Welch, John Birch Society founder. The following was included in the excerpts from the book: "Charles E. Bohlen: Ambassador to Russia. - - - Senator McCarthy claimed that there were 18 pages of derogatory material about Bohlen in the FBI security file on him. Senator Wayne Morse, ardently pro-Bohlen, referred at first to '2 or 3,' then to '6 or 7,' and finally admitted 15 such derogatory reports." An article from the Christian Science Monitor entitled "State of the Nations; Far-Right Goals" contained the following: "But a question is posed right here, as radical right-wing organizations such as the John Birch Society receive an unusual and perhaps unwarranted amount of publicity. This is whether the programs and prescriptions of the far right, which are billed as combating communism, really do this very effectively and safely. - - - There is much unfinished business in this country. There are governmental devices for handling it. The FBI keeps tabs on Communist subversion, and J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the FBI, has just warned against 'vigilant action.'"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 21, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page [illegible]. Senator Young (D) Ohio, spoke regarding the John Birch Society. Mr. Young pointed out that "Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is correct in his statement that the John Birch Society 'is ridiculous' and that its members 'make no contribution to the fight against communism here in the United States, and in fact--if anything, they are a hindrance.' The California State Senate Subfunding committee on Un-American activities has announced that it has started an inquiry into the John Birch Society. Personally my view is that no not one of the members of this society, nor its leader, Welch, has committed any overt act of force and violence against constituted authority in this country, I feel there is no occasion for any congressional or legislative investigation of this secret society. Welch has the same right all Americans cherish--to enjoy the freedom of speech."

He further stated "Misguided citizens who become members of the John Birch Society, even briefly, are making the battle against communism more difficult for governmental agencies such as the FBI. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, has denounced activities of the sort practiced by the John Birch Society."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 25, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page [illegible]. Congressman Shelley, (D) California, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. Mr. Shelley stated "I fear, however, that we have in the John Birch Society a sinister phenomenon which demands for the welfare that the mask be ripped off and the spotlight focused. - - - I do not suggest that the John Birch Society should be persecuted for its beliefs; it is a measure of our democracy that the John Birchers should be entitled to air their views. I do, however, suggest that since they have chosen to adopt the guises of deceit and misrepresentation in forwarding their purposes--we must be alert to keep their activities a matter of public scrutiny and debate."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/12/61

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Mr. Tolson
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Transmitted herewith is a pamphlet entitled "SHOULD YOU BE DISTURBED?" This pamphlet was made available to SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD by [redacted] who stated that the pamphlet was being distributed [redacted] and [redacted] The informant was of the opinion that the Committee For Individual Responsibility, who allegedly compiled this pamphlet, is a front for the John Birch Society. It will be noted that Mr. ANDERSON, [redacted] of one of the alleged distributors, is one of the leaders of the John Birch Society. It will be noted that the pamphlet is in general an attack on the National Council of Churches and alleges that this organization is communist infiltrated. In this regard there is a reference to the book, "Masters of Deceit" by the Director.

On April 5, 1961, [redacted] Office of the Post Master, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that Post Office Box [redacted] is rented by [redacted]

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Is Your Church a Member of The National Council of Churches?

Members listed as of the National Council Churches:
African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Epis. Zion Church
AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION (Northern Baptists)
AMERICAN EVANGEL. LUTHERAN CHURCH
Armenian Church of North America (diocese)
Augustana Evangel. Lutheran Church
Church of the Brethren
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (Disciples of Christ) Internat. Convention
Christian Methodist Epis. Church
Evangelical United Brethren Church
Evangelical Unity of the Czek. Moravian Brethren of N. America
Five Years Meeting of Friends (Quakers)
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of N. and South America
Hungarian Reformed Church in America
NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION U.S.A., INC.
THE METHODIST CHURCH
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum)
National Baptist Convention of America
Polish National Catholic Church of America—this is "old Catholic" and in communion with the Amer. Episcopal Church

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Roumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church
Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Seventh Day Baptists, General Conference
Ukranian Orhodox Church of America
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church
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Does the NCC Speak for Protestantism on Social and Political Issues?

Time and again the NCC has posed itself as the voice of Protestantism. This was not or is not a power they were given, have earned, or even have. But, they make the voice known—supposedly as the representation of 38,000,000 Protestants.

Too often, the NCC or its committees pass resolutions or make stands that are too far to the "left" for most Americans to accept. Among these are:

1. Recognition of Communist China by the U.S.
2. Admission of Communist China to U.N.
3. Progress toward universal disarmament by multilateral agreement (i.e. U.N.)
   (Note: This makes our armed forces subject to the Russian veto.)
4. Abolishment of military conscription and allow Selective Service to lapse.
5. They lobbied against and defeated the Bricker Amendment which would make it unlawful to make treaties that were in violation of the U. S. Constitution.
6. They advocated repeal of the McCarran Act that prevents known Communists and other undesirables from immigrating to the U.S.
7. They took a stand against "Right to Work" laws saying they were unChristian.
8. They would do away with the House Un-American Activities Committee.
9. They favor repealing the Connally Reservation which permits the United States to determine for itself what are domestic issues for the United States rather than leaving this jurisdiction to the World Court. This could lead to our losing the control of the Panama Canal, change in our tariff policies, etc.
10. They favor Federal Aid to Education which would deprive us even more of our freedom.
11. They favor the Forand Bill which would bring socialized medicine.
12. They are strong on the liberal viewpoints on integration.
13. They demand more and more foreign aid to other countries.

The National Council of Churches goes all out for the "One World", "One Court", "One Church" idea. In economics they take the extreme liberal and socialistic viewpoint toward sharing the wealth, socialized medicine, government control. They publish booklets and pamphlets for study by church groups giving their viewpoints on these subjects, thereby leading the readers to believe that this is God's will.

Ref.: WHY ONE CHURCH'S CONSCIENCE SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.

For the N.C.C. to deny that Communism has infiltrated into some churches is pure stupidity. This is a matter of fact and numerous ministers have admitted their communistic affiliations. The Communist have announced this as one of their goals.

Ref.: Masters of Deceit Chapter 23
J. Edgar Hoover

HERBERT PHILBRICK, author of "I Led Three Lives," and for nine years an undercover agent for the F.B.I. said, "We are losing the fight for freedom—there are more names of ministers than any other profession on the list of communist supporters in this country."

The National Council of Churches does not advocate any theology except the recognition of Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior. It does not ask for **personal** acceptance of Jesus Christ, but lets each church determine upon what foundation a person becomes a Christian. But, many of the leaders and theologians most prominent in the NCC are liberal in their theology. Here are some of the beliefs of this hierarchy.

1. The Bible is a mythology.
2. Jesus was sinful.
3. Jesus was not God.
4. They do not believe in substitutionary atonement.
5. They do not believe in Hell.
6. They do not believe in the Virgin Birth.
7. They do not believe in the Second Coming of Christ.

For more information you can study the books of:

Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam
Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr
Dr. Paul Tillich

Sources for Study Material

Many churches have asked for sources of information to conduct studies of their own on the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S. Listed below are some of the more prominent ones. There are many others. It is a common practice of the NCC to attack the individual or the organization issuing such reports and to label them Apostles of Discord. However, in practically every instance, you will find that the facts presented have been verified and have not been challenged for authenticity.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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"Testimony of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam" before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., July 21, 1953.

"Organized Communism in the United States"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., August 19, 1953.

"100 Things You Should Know About Communism"—Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., May 14, 1951 pamphlet. On page 29 there is a section devoted to "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."

"Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual" Hearing before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States Printing Office, Washington, D.C., February 25, 1960.

"The American Negro in the Communist Party"—Committee on UnAmerican Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., December 22, 1954, pamphlet.

"Annual Report 1955"—Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C., January 11, 1956.

"Communism," a reading list of 56 informative publications available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

"The Chairman's Final Report to the National Law Committee of the NCC," by J. Howard Pew, 1608 Walnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

"The Powers That Be", by Edmund A. Opitz, case studies of the Church in Politics. Foundation for Social Research, 1521 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 17, California.

"Authority and Power In the Free Church Tradition," by Paul M. Harrison. A social case study of the American Baptist Convention, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey.

"Why One Church's Conscience Spoke Against The N.C.C. of Christ In the U.S.A.,"—First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

ARTICLES

"NCC Conference Plea Recognition of Red China"—page 25, Dec. 8, 1958 *Christianity Today*, 1014 Washington Building, Washington 25, D. C.

"NCC Head Pleads Red China's Case in Formosa"—page 27, Feb. 1, 1960 *Christianity Today*, 1014 Washington Building, Washington 25, D. C.

"NCC World Order Policy Softens on Red China"—Editorial, page 23 and 29; "Greek Orthodox Church on WCC", page 31 and 32, *Christianity Today*, December 22, 1958.

"The Communists Are After Your Church"—by Herbert A. Philbrick; a reprint of a *Christian Herald* article, *Christian Herald*, 27 East 39th St., New York 16, New York.

"Do We Need a Protestant Separation of 'Church and State'?"—by Daniel A. Poling, May 1959, *Christian Herald*, 27 East 39th St., New York 16, New York.

"The Church and Politics"—by John Howard Pew in May 5, 1960, *Human Events*, 408 First St. S.E., Washington 3, D. C.

"Reds and Our Churches"—by J. B. Matthews, in July, 1953 *American Mercury*, 250 West 57th St., New York 19, New York.

"Southern Conference Educational Fund"—by Fulton Lewis Jr., March 31, 1960, *Human Events*, 408 East First St. S.E., Washington 3, D. C.

"The National Council of Churches"—Economic Council Letter No. 440, Oct. 1, 1958, National Economic Council, Inc., Empire State Bldg., New York 1, New York.

"Statement of Union Membership as a Condition of Employment", Department of Church and Economic Life Division of Christian Life and Work, The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

ORGANIZATION, PUBLICATION OR INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN SUPPLY VARIOUS MATERIAL ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Human Events, 408 First Street S.E., Washington 3, D.C.
Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 East 4th Avenue, Cincinnati 2, Ohio
Herbert A. Philbrick, National Layman's Council of Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.
Church League of America, 1407 Hill Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.
Dan Smoot Reports, P.O. Box 9611, Lakewood Station, Dallas 14, Texas.
America's Futures, Inc., 542 Main Street, New Rochelle, N.Y.
American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison 1, Wisc.
Allen Bradley Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Ask for "Will You Be Free To Celebrate Christmas In the Future" article.)
Rex M. Harlow, 5172 E. Harry, Wichita, Kansas. (Ask for letter from Walter Reuther commending the NCC on its labor policies.)
Christian Crusade, P.O. Box 977, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Dr. E. F. Weber, P.O. Box 1144, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
The Southern Presbyterian Journal, Weaverville, North Carolina.
Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Box 890, Long Beach 1, California.
Fulton Lewis, Jr., Mutual Broadcasting Co., Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.

For specific information on the political and social viewpoint of the National Council of Churches, write to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and ask for material on the subject you desire.

Actions taken by The N. C. C. at General Assembly Meeting in San Francisco, December - 1960

1. Adopted a $15,704,400 (m) budget for 1961, including $2,365,000 for shipping surplus food and other aid to needy areas overseas.

2. Praised the clergymen and citizens of New Orleans who have upheld the "worth of every individual, without regard to race or color" in the face of "rising hysteria and mob violence" against school integration.

3. Advocated "responsible and democratic labor organization" among the nation's million migratory farm workers to raise their wages and substandard living conditions.

4. Heard a comprehensive report from foreign missionaries, charging American apathy to oppression in other lands contributed to communist inroads in Cuba and elsewhere. They urged support for reform struggles in backward areas.

5. Asked God's blessing on president-elect John F. Kennedy and vice president-elect Lyndon B. Johnson, praying that they be guided by God's will to lead the country in "paths of peace and justice for all mankind."

6. Condemned state and local laws barring aid to dependent children because of illegitimate birth.

7. Urged strengthening of the United Nations as "power for peace among nations," and said Americans should be ready to accept the fact it may sometime—through its democratic processes—override the will of the United States.

8. Call for "pioneering programs" by this country to heed God's command and share our wealth of technical knowledge and farm surpluses to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

9. Appealed for an end to discrimination in employment against Negroes, Puerto Ricans and other Spanish-speaking people, Indians, Jews, and Americans of oriental descent.

10. Recommended a continuing "dialogue with Roman Catholics" on religious liberty and other church matters.

11. Re-elected Dr. Roy G. Ross, as council's general secretary, and the Rev. Dr. Edwin Espy, as associate general secretary.

12. Urged aid to Cuban refugees in Florida.

13. Weighed a report on the "state of the churches" terming the present period "the most cataclysmic in a recorded history," and declaring the churches "dare not proceed on a business-as-usual' basis."

14. Elected Miller, a scholarly 51-year-old multimillionaire who teaches Sunday school in his hometown of Columbus, Ind., as the first layman to lead the council in its 10-year history.

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J. T. RUTHERFORD
CONGRESSMAN
10TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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

April 11, 1961

[redacted]
Midland, Texas

Dear [redacted]

Your recent letter is so fraug with erroneous interpretations as to my motives and outlook with respect to the John Birch Society that I hardly know where to begin.

I think I can sum up by saying that I have agreed with the announced purpose of opposing communism of this Society and my record will so reflect. I do not have to accept or approve of the tactics used by Mr. Welch and his followers. I have stated that certainly these people have the right to express their opinions, but I claim my right to disagree with them.

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I think that Mr. Welch's criticisms go far beyond the point of decency and constitute smear campaigns upon many good Americans. The enclosed materials in that regard are excellent examples.

I have a record of supporting the House Un-American Activities Committee and you will note the comments of the Chairman of that Committee relating to the John Birch Society as contained in these materials. The same is true for FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

[redacted] I believe that I have as authentic a source of information on the Birch Society and on Mr. Welch as one can possibly have. I have before me a copy of "The Politician", personally autographed by Mr. Welch and I also have correspondence in which he acknowledges authorship. There is even a forward in the book written by Mr. Welch in which he refers to it as "a manuscript or book". It is bound as a book, printed by offset press, as chapter numbers, chapter titles and each of the 287 pages contains the words "The Politician" at the bottom.

Sincerely,

J. T. Rutherford

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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ReBuairtel 4/14/61 and Los Angeles airtel in this matter 4/10/61.

The original source of information contained in re Los Angeles airtel was [redacted] Santa Barbara, California. On 4/21/61 he was advised by SAs RILEY L. MILLARD and [redacted] at Santa Barbara that the FBI has no jurisdiction in this matter, and therefore the FBI will not become involved in the situation. He stated he fully understands that fact and would so advise his superior, [redacted]

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During the conversation [redacted] advised as follows concerning the [redacted] of the John Birch Society, and [redacted] Present during the [redacted] were PAUL VEBLEN, Executive Editor, "Santa Barbara News-Press," and [redacted] reporter for that paper. VEBLEN and [redacted] were gleeful when [redacted] drew admissions from [redacted] that he was a staff member of the Birch Society. Later, however, [redacted] mentioned that VEBLEN and [redacted] were believed to be communists and pointed out that VEBLEN formerly worked back East for the Fund for the Republic; that the Fund had moved its headquarters to Santa Barbara about the time

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VEBLEN arrived in the city to work for the "News-Press." Both newspaper representatives were obviously shaken by [redacted] comments, and both were glum during the balance [redacted] talk.

Later on that evening [redacted] mentioned Governor BROWN and Attorney General STANLEY MOSK, State of California, and said he believed both were probably communists. [redacted] pointed out that BROWN had accepted communist money in running for governor and that MOSK had belonged to or loaned his name to various communist-type organizations.

[redacted] said that VEBLEN had promised complete anonymity to [redacted] However, T. M. STORKE, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," was said to have disclosed the fact to representatives of the CBS on 4/10/61.

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He advised that he had given copies of [redacted] to the "News-Press," but that in making the copies he had purposely [redacted] that CBS has requested [redacted] for temporary use. He said the [redacted] has advised CBS the [redacted] would be made available if CBS will sign a complete indemnification to protect [redacted] and the County of Santa Barbara in event of a lawsuit by [redacted]

CBS, according to [redacted] has advised that they could not ready the story by 4/20/61 wherein instant [redacted] is planned to be used; that probably in the next two or three weeks it will be prepared for use on one of their Thursday night "CBS Reports" shows.

[redacted] recalled that T. M. STORKE had advised that copies [redacted] were forwarded to Governor BROWN and Attorney General MOSK, and both had indicated that they do not desire [redacted] in entirety to anyone. [redacted] related that [redacted] had personally telephoned the Governor prior to the latter having heard [redacted] and had advised him of the comments by [redacted] to the effect he believed the Governor was a communist and had accepted money from communists. The Governor, he said, blurted out, "Did he mention specific instances?"

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[redacted] recalled that [redacted] on the evening in question had also dwelt at some length as to his beliefs

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 4, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

INDIANAPOLIS 20, INDIANA

John Birch Society

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Reference my memo to you under above caption dated 3-31-61. You will recall [redacted] wrote the Director expressing concern for the lack of knowledge of communism on the part of "one of your FBI men." We dispatched a teletype to the Indianapolis Office on 3-31-61 advising that [redacted] be interviewed, the identity of the FBI employee ascertained and that she be informed that all Agents are fully informed on subversive matters, but as a matter of policy do not discuss such issues unofficially.

Today, 4-4-61, we received a reply by teletype from Indianapolis advising that [redacted] was interviewed and identified the FBI employee she referred to in her letter as Special Agent Robert E. Masters of the Philadelphia Office. She and her husband had visited in the Masters' home while in the Philadelphia area, and she being active in the John Birch Society and interested in combating communism failed to realize the position of Special Agent Masters in that he was reluctant to discuss communism with her socially. She expressed deep appreciation for the contact and the explanation as to the Bureau's position in such matters, and she was most apologetic for raising the incident in the first place. She desired that Special Agent Masters not be made aware of her letter which was hurriedly written and which she now recognized as not being accurate.

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There does not appear to be any breach of discretion on the part of Special Agent Masters. This appears to be another incident in which a citizen has been overly excited by anticommunism groups, and now that she understands the Agent's position and why he cannot discuss the matter with her, she is perfectly satisfied.

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It is believed that this information should be made available to the Philadelphia Office for the information and guidance of SA Masters in the event of future contacts with [redacted]

Enclosure sent 2-5-61
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1 - Mr. Parsons - Enclosures
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Philadelphia, with enclosures, furnishing information concerning this matter be approved and forwarded.

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URGENT 4/26/61 5-25 PM EST MHM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /100-375/ 1P

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, IS - X. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

INFORMED THIS DATE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING [redacted]

[redacted] FLORIDA, WITH LEADER, UNKNOWN IDENTITY, OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. OTHERS INVITED INCLUDE TWO MEMBERS OF FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN AND [redacted] DAYTONA BEACH CITIZENS COUNCIL. [redacted] WILL ATTEND AND WILL ADVISE RESULTS OF MEETING.

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concerning Dr. SAMUEL GOULD, Chancellor, University of California at Santa Barbara, arriving at the conclusion that GOULD was either a communist or at least sympathetic toward communist aims in this country.

Source said that T. M. STORKE told him that GOULD does not want [redacted] in its entirety to anyone. Source pointed out that GOULD has loudly decried the "wave of conservatism" sweeping college campuses recently; that he had condemned as un-American the conservative Freedom Club on his campus but has said nothing against the Santa Barbara Students for Civil Liberties. He pointed out that it is rumored the latter group is liaisoned with a similar group at Berkeley which was involved in the San Francisco riots during the meeting of the House Un-American Activities Committee last year.

In line with the comments concerning Dr. GOULD, it is noted that on 4/13/61 RICHARD BUFFUM, Editor, "Goleta Gazette," Goleta, California, printed the following:

DAVID ARNOLD, student at the University of California, Santa Barbara, ostensibly disclosed to the "El Gaucho," campus newspaper, that he had infiltrated the 15-member Freedom Club. Mr. BUFFUM reported further, however, that "... A previous reported top-level conference between Chancellor SAMUEL GOULD, News-Press Publisher T. M. STORKE, PAUL VEBLEN, News-Press executive editor, had resulted in the decision to place the story in El Gaucho, so that it would appear that it had been uncovered by the student journalists. The dramatic impact of this brilliant chicanery--I still smart with professional jealousy--is obvious. What an ingenious way to launch a nationwide story!"

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On the afternoon of 4/21/61, [redacted] who had stated earlier in the day that both he and [redacted] were piqued over the disclosure by T. M. STORKE as to their involvement in this matter, advised as follows:

On 4/21/61 [redacted] had "leaked" the fact of [redacted] and the interest of CBS in it to Dr. GRANVILLE KNIGHT, a director of the John Birch Society. He said the latter indicated the Society might file an injunction prohibiting CBS from [redacted]

[redacted] requested that his comments in this matter be treated in extreme confidence.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: April 10, 1961

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: The John Birch Society

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There are forwarded herewith for your information copies of correspondence between the Honorable Torbert H. Macdonald and this Division concerning the captioned subject.

Torby Macdonald

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Honorable Torbert H. Macdonald
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Congressman:

On behalf of the Attorney General I acknowledge your letter of April 3, 1961 relating to the John Birch Society and wish to thank you for your thoughtful expression of views on this subject.

At his press conference on April 6, 1961 the Attorney General, in answer to an inquiry whether he felt there was any necessity for an investigation of the John Birch Society, stated that he had not found, as of that date, that the Society had violated any Federal laws. A copy of the complete text of the Attorney General's remarks is enclosed for your information.

As you will appreciate, this Department is limited in the definition and scope of its functions. Hence, we are not authorized by law or executive order to investigate, through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, either individuals or organizations except where there is reason to believe from the available information that a violation of Federal law has, in fact, occurred or that their activities come within the purview of executive orders, administrative regulations and other laws enforced by this Department. In the absence of such information, we believe it would be inappropriate for us to request the FBI to undertake an investigation in this matter.

If I can be of assistance to you in any other matter, please do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 3, 1961

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Recently the press had indicated that the John Birch Society has been active in demanding the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren and has impugned the loyalty of other patriotic Americans.

There is much confusion surrounding the exact nature of this organization and in view of the conflicting statements and seriousness of the charges leveled, it appears that there are legal grounds for an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On one hand, we hear that derogatory remarks have been made about the President and former Presidents and on the other hand, respectable people who know about the society, support it and deny the allegations.

Since there is a possibility that this matter does not come within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Un-American Activities, I would like to urge that the Federal Bureau of Investigation make an investigation of the John Birch Society. I feel it will be good for all concerned to have the matter cleared up.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Torby Macdonald
Torbert H. Macdonald, M.C.

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SAC, El Paso (100-5739) April 27, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reference is made to the latest Inspection Report of the El Paso Office which contained a suggestion memorandum concerning captioned Society. In the memorandum the Inspector instructed that confidential source [redacted] be contacted to determine complete details concerning chapters of the Society located at Midland and Odessa, Texas. The memorandum also stated that you should report the results of this contact to the Bureau.

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A review of Bufile fails to disclose the receipt of a communication from your office in this regard. In the event the information has been furnished you are instructed to advise the date and caption of the communication. In the event the information has not been furnished the Bureau same should be expedited.

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Date: 4/10/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SECURITY MATTER

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On [redacted] Santa Barbara, California, advised in confidence that PAUL VEBLEN, Executive Editor, "Santa Barbara News-Press," on 3/31/61, requested assistance [redacted] which was to take place on that night. VEBLEN stated [redacted] was with consent of holder of room. [redacted] about 20 minute conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] student at University of California at Santa Barbara was working with "News-Press" in matter and [redacted] in Santa Barbara Freedom Club, adjunct of Young Americans for Freedoms at UCSB. [redacted] succeeded in getting [redacted] to state that [redacted] was full-time [redacted] of John Birch Society; that [redacted] Freedom Clubs on college campuses.

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[redacted] admits being member of Santa Barbara Civil Liberties Committee and is reportedly in liaison with similar committee at University of Californiat at Berkeley.

The Freedom Club and SBCLC are off-campus student groups. The former is reportedly extremely conservative and latter is interested in abolishing HCUA and has similar liberal aims.

After first 20 minutes [redacted] other members of Freedom Club arrived [redacted]

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Source [redacted] advised on 4/10/61 that District Attorney VERN THOMAS was called to office of T. M. STORKE, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," on 4/10/61, and

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introduced to a [redacted] of CBS Radio, who had flown out from New York. [redacted] desired one hour taped interview with District Attorney 4/10/61 [redacted] in John Birch Society. Source assumed CBS hoped to show connection between Freedom Clubs and John Birch Society. States [redacted] advised CBS planning one hour show on 4/20/61 re this matter and John Birch Society. b6 b7C b7D

Another source advised on 4/10/61 that CBS representatives interviewing [redacted] above, along similar lines. "Santa Barbara News-Press" did a front page story [redacted] reflecting [redacted] of Freedom Club in a commendatory tone.

Source [redacted] advised his information furnished FBI at instance [redacted] but requested facts re [redacted] be treated in confidence. b7D

Source previously advised that [redacted] admissions regarding his position with John Birch Society may possibly be published in "Life Magazine."

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 13, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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The Los Angeles Office by airtel 4/10/61 furnished the following information.

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Santa Barbara, California, confidentially advised on 4/1/61 that Paul Veblen, Executive Editor, "Santa Barbara News-Press," requested assistance [redacted] a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] on 3/31/61. [redacted] with the consent of the holder of the room. The [redacted] a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] for about 20 minutes and then continued [redacted] after members of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) group arrived in the room. During the 20-minute conversation [redacted] succeeded in getting [redacted] to admit that he is a [redacted] of the John Birch Society (JBS) and that [redacted] Freedom Clubs on college campuses. Letting this is great indication that YAF is tied into the JBS.

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According to [redacted] is a student at the University of California at Santa Barbara; was working with the "News-Press" in this matter; and had [redacted] in the Santa Barbara Freedom Club, adjunct of YAF at the University of California at Santa Barbara. [redacted] admits being a member of the Santa Barbara Civil Liberties Committee (SBCLC) and is reportedly in liaison with a similar committee at the University of California at Berkeley.

The Freedom Club and the SBCLC are off-campus student groups, the former reportedly extremely conservative and the latter interested in abolishing the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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1 - Mr. Parsons
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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. [redacted]

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On 4/10/61 District Attorney Vern Thomas was called to the office of T. M. Storke, Publisher, "Santa Barbara News-Press," and introduced to a [redacted] of CBS Radio who had flown out from New York. [redacted] desired a one-hour taped interview with the District Attorney [redacted] the JBS, apparently to show some connection between the Freedom Clubs and JBS. [redacted] advised that CBS is planning a one-hour show on 4/20/61 concerning this matter and JBS.

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Another source advised on 4/10/61 that CBS representatives were interviewing [redacted] along similar lines and that the "Santa Barbara News-Press" did a front-page story on [redacted] of the Freedom Club in a commendatory tone.

The [redacted] advised that [redacted] admissions regarding his position with the JBS may possibly be published in "Life Magazine."

The [redacted] advised that his information was furnished the FBI upon instructions of [redacted] but requested the facts concerning the [redacted] be treated in confidence.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES

There is no information in Bufiles identifiable with Paul Veblen, [redacted] Vern Thomas and SBCLC and there is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning the YAF. The YAF was organized at a conference held in Connecticut in September, 1960, which was attended by a group of young men and women from 44 colleges and universities throughout the country. The purpose of the YAF is to stimulate and mobilize the conservative spirit among America's youth toward constructive action in the political and social arena.

Bufiles indicate T. M. Storke was a former U. S. Senator, by appointment, from California from 1938 to 1939. Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information concerning Storke.

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Bufile 140-20736 contains information possibly identical with [redacted] In 1959 a Security of Government Employees investigation was conducted on [redacted] for a Veterans Administration Hospital, Oakland, California, based on allegations that [redacted] the letterhead of "Medical

Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy" as of 10/15/37 and that the "Daily People's World" in 1938 indicated [redacted] of an ambulance in aid of Spanish loyalists. Investigation disclosed that [redacted] whose name was legally changed to [redacted] and who in 1959 was an art student at the University of California. On 10/8/59 the Civil Service Commission advised that [redacted] received a favorable determination under Executive Order 10450.

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ACTION:

The Los Angeles Office is being separately advised not to become involved in this situation as it is not within FBI jurisdiction and the District Attorney should be made to clearly understand this.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)(REG) DATE: 4/25/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC.
Box 24, Bellingham, Washington
INFORMATION CONCERNING;
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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BAUMGARDNER

On April 18, 1961 LEE J. ADAMSON, local leader of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Bellingham, furnished two mimeographed publications of AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC. He advised that this group was "sort of a front group" for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and the two publications were disseminated in the following manner: (1) MORO JEWELL has been giving speeches to various civic groups and afterwards he hands out the publications to interested individuals. (2) "One of our people" has a mailing list he is distributing this information to.

The first publication is in the form of an invitation to request additional information from AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC. The second is a tear sheet which may be used to order a number of Government Printing Office publications directly from Government Printing Office.

ADAMSON said the list of Government Printing Office publications was "lifted" from the MINDZENTY STUDY GROUP.

The publications are being submitted as enclosures to this letter.

[redacted] (BUfile 65-2542) who was [redacted] by the Seattle Office [redacted]

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Files of the Seattle Office contain no adverse information identifiable with ADAMSON and contain no information identifiable with the MINDZENTY STUDY GROUP.

This is being furnished to the Bureau for the purpose of indicating the current extent of the activities of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington.

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AMERICAN - SURVIVAL - INC.

A non-profit, non-secterian, non-political organization, with no dues, no memberships, and nothing to sell.

Composed of a constantly increasing number of individuals who are aroused to the threat of the growing loss of freedom in the United States of America; the Western Hemisphere and the world, and who are determined to do something about it; who are affiliated with organizations, and subscribers to publications, which have taken a stand in opposition to the Communist Global Conquest; and who have pooled their collective knowledge through AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC.

The United States is involved in a world crisis. We did not create this crisis. The Communists began it in 1917, when they overthrew the liberal representative government in Russia to establish their dictatorship. It was their intention then, and it has been their goal ever since, to use the revolutionary weapon for world conquest. This is the crux of today's struggle for survival. No one can predict how long the conflict will continue. We do know, however, that it has become a total war between two fundamentally opposed social systems.

The time-tested Communist tactics -- propaganda, agitation, front group activity and diplomatic maneuvers are being implemented by extensive economic aid, technical assistance and "cultural exchanges." All of these are carefully planned and coordinated on a worldwide scale to promote the Communist Global Conquest.

WHAT CAN I DO?

What can you do to help reverse this trend and save our country from a Communist "takeover?" YOU CAN DO PLENTY! You have influence, whoever you are, within your own family, your circle of acquaintances and in your community. Don't be backward. Acquire an understanding of Communism, and then speak up. BE QUIETLY ACTIVE!

The first step in battling Communism is KNOW YOUR ENEMY.

AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC. is prepared to help you to KNOW YOUR ENEMY.

A knowledge of what Communism really is and how it operates will also help us to avoid the danger of confusing Communism with legitimate dissent on controversial issues. Communism feeds on social ferment, so, for this reason, the "party line" will frequently coincide with the views of many non-Communists on specific issues. We must also guard against the tendency to characterize as Communists those who merely disagree with us, or who advocate unorthodox or unpopular beliefs. When anyone is erroneously branded a Communist, it not only constitutes an injustice to the individual, but also helps Communism by scattering the strength of anti-Communist forces.

In combatting Communism, we must beware of vigilante action. Our responsibilities as citizens are to be certain of our facts, and then report them to the proper authorities.

Every exposure of Communism's false promises, inherent contradictions and deceitful tactics helps to shatter its idealogical appeal and to fortify against psychological pressures. But, in this struggle for the minds of men, exposure alone is not enough. Exposure must be complemented by a long-range educational program with a dual purpose. This program must encompass, not only a penetrating study of Communism, but also a thorough grounding in the basic principles of our individual freedom under law. It must be designed to train people to think independently, and to distinguish between truth and error.

AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC., offers an educational program of ten classes, using subject material prepared, printed and sold by the

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

For additional information, complete, and mail the attached inquiry.

AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC.
Box 24
Bellingham, Washington

Please send me additional information on the educational program sponsored by AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC.

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(Name)

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(Street address)

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(Post Office)

AMERICAN - SURVIVAL - INC.
BOX 24
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

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This is in reply to your request for additional information as to what YOU CAN DO about the steady advance of the COMMUNIST GLOBAL CONQUEST.

The educational program recommended by AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC., is based on J. Edgar Hoover's statement that such a program "must be designed to train people to think, and to distinguish between TRUTH and ERROR."

The ten publications listed on the attached order blank are carefully selected to give you a basic understanding of the problem of the COMMUNIST GLOBAL CONQUEST.

This material may be used as a self-improvement project; however, as it is recognized that personal instruction expedites and improves the learning process, AMERICAN SURVIVAL, INC., is prepared to provide qualified advisors for any group of ten or more who are interested in doing something about the SURVIVAL OF AMERICA and the FREE WORLD. You are invited to write for additional information on this phase of our work.

We hope that the foregoing will assist you to become a dedicated member of the fast growing force of patriotic Americans with the purpose of developing an AMERICAN INITIATIVE TO WIN THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNISM.

T E A R O F F A T T H I S L I N E

O R D E R F O R M

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosed find $2.15 (check, money order, or Documents coupons). Please send me the following publications:

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM: THE COMMUNIST MIND, Staff Consultation with Dr. Frederick Charles Schwarz, HUAC, May 29, 1957	$0.15
COMMUNIST PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE: BRAINWASHING, Consultation with Edward Hunter, HUAC, March 13, 1958	0.15
THE KREMLIN'S ESPIONAGE AID TERROR ORGANIZATIONS, Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin, HUAC, March 17, 1959	0.15
COMMUNIST CONTROLS ON RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY, Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin, SISS, May 5, 1959	0.15
PERMIT COMMUNIST-CONSPIRATORS TO BE TEACHERS? House Document No. 213, 83rd Congress, 1st Session, 1953	0.20
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S.A.: A HANDBOOK FOR AMERICANS, SISS, Senate Document No. 117, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, 1956	0.30
THE TECHNIQUE OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA, Senate Internal Subcommittee, 86th Congress, 2nd Session, 1960	0.15
LANGUAGE AS A COMMUNIST WEAPON, Consultation with Dr. Stefan T. Possony, HUAC, March 2, 1959	0.20
PATTERNS OF COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE, Report by the House Un-American Activities Committee, January, 1959	0.25
COMMUNISM IN ACTION, Hon. Everett M. Dirksen, HD No. 754, 79th Congress	0.45

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/28/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

There are enclosed articles which appeared in the "Charlotte Observer," 4/23/61 concerning a chapter of the John Birch Society which is now active in Rutherford County, N. C., under present leadership of GEORGE SCHAFFERT.

No investigation has been made with reference to this chapter in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

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LITERATURE: Pictured are some of the publications telling the Birch Society story.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 20, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 5939. Congressman Ryan, (D) New York, spoke concerning rights provided under the Constitution of the United States. He makes reference to the John Birch Society stating "The society's views are as repugnant to our American traditions as the views of the Communist Party. However, in our efforts to protect ourselves against the misguided, we must be careful that the very thing we are protecting—democratic institutions—is not destroyed. - - - A congressional investigation of the John Birch Society would be just as antithetical to our heritage as some of the views of the society. - - - This organization like those of the same stripe before it will wilt and die in the glare of public exposure and debate."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 20, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 5957. Congressman Hiestand, (R) California, introduced H. Res. 261, a resolution creating a select committee to conduct an investigation and study of the John Birch Society for the purpose of determining whether additional Federal legislation is necessary to protect the public interest.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 4/28/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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INFORMANT

On 4/26/61 [redacted] Los Angeles 46, California, personally appeared at the Los Angeles Office. She has previously furnished information to this office and is employed in [redacted] Los Angeles.

[redacted] advised that she is casually acquainted with [redacted] Visalia, California, who had recently directed a letter to her in which [redacted] stated he had received "a nice letter from J. EDGAR HOOVER." According to [redacted] letter, he has known the Director for more than 25 years and stated, "He is a very sound, fair man." [redacted] related in his letter to [redacted] that the Director thought [redacted] had taken the right stand in regard to the John Birch Society and furnished the following quotes, allegedly from a letter [redacted] had received from the Director:

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> "There exists today in our land a vital 'rift' which the communists are exploiting. Unfortunately, this involves certain people across the country who engage in reckless charges against one another. The label a 'communist' is too often indiscriminately attached to those whose views differ from the majority. Those whose lives are not led according to what one segment of society.... The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen. This is neither the time for inaction or vigilante action...."

[redacted] reason for bringing the above to the attention of the FBI was that it was not her opinion that the FBI would make such disclosures to the public. [redacted] stated that she is a member of the John Birch Society and

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believes that [redacted] who is allegedly a [redacted] and opposed to the John Birch Society, is trying to influence her by using the name of the Director.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reveal that [redacted] Beverly Hills, California, corresponded with the Bureau on 3/25/48 and 11/3/52, which letters were acknowledged by the Bureau on 4/5/48 and 11/10/52 respectively, copies of which were furnished the Los Angeles Office. The general theme of [redacted] letters related to his concern over subversive activities in the United States. b6 b7C

The Los Angeles Office is not aware of any additional correspondence between the Director and [redacted] and the foregoing is being furnished for informational purposes.

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UNITED STATES GO

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: APRIL 13, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 5135-5136. Congressman Reuss, (D) Wisconsin, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He stated "like many Members, I have been disturbed by the activities of the so-called John Birch Society. What the Society is up to sounds ominously like what the Nazis once were up to in Germany. - - - Propaganda, whether it came from the Communist left or the totalitarian right, seemed to me within the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Un-American Activities." Mr. Reuss included a letter he sent to Congressman Walter, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, recommending investigation of the John Birch Society. He also included a reply from Mr. Walter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) (REG) DATE: 4/25/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-0-39633)
(100-24754)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Bellingham, Washington
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On April 18, 1961, [redacted] Bellingham, Washington, exhibited two letters his wife had received from the Director in reply to her request for Bureau publications. Both were addressed to [redacted] The first, dated March 23, 1961, had as enclosures publications of the Bureau. The second, dated April 10, 1961, pointed out that demand for Bureau publications was so heavy that her more recent request could not be fulfilled. [redacted] explained that on the second occasion his wife had asked for 500 copies of certain publications.

[redacted] and his wife are active in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Bellingham.

The indices of the Seattle Office reflect that [redacted] Bellingham, wrote a letter to the Editor of the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer," a daily newspaper. This letter, which is set out below, appeared on page 18, column 2, of the April 22, 1960 issue of the newspaper.

"Liberals of both parties are making impassioned statements condemning the section 'Communism in Religion,' printed in the Air Force Manual.

"Congressman FRANCIS E. WALTER, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, criticized the Air Force for withdrawing the manual without trying to find out about the accuracy of the charges.

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"HERBERT PHILBRICK, former undercover agent for the FBI within the Communist Party, states 'not only can every statement in the Air Force Manual be documented to the hilt. As a matter of fact, the manual is an understatement.'"

This information is furnished for the Bureau's guidance in future correspondence since [redacted] indicated that his wife would probably recontact the Bureau and ask for a more modest amount of literature. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, [redacted] request for literature on April 18, 1961, was not fulfilled.

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FBI

Date: 5/1/61

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (100-375)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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ReMyTel 4/26/61.

On 4/28/61, [redacted] advised that on the night of 4/26/61, and at the very last minute, the meeting was called off after a telephone call was received from (FNU) [redacted] for State of Florida for JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, saying was sick with the flu and would make it another time. From what he could determine, [redacted] advised that [redacted] lives at or in the vicinity of Tavares, Fla.

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Bureau will be appropriately advised of any future meetings held by [redacted] at Daytona Beach, Fla.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1961

Memo To: Courtney Evans

From: Kenneth O'Donnell

John Birch Society

This does not really concern me too much but I am sending it along for your consideration.

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Memo Baumgardner to Belmont 4-14-61 RDS/pw

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UNITED STATES

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 4/28/61

FROM : R. O. L'Allier

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reference memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont April 14, 1961, recommending that Liaison obtain, through Army, a tape recording of an interview conducted by the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) of one [redacted] Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, now head of the John Birch Society.

On April 26 and 27, 1961, this matter was discussed with Major James Nix, Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, For[illegible] Intelligence, the Pentagon, who advised that the tape recording was not available at Army Headquarters, but in all probability, it could be made available through the CIC detachment in Boston, Massachusetts. Major Nix explained that in the event the tape recording is not available, in all probability a transcript of the interview would be available. Major Nix stated that he has communicated with the CIC detachment in the Boston area for same, and upon receipt of the tape recording or transcript of the interview, it will be made available to us.

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ACTION:

For information. This matter will be followed closely by Liaison.

Major Nix OACSI, contacted 5-9-61. Tavel advised Liaison 5/11/61

Recd. 5/12/61. from Major Nix

~~1-Mr. Parsons~~
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Evans
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. Kleinkauf
1-Mr. Simpson
1-Liaison
1-Mr. Putnam

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LIAISON

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
66-104401

Welch, of course, is head of the John Birch Society which was organized in 1958 in Indianapolis. It has not been investigated by the Bureau and is allegedly an anticommunist organization. He has made charges that former President Eisenhower was a communist and has recently received considerable publicity throughout the United States.

OBSERVATIONS:

Inasmuch as we are not investigating the John Birch Society it is not believed that we should directly interview [redacted] at this time. It is believed, however, that we should verify from Army that the tape recording of the alleged interview with her is in existence and attempt to obtain a copy of it for examination.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that Assistant Director Evans return the attached letter to O'Donnell and advise him that inasmuch as we are not investigating the John Birch Society we do not contemplate an interview with [redacted]

2. It is recommended that for our own information and consideration we should through liaison contact Army and obtain the tape recording so that we can determine exactly what allegations have been made by [redacted]

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Yes, J.

O'Donnell advised he sent to us for info only. He does not want other returned to him or for us to take any action.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 14, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, by routing slip dated 4-12-61 referred to Assistant Director Courtney Evans a letter he had received from [redacted] Newton Center, Massachusetts, dated 3-27-61. Mr. O'Donnell stated the letter did not concern him too much but he was sending it to Mr. Evans for consideration.

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[redacted] relates that one [redacted] immigrated to the United States from Germany and obtained the position of [redacted] to Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, now head of the John Birch Society. It is alleged Welch hired her because he thought she was a Nazi and, therefore, took her into his confidence. [redacted] left Welch's employment because she despised his alleged "Nazi-type" activities. She allegedly has furnished an "incredible history, purposes and activities of the Welch organization" to an agent from Army Intelligence who made a tape recording of the interview. The date of this interview is not specified. [redacted] stated that this tape is probably available from Army for the asking. She allegedly has now been approached to give her information concerning Welch and his associations with Senator Goldwater to a free-lance writer and to a representative of the "Christian Science Monitor." [redacted] suggested to her that maximum benefit to this Nation from this information could best be obtained by disclosure to a representative of the President. She has agreed to do this and has steadfastly refused to give her information to others. [redacted] stated he is prepared to arrange a meeting with her.

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Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning [redacted] or [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 2, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A2898-A2900. Congressman Utt, (R) California, extended his remarks to include an editorial entitled "Is the John Birch Society a Menace?" written by Mr. William K. Shearer, publisher of the Oceanside-Carlsbad (California) Banner. Mr. Utt advised that he believed this editorial is the best expose of the massive propaganda campaign launched against the John Birch Society and its patriotic goals and objectives. The editorial states "For some time, the Communists and their dupes concentrated on attacking J. Edgar Hoover, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and the other governmental agencies exposing communism. Such attacks by the leftists went over with the American public like a lead balloon. - - - The American people, so reasoned their enemies, must be divided for and against another group, a group not well known among the people, a group against whom unfounded suspicions could be stirred. - - - The Communists chose to divide Americans on the John Birch Society, a recently formed group dedicated to battling communism, and a group which, because it was little known, could be easily misrepresented to the public."

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Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

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John Birch Society

The 4/19/61 issue of "The Evening Star," Section G, page 6, "Final Edition," a Washington, D. C., daily newspaper, contained an article "Lutheran Leader Sees Harm in Birch Group." This article states that Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen of Minneapolis, Minnesota, President of the 600,000 member Augustana Lutheran Church, declared that the pressures from such groups as the John Birch Society are as dangerous as those pressures from extreme leftist groups. The article quotes Lundeen as stating "communism is dangerous and we need to be aware of it. But there is a totalitarianism of the extreme right position which is also extremely dangerous. It is dangerous because it comes to us in the guise of patriotism.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to [redacted] b6 b7C

ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted for record purposes to record the results of the file review on [redacted] and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

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The 4/17/61 issue of "The Dallas Times Herald," a Dallas, Texas, newspaper, contained an article "Local Clergyman Accuses Welch Of Smear Tactics." The article states that Dr. William M. Elliott, Minister, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, has accused Robert Welch of putting people in a mental strait jacket. The article further quotes Dr. Elliott as stating that he is particularly distressed at Welch's claim that about three per cent of the Nation's ministers are communist sympathizers with many holding key positions in church hierarchies.

Based on the limited information set forth in the article no identifiable references to [redacted] were located in Bufiles.

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Memo to Mr. Baumgardner
Re: Communism and Religion
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ACTION:

This memorandum is submitted to set out the results of our file review on Reverend Klausler and Reverend Schomer and for filing in Bufile on "Communism and Religion."

was addressed to the President of the United States calling for the granting of clemency for Morton Sobell by commutation of his sentence. One of the signers of the petition was Reverend Howard Schomer, 5740 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois. (100-433878-2 page 16)

The above petition was delivered to [redacted] by Reverend Alva Tompkins, Pastor, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois. (Tompkins is subject of Bufile 100-433878 and is on the Security Index.) (100-433878-2)

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The 11/7/60 issue of "National Guardian," page 1, contained an article "Washington convocation to seek Sobell freedom." The article states a national convocation for freedom for Morton Sobell would be held in Washington, D. C., on 11/19-21/60. One of the sponsors of the convocation was listed as a Reverend Dr. Howard Schomer. (100-387835-A)

The 1/2/61 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald," pages 12-13, contained a "Petition to the House of Representatives of the 87th Congress of the United States" to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities. One of the signers of this petition was listed as Dr. Howard Schomer, President, Divinity School, under the heading of "Illinois." (61-7582-A)

The 4/5/61 issue of the "Red Streak" edition of the "Chicago Daily News," page 37, contained an article "List 19 Signers of Bid on Cuba." This article states that 19 Illinois citizens, including educators, clergymen and editors have asked President Kennedy to suppress Cuban anti-Castro activities in the United States. Their letter describes their request not as a "plea for Fidel Castro or for Cuba, but for the United States to show the world its respect for its own law and agreements." One of the signers of the letter was Dr. Howard Schomer, President, International Fellowship of Reconciliation. (62-77787-250-412)

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The "Red Streak" edition of the 4/12/61 issue of the "Chicago Daily News," page 45, column 1, contained an article captioned "Church Press Role Hailed In Exposing Birch Society." This article states that the Nation's church press was praised for denouncing the activities of such organizations as the John Birch Society (JBS) and quoted the Reverend Alfred P. Klausler, editor of the "League Messenger," a Chicago, Illinois, publication of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, stating that the best and most probing analyses of the JBS are appearing in church magazines. The article also states that the activities of the JBS were dwelt upon by Reverend Howard Schomer, President of Chicago Theological Seminary, in his keynote address before the convention of the Associated Church Press which was held in Chicago during early April, 1961.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to Reverend Klausler.

The following information was located in Bufiles which may be identical with Reverend Schomer.

> On 4/14-16/60 a peace march from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Illinois, to the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was held calling for disarmament and the banning of nuclear testing. The march was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, both pacifist groups. The march concluded with a rally at the Morrison Hotel on the afternoon of 4/16/60 at which one of the sponsors was Dr. Howard Schomer, President, Chicago Theological Seminary. (100-11392-288)

In 8/60 the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) filed a petition with [redacted] which b6 b7C

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The 4-20-61 issue of "The Houston Post," a Houston, Texas, newspaper, contained an article "Episcopalian Leaders Assail Welch Tactics." The article states that Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of the Episcopal Church's National Cathedral in Washington, D. C., said the John Birch Society seemed to him "a rather vehement form of self-righteousness." The article further discloses that the Very Reverend William S. Lea, Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Denver, said the John Birch Society "plays into the hands of the Communists by setting brother against brother." Both churchmen criticized the charge by Robert Welch that 7,000 of the 200,000 Protestant ministers in the United States were either communists or symphathizers.

Bufiles show that Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr. is the subject of 100-369954 file, but the file does not contain any subversive information. There is a summary on Sayre in 62-5-3234 dated 4-11-59, but does not contain any subversive information.

The only information in Bufiles on [redacted] was that he had attended the Assembly of World Council of Churches in Budapest, Hungary, during July and August, 1956. (100-231551-213)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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You are instructed to consider the contents of this report for intelligence purposes and not as possible evidence. Conduct appropriate investigation in those instances where you feel the reported matter or the reported material along with information already available to your office warrants the same. When pertinent, information from this report should be disseminated and characterized as emanating from a source of "unknown reliability."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 5, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A3138. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He stated "As a member of the society, I am anxious that it receive a fair and just hearing before the American public." He included an editorial from the San Marino (California) Tribune entitled "A Look at John Birch." The editorial stated "Before you allow yourself to be stampeded by the critics, investigate the John Birch Society. A growing number of Americans have done so, and a growing number have joined its movement toward fundamental American constitutional government. The fact that they are under fire, is proof of their effectiveness."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 5/5/61

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12314)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC letters Nos. 59-13 dated 3/10/59 and 60-5 dated 1/26/60 and Minneapolis letter to the Bureau dated 4/6/61 captioned as above.

In view of the comments made with reference to the subject organization by the Honorable MILTON R. YOUNG, U. S. Senator from the state of North Dakota, the John Birch Society is a highly controversial subject in the state of North Dakota.

No new chapters of the John Birch Society have been reported to this office since my letter to the Bureau dated 4/6/61.

There has been no indication that known members of subversive organizations have succeeded in penetrating the John Birch Society chapters or have even tried to do so.

This case is being placed in a closed status. The Bureau will be advised of the formation of new chapters or efforts by subversive organizations to use the John Birch Society to their advantage.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The controversial John Birch Society has emerged as the newest spearhead of ultra-conservatism in the United States, rallying extreme right-wing groups to renew efforts to unite in a political movement and provoking widespread denunciations of its extremist tactics and charges.

Birch leaders were prominently featured as speakers at a three-day Conservative Convention held in Chicago in mid-April. Principal speaker was Representative Edgar W. Hiestand (R.-Cal.), ardent JBS supporter and member, the first to defend the group in Congress. Other participants included Kent Courtney, New Orleans publisher of the Independent American, a monthly political newspaper, and J. Bracken Lee, Mayor of Salt Lake City and former Governor of Utah, prominently mentioned as a likely candidate to head a new third-party Presidential ticket in 1964. The appearance of Birch Society members at the convention was hailed as "highly significant" by Courtney's right-wing publication, which has long urged establishment of a third party. However, expectations were dashed by Hiestand himself, who called third-party proposals "political suicide." "I'm enough of a businessman to know that a third party couldn't win a national election," he declared.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Day-by-day news coverage of JBS in March and April reflected the growing impact of the Society. In California, the Governor ordered a state investigation. In Washington, some critics called for probes by the Justice Department or Congressional investigating committees. At his April 8 press conference, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy termed JBS "ridiculous," suggesting it might best be laughed out of existence. Nevertheless, on April 17, the Army announced that Major General Edwin A. Walker had been relieved of his command in Germany pending an investigation into reports that he had been indoctrinating his troops with the views of the Birch Society.

Although JBS' leader, Robert H.W. Welch, Jr., specifically disclaims religious bigotry, the group's arch-conservative program makes it a natural target for infiltration by religious and racial hatemongers.

What It Stands For

The goals of JBS differ little from those espoused by numerous ultra-conservative movements which have sprung up from time to time since the 1930's. The Birch Society opposes social welfare legislation, the income tax, collective bargaining, the United Nations, foreign aid, mental health legislation, water fluoridation, centralized government.

But Welch has gone further than his ideological predecessors, smearing former President Eisenhower as "a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy" and launching an organized letter-writing campaign calling for impeachment of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

As Senator Milton R. Young (R-N.D.) put it, even though Welch goes "far beyond anything the late Senator Joe McCarthy ever thought of," Birch Society cells in his state include "some of the most able and influential people in the community."

Background and Structure

John Birch was an American intelligence officer killed by Chinese Communists in 1946. The Society bearing his name was founded in 1958 by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., now 61, a retired candy manufacturer of Belmont, Mass. For more than two years, Welch has dominated JBS singlehandedly. His Society currently claims 100,000 members in 34 states. Annual dues are $24 for men, $12 for women; life membership is $1,000. Most members seem to be persons of repute in their home communities, many associated previously with other right-wing groups.

To create a groundswell, Welch set up an authoritarian organization of "cells" consisting of no more than 20 members each, pledged to adherence to the "leadership principle." The last noteworthy attempt to band extreme right-wingers into "cells" occurred in 1945, when former Senator Robert R. Reynolds, after a devastating press expose, abandoned his attempts to organize a Nationalist Party.

The Society's rules were spelled out early in The Blue Book, a manual for JBS members based on a two-day talk Welch delivered in Indianapolis to a group of supporters in 1958:

> The men who join the John Birch Society during the next few months or years are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway...

> Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out before they build up any splintering following of their own inside the Society.

The Blue Book, still a bible for JBS members, gives Birchers virtual carte blanche as to how they shall carry out Welch's objectives in their own communities. But there are some specific guidelines: setting up "reading rooms" and otherwise promoting conservative periodicals and books; utilizing radio and TV to spread reactionary views; launching organized letter-writing campaigns; and organizing "fronts" -- in Welch's words, "little fronts, big fronts, temporary fronts, permanent fronts, all kinds of fronts."

In actual practice, Birchers follow the blueprint closely. Members meet to carry out Welch's objectives in their home communities, generally avoiding identification as Birchers. They write letters to editors; they infiltrate PTA's; they intrude their extreme views into standing conflicts -- the controversy between Protestant fundamentalists and the more liberal branch, for example, or the issue of fluoridation; they launch attacks against the National Council of Churches and Chief Justice Warren. Anyone who objects to their methods is ipso facto pro-Communist.

Local programs are administered from offices in Belmont by Welch and a paid staff of "coordinators" who visit the cells as his emissaries, dispensing directives, advice and orientation. Required reading for all members is a monthly, American Opinion, sponsored by Welch, and the Bulletin, issued for the specific guidance of cells.

One end-product of all this has been

considerable dissension in widely scattered communities: Houston, Tex.; Wichita, Kans.; the states of Arizona, California and Washington. Yet not until March, when newspapers reported attacks on prominent Americans in Welch's book, The Politician, did JBS come under national scrutiny. The book has since been withdrawn from circulation.

One of Welch's consultants has been J. B. Matthews, whose leftist activities in the 1930's were recounted in his autobiographical Odyssey of a Fellow Traveler. Since then, Matthews has served as research expert for anti-Communist groups and Congressional committees. He resigned from the staff of the McCarthy committee in the heat of controversy over an article leveling charges against clergymen.

Welch's "advisory council" includes Clarence Manion, former dean of Notre Dame Law School and a frequent spokesman for right-wing groups; Spruille Braden, former ambassador to Argentina; and T. Coleman Andrews, former U. S. Internal Revenue Commissioner.

Opposition

Adverse reactions have been sharp, widespread and varied, as the following sampling indicates:

California Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton, addressing the state assembly rules committee:

> This organization goes beyond free speech... The Hitler organization started the same way and attracted some very respectable businessmen.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, commenting on the political techniques employed by the Society:

> One of the most indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably find the means become the end.

Without naming a particular group, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover warned late in March that "vigilante action" by irresponsible organizations can do more harm than good in combatting communism in America. House Speaker Sam Rayburn cautioned that the Society's "strange nostrums" would "destroy our freedom."

A partial list of others voicing concern and disapproval includes:

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake (National Council of Churches)
Governor Edmund G. Brown (D-Cal.)
Hugh Burns (California State Senator)
Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.)
Dr. Samuel B. Gould (Chancellor, University of California at Santa Barbara)
President John F. Kennedy

Senator Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.)
Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Cal.)
Stanley Mosk (California Attorney General)
Charles H. Percy (1960 Chairman, Republican Platform Committee)
Representative Henry S. Reuss (D-Wisc.)
Senator Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio)

<u>Support</u>

The Society's first Congressional supporter and admitted member, California Representative Edgar W. Hiestand, admires JBS as "a group of rugged individualists, dedicated to patriotism and determined in their fight against communism." Among other Congressional defenders are John H. Rousselot (R-Cal.) and L. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.).

Shortly after the Birch Society hit the headlines, it won a measure of praise from some clearly questionable quarters. Anti-Semitic propagandists Conde McGinley and Merwin K. Hart, for instance, were quick to announce their endorsement and support of the group, in effect giving their followers the "green light."

Conde McGinley, publisher of the vitriolic hatesheet Common Sense and subject of a House Un-American Activities Committee report, editorialized in the March 15, 1961, issue of his bigoted newspaper:

> Inasmuch as we have received many inquiries from all over the United States regarding the John Birch Society, we want to go on record. We believe this to be an effective, patriotic group, in good hands. The best evidence that they are effective is the fact that they are being smeared by people who have done nothing to stop communism.

In a recent press interview, Hart called the Birch Society "the single strongest factor against the advance of communism in the United States." Hart's National Economic Council was examined by the Select Lobbying Committee of the House of Representatives in 1950. The Committee characterized one of the Council's techniques as designed "to disparage those who oppose its objectives by appeals to religious prejudice, often an ill-concealed anti-Semitism."

A partial list of other JBS supporters follows:

Dr. James W. Fifield, Jr. (Minister, First Congregational Church, Los Angeles)
Vice Admiral C. S. Freeman (USN-Ret.)
Dr. Carl McIntire (President, International Council of Christian Churches)

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 3, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOHN H. ROUSSELOT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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My memorandum of March 29, 1961, advised you that we had received a letter from captioned Member of Congress which was dated March 24, 1961. In it Rousselot stated he had been receiving many letters from his constituents concerning the John Birch Society. He listed seven sample questions he alleged he was receiving from these individuals and asked if the Director could furnish him any information to aid in satisfying the people he is representing with his first term in Congress.

I recommended that someone in your office personally acknowledge Rousselot's letter, in the interest of cultivating future relations with him, and explain the functions and jurisdiction of the FBI. I also recommended consideration of telling him several facts about the Society which are of public record.

The New York Times reported on March 31, 1961, that Congressman Edgar W. ~~Hiestand~~ of California had called a press conference to discuss the Birch Society. In admitting that he was a member of it, Hiestand also identified Rousselot as one. The latter later said he had joined it over a year ago. All of these developments were subsequent to Rousselot's letter to the Director. No mention was made of his membership until Hiestand "smoked" him out with his remarks to the newspaper reporters.

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It occurs to me that one of two reasons prompted Rousselot's letter asking FBI help. He either had become concerned over his membership and was honestly seeking some guidance, but was reluctant to admit his membership; or, he was playing what he considered was a shrewd game in attempting to use the Bureau. He may be well aware of the fact that literally hundreds of letters have been written to the Director by Birch people trying to get Mr. Hoover to endorse their organization - to no avail. Rousselot may have been using his position in an attempt to get the answer for them. In any event, he concealed his membership from the Director in his request for aid. It is deemed advisable to be most circumspect in any future dealings with him.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 29, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOHN H. ROUSSELOT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

By letter dated March 24, 1961, Congressman Rousselot advised the Director that he had been receiving many inquiries from his constituents concerning the John Birch Society. He listed seven sample questions that he gets from these individuals and asked if Mr. Hoover could furnish him any information to aid him in satisfying the people he represents.

Mr. Rousselot is the Republican Representative for the 25th District of California and he is serving his first term. There are no references in Bufiles that are identifiable with him. He is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of the Principia College, Elsah, Illinois, where he majored in political science and business administration. He previously served as Director of Public Relations, Pacific Finance Corporation of Los Angeles and held the same position with the Federal Housing Administration in Washington. He was also Deputy to the Chairman, Board of Equalization of the State of California.

In the interest of cultivating future relations with Congressman Rousselot, it is felt we should consider acknowledging his first letter personally.

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It is recommended that someone from your office personally contact Congressman John H. Rousselot, acknowledge receipt of his correspondence, explain the ~~functions and~~ the jurisdiction of the FBI to him and advise him that the John Birch Society was founded in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts; is incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; has not been investigated by the FBI; and that Welch and the Society in the past have been bitterly critical of former President Eisenhower.

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Enclosed are the original and 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information furnished by [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] have been contacted to be alert for information on any material prepared by [redacted] concerning the John Birch Society. Such information will be forwarded to the Bureau in communication appropriate for dissemination.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" in view of the sensitive nature of the source.

Information from [redacted] if used in a report must be carefully paraphrased to protect the source. Under no circumstances should any unauthorized persons become aware we have knowledge of the above information.

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A highly confidential and sensitive source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted] New York City, had been in contact with his superiors at the [redacted]

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[redacted] is a daily newspaper published in [redacted]

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According to source, [redacted] informed his superiors that he is preparing an article concerning the John Birch Society and that [redacted] was advised by his superiors to prepare this article in detail.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 12, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A3337-A3338. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, submitted two articles [redacted] which appeared in the Los Angeles Herald-Express. [redacted] comments on Communist Party members in America stating "But when a traitor takes an oath of allegiance to the Reds while on our soil—he is just one more reason why we all ought to get behind Glendale Congressman H. Allen Smith's bill to make membership in the Soviet's fifth column here a major felony. The right idea. Smith, a former member of the FBI, is one of our smartest and most astute members of the Capitol Hill set." Mr. Smith was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from December 2, 1935, to November 3, 1942. [redacted] discusses the actions of the John Birch Society stating "I am not a member of the JBS but I dislike seeing it given slanted 'hit-and-run' treatment."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 10, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 7094-7095. Senator Javits, (R) New York, requested to have printed in the Record a statement on the John Birch Society by the board of directors of Freedom House. It is pointed out in the statement "Freedom House does not believe that the John Birch Society is fighting communism or that it is in any sense conservative. Those who join the society should be under no such delusions. They are serving the cause of destruction and chaos, which is a requisite for a successful Communist advance.------Catching Communist spies is a job for professionals; casting suspicion on the FBI and the CIA only makes the job harder and gives Communists a better chance to do their work. ------Let us hope that those in the John Birch Society who are well-intentioned will see the light before suffering further public humiliation at the hands of their self-appointed leaders."

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UNITED STATES G[illegible]

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 8, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A3160-A3161. Senator Metcalf, (D) Montana, requested to have printed in the Record a letter directed to the editor of the Great Falls (Montana) Tribune [redacted] concerning the John Birch Society. [redacted] states "Memorial memo to members of the John Birch Society: There are more witch-hunters than witches. - - - There are things we can do right here in Montana. As a first step let's forbid hunting in our state to such notorious poachers as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the House Un-American Activities Committee. - - - As a second step, let's organize a local area of government roughly like the Fish and Game Commission, one dedicated to the proposition that our witching grounds shall satisfy our hunters. Matter of fact, maybe the John Birch Society is serving just that purpose." A file check on [redacted] was negative.

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UNITED STATES

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TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 3, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A2995-A2996. Congressman Michel, (R) Illinois, submitted an editorial written by Paul Harvey entitled "No More Organizations Needed." Mr. Harvey comments on the joining of organizations and makes reference to the John Birch Society. Mr. Harvey states "It seems to me we do not need more letterheads, more organizations, more contemporary prophets to do our thinking for us. - - - Genuinely patriotic Americans should be militant enough to be willing to do it the hard way. The uphill way. Not by running off and creating some new club of their own, but by recapturing the old ones. - - - The PTA, according to FBI Director Hoover, has been and is a top target for Red infiltration and contamination. Let's recapture that."

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SIXTY AND FELT EVERYONE SHOULD BE AS EMPHATICALLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AS SHE IS. SHE NOW UNDERSTANDS THE REASON FOR FBI AGENTS NOT DISCUSSING COMMUNISM OR SUBVERSIVE MATTERS UNOFFICIALLY. [redacted] WAS VERY HIGH IN HER PRAISE OF DIRECTOR AND FBI.

[redacted] FURTHER STATED SHE NOW REALIZES WHAT APPEARED TO HER TO BE EMPLOYEE-S LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND CONCERN OVER COMMUNISM WAS RATHER HIS RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS COMMUNISM WITH HER SOCIALLY. SHE STATED SHE HAD FELT EVERYONE SHOULD SPEAK OUT AGAINST COMMUNISM AT ALL TIMES AND AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. [redacted] STATED SHE APPRECIATED FBI TALKING WITH HER AND REQUESTED THAT AS SA MASTERS WAS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, HE NOT BE MADE AWARE OF HER STATEMENTS IN HER LETTER WHICH SHE STATES WAS HURRIEDLY WRITTEN AND WHICH SHE NOW RECOGNIZES WERE NOT ACCURATE. NO FURTHER ACTION.

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Thoughts on the John Birch Society

"Communist influences are now in almost complete control of our Federal Government."

"When an elected government succeeds in attracting an overwhelming majority behind it for any length of time, its mob instincts make it the most tyrannical of all forms of social organization."

"I am proposing the formation of The John Birch Society.... under completely authoritative control at all levels.... We mean business every step of the way."

"We are out to get a million members truly dedicated to the things in which we believe."

"Future history is always determined by minorities who really know what they want."

These are scattered quotations from the writings of a man named Robert Welch, who lives in Massachusetts, and who two years ago organized a semi-secret group called the John Birch Society. It appears to have grown rather rapidly in size, spread and influence throughout the country.

It is hard to say exactly how large the society is now, for the group is vague in speaking about the size of its membership. However, in August of last year, the Boston Herald reported [illegible] as saying that the society then had organizations in some twenty states, with about twenty-five chapters in the Boston area alone. He went on to say that membership is strongest in Tennessee, Texas, and Southern California. The Herald guessed that membership must have been then "in the low hundreds of thousands."

We here in Santa Barbara seem to be in a fairly unique position to observe the work of the John Birchers, for it apparently is more open here. We are recognized around the country as being one of its seats of power, so much so indeed that two national magazines have asked two of our local writers to do articles on the society.

We ought, I think, to try to understand the movement as well as we can, for it is hard at work in our community, pressing our acts and thoughts in the direction the Society feels we ought to move. This is one reason I thought I would like to discuss the John Birch Society today. A second is that, having done two sermons recently about the House Committee on Un-American Activities, it seemed to me fitting to conclude the series with another on this related phenomenon. The Birch group represents, I think, the most extreme form of the violently anti-Communist school of thought, somewhat farther over to the right than the other champions of the House Committee.

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Since this is the third sermon on this rather cheerless and negative topic, I think I ought to apologize for my persistence in it. I promise not to bore you with any of the same for the remaining Sundays of the year. It just seemed to me that the matter has been uppermost in almost all our minds these past few weeks, and hence that discussion of it now might be especially appropriate and timely. If you are beginning to be bored with the whole thing, don't hesitate to nap now and then during the sermon.

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At any rate, to develop some acquaintance with the outlook of the Birch Society, let's consider a book written by Welch called "The Politician." The Blue Book (the Society's Bible, the well-spring of its inspiration) can be had easily enough from

the society's bookshops, but it is almost impossible to find a copy of "The Politician" now. It was distributed only to top leaders in the movement. However, the Milwaukee Journal gave some quotes from it in an article last July.

In the book, Welch charged that Presidents Roosevelt and Truman were extensively used by the Communists, Mr. Truman knowingly so. Then, on page 268, Welch made an observation that has caused his society considerable embarrassment. He said that "in my opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

Birch group leaders in Wisconsin had copies of "The Politician", and when questioned would not disavow its contents. One leader, when asked directly if he really thought Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist, replied, "I only know that if he is not he might as well be... The results of his administration are the same." Later on he contradicted himself somewhat when he added that "I don't think Eisenhower is bright enough to be permitted to be one of the party."

This sentiment was echoed by Welch himself, when questioned by the Boston Herald last August. When asked if he thought Ike was a Communist, Welch replied in some confusion: "I never felt that way enough to say it in print. Now I don't know what to think. Eisenhower may be too dumb to be a Communist." This suspicion of Mr. Eisenhower's loyalty also appears in the Blue Book, where, on page sixty-five, Welch begins to discuss "the millions who either are, or pretend to be, non-Communist," among whom you find what he calls "the amoral man," one of the greatest dangers to our survival. The paragraph concludes with an only slightly veiled allusion to Mr. Eisenhower, when Welch says that "an amoral man, as the head of a great so-called Republic, may have no slightest scruples or concern about its fate or the fate of other nations, in the face of Communist conquest and of the cruel tyranny of their rule. And," Mr. Welch adds, "any similarity of characters in this story to any living persons is not coincidental." In short, the Birch Society leader concludes here, that whether or not Mr. Eisenhower is a Communist, he is at best an amoral man, unconcerned about the spread of Communist influence. Welch doesn't say exactly that Ike <u>is</u> a Communist, but on the other hand he cannot affirm that Ike is <u>not</u> a Communist. This, incidentally, is a fairly typical example of Welch's logic.

Another outstanding example cropped up in this month's issue of the Birch Society Bulletin. Under the heading, "Agenda for the Month," you find yourself engulfed in these muddy waters. "Our major demand on your time and energy," the article begins, "is still in support of the MOVEMENT TO IMPEACH EARL WARREN." Mr. Welch points out that in the campaign last summer to have the summit meeting called off, the Society "put a total of some six hundred thousand pieces of mail into the effort." This, he thought, was a good showing, and helped save America from further steps of surrender. Now, he goes on, we are asking you to send a barrage of letters to your congressman urging the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren.

Welch confesses that there has been some opposition to this movement. He cites as an example the syndicated column of George Sokolsky, which on January 14th charged that the movement to impeach Warren was nonsense. Mr. Welch found this quite hard to take, for he had always regarded Sokolsky as a friend: did he not stand all the way with Joe McCarthy? Nevertheless, while Sokolsky may think the Warren movement nonsense, Welch just bet that Earl Warren won't think so by the time the movement is over.

Sokolsky is quoted as saying that "no matter what can be said of Earl Warren, it cannot be said... that he has been subversive." Surely, comments Mr. Welch, Sokolsky can't be "as innocent or ignorant as he sounds." Welch said he carefully avoided accusing Warren of subversion or treason. "We thought -- and still do -- that

the development of any such charges was unnecessary and would merely complicate what is basically a very simple issue of misbehavior in office." Besides, he adds, plenty of well-informed people have labelled the Warren Court subversive -- the Legislature of the State of Georgia, for example.

Furthermore, "Communist influences are now in almost complete control of our Federal Government." If we are going to stop them, there must be a showdown. "What better time, or place, or issue could we have than the impeachment of Earl Warren?... Warren's decisions and actions, however he may have sugarcoated his own purposes for his own conscience, have definitely become a most important part of the whole advancing Communist front." By working to impeach Warren, we can meet the Communist influences behind him head on.

Hence, Chief Justice Warren both is and is not a Communist. He may not exactly be a Communist, but by stepping him we can stop Communism. Welch shows real genius at this shifty logical technique. So racy is his rhetoric that he can, at the same time, affirm that a statement is both true and untrue.

Now you may be inclined to think, on the basis of the examples I have so far given of Welch's work, that the man is so completely irrational as to be absurd and harmless, that his charges are so wild and baseless as to be beneath our notice. This, in fact, was my own feeling until this past week, when I spent a good deal of time poring over the Birch Society's literature. I will confess that I was deeply impressed -- and disturbed. When you hear Welch's charges out of context, as you have heard them here, their absurdity is plain enough; but when you come upon them in the publications of the society, surrounded and supported by Welch's rich, flowing language and ideas, their absurdity is well concealed.

The man is a marvelously gifted demagogue, a natural speaker and writer with, I think, a strong lust for power and leadership; and he is convinced that it is his mission to save the world from the ravages of Communism. He will go to any lengths to achieve this mission. He openly confesses that he will even use the very methods of the Communists to defeat them. He means business.

The Blue Book, the Bible of the society, written from cover to cover by Welch, is a masterpiece of its kind. I read the whole thing last week, and found it fascinating. Indeed, although I am as rational as the rest of you, I found myself carried away by the thing. Now and again, overpowered by its force and feeling. It's not the lunatic fringe type of literature, but a piece of first class demagaguery. The man is clearly a genius in his chosen field, a force not to be trifled with. There is just enough truth, just enough logic, and more than enough poetry and power in his arguments to bemuse millions of uncritical readers. You have to work hard to escape being trapped in the writhing coils of his logic, hypnotized by the magic of his flowing language. I came within an ace of becoming a John Bircher myself. Well, it wasn't really that close, but I could feel the pull and the appeal of this strange man's message, could empathize with those who can't help seeing it to be the saving truth about the nature of things.

In addition, there is another factor apart from the magic of Robert Welch that lends power to the movement. One thing we ought to be entirely clear about is that both Welch and his people are genuinely afraid. They are driven by an almost wild fear of a persistent and pervasive sort. Because of the peculiar nature of their understanding of what it means to be an American, everywhere they look in our society they see subversives at work. Everywhere they look they see signs of an incredibly devious subversion. Even the President of the United States, even the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is not above suspicion. The only thing they can really place their trust in is the John Birch Society itself. Everywhere else there is treachery -- in the highest places. Communists are on every hand, disguised, lurking

just like anybody else, like a friend or a brother or a teacher.

It is their understanding of Americanism that twists the perceptions of the society's members so seriously, I think. It is the key to an understanding of their philosophy. Welch outlines this powerfully in the early sections of the Blue Book.

Perhaps his most fundamental premise is that democracy has nothing to do with the real essence of Americanism. It is, he says, not democracy that made America great, that defines her nature. Indeed, it is not the form of a government that matters, but its quality. In reality, what led to America's greatness was the fact that in the early years of its development it had so little, so weak a government. That government is best which governs least. This is the important quality.

However, as our country grew in size and wealth, the government began to intervene in more and more areas of the nation's life, and as it did so it moved inevitably down the road toward collectivism and communism. Hence, as Welch and his people see the world, every act of the federal government carries with it the menacing threat of Communism. When the government forced integration in the south, this was clearly Communism at work. Or consider the Social Security system -- obviously Communist. Likewise the income tax. Such a view makes it easy for Welch to say in the introduction to the Blue Book: "The Communists are much further advanced and more deeply entrenched than is realized by even most serious students of the danger among anti-Communists."

Democracy has nothing to do with the real essence of Americanism. Accept this fundamental premise, and the rest of the Birch-type logic follows nicely. Now this premise may sound absurd to you, but as a matter of fact it reflects the deep feelings of a great many of our people. They can't seem to escape feeling that there is something un-American about the ideals of equality and freedom, something dangerous and destructive. Anybody who talks much about them is suspect. Anybody who insists upon them is a radical. Robert Welch, in his genius, got hold of something big here. He managed to articulate, in vigorous language, the dumb feelings of large numbers of our people.

Democracy has nothing to do with Americanism. This is the mainspring that drives the John Birch Society. It is what makes the society so tragically, so fearfully un-American. It is what makes it at least as serious a menace to our way of life as the Communist Party itself.

Consider Welch's answer to what he sees as our country's gravest problems. In section four of the Blue Book, he sets out to answer the question, what can be done to meet the frightening spread of Communism in America? First, he points out that the threat is not so much military as political and educational. Then he poses a striking hypothetical possibility. Suppose, he says, that I was chosen to be the savior, the "man on the white horse," and suppose I had plenty of resources and over a million dedicated supporters; and suppose I could coordinate this mass of material into a force as positive and efficient as the Communist machine; and suppose, even though I was recognized as undisputed leader of this dedicated organization, that I had the advice and help of an executive council made up of the ablest anti-Communists in the country. If all this were so, what would I then do to fight Communism?

Set up reading rooms all over the country stocked with carefully selected anti-Communist literature: the selection "would of course have to be tightly controlled from headquarters." Then I would expand the circulation of conservative magazines such as "American Opinion" and "National Review" and the "Dan Smoot Report." I would increase the radio audience of speakers like Fulton Lewis and Clarence Manion and others of their sort. I would instigate massive letter-writing campaigns to in-

fluence government and private agencies, both local and national. I would organize dozens of front organizations, one after the other, such as the Committee of One Million which has helped a great deal in keeping Red China out of the UN: another possibility here is A Petition to Impeach Earl Warren, or the Organization for the Repeal of the Income Tax, or the Committee to Investigate Communist Influences at Vassar College. Then I would set about making Americans aware of subversion by exposing Communists. (How would I know who to expose? Well, there wouldn't be time or money to do a complete research job on every suspect, but enough material could be gathered to make a good guess in any case. The charges could be levelled in our magazines, and if done often and forcefully, would create wonder and doubt in the entire population. To be sure, these are drastic steps, but "this is no cream-puff war we are in." It's not "a pillow fight." We could expect to get a lot of smearing in return, and "a lot of nuisance libel suits;" but even this would help, for it would mean further publicity).

Then I would "line up a large list of speakers" who would talk to small audiences on strong anti-Communist topics; and I would set up a list of churches, PTA's, and the like for speaking engagements. They are always looking for speakers. Finally, I would use political action to reverse the trend of America toward Communism, I would "move in on the elections," and get our kind of men in office.

This was the program that Welch proposed to a group of eleven business men who met at his request in Indianapolis on December 9, 1958. This is the program that is now in operation all over the country. This is the work of the John Birch Society.

"I am not suggesting any ephemeral organization of loose ties and uncertain loyalties," Welch said at the first meeting. "The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic body." A respectable form of organization or government "lends itself too readily to infiltration, distortion and disruption.... Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud.... The John Birch Society will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels.... We mean business every step of the way." I have a sensitive and accurate nose for smelling out Communists. I will locate them. The society will not be frustrated by indecision in this area. Those who join the society will do so "primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership."

Consequently, Welch concluded in the Blue Book, you must either join the John Birch Society, and give freely of yourself to it, or in a few years you will be "devoting <u>all</u> to the maintenance of a Communist slave state."

Finally, on page 169 of the Blue Book there comes this dreadfully sinister example of Welch's logical squirming, the kind that allows him to say that a statement is both true and not true. He says passionately that although the Birch Society is not really starting a revolution, "yet our determination to overthrow an entrenched tyranny is the very stuff out of which revolutions are made."

All this, I think, suggests that the John Birch Society is an unmistakable menace to America. It is frankly, even blatantly anti-democratic. Such movements crop up from time to time in the best of countries, for they seem somehow to have a profound appeal to the blacker side of our human nature. It's a great pity. It means that good men must turn themselves to the task of containing the eruption. But human nature is not perfect. It will, I fear, continue to break out in boils like this occasionally for a long time to come. When this happens, it is important that we act quickly to check the infection.

We will, I suppose, have to depend upon our law enforcement agencies and our maga-

times and newspapers to carry the main burden of meeting the menace of the Birch Society. I hope they will be alert. I hope they will watch closely for the first overt steps toward action. Still, we must remember that even people like Robert Welch have civil rights here. He is free to speak, even to speak his un-American message; but his ambitions apparently have created in him a vision far beyond merely speaking. He dreams of something that is and is not revolution. Our officials must watch for the first signs of it.

Meanwhile, we private citizens also have a job to do. There are no doubt many good, earnest people in the John Birch Society. We may well find that some of our friends and acquaintances are among them. This is awkward. It poses an ethical question. How shall we respond to them? Shall we order them out of our homes, cut ourselves off from them? I think not. I think it is important, though it will be trying, to keep the lines of communication open between us.

We ought to try not to hate them, be disgusted with them, shout and snarl at them, for this will only drive them deeper into their relation with the group, for there they will find acceptance and confirmation.

We ought to be as patient as we can, realizing that the people are doing what they feel they must do. They are as much to be pitied as censured. They are terribly frightened. Everywhere they look they see Communists. They don't know whom to trust, whom to depend on.

Don't condemn them. Don't threaten them. Let them talk about their views. Question them closely. Sometimes just hearing their own words spoken in the presence of someone who is calm and rational will help them to feel their absurdity.

Be patient. Be firm. This too will pass, if we are alert and watchful.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 8, 1961

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT: [redacted] Informant [redacted]
NEW YORK
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On [redacted] who is friendly and well known to my office, called and talked to Kemper. He said that [redacted] had secured a television show on the John Birch Society. He said that the film was made [redacted] He stated that [redacted] all sorts of charges were made saying that the Governor of California was a communist as well as the Attorney General.

Further, the [redacted] know all about this and that the FBI is "in on this." It also states that Director Hoover was "on our side."

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[redacted] said that he felt that under no circumstances would the Director endorse any organization let alone the John Birch Society. Kemper told [redacted] this was correct; that we don't endorse or even give implied endorsement to any organization. [redacted] said that he had a copy of the Director's introduction to the April issue, Law Enforcement Bulletin concerning vigilantes and related operations and that he plans to use an excerpt from it.

[redacted] program will be shown on [redacted] on [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

That we monitor this program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 5/10/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/21/61, [redacted] Attorney, Canadian, Texas, advised SA [redacted] that he attended a meeting on February 20, 1961, of the COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM. He said the organization was in favor of impeachment of Chief Justice WARREN and quoted the American Bar Association as favoring such action. He said this made him mad since he felt the organization was misquoting some remarks of American Bar Association members. He said this organization, he has determined, is the local outlet for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which he considers Fascist and un-American. He said GENERAL JERRY LEE had spoken the other night to the group and the anti-communist film was shown which tended to prove that it was really the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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[redacted] advised the organization is composed of numerous Canadian residents of the highest character, but he felt the methods of the group were wrong since this is a free country.

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Major Chapman Grant, U. S. Army (Retired)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN DIEGO:

There are enclosed two copies of correspondent's letter. There are also enclosed two copies of a letter to the Editor from [redacted] and two copies of a letter to Major Grant from [redacted] dated [redacted] which correspondent enclosed with his letter.

[redacted] appears to be identical with one [redacted] who was a security informant of the New York Office in 1941 and for two years prior thereto. He was a Communist Party member in the New York area from [redacted] to [redacted] He is described as a former Communist Party member who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past. (San Diego file [redacted]

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[redacted] appears to be identical with [redacted] SAC contact, San Diego Division.

(San Diego file 80-192-Sub 1)

(Bufile 94-47695)

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Bufiles reveal that by letter dated 4-15-51 [redacted] forwarded some literature he had received from the Harvard Research Center in Creative Altruism which he felt showed "another subversive boring into the morality of college students by advocating free love."

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The letter to the Editor from [redacted] which correspondent enclosed had pen written notations that it was from the [redacted] The theme of this letter and that from the [redacted] to Grant [redacted] is that attacks on the American way of life whether by communists or in the published writings of Robert Welch, Jr., Founder of the John Birch Society, should be fought.

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Major Chapman Grant, U. S. Army (Retired)

NOTE ON YELLOW FROM PAGE TWO:

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anitcommunist organization with chapters throughout the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. In the past it has been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

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[redacted] is the [redacted] of the Union Title Insurance and Trust Company, San Diego, California. [redacted] San Diego Chapter, Association of the U. S. Army. He is wealthy, has traveled extensively in Mexico, and during World War II did a great deal of undercover work for the U. S. Army. He has been approached on several occasions for assistance in obtaining intelligence information of interest to the San Diego Office, especially in Mexico, and was always willing to assist. (94-47695)

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/12/61

ATTN: CRIME RECORDS

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (100-3396)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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ReLRlet dated 1/27/61 captioned "The John Birch Society, IS."

Today, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Little Rock Office and advised he had received from the Bureau an 8-page reprint of an article by the Director captioned "Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP,USA." He requested 100 additional copies of this article, but if this office felt that this was an excessive amount for him to request, he would be satisfied with 10 or 20 of these reprints.

[redacted] was advised the Little Rock Office did not have a supply of this reprint, whereupon he asked that his request be submitted to the Bureau.

[redacted] address is [redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 5/22/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 5/19/61, MR. HARRY MC CORMICK, reporter, Dallas Morning News, telephoned and advised SA W. HARLAN BROWN that he had determined from an informant he declined to name that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas is currently trying to get some members into the Communist Party in Dallas in order to determine the identity of the CP members in this area. It is the idea of those in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas to personally harass each CP member they can identify, one example being that society members plan to put sugar in the gas tanks of automobiles belonging to CP members. MC CORMICK stated that recently the Dallas Morning News had published articles on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which information was principally supplied by [redacted] for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, who is connected with the NORMALEE DRESS SHOPS in Dallas. MC CORMICK also identified [redacted] and [redacted] who are employed by [redacted] as being members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. b6 b7C b7D

The aforementioned is being submitted to the Bureau for information, it being noted that Dallas informants have not reported any applications for admittance into the CP in this area during recent weeks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 5/23/61

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Re Bureau letter to El Paso dated 4/27/61.

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[redacted] confidential source - security, Midland, Texas, was contacted [redacted] and [redacted] by SA WILLIAM B. AHDERS at which time information was obtained concerning captioned organization.

[redacted] advised that based upon contact with friends of hers who are either members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY or who have friends of the organization, she believes that the Society has close to twenty groups in Midland. Each group has from ten to twenty members.

The different groups are composed of people from all walks of life. The organization has among its membership, doctors, lawyers, housewives, etc. [redacted] advised that based upon conversations with her friends, the bulk of the membership are interested in this Society because they have been alerted to the dangers of Communism and this is the first concrete thing that has come along to give them an outlet for their emotions and feelings.

[redacted] advised that in her opinion the members whom she knows are all good solid Americans. There are just a few who are radical in their thinking and want to take some action such as a move to impeach Chief Justice WARREN.

The organization in Midland has its membership to a great extent composed of members of the political party

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known as the Constitution Party. It is her opinion that the Constitution Party is using the group as an excuse to keep its membership and followers together. The members have taken an active interest in local elections in Midland and Odessa and have shown some criticism of the manner in which the schools are operated. They have put up persons to run for the school board.

[redacted] also advised that she believes that there are probably twenty groups in Odessa. Mayor CLARK of that city recently was quoted in the Odessa paper where he spoke in glowing terms of the purposes and actions of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Recent adverse publicity of the organization has caused some members to re-evaluate and for some to drop out entirely. b6 b7C b7D

There is also indication that the cities of Fort Stockton, Pecos and Monahans, Texas, all have some members in the Society.

No further inquiry will be made in this matter, UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5-18-61

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-25282)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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[redacted] Cleveland, personally appeared at the Cleveland Office on 5-17-61 to advise that he had attended a recruiting meeting of the John Birch Society at the Hotel Manger on the evening of 5-16-61.

[redacted] commented that he was impressed by what he had seen and heard at the meeting, especially the concern of the Society regarding the public's apathy as to the threat of Communism. Principally of interest to [redacted] was the information to the effect that Burrows, one of Cleveland's leading book stores, does not have for sale the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" and it was felt by the Society that it could all be part of a conspiracy to keep the Director's book from the public.

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[redacted] advised that it was his intention to join the John Birch Society. He was informed that the FBI could neither approve or disapprove his proposed action and any association between himself and the Society would have to be at his own discretion and in accordance with his own best judgment.

Enclosed herewith is a clipping from the Cleveland Plain Dealer May 17, 1961, reporting the meeting referred to by [redacted]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 22, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

RICHARDSON, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR BUREAU REPRINTS BY MAY 17

By letter dated 5-11-61, received in the Division 5-16-61, [redacted] congratulated the Director on his 37th Anniversary and also requested 150 copies of a Bureau reprint to be distributed at a "patriotic meeting" in Dallas on May 17. Mr. Tolson inquired as to why a telegram was not sent on 5-16-61. This matter was handled by SA Hobson H. Adcock, who has submitted the following explanation:

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By communication dated 3-23-61, SAC, Dallas advised that a woman who had attended a meeting of the John Birch Society in Texas at which [redacted] had shown "Communism on the Map," reported that she considered the group subversive and she furnished a list of those in attendance. We have had no previous correspondence with [redacted]

For the following reasons it was decided not to send correspondent a wire advising him that the reprints he requested were not available:

1. [redacted] has been favorably disposed toward the John Birch Society in the past and, therefore, it is not illogical to assume that the "patriotic meeting" of May 17 was also under the auspices of the John Birch Society. SAC Letter 61-14 dated 3-21-61 classifies the John Birch Society as an irresponsible organization attempting to capitalize on the FBI's prestige. It states that no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to this Society or to any of its representatives. It is further noted that [redacted] has been instrumental in showing the film strip, "Communism on the Map" which is not the type of information that should be even indirectly endorsed by the FBI through permitting the distribution of our reprints at its screening.

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2. It is obvious from correspondent's letter that he was merely using the Director's 37th Anniversary as a vehicle in order to obtain favorable consideration for his request for reprints and it is not inconceivable that members of [redacted] group are aware that it is impossible to obtain Bureau reprints through normal requests.

3. It was presumptuous of [redacted] to set so short a deadline for furnishing reprints.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: [redacted]

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4. Due consideration was given the incoming letter and it was decided to acknowledge the congratulations and, because of the background of [redacted] to decline to send reprints for possible use in connection with a John Birch Society meeting. Accordingly, to accomplish these two objectives, it was judged a letter would be the best means of communication.

In summary, this matter was handled as it was because it appeared obvious that [redacted] was trying to exploit the Director's 37th Anniversary to gain his own ends. [redacted] activities in the past in showing "Communism on the Map" and his being affiliated with the John Birch Society further strengthened the belief that no special consideration should be shown either his request or his congratulatory message.

The note on the yellow setting forth [redacted] affiliation with the John Birch Society and "Communism on the Map" was intended to reflect why this correspondence was handled as it was. Hereafter, we shall try to be more specific as to why we are handling a letter in a certain manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Date: 5/16/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-38767)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Metropolitan Police Dept.

This is to advise that [redacted] b6
[redacted] Special Investigations Squad, MPD, has advised b7C
WFO that he has received information that ROBERT WELCH, founder of subject organization, will appear on "Meet the Press" on 5/21/61. The program will be televised at 6:00 p.m. on WRC TV, Channel 4.

Above for Bureau's information.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 19, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A3500-A3511, and A3512-3513. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, extended his remarks to include a series of five articles which appeared in the Whittier (California) Daily News relating to the John Birch Society. Mr. Rousselot stated "This newspaper, the Daily News, is to be commended for basing the articles on facts which many news media have ignored in reporting on the society." It is pointed out in one of the articles "For those who may still be dubious and state that they are unconvinced that an organization like the John Birch Society is necessary, it should be pointed out that there are a number of good reports and books available which will convince even the most skeptical of individuals. These are all well documented. They are: 1. 'The Blue Book of the John Birch Society.' - - - 3. 'Masters of Deceit,' J. Edgar Hoover. - - - 10. 'Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality,' J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington 25, D. C. - - -"

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAY 18, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 17, 1961

FROM [redacted] (62-new) b7D

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING

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For the information of the Bureau, it is pointed out that [redacted] a confidential source of this office, contacted the [redacted] on [redacted] and advised that at approximately 6:00 a.m. on [redacted] two very intoxicated American citizens appeared at [redacted] and made complaints alleging Communist activity on the part of an American citizen, [redacted] who resides in Houston, Texas.

[redacted] stated the two complainants were so intoxicated they should have been booked for drunkenness but because they were Americans and appeared to have a legitimate complaint, even though drunk, they were not booked and the duty officer talked to them and suggested they return to their hotel. b6 b7C b7D

Another [redacted] officer interviewed the two complainants later on in the day when they were in a more sober condition. The two complainants were identified as: b7D

Name: [redacted]
Date of Birth:
Residence:
Houston 25, Texas
U. S. Passport #: [redacted] b6 b7C

Name: [redacted]
Date of Birth:
Residence:
Houston 25, Texas

[redacted] stated the officer interviewing [redacted] and [redacted] advised that both individuals stated they were members of the John Birch Society, that [redacted] joined thirty days ago and that [redacted] has been a member since the organization's inception. b6 b7C b7D

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Apparently both [redacted] and [redacted] are travelling on an organized tour with [redacted] and others and during the night of [redacted] consumed large quantities of alcohol with [redacted] and made various amorous advances to her which were refused. [redacted] was obviously able to outdrink both [redacted] and [redacted] and it appears that their complaint and arrival at [redacted] at 6:00 a.m. was more in spite than anything else. However, both individuals insisted she is a Communist but can give no evidence to support their allegation. b6 b7C b7D

The interviewing police officer asked them if they had reported this activity to the [redacted] and they replied that the individuals in the [redacted] were so Communist-ridden that they would not dare approach the [redacted] and stated that this Communism in Government was responsible for the Cuban situation and under no circumstances did they feel that they could take their problem to the [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that the individuals arrived in [redacted] on an organized tour under the auspices of the American Express Company and are scheduled to leave [redacted] The tour is to continue until the end of May and they will return to [redacted] on approximately May 29. b6 b7C b7D

There is no record of [redacted] or the complainants in the indices of this office and this matter is being brought to the Bureau's attention for information.

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, El Paso (100-5739) May 29, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 4/27/61.

Review of Bufile fails to disclose receipt of a reply to reBulet. In the event a reply has been submitted advise by return mail date and caption thereof. In the event the information has not been furnished advise when it will be furnished and thereafter expedite the submission of same. This matter should be handled promptly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Miss Gandy

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 22, 1

FROM : SAC, Denver (62-1623)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On May 5, 1961, [redacted] volunteered information that one [redacted] Casper, had just returned from Arizona where he attended a training school for "Coordinators of the John Birch Society."

On May 10, 1961, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Resident Agent at Casper requesting information as to where he could obtain the Director's book "Masters of Deceit." [redacted] was advised that copies of the book could be purchased at the local bookstore in Casper.

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[redacted] then advised that he was organizing a study and discussion group regarding Communism and intended to use the book "Masters of Deceit" as the "Bible" for this group. [redacted] volunteered that although he had read the John Birch Blue Book, he was not a member of the John Birch Society. He advised he had recently returned from Phoenix, Arizona, where his sister had informed him that the John Birch Society had induced 400 Texaco credit card holders to return their credit cards to the Texas Company because that Society considered [redacted] sponsored by the Texaco Company, to be too "socialistic."

The May 15, 1961, issue of the "Casper Tribune-Herald" contains an article reflecting that plans were underway to form an anti-Communist study forum and that the group

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would use the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" and tape recordings made of lectures at "the anti-Communist school in Texas." Those interested in taking part in the group were urged to call [redacted]

In view of the fact that [redacted] will be connected with the John Birch Society, the above is being furnished for the Bureau's information and extreme caution will be exercised should [redacted] recontact the FBI for any information or material.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/2/61

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12314)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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The following is submitted to the Bureau for its information:

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune, a daily newspaper published in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 1961, reports that there are 15 chapters of the John Birch Society in the State of North Dakota.

This same paper in its issue of May 21, 1961, reports that a John Birch Society chapter was in the process of being organized in Bloomington, Minnesota. Whether this chapter's organizational work is finalized has not been reported and it is the only potential chapter known to this office in the State of Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Division has conducted no investigation concerning this society and as is indicated, this is for information only.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 6/2/61

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 5/29/61.

By letter dated 5/23/61, El Paso under caption of Bureau letter replied to Bulet of 4/29/61. If it has not been received at the Bureau we will reproduce it and forward copies.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/2/61

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFO CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

On [redacted] advised SA JOHN A. MUNN [redacted] a letter dated May 29, 1961, from [redacted] aka. [redacted] the law firm of Norwood and Norwood, Attorneys at Law, 108 Stokes Building, Greenville, S. C., phone CEdar 51661, P. O. Box 2029, and pertinent portions of the letter are as follows: b6 b7C b7D

"Mr. ROBERT WELCH, founder of The John Birch Society, will be a guest of [redacted] at an informal dinner at The Poinsett Club in Greenville on Monday evening, June 12th at 7 o'clock. [redacted] would be happy to have you attend this dinner [redacted] b6 b7C

"Mr. WELCH will speak to us on the world situation with respect to communism and will explain the methods and purposes of The Jonn Birch Society. His speech, which will last for approximately two hours, will start about 8:30 P. M. Applications for membership in The John Birch Society will be available after Mr. WELCH's speech, but no implied obligation to join the Society will accompany your acceptance of this invitation. We expect to have present approximately fifty gentlemen, industrial, financial and educational leaders in the Piedmont Section of South Carolina"....

[redacted] stated he was confidentially furnishing foregoing information to this office, and he did not desire that his name be revealed to any agency outside the Bureau as the source of information in this matter. b6 b7C b7D

Above submitted for information of Bureau.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 31, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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On 4/12/61 Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, by routing slip referred to Assistant Director [redacted] a letter he had received from [redacted] Massachusetts, dated [redacted] Mr. O'Donnell advised he was sending it for our information only and not for us to take any action.

In his letter [redacted] related that one [redacted] immigrated to the United States from Germany; obtained the position of [redacted] Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society (JBS); alleged Welch hired [redacted] because he thought she was a Nazi and, therefore, took her into his confidence; and [redacted] left Welch's employment because she despised his alleged Nazi-type activities. According to [redacted] allegedly furnished an "incredible history, purposes and activities of the Welch organization" to an agent of Army Intelligence who made a tape recording of the interview.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning [redacted] or [redacted] b6 b7C

Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont captioned as above dated 4/14/61 recommended that for our information and consideration we should secure through Liaison the tape recording of the [redacted] interview made by the Army in order that we can determine exactly what allegations have been made by [redacted]

It was determined that the tape recording was not available but Army has furnished us with a copy of the typed report of this interview. This interview was conducted on [redacted] at which time [redacted] Massachusetts, and was employed as [redacted] She stated that shortly after her arrival in the United States from her native Germany in [redacted] she visited the German Consulate in Boston in an effort to gain assistance in obtaining employment in Boston. At the Consulate

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1 - Mr. Parsons
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1 - Mr. Mohr
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she spoke with a [redacted] and after outlining her considerable journalistic experience [redacted] suggested she contact Welch. She contacted Welch and after a brief discussion during which he ascertained her clerical experience and satisfied himself she was not a communist she was assigned to employment in the office of the JBS. According to [redacted] Welch opined, concerning her attitude toward communism, that all Germans are still Nazis at heart and, therefore, anticommunist. According to [redacted] she spent approximately [redacted] in this office half of which time was spent reading material published by Welch by way of indoctrination into the office and the remainder of the time she spent in doing [redacted] (It is noted that nowhere during the interview does she state that she did other than [redacted] or that she held the position of [redacted] in his letter.)

The majority of the information furnished by [redacted] during the interview related to the general set up of the office and the identities of the various personnel employed in the office and what their general duties were. Most of the information furnished by her regarding JBS was of a general nature concerning the Society and Welch. According to her most of her time until she quit [redacted] of Welch and the Society. She stated she quit her position because "of a distaste for the type of work being conducted by him (Welch), which seemed to be strikingly similar to the activities of Hitler prior to his rise to power." She did state, however, that Welch maintained extensive files on leading political, military and business leaders of the world and that the material for these files was made up mainly from material contained in newspapers and various publications. She stated that typical selections under the section dealing with "communists" were the names of U.S. Senator John Kennedy, General George C. Marshall, former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt as well as members of the U.S. Supreme Court and the American Bar Association.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Despite the fact that O'Donnell in furnishing us with [redacted] letter stated he was furnishing it to us for our information; did not want us to take any action concerning it; and did not desire an acknowledgment of his referral, it is believed we should furnish O'Donnell the attached letter setting out the fact that we have received a transcript of the interview of [redacted] and a brief summary of the interview.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 24, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: INQUIRY REGARDING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY FROM CONGRESSMAN TOM V. MOOREHEAD

By letter dated May 19, 1961, Mr. Tom V. Moorehead, Representative to Congress of the Fifteenth District of Ohio, wrote to the Director stating one of his constituents had recently written him for information concerning the John Birch Society (JBS). The constituent stated the John Birch Society had the Director's approval and he requested to know whether any Federal pamphlets were available concerning the Society.

We have been replying to such inquiries by pointing out the following: "In connection with your inquiry, may I point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In light of the foregoing, I can assure you that I have made no comment concerning the group you mentioned nor has any representative of this Bureau."

BACKGROUND:

Tom V. Moorehead is a Republican Representative of the Fifteenth District of Ohio. He was formerly Mayor of Zanesville, Ohio, and served in that State's Senate. He was formerly active in the real estate and insurance business in Zanesville for more than 25 years and was elected to the 87th Congress 11-8-60. Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning Moorehead.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your office contact Mr. Moorehead and advise him of our position relative to the inquiries of his constituent concerning the John Birch Society.

Yes.

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1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

On April 12, 1961, you forwarded to Assistant Director [redacted] a letter you received from [redacted] Massachusetts, dated March 27, 1961. [redacted] letter referred to a [redacted] who had formerly been employed by Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, and an interview of [redacted] by "an agent of Army Intelligence."

I thought you would be interested to know that this Bureau has secured a transcript of the interview of [redacted] by an agent of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army, Boston, Massachusetts. The interview was conducted on [redacted] at which time [redacted] resided at [redacted] and was employed as [redacted]

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[redacted] advised she was employed by Welch shortly after her arrival in the United States from her native Germany [redacted] She was assigned to [redacted] of the Society and to [redacted] of Welch and the Society. She quit her position in [redacted] because "of a distaste for the type of work being conducted by him (Welch), which seemed to be strikingly similar to the activities of Hitler prior to his rise to power."

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell

The majority of the information furnished by [redacted] related to the general setup of the office and the identities and description of the duties of the personnel employed in the office. She did state, however, that Welch maintained extensive files on leading political, military and business leaders and that the bulk of the material contained in the files was selected by Welch from newspapers and other publications. [redacted] stated that typical of the selections included in the section entitled "Communists" were the names of United States Senator John F. Kennedy, General George C. Marshall, former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt, as well as members of the United States Supreme Court and the American Bar Association.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Belmont dated 5/31/61 captioned "John Birch Society, Information Concerning, (Internal Security)" JHK:mar.

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 11, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 7213-7214. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, submitted two articles written by [redacted] concerning the John Birch Society, which appeared in the Los Angeles Herald-Express. Mr. Rousselot stated "It is refreshing to find a newspaper reporter who will look into the facts before writing about the John Birch Society." [redacted] pointed out "I think the most important thing about the John Birch Society lies not in the personality of its founder--who likely needs a good public relations director like crazy--but in the fact that it is dedicated to the overthrow of communism and the protection of constitutional Government in the Republic of the United States. We can afford to overlook some faults of these dedicated anti-Communists on that account."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAY 10, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 94-

[redacted] RESEARCH PAREN CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS UNPAREN. BUDED JUNE SEVEN, INSTANT. RE MY RAD TODAY. AGENT-S PERSONAL RECOLLECTION INDICATES POSSIBILITY [redacted] [redacted] MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH FORMER NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCE, [redacted] REFERENCE BUFILES ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR THREE TWO NINE TWO NINE, [redacted] AND ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE EIGHT EIGHT THREE NINE TWO, AND ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE NINE EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FOUR, [redacted] [redacted] FIRST NAME NOT KNOWN BUT REPORTEDLY HAS MOVED FROM LOS ANGELES AREA TO BALBOA, CALIFORNIA BEACH AREA. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE [redacted] [redacted] OTHER THAN IN RE BUREAU FILES.

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Mr. Morrell

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 072156

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[redacted] RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS). BUDED JUNE 7. INSTANT. RE BUREAU LETTER JUNE 5, LAST TO [redacted] NOT IDENTIFIABLE LOS ANGELES FILES.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/5/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH DESK

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are enclosed for the Bureau's information two photostats of a one-page typewritten account of talk between [redacted]

This report was enclosure of a letter dated 5/29/61, received by the Los Angeles Division from [redacted] Santa Ana, Calif., (phone [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] requested concealment of her own and the identity of [redacted] who resides at [redacted]

Due to the likelihood of disclosure of sources, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, the attached was not converted into a letterhead memorandum for possible dissemination.

The material is furnished for Bureau information.

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dated 6/5/61, described as:

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Date: 6/10/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-

RE: THE FREEDOM PRESS
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Remyairtel 3/29/61, captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)(JBS).

Furnished herewith to the Bureau are two copies of "The Freedom Press", Santa Barbara, California, May, 1961, volume 1, number 3, described as "a free enterprise paper."

The Bureau's attention is invited to article on page 2 "Hoover Gives His Views of the Communist Party", accompanied by picture of Director.

Under editorial comment page 6, sentence 4, a disclaimer on part of LILLIAN USHER DRAKE of any membership in JBS on her part. She is listed editor and the publisher of instant paper.

Discreet inquiry of [redacted] Assistant to President of Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association, Los Angeles, whose name appears in Coast's advertisement page two, disclosed that Mr. WILLIAM H. DRAKE and Mrs. DRAKE sought specific permission to simply reprint at no cost, instant Coast statement, previously seen by them in other publication.

[redacted] described Mr. DRAKE as retired attorney who came to Santa Barbara from Southern U. S. DRAKEs give appearance, according to [redacted] of more than average

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wealth and have three young children. DRAKEs expressed to [redacted] marked concern about what they regard as drift toward socialism in U. S.

[redacted] Los Angeles, established LA Office contact, advised she met DRAKEs several months ago at social party Santa Barbara, in company with ROBERT WELCH of JBS, whom DRAKEs met then for apparent first time. [redacted] quoted Mr. DRAKE expressing to WELCH, "We must be ready to sacrifice as you have sacrificed." Time of above estimated by [redacted] prior to recent public turmoil over JBS.

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Above is furnished for Bureau's information in light of appearance Director's remarks and picture in "The Freedom Press."

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/9/61

ATTENTION: CENTRAL RESEARCH UNIT

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (80-40-5059)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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This office has a copy of the letter sent by the Bureau, 3/8/60, to [redacted] Uniondale, Pa., rejecting [redacted] request for a Bureau speaker. Recently, [redacted] has come to the attention of several sources as an active and aggressive anti-Communist propagandist and speaker. For example, in the "Scranton Tribune," of 5/11/61, there appears a reprint of the Director's statement to all law enforcement officials in the "Law Enforcement Bulletin" of 5/60, indicating that it was reprinted as a public service by [redacted]

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The wife of SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS, Resident at Scranton, Pa., during May attended a meeting of the Lackawanna County Federation of Women's Clubs held at Scranton, Pa. [redacted] spoke on the subject of Communism and how the average citizen can cooperate with the FBI and other authorities to stop the spread of Communism. He mentioned the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," and referred to a number of other publications that would help in educating individuals, so that they could recognize Communist activities and become more active participants in the fight against Communism. Subsequently, Mrs. WILLIAMS received an unsolicited envelope full of material from [redacted] The material in the envelope and other comparable material she picked up at the meeting are forwarded herewith so that Central Research Unit will be aware of the type of booklets and reprints that are being utilized. Copies are not being retained at Philadelphia.

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM PHILADELPHIA

Re: [redacted]

Contents: Literature (booklets & reprints)

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Senator urges Peking's economic and diplomatic isolation

SHOULD WE RECOGNIZE RED CHINA?

By Paul H. Douglas
U.S. Senator, Illinois

THE PAST few months have seen the rise of new efforts to convince the American people of the desirability of closer diplomatic, economic and cultural relations with Communist China. The opposition to such a policy is neither conservative nor liberal, but rests on the highest degree of bipartisanship. The Committee of One Million (Against the Admission of Communist China to the United Nations), with which I have been associated since its inception in 1953, represents all political philosophies. Its members include Senators Ralph E. Flanders, Irving M. Ives, Jacob K. Javits, Mike Mansfield, Richard L. Neuberger and Margaret Chase Smith.

Those who advocate closer ties between the United States and Communist China base their arguments on two assumptions:

1. The Communists are in firm and permanent control of the mainland of China. Even though we do not like the Peking regime, it is in power and will be there for a long time to come. There is little that we, or the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa, can do to change this situation. Therefore. unless we wish to ignore 600 million people, we must deal with the Peking regime.

2. Chinese Communism is different in certain aspects from Soviet Communism. Expanded trade and cultural relations between the free world and Communist China will drive a wedge between Moscow and Peking and perhaps even make a Tito out of Mao Tse-tung. Through such trade and cultural relations, ties between Red China and the free world will be strengthened with the corresponding weakening of the ties between Peking and the Kremlin.

The Committee of One Million believes that both these assumptions are false. as were the similar premises used in the 1930s to justify Western relations with Japan, Italy and Germany. Until Pearl Harbor, all too many individuals in the United States believed that (1) the governments of Japan, Italy and Germany were in firm control of their peoples, and (2) trade and cultural relationships with the Axis powers would somehow convince them that we wanted only friendship and "coexistence" —if sufficient concessions were made, the Axis powers could be split.

Such trade and appeasement came to an end in the tremendous holocaust of World War II. The scrap metal which the United States shipped to Japan was turned into bombs which devastated half of Asia. Oil sold to Italy in 1936, on the theory that "to restrict trade means to restrict freedom," powered the planes which strafed Ethiopia and encouraged Mussolini's quest of empire. High-level diplomatic relations and negotiations with Germany ended in the disaster at Munich. The Luftwaffe and the Wehrmacht were built as a result of trade which. at the start, was limited to "non-strategic goods." The end result of this policy was the death of millions of men, women and children and the destruction of entire cities and peoples.

One might think that this bitter historical lesson would be deeply ingrained in the intellects of all free men who survived. Unfortunately, many prominent individuals and organizations still call for expanded trade and cultural relations and, ultimately, diplomatic relations with Mao Tse-tung's China. Their arguments are based on wishful thinking rather than fact.

Information reported by Peking itself refutes the idea that the Communists are firmly entrenched on the mainland. Mao's "let-a-hundred-flowers-bloom" campaign uncovered broad opposition to Communist rule in China that had to be crushed through the current "rectification"

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and "anti-rightist" drives. We have reliable reports of anti-Communist student demonstrations; official reports of the "relocation" of tens of thousands of intellectuals from urban areas to farms; the visible evidence of a constant stream of refugees to Hong Kong and Macao; the report of Shih Liang, Peking's Minister of Justice, that the "People's Courts" had dealt with 364,604 "counter-revolutionary" cases in a 17-month period. These are strong indications, indeed, that all is not well in Communist China.

The second assumption—that Mao might become a Tito—seems to have been shattered by Peking's joining with the Soviet Union in the most vigorous denunciation of Tito's recent deviations. Its attitude on "revisionism" today is as clear as was its support of the brutal Soviet intervention in Hungary.

THERE APPEAR to be only two alternative lines of action open to U.S. policy: either expand trade and cultural relations with Red China, which is the first step toward its admission to the UN and recognition by our Government; or continue and strengthen our present policy of resolute opposition to any political, diplomatic, economic or moral assistance to Red China.

Let us examine the possible results of the first of these two alternatives: We have already agreed to actions by our allies to ease their restrictions on trade with Red China. The moment our own trade restrictions are eased substantially, the prestige of the Peking regime will begin to mount in Asia. The economy of Red China, which by its own admission is facing serious difficulties, will be bolstered. In a recent speech, the Deputy Minister of Economic Planning of the Peking regime called for wide-scale economic retrenchments and admitted critical shortages of pig iron, steel and lumber; shortages in meats, totalling 20 million hogs; shortages in edible oils; shortages in cotton, totalling 20 million tons; shortages in coal which led to the destruction of railroad cars for fuel in Inner Mongolia. Expansion of trade would act as a rescue operation. The power of Communist China would be considerably enhanced.

Then, American newspapermen and businessmen will go into Red China and begin dealing with Communist Government officials. Pressures will increase for U.S. Government officials to be stationed in Red China to assist our citizens. The next step would be establishment of U.S. consular offices—which would inevitably lead to recognition of the Mao regime. Somewhere along the line will come admission of Red China to the United Nations.

The moment that our Government recognizes Peking, the key will be turned on the prison that is mainland China. We will have told our present allies in Asia that they would have been better off as neutrals, and indirectly told the neutrals that they might as well give in to the Reds now as later.

If Communist China is admitted to the UN, the Charter of that organization would, I am afraid, be another "scrap of paper" to be tossed into the pile of discarded international documents. Many forget that the Charter did not provide for universality of membership, but restricted it to peace-loving states. Communist China can certainly not be designated as a peace-loving state after its aggressive war in Korea, its violation of the 1953 armistice terms and its aid to subversive movements in Vietnam and Laos. True, we already have some aggressor states in the United Nations. But why should we add to their number and, in addition, give the aggressor a seat on the Security Council?

Furthermore, if we recognize Peking, we will have helped solidify one of the most potent fifth columns in history. The 12 million overseas Chinese living in Southeast Asia will have little choice but to give their allegiance to Red China, and to try to deliver into its control the countries where they have great power: the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaya, Thailand, and Burma. And our own citizens of Chinese descent will be subjected to blackmail and coercion, through their relatives in China, by the diplomatic representatives of the Peking regime.

Admission of Red China—which would entitle it to China's permanent seat on the UN Security Council—would tie up the Security Council completely, and thereby encourage aggression by both the Soviet and Chinese Communists. For the sake of expediency, and a few dollars' profit, we will have made valueless the sacrifice of 35,000 American boys who died in Korea resisting Chinese Communist aggression.

What of the other road—that of non-recognition and no trade?

Following this road, we will strengthen our national security by adhering to the intelligent principle of steadfast support of our allies and refusal to build up our enemies. By helping to strengthen freedom among our allies and helping to build sound economies and political systems in Asia, we will demonstrate the value of a free society as opposed to slavery under Communism. Continued economic pressures from without could cause greater economic pressures from within to force Peking to make basic concessions to the Chinese people. If there is any chance at all of dividing China from the Kremlin, it must come by forcing Peking to turn from Moscow because the Soviet Union cannot supply China's needs, rather than by making it easy for both countries to survive.

The argument is sometimes heard that we must be "realistic" and "practical"—the implication being that to be realistic and practical we must deal with Communist China. In contrast, our Committee of One Million insists that, to be realistic and practical, we must not recognize Red China or admit it into the UN. To do so would be to invite disaster.

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Of course none of this just happened. The tremendous forces at work, deliberately to speed up this degeneration of our republic, can best be typified by the large foundations. They have for decades been working under the secret but visible directive: So to change the economic and political structure of the United States that it can be comfortably merged with Soviet Russia. They have set the pace for the whole demagogic tribe that—many of them unaware of where they were heading or who was pushing them—has sought not only to make us a *democracy* but to convince the American people that we are supposed to be a democracy. For acceptance of that change, from a republic, is an all-inclusive step of tremendous importance on the road to the rule of a Communist tyrant, with neither laws nor precedents nor traditions to restrict his cruel power. The glorification of "majority rule" as the unchecked and immediate arbiter of the fate of minorities and majorities alike is the great and dangerous criminal fraud, which our forefathers so much feared, and tried as well as they knew how to prevent.

In summary, democracy is government by majority vote, whether direct in a pure democracy or by one step removed in a representative democracy. It provides no protection of the rights of minorities nor even of the best interests of the majorities themselves, against the sudden whims of the electorate or the results of the voters' gullibility. And those who, through ignorance or greed or indifference, will allow their glorious republic to be converted into so despicable a pretense of civilized government, deserve the ultimate enslavement into which that transition is designed to lead them. But the framework of what was given us by our ancestors is not yet destroyed. The destruction now going on can be stopped and inner damages can—with enough determination—still be repaired. Ours is a republic, not a democracy. Let's keep it that way.

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On The Differences Between

A DEMOCRACY AND A REPUBLIC

Historically both words, *democracy* and *republic*, have been used with a wide variety of meanings and shades of meanings. Nor is there any denial that these shades overlap to some extent. But there is a tendency, permitted by even some of the best dictionaries, to regard *democracy* as the generic term, and a republic as merely one species of democracy. This is not supported by either etymology or history.

The word *democracy* comes from the Greek, and is concerned from the very beginning with the form of rule, or the source of governmental power and the method by which it is exercised. It meant rule by the people instead of rule by an autocracy or oligarchy. And so rapidly and completely did demagoguery cause this rule by the people to degenerate into mobocracy that by the time of Aristotle it was considered very unflattering to any government to speak of it as a democracy.

The word *republic* comes from the Latin, and designates only "the public affairs" or the "common weal," without regard to how those public affairs are conducted or the common well-being is achieved. None of the Greek city states, in which democracy originated, ever had a republic, or anything resembling one. But since then, and before the Communists deliberately prostituted so much of our language into deceptive reversals, the term has been applied, almost universally and with ready acceptance, to such widely different states as Rome in its earliest centuries, Venice, Poland in the 16th through the 18th centuries, the United Netherlands Confederation of the same period, the Swiss Republic, various French governments, and the United States of America. Some of these were monarchies (even at times absolute monarchies), some were oligarchies, and some were *representative democracies*, so far as the *form* of government is our concern. But what made these states *republics*, in the minds of statesmen and political scientists and historians and the informed public, was the fact that each of them (in theory, anyway) was ruled according to the well

established laws—whether set forth by statutes, by precedents, or by written constitutions—and not simply by the whim of the monarch, or of the oligarchy, or of a temporary majority of the voters. "The rule of laws, not men," is one of the soundest of all the copybook maxims. And it is the essence of the whole difference between a democracy and a republic. Democracy is the rule of men, not bound by laws—or tradition or precedent—whenever mob psychology can be built up by demagogues to support the demagogues' disdain for the restrictions of law. A republic is rule subject to laws—and tradition and precedent—which laws cannot be changed except by due and deliberate process according to their own provisions.

Except when utilized by very small units, such as a tiny Greek city-state or an American township or village, democracy has never worked satisfactorily as a form of government. Especially when the size of the unit becomes such that "pure democracy" is no longer practicable, and it is necessary for the voters to select representatives to make the actual decisions and do the governing for them, does the deterioration into a mobocracy always become rapid and disastrous. The whole life cycle of a "representative democracy," from early stability through mobocracy and murderous cruelty to counter-revolution and stability once again, was telescoped by the French Revolution into a period of a few short years. This was because of the excessive steam pressure of the forces at work. But the pattern was an exact one for the course of a "representative democracy," as a form of government for large units, nevertheless.

Although our republic was established before the French Revolution had supplied this horrible example, our founding fathers were well aware of the faults and dangers of a democracy. They wanted no part of one for our national government. In fact, while our constitution goes so far as to guarantee a republican form of government to each of the several states, it does not even mention a democracy or a democratic form of government once. And one of the very few times the Federalist Papers (which tell us most of what we know about the thinking that went into our constitution) even mention a democracy, is in Federalist Paper No. 10, where Madison does so in order *to show us its disadvantages.*

If Washington and Hamilton and Jefferson and Madison and all of the other great men of our constitutional convention had not believed that a constitutional republic was the best of all forms of government, they would have provided something else. For theirs was a clean slate on which to write. They did so believe, and both man's age-old experience with government and his most carefully reasoned theories support their choice.

But a republic, even if in the form of a monarchy or an oligarchy, does presuppose the ultimate responsibility of the governors to the governed. A king "by divine right" cannot head a republic, but only a king by—in theory, anyway—the consent of the governed. So that the governed do have the inherent right, and usually the opportunity, to make changes even in the basic laws through which the republic functions. And when the governmental form is the same as that of a "representative democracy," the danger of a breakdown of the legal guard rails of the republic is always present and usually becomes worse with time. So that the greatest fault of a republic is the likelihood of its deteriorating into a democracy. And of this, too, our forefathers were well aware. When Benjamin Franklin was asked, at the end of the Constitutional Convention, "What have you given us, Mr. Franklin?", his answer was: "A republic, Madam, if you can keep it!"

His fear was well founded. For today, because of the utterly unjustified and steadily increasing violation and disregard of our constitution itself, we have already gone far towards losing that protection of laws, against the schemes of demagogues and the whims of the electorate, which made us a republic instead of a democracy. The formerly slow erosion of our constitutional guarantee became a rapid rotting away under the Franklin Roosevelt Administration and those which have succeeded it. First, the Executive Department began to attack and circumvent the Constitution. Then the Legislative Department began supinely to surrender its rights and to fail in its duties under the Constitution. And then the Judicial Department began, in brazen and criminal violation of the oaths of office of individual justices, to change the Constitution by fiat of the Supreme Court, and of lesser courts. Until today the conversion of our republic into a democracy and the preparatory steps for making it a mobocracy are already far

Lenin established the movement known as Bolshevism in 1903. He had 17 supporters. A few years later he conquered Russia with a party of approximately 40,000 members. By 1959 the party of Lenin controlled one billion persons. "In one generation," says Dr. Schwarz, "the godless Communists have brought under their control 12 times as many as Hitler ruled at the beginning of World War II, 12 times as many as the Japanese ruled, and six times the population of the United States. In less than half a century, they have conquered far more than the total number of the world's population who have heard the minimum story of Christ from any source after nearly 2000 years."

The answer to the problem of combating the Communists lies in the area of education —education of the masses to the menace that is engulfing them while they are not aware of it. The Communists have stated their plans and they are right on schedule. It is not easy to recognize a Communist. They are shrewd and disciplined; the truth to them is what the party heads — the Presidium — says is the truth.

It is all very terrifying, particularly so because so many millions, even billions, are the unwitting tools of the Reds.

Every American should read this book. The various Foundations which are always "doing something" for people around the World, might well see to it that "You Can Trust the Communists" is available to everybody who can read, and who is able to work individually to prevent our destruction. I cannot emphasize this too strongly.

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by DR. FRED SCHWARZ

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YOU CAN TRUST THE COMMUNISTS
by Dr. Fred Schwarz (Prentice-Hall, Inc.)

— This detailed expose of Communist mechanizations toward its long objective of world conquest should be read by every American, especially by the millions who are unaware of the insidious and subversive tactics employed by our enemy in its determination to win the class war which it believes will destroy Capitalism, which means the United States. It is a terrifying account of intrigue, deception, fake promises, illegal acts, "brainwashing," seduction of the intellectuals and shrewd manipulation of dupes, many of whom believe they are anti-Communists but actually are the tools of the Kremlin. And the hour is late to meet this challenge.

The title, "You Can Trust the Communists" is deceptive in that you can trust the Communists only to do precisely what they have said they will do. Their intentions, beliefs and methods have been stated many, many times and there has been no deviation from the course they plotted under Lenin, carried on by Stalin and Khrushchev. They have proclaimed a fight to the finish with Capitalism and the war is prosecuted relentlessly on schedule. The author is Dr. Fred Schwarz, an Australian who has traveled around the world to attack the Communists and to warn all of us of impending danger. He has spoken in St. Louis.

For those who have the will to be informed —hence, able to meet the Red challenge— this is an invaluable handbook.

He describes how cells and fronts are formed. He reveals the studied technique of "brainwashing." He tells about the discipline and sacrifices demanded from every party member as well as the fellow travelers and sympathizers, even to the point of confessions of guilt which actually does not exist. This causes men and women to stand in the dock and admit they are "traitors and unfit to live" because they have betrayed the working class, which they have not.

It is not easy to become a party member. The Communists have never aimed at the conversion of great masses of people. "Their whole concept," writes Dr. Schwarz, "is that of a small party, compact, mobile, disciplined and dedicated, consisting largely of an intellectual elite. It is the task of this small group to utilize scientifically the social forces that move and direct the masses of the people, so that the Communist party may come to power over them, and impose forcibly the Communist program.

"The program of Communism is to recruit into the services of the party great numbers of individuals most of whom are unconscious that they are serving the Communist purpose."

Among the latter are students around the world who play the Communist game to the hilt although the majority of them are not Reds, perhaps are openly anti-Communist. They are the notable dupes, the psuedo-liberals who entertain delusions of making the world better by aiding and abetting the diabolically clever men in Moscow.

tive. Our apathetic complacency must be replaced with a vigorous ideological offensive. The current military stalemate must be maintained at all costs. We must immediately stop all trade with Communist countries using slave labor. Leadership of the free world requires strong morals and courage of conviction. We must make a distinction between right and wrong, good and evil, and defend the policy at all costs. Compromise means slavery. Foreign subsidies to proven friends should be continued, but aid to Communist or middle-of-the-road countries should be stopped. We should declare the Communist movement an outlaw in the community of civilized nations. Using every legitimate means at our disposal, including the underground movement in captive countries, we should encourage the people in captive nations to throw off the yoke of bondage and pledge our assistance when the will for freedom displays itself as it did in Hungary, Tibet, East Germany and Poland. To paraphrase Lenin, "Captive peoples of the world, revolt; you have nothing to lose but your chains."

We must successfully answer and defeat the challenge of Communism or we shall be destroyed —and with us, the freedoms and entire precious heritage which our forefathers have fashioned for us through the centuries. We cannot afford to lose. We can WIN.

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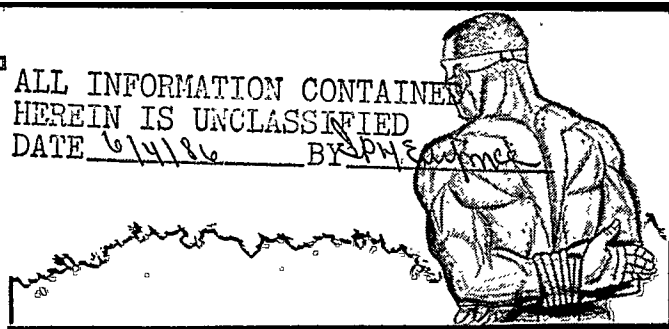

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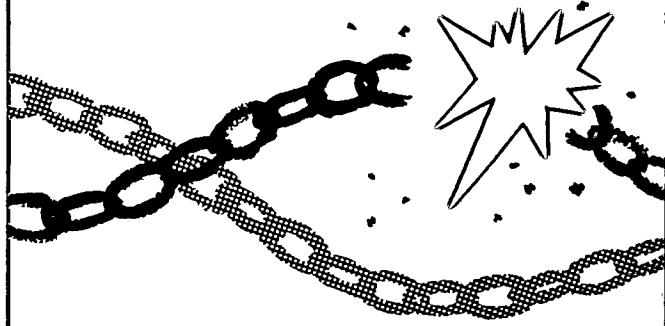

PEACE or VICTORY

by W. P. Strube, Jr.

PEACE APPEARS in many panoramic attires. It may be real or an illusion. There is the peace of ignorance. A person, like so many in America today, may have peace simply because he is uninformed. In not knowing the facts, he remains undisturbed. "Ignorance is bliss." There is the peace of mental gymnastics when an individual pretends things are not as they are, and, at times, convinces himself contrary to the truth—the proverbial ostrich with its head in the sand. Among many today we find the peace of fatalism, "What will be will be." Such individuals hold to the belief that man cannot change destiny. Such peace dooms man to helplessness and serves as a defense for laziness.

There is the peace of anesthesia, making a man insensitive to reality. It may be brought on by alcohol, dope, or just the intoxication of entertainment. This is the peace of escape. Some men will do whatever is necessary to keep numb to reality. Physically, if a man does not feel pain, he may become sedated to its cause and ultimately destroyed by indifference. False peace disarms an individual, or a nation, and places either at the mercy of the facts.

Today, the Communists have confronted us with a decision—submit or be crushed. Illustrating this on an individual basis is possible because of our Korean experiences. Many of our P.O.W.'s relate the facts. The Communists deprived them to the point of death—inadequate rations, severe cold resulting in influenza, pneumonia and apparent death, to be suddenly surprised in the Communists' provision of food, hospitalization, multiple vitamins, antibiotics, and physical restoration of health. This was then followed by another cycle of fatigue and suffering to the point of death or insanity. Our men reported after several of these circular nightmares that they became eternally grateful for the Communists having saved their lives, completely overlooking the fact that they had been responsible for the suffering. This same principle is being used by the Despots of the Kremlin in international affairs. Threaten in the Mideast, talk peace; shell Quemoy on alternate days; make demands in Berlin with the alternative of surrender or nuclear war. From a human viewpoint, these alternatives are tantamount to a condition of anxiety relieved by a false temporal security. America lets herself be distracted by trouble, and then takes refuge in unreality. Many Americans today are actually grateful to Khrushchev for having kept us out of a nuclear war, overlooking the fact that he is the man primarily responsible for world tension.

Lasting peace from a human viewpoint can only be built on a foundation of justice and moral responsibility. Justice and moral responsibility, as we know them, are completely alien to the Communist system. America is naive to stake her future on any agreement or treaties with the Communists. The Communists may temporarily honor an agreement, even when it works to their disadvantage. They are ready to accept such tactical losses while awaiting their opportunity to break the agreement, and by so doing, advance their plans for world domination.

We must accept the fact that Communist pressures will continue as long as their goals remain unchanged. Conflict is the chief instrument of their drive to remake their people, and the world, in accordance with their Communist blueprint. We must, therefore, be prepared for a long siege of continuing pressure. "Like it or not, the great and inescapable task of our epoch is not to end the cold war, but to win it."—Eugene Lyons.

Is there another alternative to atomic annihilation or surrender? Yes, there is. The peace of God is the only authentic peace. It works with things as they are. Apart from Jesus Christ, a man has two alternatives when faced with cold, hard, and brutal facts—ANXIETY or FALSE SECURITY. Either he lets himself be distracted by troubles, or he takes refuge in unreality. The peace of God mobilizes a man, enables him to keep his equilibrium in the face of the facts, makes him poised, efficient and capable. He is the master, never the victim of circumstances. He is aware of the facts, and more than a match for them in the strength of Christ. Christ said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

How do we go about winning the cold war, once we have shaken off the crippling fear of atomic war? First, VICTORY must be our objec-

THE RED'S PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCH

by Mrs. Helen Sigrist

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LAST fall a delegation of Australian churchmen visited Red China, and came back delighted with both the economic state of China and the freedom they felt the church has under Communism. This spring representatives of Japanese churches made a similar trip, with most of their reports being equally optimistic. Can we believe such reports? If not, what happens to well-meaning churchmen when they take conducted tours of Communist countries? Have they undergone some mysterious "brain-washing?"

"Brain-washed" Clergymen?

Yes, in a very real sense such delegates are "brain washed." Churchmen are especially easy to influence unless they understand the meaning of Communism. They're idealists. They've been taught to look for good rather than bad. Most of them are not well grounded in economics or political science. Communists consider them the most naive section of the world's population, though they'd not put it as gently as that.

Besides this, if they have fought Communism it's too often because of what they thought it was, not for what it really is. They've thought all Communists are out for personal wealth or power, and then they meet one who has obviously sacrificed much for the movement and would give his life for it, expecting no reward in heaven and nothing now but the thought of building a new world. They've heard of free love, and find among Young Communists higher moral standards than among most non-Christians of the free world. They've pictured all Communists as sadistic, humorless maniacs, and meet some who chat about Beethoven and laugh easily at little incidents, as people laugh everywhere. They decide they must have been wrong about Communists, and are disarmed.

Then the churchmen hear for the first time from able speakers the "other side" of the story of colonialism and exploitation and how the church followed the advance of imperialism, and it seems to make sense. They see illiteracy being reduced, and they see no more beggars. They see that though the country is still poor, yet people have enough food to live. They talk to church leaders who say that the Communists have made a deal with them and they are free, if only they are loyal to the government. And the churchmen go home believing—brainwashed because they didn't know what Communism was when they went, and they still don't know.

Then what is Communism?

First, Communism is an ideal society of which men dream, in which there would be no war, crime nor poverty and very little sickness, in which each person would work for the love of it and receive all he needs. Communists never claim to have such a society, only that it will grow once capitalism is dead and there is no more need to keep a war machine. Theirs is Satan's dream of heaven without God. They might succeed except for the fact that it is man's fallen nature that is responsible for the evils of his society, not the other way around.

Second, Communism is a movement to destroy the old world and build the new through the instrument of the Communist Party, which is never intended to be more than a small, resolute, thoroughly convinced minority. This Party works openly, and secretly. It enters organizations it hopes to win over, others it hopes to sabotage and smash, others it intends to neutralize. A majority of the people may not favor its program before a successful revolution, but the majority must be neutralized, that is, be unwilling to fight to the death against them. Let us never think that Communists would rest while any tiny portion of the world was not in their control. As one of their songs goes, "We want the earth and all that's on it. . . ."

Third, Communism is a philosophy of life, one that is often called a religion because it gives men something to live and die for. Many Communist theories have changed since the days of Marx, as no one can predict economic and political developments with complete accuracy. Communists adapt to new conditions or forget some of their theories. But the basis can never be changed, and it's well for Christians to remember this if they think of cooperation with Communists. That basis is **materialism.** Communist teaching means nothing if there is even the possibility of the supernatural in the universe.

Most educated people have heard the Marxist phrase "Religion is the opiate of the people." Do Communists really mean that? They certainly do, and they hate every expression of religion, especially Christianity. I know that as a Communist I hated the God I said didn't exist with a fury that is beyond the understanding of all who haven't felt it. I hated the sight of a church or a Bible or a minister. The Communists I knew felt the greatest contempt for England's Red Dean of Canterbury and other religionists who helped us, even when it was clear that their "surpernaturalism" was little more than words. For all that, we always had a smile and a warm handclasp for the pastor or the Sunday school teacher who wandered our way. We had learned to stomach many things we didn't like for the sake of the cause, and we could

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greet these people because we had to, even if it meant prattling piously about "Comrade Jesus." Many a church participated in Communist-sponsored movements on welfare problems or education or segregation or civil rights. (Communists are not too alarmed when they happen to be unpopular for the moment. Look what happened in China!)

Communists intend to destroy the church. They want to do it as quickly and efficiently as possible. They plan to wipe from the memory of man all thought of religion except as a myth believed by ignorant ancestors. Why then do Russia and China guarantee freedom of religion in their constitutions? Because Satan learned something in Nero's day and will not make the mistake again of giving a simple and quick choice between Christ and death. The freedom promised on paper, and the limited freedom in practice, seems to the Communists the quickest way to kill Christianity. Besides they intend to use the church in its dying years.

Clergymen Confused

A happy Australian churchman reports that Red China has had to "come to terms with the church." But remember, the Communist goal is to neutralize antagonism. The church is required not only not to oppose the government, but to support it loyally, and this brings into submission not only church members but all in their circles of influence. Leaders are asked to condemn foreign missionaries as agents of imperialism, and it doesn't seem an issue worth dying for so they do it, even though such of them as are truly born again received life in Christ because of the ministry of these missionaries. The church must tell outsiders that it is free—and so word spreads throughout the world, and antagonism is softened, and nations are prepared just a little more for the day of their own disaster. In Communist theory, everything is political, whether astronomy or child care. Chinese Christians may think they have not compromised in matters of faith—and who are we to condemn them, who have not been under like pressure?—but is it really the government that has come to terms, or is it the church? For the Chinese Communists, the church has become a political agent, quietly cooperating, until the time comes for its death.

Meanwhile Communist strategy is to take from the church the youth, its future leaders, by compulsory teaching of materialist science; by arranging activities conflicting with church programs, they plan to isolate the younger generation and only a handful of "odd numbers" will cling to religious faith. The church is restricted in its publications, is denied the right to conduct schools as it used to do, is usually unable to hold open air meetings, and so on. It meets a steady stream of anti-religious propaganda. Yet this is proudly described as freedom.

Much is made of the fact that in recent years no one has been imprisoned or killed on the charge of being a Christian. True. As Christianity is not itself a crime on the books, those whose preaching is zealous and who seem to the government to have too little enthusiasm for Communism, are arrested on some small technical charge, or on some frame-up, or are accused of being spies because of past association with missionaries. Through unrelieved pressure that breaks the spirit, many come to believe that their Christian work may have been part of a foreign plot to control Chinese minds, and they confess and are reeducated along Communist lines. Others receive strength to resist, and are never heard from again. No one is given the chance to die for Christ as the world sees it. The Lord sees it otherwise.

There is nothing unique about the Communist tactics in dealing with the church, as it is good Marxist-Leninist theory to have an immediate goal that seems quite different from the ultimate goal. Communists are internationalists—yet they support every nationalist movement, either to direct it, or in the hope that it will weaken the great world powers. Communists promise small farms to poor peasants when estates are divided—yet they soon coax or force them to join collectives. Communists scream for academic freedom when Red teachers are discharged in capitalist countries—but themselves give far less freedom. Communists work in trade unions in every country before the revolution—but afterward render them almost functionless. Communists support pacifist groups to cripple their enemies—but are far from pacifist themselves. It's no wonder that they use a promise of freedom as a means of killing the church.

Now we know that God is able to overrule Satan's agents, human or otherwise. He can comfort and strengthen Christians and give them wisdom. Even the newest Christian has the promise that it will be given him what he should say in a day of trial. In answer to prayer in China and outside, the Holy Spirit can frustrate the destroyers and give revival. Perhaps then the Communists would turn to violence in desperation, but even that could build the church.

Delegations Destroy Church

Will the Chinese church be benefited, however, by the sending of delegations who come back with rosy reports? No. Such reports injure the church, both in China and outside. The Chinese church will lose because the reports will not arouse Christians to pray earnestly for China and the believers there, but will remove all sense of urgency or pressing need. We will lose because we will go on our complacent way, crying peace when there is no peace, unmoved at the disaster that has overtaken a large part of the world. We will be lulled to sleep, while Communists, sneering at our stupidity, work night and day to destroy faith in the world. Then one day the Red government will ask the church of Jesus Christ in China to send its sons to fight with the blessing of the church. When they march, we who have helped build their power by an easy policy of accepting and speaking well of this Satanic force will see our mistake, too late.

Must we then desert our brothers in China? Is there nothing we can do to help them? We should by all means seek to do anything we can that is a real help. Until we are sure that some other means will not do more harm than good, we can pray. Not a vague mumbling of "God bless the Christians in China," but real intercession, the prayer that costs and that releases the power of Almighty God. Perhaps those who know the Chinese church best could mobilize this prayer by a campaign suggesting specific needs, real goals. Let us never say "It seems we can do nothing but pray." Let it rather be, "God is omnipotent—and we can pray!" ★

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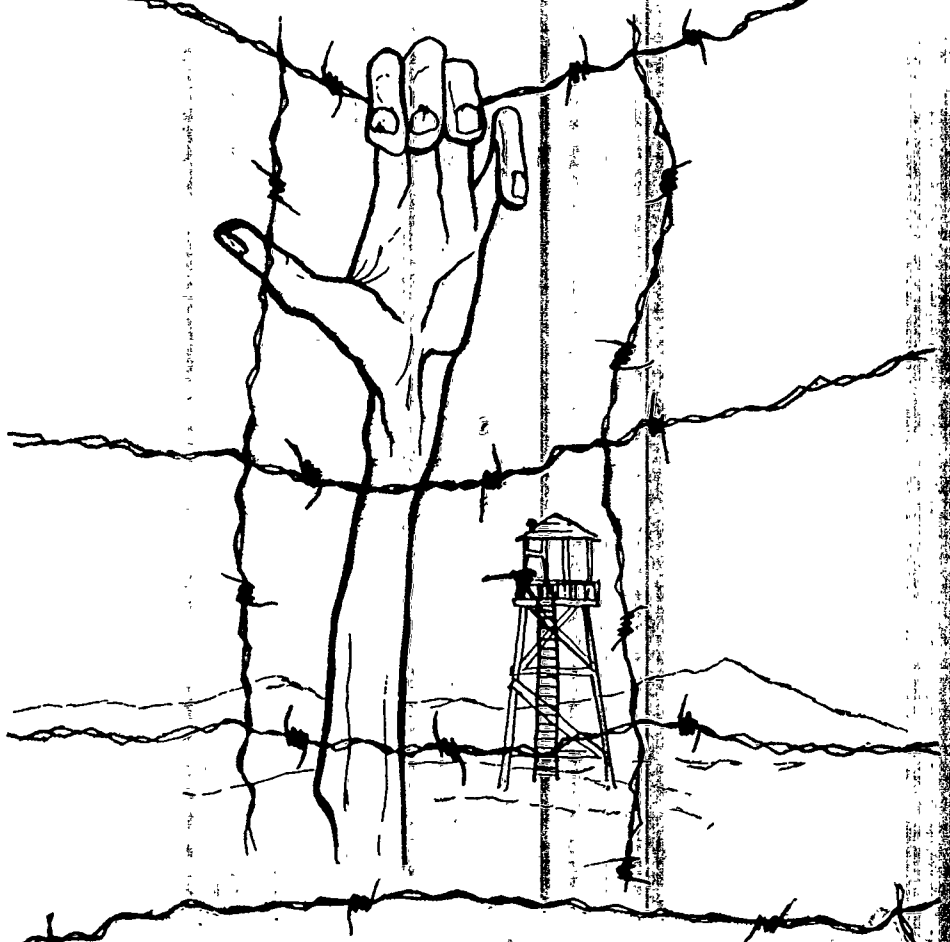

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Registration 8:45 A.M.

"MARXIST PHILOSOPHY" – W. P. Strube, Jr. 9:00 A.M.
Doctrines of Dialectical Materialism, Millenium, Regeneration, Confession, Reward. – How do people become Communists?

"THE COMMUNIST WEAPON OF ALLURE" 10:00 A.M.
Dr. Warren Walsh, Professor of Russian History at the Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Special Advisor, Syracuse University, explains the methods used by Communist to gain sympathizers. (U. S. Army Film.)

Coffee Break 10:30 A.M.

"LENIN'S PROGRAM FOR WORLD CONQUEST" 10:45 A.M.
– W. P. Strube, Jr.
Application of Discipline and Marxist Philosophy, History of Bolshevik Party, Blueprint and Tentative Date of World Conquest.

"A LOOK AT SOCIALISM" 11:45 A.M.
Starting with Webster's definition, the philosophy, the substance, the origin, and the record of Socialism in practice are objectively studied – through dramatizations, actual film footage made in England, and the many other interesting facts at hand. (Film – Harding College.)

Recess for Lunch 12:00 A.M.

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COMMUNISM ON THE MAP 1:30 P.M.
Shocking documentation on how the Communists have won each victory. A presentation designed to awaken any apathetic American. (National Educ. Prog. Film)

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All questions given must be written and signed. During the day, as you think of questions, please write them down to give to the speaker for answers during the appropriate session.

"COMMUNIST BLUEPRINT FOR CONQUEST OF AMERICA" – W. P. Strube, Jr. 2:00 P.M.
How Churches, Schools, and Industry are cooperating for their own destruction . . . . . DO YOU WANT PEACE?

"COMMUNIST BLUEPRINT FOR CONQUEST" 2:45 P.M.
Mr. Borris H. Klassen, U. S. Department of State explains methods and techniques used by the Communists to seize power in a country. (U. S. Army Film)

Coffee Break 3:15 P.M.

"A LOOK AT CAPITALISM" 3:30 P.M.
Neither Socialism nor Communism ever will become established in the U. S. A. if each generation of Americans gets a clear understanding of our American system of capitalism, how it works, and the comparative advantages it produces for all citizens. (Film – Harding College)

COMMUNISM IN CURRENT EVENTS 3:45 P.M.
W. P. Strube, Jr.
Analysis of recent events in Japan, India, Congo, Cuba & South America. Will the Formosa or Berlin Crises bring on World War III?

"RESPONSIBILITY OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP" 4:45 P.M.
American citizenship is one of the most precious gifts on earth; it is a combination of privileges and responsibilities. The responsibility must be developed by each new generation, else the heritage of freedom will die. Eight great obligations of citizenship are discussed. (Film – Harding College)

"OPERATION ABOLITION" 7:00 P.M.
It can happen here! Communism in action in San Francisco student riots in May, 1960 (Film)

"WHAT CAN WE DO" – W. P. Strube, Jr. – 7:45 P.M.
Suggested methods as to how to combat this deadly foe in your city. Any questions unanswered will be answered in the closing of this hour.

to be reported; the Communists then took the babies "10 to 15 days after birth."

One Communist technique was to show movies to boys and girls, then tell them they would see more of these in China. If the child was willing to go the parents were forbidden to interfere; if the child didn't fall for the trick the parents were blamed, taken before a public meeting and beaten. The investigators found evidence that some parents who objected were executed.

Children who escaped transfer to China were indoctrinated in Communist schools set up in Tibet. In some areas food was denied children whose parents did not send them to these schools. Young people were encouraged to harass parents resisting Communist ways. An 18-year-old boy saw his father with a prayer wheel, began kicking him brutally. When the father tried to protect himself Chinese soldiers intervened, said the youth was within his rights, and let him continue. Later the father drowned himself. The Red policy was to produce planned chaos, uproot the old family order. One boy was asked by the Chinese whether his mother had ever beaten him, then told it was now his turn to beat her.

After nine years of this reign of terror, the Chinese Reds delivered the ultimate insult: in March 1959 Lt. Gen. Tan Kuan-san, political commissar of the Chinese army in Tibet, sent a crude letter directing that the Dalai Lama, the god-king of Tibet, present himself *unescorted* at the Chinese military headquarters. This order was virtual blasphemy because religion required that the Dalai Lama, who is the Living Buddha, should not appear in public without his escort of senior abbots and courtiers. Behind it, also, was the threat that the Dalai Lama was about to be abducted, isolated from his advisers, then converted into a helpless tool of Communism.

The result was the dramatic escape of the Dalai Lama to India, where in freedom he told the investigators, "The Chinese Communists invaded Tibet in the name of 'liberating' Tibet. Liberation has come to those brave countrymen of mine who died fighting in the cause of Tibetan freedom. The rest of my country is enslaved by a foreign power known for its ruthlessness and expansionist policies."

The flight of their god-king touched off a nation-wide revolt which the Red conquerors crushed with hideous brutality. Though thousands of Tibetans were slaughtered, pockets of resistance remain in less accessible areas.

Twelve years ago the member states of the United Nations agreed on a Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, the gravest crime of which any nation can be accused. Regarding the Red Chinese actions in Tibet, the Dalai Lama said, "As I understand it, it is not necessary for the perpetration of genocide to destroy the major portion of the population. It is enough if an alien power, by mass killings, deportations and immigration, so changes the face of the country that the people become a minority, that their religion is exterminated, their culture destroyed, and even their identity. This is happening in Tibet."

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TERROR IN TIBET

The shocking proof of how the Chinese Reds use torture and mass murder to wipe out the religion and folkways of an ancient nation

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By Lowell Thomas

PRIOR to 1950, Tibet was an isolated, mountainous country in south-central Asia. Its two million inhabitants (or there may be two or three times that number—no census has ever been taken) were devoted to prayer and worship. But in October of that year, inner Tibet, the land ruled by the Dalai Lama, was invaded by Red China, a grim nation of 670 million, whose leaders have proclaimed that "religion is evil." Since that time, there have been many rumors of Red oppression, torture and murder.

I heard, for instance, that one of my friends, Tsarong Shapé, had been tortured and killed. Tsarong for many years was the No. 1 cabinet minister in Lhasa. Lowell Jr. and I visited him in 1949, and found him in retirement. When the Reds swept down in 1950 he fled to the Indian border. Later the old statesman returned to Lhasa. Instead of allowing him to live quietly with his people, the Chinese put him in chains, dragged him through the streets until he was dead. This I heard from one of his Lhasa neighbors. So I wouldn't call it a rumor.

At any rate, for the first time we now are given the facts—and the facts are even worse than the rumors. The detailed story of Tibet's tragic era has been set down with judicious care in one of the most appalling documents ever assembled by objective investigators. The document is the 345-page report of a legal inquiry committee set up by the International Commission of Jurists, a politically free, non-government organization. The distinguished members of the committee included a judge of the supreme court of Ceylon, a former justice of the supreme court of Burma, an ex-prime minister of Thailand, the president of the Philippine Bar Association, and lawyers from India, Ghana and Norway.

To find out the real story of Tibet, the investigators held hearings in India, where more than 50,000 Tibetan refugees, including the Dalai Lama, had fled. They received statements from a large number of these refugees, then subjected many of them to searching direct examination. They also secured copies of what the official Red Chinese and Chinese-controlled Tibetan press and radio were saying during the dread decade. The picture that emerges is almost too horrible to believe.

What Buchenwald was to the 1940's, Tibet was to the 1950's. The Chinese Reds came into Tibet with a systematic design to obliterate its Buddhist religion. Torture and murder of religious leaders were part of the plan. So were humiliation, degradation and ridicule.

Consider the case of the three lamas, Shar Kalden Gyatso, Arrok Dorji Chung and Sharong Karpo. They were taken before a meeting

which the Red Chinese forced Tibetans to attend. First, the Tibetans had to watch Chinese women beat the lamas and pull their hair out. Then, under threat of death, they were forced to join in the beatings. The lamas were next placed in a pit and the Tibetan people made to urinate on them while the Reds in ridicule invited the lamas to fly out of the pit. Finally, the lamas were chained together around the neck, forced to carry human excrement in baskets, and taken from village to village by Chinese soldiers for display before the inhabitants.

Such taunting, often as a prelude to execution, was a technique widely used to discredit lamas and their religion in the eyes of Tibetans. At the Trasang monastery the monks who refused to work were imprisoned in a room without food for four days—and told by the Communists that their God would provide. At Malung, when Phuntsog Norbu, a hermit lama, died after five days without food and water, the Chinese summoned the people, forced them to look at the corpse, told them that God had done nothing for the lama, so they had better give up their religion. At another monastery a monk, Turuklu-Sungrab, protested when Red soldiers used the scriptures for toilet paper. His arm was cut off above the elbow by Chinese who then told him that God would give it back to him.

The Reds seized one lama at a monastery in Derge, harnessed him like a horse, made him eat grass, then compelled the village people to ride him and beat him. When the treasurer of the Sakya monastery was beaten, the villagers who did not beat him hard enough were themselves beaten. Five persons died after one such public beating.

No conceivable indignity was overlooked by the Communists in their efforts to undermine the religious faith of what had been one of the happiest peoples on earth. Beggars were forced to kill dogs, skin them in front of cathedrals, then burn their bodies inside in place of incense. Sacred pictures were defiled, religious images dragged through the streets; horses were stabled in temples; tea caldrons were removed from monasteries for use by soldiers as urinals. People were forbidden to carry rosaries, to use prayer wheels and to burn butter lamps before Buddhist images.

Most of the lamas (the priests, teachers and learned men) were killed; the monks were secularized. The apparent reasoning was that elimination of the lamas would bring an end to religious teaching and organized worship. Secularizing the monks, however, would both discredit religion and enable the Communists to get some work out of them. For the invaders were constructing power stations, bridges, airfields, a network of roads inside Tibet and two major highways linking Tibet to China. One, the Tibet-Sikang highway, called for 1400 miles of construction across 14 mountain ranges and 12 rivers, at an average height of 13,000 feet—supposedly the world's highest road. Tibet's more than 300,000 monks were too valuable a labor force to be wasted before firing squads.

The monks were worked from dawn to dark without a break; even while eating they had to work. If they showed no cuts or blisters on their hands they were accused of not working hard enough. If the allotted task was not completed they were allowed no ration. Women, too, including nuns, were forced to work on the roads.

Meanwhile, the Reds were pushing their campaign to force monks (and some lamas) to marry or live with women, brought from China for the purpose. The investigators found evidence that this calculated insult to religious beliefs was sometimes backed up by threats of beheading, torture, starvation. At the Nangsang Gompa monastery the Reds ordered one monk, Derkong Chozey, to stop praying, get married and go to work. He refused, and in September 1958 the Chinese swept into his hermitage, burned the prayer books and seized all religious articles. Then they called an assembly of the local people and machine-gunned Derkong Chozey to death in front of the crowd.

The investigators found ample evidence of mass executions. One nomad testified that while hiding in the hills he saw lamas whom the Chinese had gathered from the monasteries of one district. He estimated that in 15 days about 1000 of them were executed in public. Another 300 from the wealthy class were summoned to a large field, "lined up and shot, one by one, in front of the people."

Usually the Red Chinese favored condemning, torturing and executing a few lamas at a time—as they had tortured and executed my friend, the aged ex-cabinet minister, Tsarong Shapé. The committee found evidence of death by burning, crucifixion, drowning, burial alive. Through the whole catalogue of horror run several common threads: the fake charges repeated in front of people forcibly assembled, the brutal torture for the public to see, then death. At the Litang monastery they compelled villagers to witness a fiendish test: whether lamas could save their own lives. Two lamas, Nori Gen and No-Sog Gen, were brought out and shot—but not fatally. Then boiling water was poured over Nori Gen and he was strangled. No-Sog Gen was stoned and finally felled with an ax. The helplessness of the lamas was, according to the Communists, proof that they could not help others.

Nor were the atrocities confined to religious leaders. In one village the people were called together to witness the fate of two devout laymen, Chopel Gyaltso and Dolma Kyap. They were tied to a tree while the Red Chinese made an announcement: here are two men who had faith in religion and gave money to the lamas; letting them live would be a bad example for young people. So the two were taken to the edge of a trench and shot in the back.

In their systematic anti-religion plan the Red Chinese paid special attention to Tibetan children. As those of us working on the Tibetan refugee problem had already learned, the International Commission of Jurists found that children had been hauled off to China by the truckload. "The main reason for the transfer of the children," the investigators concluded, "appears to be that the Chinese wished to remove them from parental and religious influence. Transferring large groups of young children to the environment of a Communist society from one that is deeply religious would result in producing a new generation far removed from Buddhism, whether the children ever returned to Tibet or not."

In the first years of the occupation the Reds concentrated on children 8 to 15 years old. Then they began taking younger children, then infants. In certain areas all births had

everything, even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands."

Are you practicing your Christianity? Are you living daily for Christ? Do you let the cares of this life—making a living, keeping house, going to school, even church activity—keep you from full abandonment to your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ? Oswald Chambers, in his daily devotional book tells us that Christ says in effect to His disciples, "Don't rejoice in successful service, but rejoice because you are rightly related to Me." Do you guard your fellowship with the Lord, your daily life of prayer and Bible reading? What are you living for? Whom are you living for?

If you do really love Him, are you sharing the good news? I didn't ask you if you were a preacher, but are you letting your fellow workmen, your neighbors, your schoolmates know that Jesus Christ means everything to you, and that you want to introduce your Saviour to them also?

How about your pocketbook? Does God have it as well as your life and witness for Him? A known Communist in San Francisco said that besides giving one-third of his day to Communism, he also gave half of his income. Do you really give to the cause of Christ and the spread of His Gospel as if your life depended on it? You had better, for it does! Most Christians do not even give the minimum tithe or tenth. We are content to be Christians of convenience. We give out of what is left over (if anything) after buying new homes, new cars, washers, dryers, sports equipment and so on.

I cannot conclude without this word to someone who may be reading this and who is yet a stranger to the family of God and dead in trespasses and sins. If the Communists do achieve world domination, I should a thousand times rather fall into their torturing and cruel hands than to leave this life unprepared to meet God. "The body they may kill," wrote the hymnwriter. But Christ said, *"Rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"* (Matthew 10:28). You may have to face a firing squad after a few more years here on earth, but you don't have to face an eternity in hell after this life is over. When the books are opened in eternity, it won't be a question of what you lived and died for politically, but what you did with Jesus who is called Christ. *"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"* (John 3:18).

Why not ask Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, to come into your heart right now, take away your sin and give you life that never ends. Then live all-out for Him. God is still on the throne. He will finally put all His enemies under His feet, but you and I can and must have a real part in this victory. *"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light"* (Ephesians 5:14).

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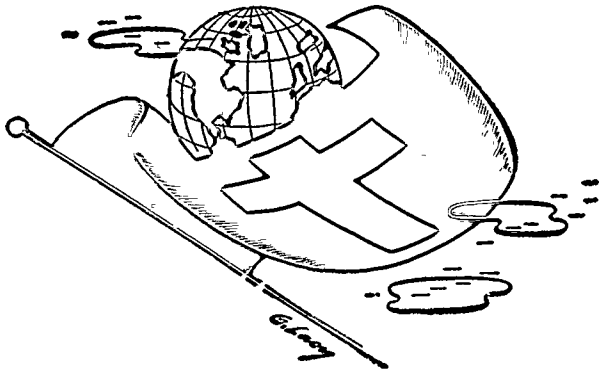

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"WE ARE THE YOUNG AND AGGRESSIVE," Nikita Khrushchev said, when Americans ventured into Lebanon, "and you are the decadent civilization! We will wipe the memory of capitalism from the face of the earth!"

Communism fully intends to conquer the world by or before 1973, and the Reds consider their program to be as much as five years ahead of schedule. In fact, many of Communism's leaders openly boast that they will have a dictator in Washington, D. C. within the next decade!

"When we conquer the United States," Khrushchev is reported to have said, "Sixty million Americans must be removed." Can this possibly happen here in America? A few months ago in Salem, Oregon, an evangelical pastor was approached by a Communist Party member in an effort to soften up the Communist cause. When the pastor resisted, he was told that the Communists have a complete record of pastors and members of the churches of Salem in their files ready for action at the appropriate time!

If the Communists did get control of our country, what would this mean to you and to your church? An official publication of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives points out that if Communism should come to the United States it would mean that:

1. If you belong to a church, you must prepare for persecution.
2. The Communists would destroy every copy of the Bible they could find.
3. It would be illegal for your children to attend Sunday school.
4. The Communists would indoctrinate your children in atheism.
5. Church weddings, funerals and baptisms would be illegal.
6. Missionary work would be absolutely forbidden.

Yes, it can happen here, unless you and I, and all Americans decide to get busy and do something about it. What can I do, you ask? Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, editor of an evangelical magazine, says: "Face the facts, no matter how unpleasant. The Communists say this is a fight to the finish. Believe them! Khrushchev says, 'We will bury you.' He means it! Keep your head out of the sand and face the issue squarely.

"Don't be complacent. John Noble, who vanished for nine years in a Russian slave camp, said, 'We are drowning in a sea of complacency. Americans simply do not want to care.' You are your brother's keeper, including the 28 million in slave labor camps behind the Iron Curtain.

"Finally, agitate as a Christian for the righteous forces to take the initiative. We have been on the defensive. A personal acceptance of the gospel message is still the best deterrent to the spread of a godless atheism."

Do you see the peril that is at our very doorstep, and also the challenge that faces us? Then let these words from an article in a French Communist paper, "Paix et Liberté," burn with conviction into your heart: "The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy. All the same, it is we who will finally beat you. We are only a handful, and you Christians are numbered by the million. But if you remember the story of Gideon and his three hundred companions, you will understand why I am right. We Communists do not play with words. We are realists, and seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salaries and wages we keep only what is strictly necessary; and we give the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also consecrate all our free time and part of our holidays. You, however, give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this Gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message and we are ready to sacrifice

any expert on the scene should have known, must have known: Castro's revolution was a Communist revolution. Who sold the U.S.A. and the Department of State itself on the idiotic theory that Castro was our friend? An expert who was right on the scene to see and hear all and report the facts! Herbert Matthews of the *New York Times* gave America a mythical picture of Castro from the very start. Make no mistake about it, the advisors on the fourth floor of our State Department know Mr. Matthews personally, and they used his reports to justify their traitorous decisions on Cuba and Castro. Certainly, it seems inconceivable that Herbert Matthew's on-the-spot reports did not hint at all of the existence of a danger to the Western Hemisphere. Even after the take-over, when the execution squads were busy and decent Cubans were seeking asylum in America, Matthews continued to hurl misinformation into the face of history. Castro was NOTHING before Matthews. After Matthews, there came American support, and Castro came into power. Tell us, *New York Times,* is it true that when Castro paid his first visit to the States, he had a secret meeting with Herbert Matthews? If so, what was said? Did Castro thank Matthews, perhaps? Or did they pluck a chicken together? And tell us, *New York Times,* are your expense accounts open to impartial eyes so that we can see just how much American money you are channeling into the Cuban economy through your reporters? Is the sum out of line with what is allowed for reporters elsewhere? Tell us!

When it was first announced that Khrushchev had been invited to visit the United States, thoughtful men worried that captives behind the iron curtain would think we were abandoning them in favor of the butcher who PERSONALLY led the slaughter of millions. The *Times* paved the way editorially in the propaganda drive that hypnotized our nation by saying, "... he is entitled to and must receive not only adequate protection but also all the usual courtesies.'

In the third stage of brainwashing, an "A plus" to the *New York Times.*

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A norm for passing judgement:

If a newspaper thinks that Mao Tze-tung is an "agrarian reformer" and that Fidel Castro is an "agrarian reformer," it is then safe to assume that said newspaper is an "agrarian reformer" newspaper.

Replace the modifiers where you see fit.

FINAL STAGE

Be careful what newspaper you support; and even then, do not believe everything a big tabloid tells you. Pass along this word of caution. Let free speech hasten the liberation of our captive press.

Do not be depressed. Communism is atheistic, and it is the atheist who must fear death. America is a God-fearing, God-loving nation at its roots. Be they ever so long and hard-fought, the final stage in all our battles with communism must be our victory. The gates of hell shall not prevail against us.

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THREE STAGES

It is wrong to suppose that Communists would turn a newspaper they had taken over into another *Daily Worker* to tell us in just so many words that communism is the wave of the future. They are too clever to alienate us when they really want to fool us all the way to defeat. The Reds would begin by having their paper turn gradually left in the arts. Music, movie, radio, TV, and book reviews would start pushing party line insidiously. Later, when the first stage of brainwashing had been passed, the newspaper would move on to the second stage and attack anti-Communists on the national scene, all the while proclaiming spread-eagle opposition to communism abroad. Finally, the newspaper would reach the third stage of brainwashing and, through lies cunningly fed the public, would aid the various causes of communism around the world.

By way of showing the power of the press and the reason why Reds want to control newspapers, let us examine one large American daily, the *New York Times.* We are not saying that the *Times* is a Communist paper. We are not saying it is not a Communist paper. We ARE saying it owes some explanations to the American people and some answers to questions being asked around the country. We ARE saying it represents our three stages to a remarkable degree.

FIRST STAGE

Back in the 40's, the *New York Times* had already presented patrons of the arts with quite an array of staff critics.

Howard Taubman, music editor, once signed a Communist-sponsored petition to Pres. Roosevelt asking that the United States declare war on Finland, which was then resisting Soviet invasion. What type of artist might we suppose was being plugged hardest by Taubman? John Martin, dance critic, had for himself a half dozen recorded affiliations with Red fronts. But Olin Downes, music critic, beat him out with a couple of dozen such connections. Then, we had the column in the Sunday dramatic section called "Rialto Gossip" by Lewis Funke. Funke never did have much stomach for Fascists in the arts. Rightly so! However, he did give generous amounts of space for all sorts of Red performers and Red producers, never bothering to acquaint the reader with the character of the artist he was being encouraged to support. In fact, there were some who suggested, even back in the 40's, that Funke seemed to give left-wingers a disproportionate amount of good publicity. And what did our little pink artists do with the profits culled from our patronage?

The *Times* book review section is a study in itself. Even today, a book like *The Pentagon Case* is ignored, and Richard Rovere, author of *Sen. Joe McCarthy*, a book generously seasoned with lies, is praised without mention of his (Rovere's) having been connected with the notorious *New Masses*. The trend goes 'way back, however. On June 22, 1947, Owen "let South Korea fall" Lattimore wrote in a *Times* book review: "From Edgar Snow's *Red Star Over China* to Theodore White and Annalee Jacoby's *Thunder Out of China*, the list of names is distinguished —— and most of these writers won their distinction solely or primarily by what they had to say about China. Israel Epstein has without question established a place for himself in that distinguished company..." Epstein's book: the awful *Unfinished Revolution in China*. Epstein himself: named under oath by a government witness as a Communist.

The *New York Times* gets an "A plus" rating for meeting the first-stage brainwashing requirements in its treatment of the arts.

SECOND STAGE

Keep in mind this directive issued by Lenin: "We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, scorn and the like, toward those who disagree with us."

The *New York Times* has written about many men it disagrees with, but it usually manages to maintain an air of respectability. Hitler or Mr. K. never received the treatment accorded Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy by the *Times*. The staid newspaper descended to the gutter to throw mud, twist quotations, make insinuations, censor out facts, and join with the *Daily Worker's* satanic crusade against "McCarthyism." Was McCarthy the enemy, rather than Alger Hiss, the Rosenbergs, Harry Dexter White, et al?

This same paper allowed 15 column-inches on 3/25/51 to an attack on a student loyalty oath at the University of California. Thereafter, many such attacks occurred. They still occur. Although it is a matter of record that Red school teachers have been involved in atomic espionage, in recruiting youths for their conspiracy, and in disruptive tactics against our school systems, the *Times* opposed the Feinberg Law, which bans Communists from holding teaching jobs in New York State. The entire Red offensive on our institutions is led by an illogical appeal for exaggerated "academic freedom," which says you have no right to stop your deadly enemy until after he has murdered you. The promulgation of such nonsense by the *New York Times* has been hardly distinguishable from that of the worst Communist front outfits. Most efforts to weed out pornographic movies and books such as *Lady Chatterley's Lover* have been lamented by the *Times* as "censorship." If a Pure Food and Drug Act is necessary, are there no curbs on moral poisons? Why doesn't the *Times* report the available facts about Communist support of pornography in America? A *Times* editorial once expressed "very serious doubts...about the validity of this entire investigation of screen actors by the House Un-American Activities Committee." Would it not seem more appropriate for the House Un-American Activities Committee to express very serious doubts about much of what goes into the *New York Times?*

On domestic issues, the *Times* long ago proved itself opposed to those who fight communism hardest and somewhat prone to defense of many fellow-travelers infesting our house. Here, too, the *Times* gets an "A plus" for brainwashing.

THIRD STAGE

International communism has spread across the earth's surface in a mysteriously efficient manner since the end of World War II.

One of communism's biggest victories was the fall of China. When Mao Tze-tung started his drive, many school children and inarticulate strap-hangers on busses were perceptive enough to call Mao a Communist. Not the *New York Times!* The Times told us not to worry because he was only an "agrarian reformer," one dedicated to a program entirely different from that of the Soviets. How many million Americans were kept inactive by that assurance from the *Times?* Inactive, while men like John Stewart Service, John Carter Vincent, Owen Lattimore, and Henry Wallace saw to it that we withdrew aid from Nationalist China. Oh, *Times* editorial writers, weigh well these works: 400 million people enslaved in China; 18 million mainland Chinese murdered; missionaries jailed and tortured diabolically; Red Chinese wars spilling blood in Korea, Tibet, Indochina, Malaya, and Laos. Either you believed what you told us, or you did not. If you believed that those barbarians were "agrarian reformers," apologize for your stupidity to the American people and the civilized world. If you did not believe it, have the courage to fly your true color.

Fidel Castro, while still in Oriente Province, was surrounded by Communists. His brother Raul, who kidnapped Americans, is a Soviet-educated Red. Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Fidel's principal aid, is a man who worked up Communist riots in Guatemala before he went to Cuba to join Castro. These men, and others in their company, were being praised by Moscow publications while Batista was still in power. The average American could not have known what

Listed below are 31 of the over 700 government corporations showing their losses. These compete with taxpaying private enterprise and are destroying the natural and needed growth of business to provide jobs for an expanding population. All should be sold to private enterprise, or eliminated entirely.

1.	Abaca Production & Sales	$ 28,865,086.
2.	Cuba Nickel Company	90,249,000.
3.	Eskimo Dwellings	1,580,000,000.
4.	Passamaquoddy (Since 1956 only)	2,184,000.
5.	Rama Road	12,000,000.
6.	Texas City Tin Smelter	38,700,000.
7.	Sugar Act Program	1,928,043,776.
8.	Virgin Island Corporation, (6 years only)	13,236,457.
9.	Alaska Railroad to June 30, 1954	59,786,081.
10.	TVA Fertilizer Program	125,433,493.
11.	Federal Crop Insurance Corp.	203,324,731.
12.	Island Trading Co. Of Micronesia	50,000,000.
13.	Reconstruction Finance Corp. (1948 Only)	10,048,931,299.
14.	Small Business Administration	22,825,000.
15.	Maritime Administration	4,204,410,934.
16.	Rural Electrification Administration	347,827,315.
17.	Small Defense Plants Administration	13,931,643.
18.	National Capitol Housing Authority	9,922,123.
19.	Farmers Home Administration	1,290,887,767.
20.	General Services Administration	2,690,415,406.
21.	Export-Import Bank (10 years)	350,000,000.
22.	Federal Land Banks	375,000,000.
23.	Patent Office	59,760,351.
24.	Pribilof Islands (7 years)	14,665,310.
25.	Soil Conservation Service	804,652,417.
26.	Tennessee Valley Authority	2,054,845,273.
27.	Urban Renewal	344,300,000.
28.	Rubber Producing Disposal Commission	22,538,000.
29.	Agricultural Conservation Program Service	4,798,991,886.
30.	School Lunch Program	1,859,798,446.
31.	Bonneville Power Administration	1,243,368,616.
	Losses indicated in FACT SHEET to date	$34,643,808,410.

Question No. 2 is: "Where will the government get its money to operate on?" The answer is Section 8 Article I of the Constitution: "The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, import and excise to pay the debts and provide for common defense and general welfare of the United States, but all duties, import and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

a) Duties are custom taxes; import and export.

b) Excise are sales; cigarettes, amusement, corporation and business.

These bring in 48 billion dollars per year, now, which more than meets the needs of government, if the government got out of business.

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It is used to finance over 700 large Government owned corporations that are split into 3,000 companies, and each competes with every known phase of American private enterprise, and this is done TAX FREE, RENT FREE, OVERHEAD FREE and with no possibility of loss, they just RAISE OUR TAX. The value of these government-owned corporations is estimated from 50 to 100 billion dollars, and if these were sold to private enterprise, this amount of money could be deducted from the national debt, and these same corporations would go on American tax rolls, paying corporation tax, city tax, county tax and school tax; thereby helping to finance all local issues, and since it would eliminate the annual loss of 38 billion dollars, which is the exact amount of personal income tax paid, the personal income tax can and should be abolished.

It is estimated these corporations would pay corporate income taxes to the Federal Government in the amount of 81/2 billion dollars per year, and this could be used to reduce the debt annually, and through the repeal of the 16th Amendment, the United States of America could and should be debt-free within a period of 25 years.

THE SOMETHING FOR NOTHING BOYS MEAN SOMETHING

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THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "CO-EXISTENCE"!!

In the Communist dictionary "co-existence" means take-over by every method short of a shooting war. Khrushchev observed in Warsaw in 1956:

"But of course we must realize that we cannot co-exist eternally. One of us must go to his grave. We do not want to go to the grave. They (the Western powers) don't want to go to their graves either. So what must be done? We must push them to their graves."

Mr. Boris Ponomarev, who is described by the Daily Telegraph of London as "in charge of Communist Parties in the Western World", is reported -- August 13, 1960 -- as writing in Pravda, "Peaceful co-existence is another kind of class struggle between socialism and capitalism".

R. Vaitheswaran, Lecturer in Economics at Hyderabad University, India, was for six years a member of the Communist Party. Of those six years he spent two and a half in jail. Recently in the Indian Administrative Service examination he was placed first among 23,000 candidates. Speaking at the MRA Assembly at Mackinac, July 1959, he said:

"How can these be co-existence when the Communists have decided to fight until they rule the world? Communism would not be Communism if it were not a fight to the bitter end.

"By 'co-existence' Khrushchev means that Russia retains the right to rule unrestrictedly in her own sphere. He also means freedom for Russia to spread her own ideological poison through her state-subsidized theater and propaganda, and to engineer internal revolutions and crises through the Communist Parties of the world.

"The Communist Party in every country is a united force fighting for a single world revolution.

"Co-existence gives the Soviet the right to infiltrate the democracies without the democratic countries having the right to say what they like about Soviet behavior.

"Russia goes unchallenged when she publicizes on every continent the racial division of Little Rock and the decadence of Hollywood. But America is met by strong opposition when she expresses sympathy for the captive nations.

"China is free to destroy Tibet, But America is not free to rescue Hungary.

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"Whom the gods wish to destroy they first strike blind'".

On the eve of Khrushchev's visit to the United States, Dr. Frank Buchman drew the right battle-line in a statement which concluded, "Our destiny is to obey the guidance of God. The true battle line in the world today is not between class and class, not between race and race. The battle is between Christ and Antichrist. 'Choose ye this day whom ye will serve'."

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WHY PEOPLE BECOME COMMUNISTS

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN, on being shown the present reach and constant progress of the Communist conspiracy in this country, is exactly like the farmer being shown the giraffe. He simply insists that there isn't any such animal.

A main reason for this willful blindness is an inability of the typical American to understand how or why other Americans, very much like himself, could possibly have become Communists. This failure to comprehend or to believe is in turn due to a completely erroneous premise. He thinks that those few misguided souls, who do actually join the strange Communist sect, are moved by some unique and mysterious reason which is beyond the discernment of "normal" people.

There is, of course, no such clear-cut formula for converting any human raw material into the Communist product. The reasons why people become Communists are numerous, diverse, overlapping — and quite orthodox expressions of human psychology. Some of these reasons have been conscientiously reported, by such reconverts to Americanism as Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers, out of deep personal experience. Arthur Koestler, George Orwell, and many other writers have brought detailed knowledge and penetrating insight into discussions of what makes a Communist and what makes him tick. We have neither the wish nor the ability to add anything new to the convincing analyses that are already available from many sources. But we shall try to summarize, in a few pages and plain language, the major inducements whereby Communism recruits and maintains its followers.

The Star Gazers . . .

1. We should begin our list with the appeal of Communism to the idealism of its prospective converts. For historically

—though not currently—this has been the movement's greatest drawing card.

The young man or woman dreams of making this a better world. He sees poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinctions around him. He is told that socialism will abolish these things. He does not know that the very poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinctions at which he is looking have been reduced, by the americanist form of society, to their lowest levels ever reached, at any place on this planet or at any time in history. He does not know that their reduction to a further minimum is directly dependent on, and proportional to, the freedom of individuals from government paternalism. Many socialists never learn this, despite the clear and irrefutable evidence of all historical experience. Those who do, and remain socialists, carefully keep this knowledge from their young nibblers at the communist bait.

Even less does the idealistic young man know that socialism itself, far from eliminating poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinction, will inevitably increase them all. He is given no warning that socialist plans automatically require an increasing regimentation of individual lives, which does not and cannot stop short of actual slavery of the citizen to the state. These facts, too, the socialists are careful to hide from him. Indeed, all but the most hardened among them are equally careful to keep these facts well hidden beyond the range of their own conscious attention.

Who See Only The Stars . . .

So this idealistic young man becomes convinced that socialism offers not only a way, but the only way, to bring about the brave new world of which he has a vision. He accepts the term communism as meaning socialism in its ultimate and most beneficial form. He is led to believe that Communists are the most sincere and praiseworthy of all those who profess to be socialists. For only the Communists are willing to dedicate their lives to the active fight to establish a world-wide collectivist

Utopia. He is daily taught that the noblest plans are thwarted and delayed only by the willful selfishness of those who exploit their fellow men in a capitalistic system; of those who gain personal advantages from the poverty, suffering, injustice, and class distinctions caused by their exploitations. So he comes at last to accept Communist doctrine, that any means are justified in order to impose a communist organization of society on the whole world for its own good.

By this time the idealistic young man, his soul suffused with a thrilling glow of self-abnegation and self-submersion into a great cause, has become merely a cog in the Communist machine. More and more do action, discipline, and the momentum of the machine displace deliberation in his consciousness. He learns under relentless pressures to be ever more resolute and "realistic", in accepting and carrying out duties assigned to him in furtherance of Communist aims. Finally even treason and murder become methods to condone, or virtuous actions to be performed, when they serve the needs of a crusading army which is marching on to total and glorious victory. To him Communism has now become a fervent and overpowering religion, requiring unquestioning faith on the part of its devotees, and ruling out all other loyalties.

The Lonely Hearts . . .

2. Another attraction of Communism depends on the basic lonesomeness of so many individuals. The Communist program not only gives meaning and purpose, however criminal, to lives which otherwise would be empty of both. It gives a sense of belonging, of sharing the comradeship and objectives and total strength of a vast army of fellow soldiers, to individuals who otherwise would feel lost and alone and unwanted.

There is a need in each human spirit to be a part of something greater than one's self, to lessen the futility of an egocentric existence by doing something that is important to a group. The feeling is present in all of us, and very strong in many. Throughout America today this need accounts for bil-

lions of hours of work on the part of millions of individuals in tens of thousands of voluntary associations, clubs, societies, and organizations of every conceivable variety. But the Communists make far more capital for themselves out of this instinctive behavior than any other group. They do so by their unceasing reiteration of the glories of their cause, by the extensiveness of their disciplined direction of an individual's efforts, and by the consciousness which they instill into each convert of the vastness and power of the organization to which he now belongs. Membership in the Communist Party, or adherence to its organizational hive, is more demanding, more exclusive of other interests, and of far more significance in its impact on the individual's own life, than any other loyalty that individual may assume anywhere in the world today—with the single exception of devotion to fundamentalist Christianity. For this very reason a consuming loyalty to the Communist movement is the most satisfying burial of self in something larger that—again excepting fundamentalist Christianity—our contemporary world can offer. It is tragic but true that many a miserable free man is changed by Communism into a happy slave.

Big Snobs With Little Equipment . . .

3. A very important appeal of Communism, not nearly so deserving of sympathy as those discussed above, is to the intellectual snobbishness of the sophomoric mind. There is nobody as fond of the adulation of the "intellectuals" as the pseudo-intellectual who has acquired the jargon, without the knowledge, of ideological scholarship. Being treated by these "intellectuals" as one of them, and hence as superior to the bourgeois herd of Philistines, is the greatest thrill an addlepated "liberal" can enjoy. And the real Communist scholars, unlike those in any other field, are willing to go along with and encourage the pretensions of a superficial phoney, if their doing so serves any Communist purpose.

Frequently it does. For such an individual, through in-

herited wealth, or high political position within the family, or the possession of a famous name, or through some other fortuitous means, may be able to supply prestige or money or influence to Communist friends and to Communist enterprises. In that case even the most deeply learned of the Communists are entirely willing to put their tongues in their cheeks, cross their fingers, and lead their patron to believe that he is a reincarnated combination of Plato, Hypatia, and John Stuart Mill.

Many of these victims of flattery, especially in the upper social or political levels, do not join the Communist Party or actually become Communists in any technical sense. For Communism is a serious business. There is nothing the Communists can afford less, or dislike more, than to be made to look ridiculous. And half-baked exhibitionists as prominent—or as conspicuous—as Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Wallace, and William O. Douglas, would not be wanted as Party members. But many a gain for the Communist side, in the Cold War game, has been made by such players, who either didn't know or didn't care that they were carrying the ball for the Kremlin's team. They were too constantly puffed up and exhilarated by all the applause and mental back-slapping from real members of that team.

And Just Little Snobs . . .

At the lower levels, however, men who bask in the fellowship and flattery of people whom they inwardly regard as their intellectual superiors—and also as their superiors in daring, initiative, and leadership—are to be found in almost every Communist cell. The likelihood that they will make laughing stocks out of themselves, in any way that would reflect ridicule on Communist activities, is minimized. It is taken care of by the same discipline and detailed supervision that turns these would-be eggheads into useful work horses for the Communist Party. A great many of the half-educated pedants of the academic cloisters, in particular, belong in this classification. They join,

or affiliate themselves with, the Communists, because their acceptance into such "progressive" circles gives reassuring external support to their false show of scholarly standing—which otherwise is not convincing even to themselves.

The Green Sickness . . .

4. Since the academic world supplies so much more than its proportionate share of American Communists, the above discussion leads easily into the next compartment of motivation. The label over that compartment is "Envy." College faculties are not the only source of men who are made Communists by envy, of course. Also, many other motives besides envy, or on top of envy, play their part in making Communists out of Phi Beta Kappas. But "operation envy" is simpler to explain and easier to understand in connection with collegiate raw material than any other. We'll develop our argument through an illustration.

John Jones and Bob Brown were classmates in the liberal arts college of Ivy University. When they graduated, John stood third from the top of his class, Bob stood third from the bottom. Today, twenty years later, Dr. John Jones is making seven thousand dollars per year as an associate professor of history at Siwash College. Mr. Robert Brown is making forty thousand dollars per year as vice-president in charge of sales of the Siwash Soapsuds Company. To the professor this is conclusive evidence of the injustice of a capitalistic society.

For Dr. Jones not only has much the more brilliant mind of the two. He is well aware of that fact. Also, he has applied that mind diligently in his profession. Whatever there is to know about history, he knows it; and what he doesn't know isn't knowledge. He has an adequate familiarity with the fundamentals of literacy in many other fields. He is conscious and proud of having acquired that honest scholarship through hard work, done by a good brain. Mr. Brown, on the other hand, hasn't read a book since *Forever Amber* was all the rage. His

intellect is only fair, and the idea of using it for anything more recondite than how to deal in commodity futures would strike him as absurd. Yet Brown is president of the Siwash Country Club, while Jones cannot afford to be a member.

And The Wrong Cure . . .

Over the years, while this difference in financial status was evolving, Dr. Jones succumbed to increasing bitterness towards a sociological system that made such a difference possible. He resented the importance and the unfairness (as he saw it) of the money rewards as bestowed by a capitalistic society. He longed for a world in which money had either been abolished altogether, or had been relegated to a role inferior and auxiliary to that of ration coupons, allocations, permits and favors issued by governments. And Dr. Jones was a man who followed his resentments and theories to what seemed to him to be their clearly indicated destinations. He became a Communist.

Of course Professor Jones overlooked many things in his comparative appraisal of the efforts, the contribution to society, and the rewards of Salesmanager Brown and himself. Chief among them was the fact that he had chosen an academic career because of his distaste for, or unwillingness to engage in, the competitive struggle for financial success. Jones loved books and learning more than business and a larger pay check. It was his privilege to follow that preference. But to quarrel with the price put on his labors and accomplishments, by a free-market economy, was to set up his own egocentric sense of values as superior to that which automatically represented the total consensus of his fellow Americans. To follow his sense of values *for himself* was praiseworthy; to insist that everybody else accept it too was sophomoric arrogance.

In the second place, Dr. Jones is pleased with himself that he has never subjected *his* personality to the "vulgar" demands of salesmanship. He is proud of his solid standing in the cap-and gown fraternity; of the respect for his learning on the part

of his peers; and of many rewards which have come his way, of a kind that he doesn't think Brown would even understand. He considers the publication of his one book so far as a much more satisfying and important form of recognition of his worth than Brown's larger pay check; and he admits his presidency of the regional Association of Historians is a far more substantial honor than Brown's presidency of the country club. Yet he covets all that Brown has too.

Finally, Dr. Jones had never evaluated, nor even become aware of, the most significant terms in his equation. In order to reach a job at forty thousand dollars per year, in competition with other men after the same goal, Bob Brown had given of himself, in efforts more determined and in ways more demanding than John Jones ever dreamed. Jones feels virtuous because *he preferred* to avoid the strains and exactions of a competitive business existence. He doesn't realize that maybe Brown would have *preferred* to avoid them, too. But Brown considered the forty thousand per year, and such incidental returns as being president of the country club, as worth the cost out of his life and peace of mind. He may have been wrong, but the choice was his—just as Jones' choice was his own. And Brown, in the course of meeting the competition which he thus chose to face, helped the productive American economy to make available to Jones, at prices which even Jones could afford, the clothes on his back, the refrigerator in his kitchen, the car he drives, and even the books which he reads.

But Dr. Jones doesn't understand the processes through which he obtained these comforts in exchange for what he offered, nor Brown's part in those processes which made him worth forty thousand dollars per year to his firm and to the productive economy. Jones wants to have his cake and eat it too. This is something which the Communists promise to all fools who will listen, and especially to fools with a doctor's degree. And they obtain converts on the strength of these promises, despite the oft proved fact that in a socialist society both

Jones and Brown get less cake, either to have or to eat, than in any other.

Tugwell Turns A Phrase . . .

We are not primarily concerned here, however, with the fallacy of the reasoning, or the unfairness of the invidious comparisons, which made Dr. Jones a Communist. We have wished merely to illustrate how envy serves as a Communist tool. Skillfully used by dedicated hands, it molds many a lukewarm prospect into an ardent member of the Party. And envy itself is only one model of the psychological tool called hatred, which is found in every Communist work box.

For hatred is a very powerful emotion among human beings. In the early days of the New Deal, Rexford Tugwell emphasized the importance of bitterness — toward capitalism and capitalists—in the campaign to bring about those social changes advocated by himself and his fellow "liberals". He urged the faithful to spur themselves on "by an energizing hatred".

The driving force in the whole life and philosophy of Karl Marx was hatred—of everybody who was not as foul as himself. (Which was quite a large order, as the reader may easily verify by studying the details of Marx's personal life.) Hatred was the one, and the decisive, contribution of Lenin to the mood of the Russian Revolution of 1917, whereby he converted it into the October Bolshevist Revolution and a Communist strike for power. We find countless exhibits of the same brand of sulphurous hatred coming to the surface in contemporary America, as in the desecrative utterances of Milton Mayer or the obscene blasphemies of Langston Hughes.

Both Seed And Harvest . . .

Hatred, of the laborer for his boss, of colored people for their white neighbors and vice-versa, of Protestants for Catholics—wherever there is a climate in which it can be cultivated, hatred is both a product of Communist effort and a necessity

of Communist progress. Sowing the seeds of such hatred and nourishing the crop is the constant work of many thousands of busy Communist minds and hands, both trained to make the greatest possible use out of every tragic opportunity. One result of all this fomentation of hatred is the continuous recruitment of additional workers, attracted to the trouble-making by a sympathetic feeling for its ostensible aims. These recruits range from Negro tenant farmers to the presidents of great universities. And identically the same envy or hatred of their fellow men, whom they consider better treated than themselves by the American system, may be the most powerful impulse to the acceptance of Communism on the part of both.

Involuntary Captives . . .

5. But not all Communists become such by persuasion and indoctrination. Many are driven into the fold by blackmail, terrorism, and other forms of coercion. The ordinary reader will say to himself: "Oh, sure. Unfortunately some men are undoubtedly driven by such methods to carry out Communist orders, or even to work on their own initiative to advance Communist causes. They never turn into real Communists, however; and they are always ready to break away from their Communist associations at the first opportunity." This conclusion would be correct in some cases, but in a great many it would not.

Mr. X, when quite young, drank too much one night, got into a brawl in the local tavern, killed a man in the fight which developed, and served three years in the penitentiary for manslaughter. On leaving prison he went to another city, where nobody knew anything about him or his past, started over, and has led an exemplary personal life ever since. He went to a law school in the new city, passed the bar, began the practice of law, got married, had two children, and, at the age of thirty-one or -two was struggling along like most of us to "get ahead" in the world.

Primarily as a result of his undergraduate days in an Ivy

League college, Mr. X was a "liberal" in local politics, but only to the extent that was currently fashionable. Suddenly, out of a blue sky, he was offered a job in our State Department in Washington. The offer seemed to be solely the result of his friendship for another and more prominent lawyer in the town. It was made to sound entirely plausible to Mr. X by the kind interest of this importantly-connected fellow liberal in Mr. X's career, and by complimentary comments concerning Mr. X's special fitness for the position. These comments also conveyed a reasonable expectation of rapid advancement in government work. Mr. X accepted the appointment, with a few secret regrets about his hidden past, but without any suspicion that the Communists already had him and that past under their untiring observation.

Become Enthusiastic Converts . . .

In Washington Mr. X did "get ahead" in the State Department. He discovered early that the more he leaned to the left, the more favorably he was regarded by those associates and superiors who were paying the most attention to him, and the more his responsibilities increased. Also, he was encouraged to "liberalize" his views still further by the strength and unanimity of the "liberalism" around him. Caught up in the flood of "enlightened democracy" and one-worldism at work, Mr. X found it a thrilling and happy experience to float along on so benign a wave.

Then a crisis arose. Mr. X found that he was expected to do something, or to take a position, which was so "liberal" that, even to his now slanted sensibilities, it bordered on treason. He rebelled, reluctantly but firmly. And that brought a gentle but equally firm awakening. Mr. X was led, politely and affectionately, to see that a "reactionary" could not be allowed to block the wheels of humanitarian progress, even if his past had to be revealed to get him out of the way of those wheels. He could take his choice. He could be smeared as a jailbird, and tossed out of his job as a "fascist traitor" to the cause of true de-

mocracy. Or he could continue to work and advance as a member of the noble brotherhood of courageous forward-looking, dedicated souls, who were striving to bring justice and peace and equality and democracy to the whole world. Disturbed, but wishing to be convinced, Mr. X went along with the noble brotherhood.

From that point on the screws gradually tightened on the sides of the trough in which Mr. X moved forward. But so long as he didn't try to jump out of that trough his progress became even faster and more assured. He soon realized the real terms of the two courses open to him. One was to fight an organization which, as he already saw, was too well entrenched and too insidiously powerful for him to make any impression against it. The other was to do the bidding of that organization; to let himself become ever more closely allied in aims and in spirit with its members and dupes; and thus to reap all the rewards of increasing power, prestige, and remuneration which that organization could throw his way. In due course Mr. X wound up as a full-fledged and consecrated Communist, doing his important part to advance the purposes of the international Communist conspiracy — and giving as much of his energy as directed to bringing other prospects along exactly the same path that he himself had followed.

And The Victims Are Varied . . .

It is not only in every branch of the American government that blackmail pressures of this kind have been used, and are being used effectively today, by the hard-core Communists. Skillfully adjusted versions of the same basic mechanism are at work in our educational world, scientific world, and every area of public influence and authority. Nor is it only the man with a jail term behind him who is the victim of such smooth coercion. The stick for resistance and the carrot for submission are employed very cleverly, complementing each other, on many a poor soul who has been trapped into wearing the Communist harness.

We took Mr. X for our illustration simply because this article is dealing with the question of why "normal" people become Communists. In actual fact the blackmail approach is most widely and profitably used by the Kremlin's agents on brilliant men who have the extreme misfortune to be homosexuals. Such men seem to gravitate almost automatically into government service. They have a built-in and fundamental predisposition to resent the accepted standards and beliefs of our society. They also have, always over their heads, a threat of personal disgrace far more disturbing than the record of a jail sentence. So these unfortunate individuals become easy putty for molding by Communist techniques into disciplined and devoted members of the Party. Also, because of the introvert brilliance of their minds, and their obsessive desire for success and public recognition to counterbalance a guilt-consciousness that is ever with them, they develop into some of the most high-placed and potent Communists in any government. For these reasons it is not too surprising or unusual to find one of these agents of the conspiracy smoothly and subtly promoting its aims, as a high functionary of our State Department or as the administrative head of some great international organization.

"Most Flagrant Of The Passions" . . .

6. This brings us logically to the next classification, which consists of those who are converted into Communists by the appeal of the carrot, without any brandishing of a stick being necessary. And the most effective carrot—especially for the ruthlessly ambitious spirits whom the Communists wish most to have on their side—is the promise of personal power.

In Russia, since Stalin consolidated his dictatorship and liquidated all of the old Bolsheviks along with whatever idealistic revolutionary fervor still remained; in China almost from the very beginning of the Communist drive; in most other countries since Stalin's control over international Communism became virtually complete; everywhere, for the past two decades, the sheer lust for power has been the primary motivation

of those who achieved high standing in the Communist "aristocracy". What has been presented to the world as a revolutionary movement based on ideological considerations, and what is still so presented to the outside masses and to millions of its own proletariat today, long ago degenerated in fact into a plain conspiracy of gangsters.

So the cunning man without conscience, in any country, who sees in the whole vast Communist apparatus the opportunity and means of achieving power over others, may join the Party for that ultimate purpose. The more clearly he sees from the very beginning that the Party's ideological pretenses are merely a sham and a weapon, so far as those in the top ranks are concerned, the more rapidly he advances within the hierarchy. In time he benefits at the level of baron, earl, or prince, from all the labor of the serfs at the bottom of the Communist organizational pyramid. And whatever his position at any given moment, in this unconfessed but rigid order of ascending privilege and power, he never ceases scheming and striving to climb higher still.

Even As Gould And Capone . . .

In the United States of the nineteenth century such men would have set out to acquire this desired power through amassing great wealth by almost any means. Some of them still do. A generation ago men like Al Capone went into the rackets. Some of them still do. Twenty years ago men of the same type went into the lush fields of mushrooming labor unionism. Many still do. But increasingly over the past two decades men with this lust for power have gone into the vastly more expansive racket of imposing a secret Communist gangsterism on all the rest of America.

There are differences, of course. The earlier racketeers were willing to use *almost* any means to accomplish their ends. The Communists use *any* means, without qualification. The power of these earlier overlords was less tangible but more visible than that of their Communist counterparts. In America

today, for obvious reasons, the most powerful and successful Communists are the secret ones, whom the public—and most of their Communist underlings—do not even suspect of having Communist sympathies. The fact that their power is exercised behind the scenes, and that their authority and standing are known only to an inner circle, apparently adds to the thrill for men with minds of a certain type.

But the differences fade away before the likeness, in the paths and aims that have been pursued—with one exception. Because of the importance attached to the ideological argument, in the arsenal of Communist weapons, education and suavity are of far more value to the ambitious Communist than they ever were to the buccaneering financier, to the Tommy-gun gangster, or to the boss of a hoodlum battalion in some so-called labor union. So the Communist racket has attracted far better educated, more deceptive, and hence more dangerous men, to its ranks. Then, out of these lower ranks, the *most* cunning, *most* ruthless, and *most* dangerous have risen to be its leaders.

"The Way To Promotion And Pay" . . .

7. Finally we come to the pure opportunist. Here is the man who does not consciously chart the course of his own future. But he does want always to float with, instead of to struggle against the current. And he is keen enough to sense the direction of the current, even in waters that seem placid to the less shrewd observer. It is a frightening fact that he and his kind now probably constitute the largest single source of converts to Communism—or at least to an actively sympathetic attitude towards Communists—as more and more "wise guys", even in America, become convinced that Communism really is "the wave of the future."

Whether these contemporary vicars of Bray are correct as to the ultimate total victory of the side they have chosen remains to be seen. But the evidence of their wisdom, as to the immediate practical and material results of their betrayal of both country and civilization, is visible on every hand. To pay

off, this betrayal does not even have to be active or premeditated; it can be passive, or unintentional, or both. So strong and all-pervasive has now become the Communist influence and the secret Communist strength in this country, that you do not even have to be pro-Communist to reap the rewards of Communist favor. All you have to do, for the ubiquitous wheels of this conspiracy to start turning on your behalf, is to be visibly and vigorously anti-antiCommunist. You fight to put down the enemies of the Communists, and they will fight, in dozens of ways which you cannot see and may not suspect, to lift you up.

The adherents to the anti-antiCommunist line range all the way from active participants in the Communist conspiracy to good patriots who are honestly duped into belittling the menace of that conspiracy. But all benefit from following it.

For Example . . .

Isn't it arguable, for instance, that Nathan Pusey's bitter opposition to McCarthy was an important factor in having him chosen as president of Harvard University? Or that General Zwicker's promotion in rank was largely due to the same influences at work behind the scenes? These influences wanted not only to reward Zwicker for his testimony, protecting the protectors of Communists; they wanted the whole American public to see that such acts of anti-antiCommunism *would be* rewarded.

Does anybody believe that Dore Schary's leanings to the left did not materially aid his meteoric career in Hollywood? Or that Drew Pearson's column would be syndicated in as many newspapers today, if he had not done such a grand job in the past of making trouble for those who made trouble for the Communists? Or that Walter Reuther would already have such tremendous and growing power in the American labor movement, if he had not once written a letter glorifying Soviet Russia and urging an equally glorious form of society for the United States?

And In Reverse . . .

The other side of the coin has the stamp of the same regime. Does anybody think that George Meany's standing and future in the AFL-CIO have not been seriously damaged by, or will not gradually be undermined because of, his outspoken opposition to international Communism? Or that John O'Donnell's syndicated column has not been turned down by newspapers—even good newspapers which would really like to carry it—because of his known intolerance for traitors in our midst? Or that Corinne Griffith's movie career was not hurt by her crusading speeches in opposition to Communist doctrines? Or that General Kirk Lawton's retirement was not forced as a result of his patriotic effort to help in the exposure of Communists under his command at Fort Monmouth? Or that so brilliant a teacher and sound a scholar as Felix Wittmer would not long ago have become the president of some university but for his anti-Communist lectures and books?

Enough specific illustrations of Communist favor and disfavor at work, in every field of American opportunity, could be given to fill many magazines the size of this one. But the benefits of fellow-traveling for profit—unintentional or otherwise—are only presented as background for the real point of this section. We are concerned here with those members of our society, with great cleverness and little conscience, who observe the unfailing effectiveness of Communist hands pulling countless strings. They carry their analysis of the significance of this observation to its logical conclusion. Guided by that conclusion, they go all of the way into membership in, or affiliation with, the Communist Party.

No List Can Be Complete . . .

This catalogue of reasons why people become Communists is by no means comprehensive. We have, for instance, barely touched the edge of the thinking expressed by "if you can't lick 'em, join 'em." The target most vulnerable to this shaft is the very man who sets out most energetically to fight the

Communists. He gradually finds, on digging in, that they are so much more insidiously penetrating every cranny of our collective existence, and are already so much further advanced, than he had ever dreamed. He succumbs to a feeling of hopelessness over the blind complacency of his fellow citizens, and over their unwillingness even to take an honest look at the flood creeping up around them.

It is all right to say, and it is true, that a man who goes over to the enemy for such a reason didn't have the right stuff in him in the first place. But it is certainly no secret after these thousands of years that the "stuff" in individual human beings varies a great deal. It is also no secret that most of the readers of this page can name a man, once holding a high position in American political life and highly respected for his firm opposition to the schemes of the Left, who is now ardently wielding a whitewash brush for his pro-Communist and Communist pals. He was badly beaten by the Communists — working through the usual "liberal" front—so he went over to their side. And he is merely one example of these defectors because of despair.

Then there is the phony reason, given by the Communists themselves, and even more noisily shouted by their gullible "liberal" stooges, that men become Communists as a result of their own poverty and illiteracy. The truth is that the over-educated man in highly industrialized and prosperous America is a far easier prey to Communist arguments than the most miserably poor and illiterate peasant of non-industrialized Asia. The more poverty-stricken and more ignorant the population of any country or any area may be, the more completely do the Communists have to depend on force and terrorism—with less help from an ideological fifth column—to impose their police-state rule. Our humanitarian instincts make us wish very much to see the standards of living and of literacy raised in all the poorer nations of the world—but not as a means of saving those nations from Communism. It takes at least a little learn-

ing and a little leisure to make the Communist sophistry a dangerous thing.

And The Motives Combine . . .

There are other reasons, both real and imaginary, for the steady influx into the Communist camp. But we believe our list includes the most important. We have presented these appeals and motivations which make men Communists, however, as if each one acted alone; as if each appeal was successful only if the right type of "persuasion" was applied to exactly the matching susceptibility in a prospect for the Party. And of course this is not the case.

With the single exception of the man who is propelled by pure idealism alone, into a foul conspiracy which he mistakes for a self-sacrificing brotherhood, every convert to Communism has been pulled into the fold by a combination of reasons and arguments of varying proportions. Nor do the indoctrination, persuasion, and coercion ever stop, even after he has become a veteran Party member. Only the very clearminded, the very brave, and the very determined, ever break completely out of the web that binds them, once they have put themselves within its toils.

And so, year by year and month by month, the Communist flood rises. Especially do the secret members of the Communist conspiracy — which outweigh the open members in America, in both numbers and importance, by at least ten to one—increase their permeation of our whole social body. They go about their daily business or professional jobs, and their social and civic undertakings, exactly as do you and I, with nothing outward to distinguish them from loyal citizens. But the power and reach of their cumulative effort are visible on every hand, in the results they steadily achieve. You merely have to look each New Year's Day at how much closer the United States is to becoming a Communist nation than it was a year before, at how much closer the whole world is to becoming a Communist empire, to realize how unmistakably and steadily

the Communists are winning their Cold War everywhere. They are winning it in, among other places, the press, the public, the radio and television media, the labor unions, the schools, the courts, and the legislative halls of America. They expect to go on winning it while most of us refuse to believe that, in our country, anybody but a few crackpots ever become Communists. We had better start believing — fast — the overwhelming evidence of our sense and our senses.

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Said THOMAS JEFFERSON in 1821

"It has long been my opinion, and I have never shrunk from its expression . . . that the germ of dissolution of our federal government is in the constitution of the federal judiciary; an irresponsible body — for impeachment is scarcely a scarecrow — working like gravity by night and by day, gaining a little today and a little tomorrow, and advancing its noiseless step like a thief, over the field of jurisdiction, until all shall be usurped from the States, and the government of all be consolidated into one.

"To this I am opposed; because, when all government, domestic and foreign, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government or another, and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated."

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What It Means to YOU . . .

You are an American. You love your country. You think it is the greatest and finest nation on earth. You feel, of course, there is plenty wrong with it, but that, after all is said, somehow we will always come out on top. You seldom think consciously about it, but you feel you have the protection of such a charter of freedom as man has never before known. It guarantees to you a system of government and a mode of economic life which, whatever their faults, have brought you the highest degree of freedom and abundance among all the world's inhabitants.

Then, one day, quite by accident, you are shocked out of your complacence. You pay a visit to your son's schoolroom. His teacher is expounding to the class — including your son — some theories that sound strangely alien to you. They *are* alien to sound American thinking, but this teacher doesn't label them as such. He seems to be telling your son and his fellow students that these theories are the right ones — the best ones. Sorely troubled, you go to the principal. You say:

"Who is this man? He sounds like a communist to me — or at least a fellow-traveller."

The principal answers: "He is."

You look astonished: "Then what's he doing here — in a local public school that I help support with my taxes?"

"We fired him," the principal says. "We have a law in this state that a teacher in one of our schools who is called before an investigating committee and hides behind the Fifth Amendment to conceal his communist connections is subject to immediate dismissal."

"Then how did he get back in here?" you want to know.

"The Supreme Court of the United States made us reinstate him in his job — with back pay too!"

Or you overhear one day a conversation among three or four men. It might go something like this:

First Man: "We couldn't trust too many. We'd have to use them carefully."

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Second Man: "We don't need many — just our hard core who have been thoroughly trained. We place them in strategic spots."

Third Man: "They're all well indoctrinated with revolutionary techniques. We've done a pretty good job on the softening-up process — and now we can even talk openly about overthrowing the government, if that should be necessary."

Second Man: "And our group can handle both — the propaganda, and the action when the time comes."

First Man: "What are the strategic spots?"

Third Man: "We won't discuss that too exactly. But generally let's say New York, Chicago, L. A., and of course Washington, D. C., and maybe a few others."

You wait to hear no more. You rush to the nearest office of the FBI. You tell the agent in charge what you have heard. You describe the men as well as you can. The agent looks at you sadly. He says: "Yes, we know the men. We've been watching them for a long time."

"Then why don't you arrest them?" you demand.

"A while back we could," he replies. "Congress gave us a law under which native enemies of America who advocated the overthrow of the government could be indicted and prosecuted. But now — now it's different. The Supreme Court says that when these saboteurs talk about overthrowing the government, they can't be touched. We have to wait until they spell out specifically how they're going to do it and actually try it. And then—."

"And then," you finish, "it might be too late."

Or perhaps you need an attorney to handle a small matter for you. You pick one at random from the accredited list in your state and go to see him. You aren't talking to him long before you realize that if you give this man your case, you will have a communist representing you. You leave his office in a rage and go to your State Bar Association. You demand to know how this young man, only just out of law school, can be an accredited attorney in your state — particularly in the face of all we now know about the communist conspiracy. The Bar Association official patiently explains to you that the Bar Examining Board in your state has had a rule for some time that any would-be lawyer who is a known communist or who refuses to say whether he has communist connections is *not* admitted to the bar and permitted to practice before your courts. BUT — he says, that *was* the rule. Now the Supreme Court of the United States has stepped in and told us — a sovereign American state — that we cannot set the standards for who shall and shall not practice law before our own courts. In other words, the Court says we can't keep a man from taking the bar examination in this state because be is a communist.

By this time your mind is in a whirl. What's going on, you ask yourself. What's happening to us — to me, to my country? Surely something is wrong somewhere. You've

never had too much use for politicians generally — you consider them a more or less necessary evil. But one thing you know — when all else fails, there has always been one last resort for the protection of Amecicans. It is in the Congress of the United States — your elected representatives — and particularly in the congressional power of investigation — the power of exposure of wrongdoing and subversion and other evils.

So you go to see your congressman. You start to tell him of your experiences. Then you notice an odd expression on his face. You stop. Despairingly you ask — "You don't mean — you can't mean — ?"

"The Supreme Court?" he answers. "Yes, we on the congressional investigating committees have gotten it too. You know, throughout our history, Congress has always had the right to question witnesses. If they wanted to, they could protect themselves with the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination. But when any subversive or grafter refused to answer other questions, we could cite him for contempt. And our courts have generally backed us up. We were the last resort for Americans to get the information they must have to protect their lives, their liberty and their property."

"But now —" he sighed, "now the Supreme Court says that before we can make a witness answer questions, we have to spell out for him not only the exact purpose of our committee but also the exact pertinence of the question to that purpose. Just imagine! We investigate in order to get for ourselves and our constituents — you — the information we need to write necessary legislation. But now, according to the Supreme Court, we have to know exactly what we're going to do and how we're going to do it — and explain it all explicitly to the witness — before we get out of him the information we need in order to decide what we're going to do and how to do it! You can see that the Supreme Court has just about put an end to our investigative powers. Certainly it has crippled them almost fatally."

All this and very much more — actual assaults on the liberties of Americans and on their means of protecting themselves against tyranny from within and without — has been brought about by a Supreme Court composed of nine men — nine men against 170 million Americans. Who are these men? What makes them tick? How did it come about that so few — these particular few — were in the right spot at the right time to do so much harm? What is it they have done? And how have they done it? How does it affect you, your children, your business, your job and your freedom? You must know the answers to these questions, because the future of your country — the country you love — is at stake.

How It Began . . .

THE STORY BEGINS a long time ago, but within the clear memory of many living Americans — in the year 1937. Franklin D. Roosevelt was President of the United States. He had just been re-elected for a second term. During his first term, in a complete reversal of all his campaign promises, he demanded of Congress a whole brace of laws which would change completely the entire concept and nature of our form of government and our way of doing business. Helped along by the severity of the economic depression in which the country was then caught, he prevailed upon a compliant Congress to pass these laws. They were supposed to end the depression. In fact, that was the basis on which they were sold to the people by the growing coterie of leftwing philosophers who surrounded President Roosevelt. But they didn't end the depression. If anything, they prolonged it because they were not designed to restore to health our traditional system, but to confuse it, undermine it and eventually to destroy it.

These laws were challenged in our courts, and eventually they reached the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court, pretty generally during our years as a nation, has commanded great respect among most Americans. This has been because Americans were aware, consciously or subconsciously, that it stood as the final bulwark against any and all attempts to tamper with the charter of our liberties — the Constitution of the United States.

The Supreme Court was set up by the founders of our republic to settle disputes that might arise as to the meaning of the Constitution, and the laws made under it, affecting the rights of individual citizens and of the sovereign American states. In other words, the Supreme Court's job is to *interpret* our Constitution and laws *according to the very special type of government which that Constitution blueprints.*

We must never forget that ours is a unique form of government. There never has been anything like it either before or since the adoption of our Constitution. That Constitution not only guaranteed to each American the greatest individual freedom ever known to man, but it gave to us a system of government that could make good on the guarantee. Put simply, ours is a federal system. In the beginning there was no central government. There were 13 sovereign states — 13 independent republics. They banded together and created a federal government for their own protection against foreign enemies, for the protection of each state as against other states, and for the protection of each citizen within each state as against the citizens of other states. The federal government was the *creature of the states.* To make sure that it would never become powerful enough to oppress either the states or their citizens, it

was given very limited powers. And those powers were broken up among the Executive (the President), the Congress (the Senate representing the states and the House representing the individual citizens of the states), and the Judiciary (the federal courts).

It was this which made our system unique. For it was the first and only system of government in history *which made impossible the growth of an all-powerful central government.* Only under an all-powerful central government — be it republic, monarchy, democracy or dictatorship — can the forces of communist or socialist or fascist tyranny operate. They must have complete central authority; otherwise their hateful tyranny cannot withstand the revolt of men who wish to be free.

That was the particular and special genius of the American system — that under our Constitution a communist, socialist or collectivist tyranny of any kind was impossible. And the Supreme Court of the United States was there to see to it that if the Congress or the President or both should ever attempt to impose laws on the people or the sovereign states which did not conform to the Constitution, the Court would declare them invalid — unconstitutional — and therefore null and void.

And so, during President Roosevelt's first term, as one by one the laws which he had induced Congress to pass came before the Supreme Court, it applied to them this constitutional test — and declared nearly all of them unconstitutional. The Court at that time was made up of a distinguished panel of jurists. They represented all shades of opinion — from the so-called conservatism of Justices Sutherland, Van Devanter, McReynolds and Butler, to the so-called liberalism of Justices Brandeis, Stone and Cardozo, and the sort of middle philosophy of the Chief Justice, Charles Evans Hughes.

But these men were well versed in constitutional law and, whatever their opinions, their philosophy was basically American. This is best illustrated in their action on the most important of the New Deal laws — the NRA. In the NRA, the Congress had handed over to the President dictatorial powers by which the central government would have complete control in the management and regulation of every phase of American industry — big and little, from the smallest tailor shop in an American town to the giant steel industry. Although most Americans did not realize it at the time, the NRA was patterned almost exactly after the fascist corporative state which Mussolini had set up in Italy. *All nine justices of the Supreme Court joined unanimously in declaring the NRA unconstitutional.*

Actually, many of the New Deal laws which the Court declared unconstitutional had created such a shambles in our economic and social life that it came as something of a relief, even to many members of the New Deal inner circle, when the Court killed them. But President Roosevelt was angry. He began to vilify the Court and its members, and this vilification was taken up and expanded in the press, magazines and radio by the New Deal hangers-on and the growing legions in high places of the so-

cialist revolution. These latter saw with clarity that America could never be turned into a centrally-dominated collectivist society so long as the Constitution stood as the supreme law of the land and the judges of the Supreme Court interpreted it according to its true meaning.

Immediately following President Roosevelt's inauguration for his second term, almost his first act was to launch an all-out attack on the Supreme Court. He demanded of Congress a law by which he would be allowed to appoint a new judge to the Court for every judge then sitting who was 70 years of age or more and thus bring the membership of the Court from nine up to 15. This would have allowed Roosevelt at once to appoint six New Deal justices to nullify the votes of the Court of six sitting judges who were 70 years of age. In this way, he could get his unconstitutional New Deal schemes declared valid.

This, of course, was the famous "court-packing" scheme. It set off one of the greatest debates in the history of Congress. Mr. Roosevelt thought he had Congress in the palm of his hand, but this scheme was too much even for that New Deal body. The fight on the court-packing plan was actually led by members of Mr. Roosevelt's own party and in the end, after months of angry debate, it was killed. This looked like a stinging defeat for the President — and it was — but Congress unknowingly put into his hands the power he was seeking. It did pass a law permitting Supreme Court justices to retire at 70 on full pay. Weary and disgusted with the attacks on them personally and on the Court generally, two of the older justices retired. Time and death did the rest. In the two years following the defeat of the court-packing plan, Roosevelt was able to name to vacancies on the Court four new justices — Hugo L. Black, Stanley F. Reed, Felix Frankfurter and William O. Douglas.

Justice Black, today the oldest member of the Court in point of service, though not in age, is the enigma of the bench. He is an Alabaman who, as a member of the Senate in the early New Deal days, went to the limits of congressional power — and beyond — in lashing out at so-called lobbyists. The "lobbyists" were private business interests — the favorite whipping boys of that day — and Senator Black used tactics which made the late Senator McCarthy's attacks on communists seem mild by comparison, a fact conveniently forgotten by McCarthy's enemies. Perhaps because of his antipathy to private business, he was Roosevelt's first appointment to the Supreme Court, despite the fact that his previous judicial experience consisted of 18 months as a police-court judge.

But for all that, Justice Black had a sharp and busy mind and was one of the hardest working and most industrious members of the Court. But a busy mind is not necessarily a straight-thinking mind, particularly when subjected to unexpected pressures. Shortly after Black's appointment, it was revealed that he had once been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He had to admit the truth of

the charge, but he stayed on the Court and his sharp mind has been busy ever since proving how "liberal" he is. He became known as the leading dissenter on the Court, though in recent years, as the Court swung more and more to the Left and thus closer to Justice Black's philosophy, his dissents have gradually lessened. His own words are the best indication of the contempt in which he holds the American system and its Constitution. In 1955 he declared "The world could not do better than to follow the political and social ideas" of the late Dr. Albert Einstein. Dr. Einstein may have been a great mathematician, but his "political and social ideas" were in direct conflict to everything we know as American — so much so that he once advised a young man to treat with disdain the efforts of congressional committees to ferret out the communist termites in our midst.

Roosevelt's second appointee to the Court, Justice Stanley Reed, was from Kentucky. He, too, had no previous judicial experience — was, in fact, a reliable New Deal bureaucrat. He had been Roosevelt's Solicitor General and before that chief counsel to the RFC. No doubt it was his advice in that post which endeared him to Roosevelt. A question arose as to the constitutionality of a New Deal measure and Reed advised the Attorney General that he should take the position that while the act might be unconstitutional, it was all right because it didn't do anybody any harm! But in recent years, the Court went too far to the Left even for Justice Reed and in some of the more extreme cases he began to dissent. Nevertheless, he established his contempt for the Constitution when, in 1937, he made a speech in which he sneered at fixed precedents in law and spoke of the "stagnation of slavish adherence to the past."

Next in order on the newly packed Court came Justice Felix Frankfurter, now the oldest member in age. Justice Frankfurter's philosophy is not an easy one to classify, perhaps because he really hasn't any but suits his views to the exigencies of the moment. That, of course, is any man's right, but the Supreme Court of the United States is hardly a forum for intransigent "thinking." He has been called everything from a communist or socialist to a rank reactionary. He is none of these. The overpowering motivation of his life seems to be a desire to pull strings. He would have made a marvelous puppeteer. So slight is his concern with constitutionality and law that he has not only reversed decisions of innumerable preceding courts but has on occasion even reversed himself.

As a professor of law at Harvard he had at his disposal the malleable minds of hundreds of American youth. Before, and especially after, the advent of the New Deal, when he found himself able to place many of his pets in sensitive Washington jobs, he was in his glory. They were his "boys" — and through them he was molding the policies of a nation. So heady a drug was not one to be lightly relinquished by a man of Frankfurter's turn of mind. He was opposed to Roosevelt's court-packing plan, but Roosevelt had it in his power to cut

the strings by which Frankfurter controlled his puppets. A man with strong convictions about American constitutional law could hardly have remained silent in the face of Roosevelt's daring assault on the Court. But Felix Frankfurter managed to stay quiet.

Not long after, despite a total lack of judicial experience, he got his reward in an appointment to the Supreme Court — a position from which his string-pulling became more effective than ever. It was he who restored Dean Acheson to the good graces of the administration, after Acheson left the New Deal in its early days in a disagreement over monetary policy. Frankfurter had him named Assistant Secretary of State. Acheson would one day become Secretary of State — and refuse to turn his back on Alger Hiss. Felix Frankfurter was a character witness for Hiss at his first trial. Hiss had been one of his "boys."

The Justice is a man who talks about everything and anything — and when he talks brooks no interference from lesser minds. It took the sharp-tongued daughter of T. R. — Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth — to stop Frankfurter in the midst of one of his dissertations at a Washington dinner party. He was busily engaged — as a defense of his protégé Acheson — in a tirade on the administrative and military misdeeds of General Douglas MacArthur. Mrs. Longworth, failing in all attempts to correct Frankfurter's statements, finally rose, left the table — and the room — with one parting shot: "I refuse to turn my back on General MacArthur." The same Justice Frankfurter who could speak sneeringly of MacArthur would several years later join Justices Black and Douglas in disagreeing with a majority of the Court when it refused a stay of execution for atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

If Justice Black is an enigma, and Justice Frankfurter's slippery slide back and forth across the bench makes it difficult for us to tag him, at least no such uncertainty surrounds Roosevelt's fourth appointment to the Court — that of Justice William O. Douglas. Justice Douglas is an out-and-out leftist. He is also something of a publicity seeker, who has broken all precedents in conduct of Supreme Court justices by engaging in partisan debate outside the Court. Or perhaps his yen for public notice — evidenced by sojourns to Russia, 189-mile hikes in Maryland decked out in a Western-style hat, being thrown by a yak in Kashmir (these and other adventures generally resulting in magazine articles and books) — perhaps all stem from disappointment at having once had the presidency of the United States almost within his grasp, only to see it slip from him because he was too leftish even for the leftists.

Douglas had the whole left-wing faction of the Democratic Party behind him for the vice-presidential nomination at the 1944 convention. That was the convention at which Vice-President Henry Wallace was dumped. It was also the convention at which the vice-presidential nomination was tantamount to the presidency, since all the insiders knew Roosevelt had not long to live. Doug-

las was Roosevelt's personal choice, but the professional politicians wouldn't swallow Douglas' radicalism, especially on top of Henry Wallace. So Harry Truman got the nomination — and the presidency — and Douglas stayed on the Supreme Court.

Not once — either before or since that incident — has Douglas deviated from the left-wing position in any such cases that have come before the Court. It was he who issued the order, immediately removed by the full Court against the protests of Douglas, Frankfurter and Black, staying the execution of the Rosenbergs. He has gone outside the Court to plug for the admission of Red China to the United Nations and for American recognition of that same Red China. He wants the UN charter amended to permit the formation of a world government, and he has accepted a one-thousand-dollar award from the left-wing Sidney Hillman Foundation. He makes speeches to CIO conventions and thinks Commie-loving Nehru of India is "not a dangerous man but a great bulwark against communism."

He goes out of his way to stay in the good graces of the Russians. On one of his numerous trips he criticized the Soviet Asiatic republics as colonies of Russia. *Pravda* jumped on him for this, whereupon he took occasion to praise the cultural achievements of Asiatic Russia, and, at a press conference in Washington at which only Russian (not American) reporters were admitted, said he was very impressed by the progress he found among Russian courts, lawyers and judges — a statement which must have fallen strangely on the ears of those Russians who had seen their relatives and friends executed or banished to Siberia by those same courts and judges.

Douglas, too, had had no previous judicial experience when named to the Court. And so it was easy for him to tell a college audience in 1949 that the only answer to communism was the Welfare State, with much less emphasis on property rights.

These four — Black, Reed, Frankfurter and Douglas — and additional justices named during Roosevelt's regime proceeded to perform a major operation on the Constitution of the United States by removing many of its vital organs. Succeeding justices named by President Truman, and particularly by President Eisenhower, just about completed the job — so much so that we might say that the body of the Constitution remains, but only as a mere shell, devoid of arteries, veins, heart and lungs. And in the manner of quack medicine men, they performed the operation without the permission of either the patient or his guardians.

There is only one legal way in which the Constitution can be changed — by amendment instituted by the sovereign states or by the Congress and concurred in by *three-fourths of the states*. These lawless judges simply usurped the powers of the states and the people's representatives and had themselves a ripping fine time — tearing to pieces the charter of freedom of the American people.

With the appointment of the new judges by President Roosevelt from 1937 on, the socialist revolutionaries in America had what they needed —

a Supreme Court which would ignore the rights of the states and set up the central government in Washington as the all-powerful element in American life.

The justices went about their demolition job on the Constitution in the manner characteristic of the "liberal"-leftist cohorts of the past 20 years. They simply changed the meaning of a few words and phrases whose true intent had been thoroughly understood — and interpreted — by Supreme Courts for 148 years. A single example is sufficient to show the diabolical cunning involved in the usurpation by the judges of the rights of states and citizens.

The destruction of the rights of the states was the primary objective because, as we have pointed out, in no other way could a collectivist society be imposed on America. In the newly-constituted Court, Mr. Justice Frankfurter struck the first blow for the Constitution-wreckers. He did it by twisting out of all recognition one little phrase in the Constitution which gives the federal government power over "interstate commerce." The Constitution left in the hands of the sovereign states all powers of regulation over their internal trade, business and commercial operations. But it recognized that when citizens of one state traded with citizens of another state, the only possible regulatory body would be the Congress in Washington. And so it gave Congress the right to regulate trade *which crossed state lines*. That trade, and that alone, came within the regulatory power of the federal government, and it had been so held by innumerable Supreme Courts.

But this did not suit Justice Frankfurter and his revolutionary colleagues on the Court. So he cooked up a brand new decision — with no precedent in law or fact — to allow the federal government to intrude into purely state functions. There was a loft building in a New Jersey town. One of the tenants was a clothing manufacturer who sold most of his product in other states. He was, of course, clearly in interstate commerce and thus subject to federal regulation. But, believe it or not, Justice Frankfurter declared that the building — inside a town inside the sovereign state of New Jersey — was also in interstate commerce because that one tenant, among many others, was engaged in interstate commerce.

But that wasn't all. By means of this judicial "reasoning" Justice Frankfurter went further, and said that because the building was in interstate commerce, so was the elevator man — and the women who washed the windows! If you, a small businessman — or you, a worker in a state industry — or you, just an average citizen going about your daily duties — ever wonder how it has come about that the spreading hand of the Washington politician has come to rest so heavily on all your activities, there is your answer, supplied by Mr. Justice Frankfurter.

The Last Bastions Are Stormed

AFTER this, one decision followed another from the packed Court, each of them designed to further break down the constitutional bars against growing usurpations of the Washington government. The remaining years of the Roosevelt regime and those of the Truman Fair Deal saw generally a continuation of the same type of Supreme Court appointments and, with one or two exceptions, the same type of decisions. As Dwight D. Eisenhower took office in 1953, the sovereign American states and their citizens had become bound about in the ropes of federal authoritarianism until it seemed that only a St. George could cut the knots. The Roosevelt-Truman Courts had slashed a gaping hole in the Constitution and through that hole could now march all those who wanted to bring to Washington complete domination and control over every phase of our economic life — something never before possible under our Constitution.

Thus we were carried a long way along the totalitarian road. But it was by no means complete. Americans going about their business paid too little attention to what was happening to them. They still thought they were living in free, sovereign states that would protect them against the ultimate tyranny of an all-powerful central government.

In a way, they were right, for there remained two major bastions which the revolutionists had to take before their task was finished. One was the public schools, where the minds of future generations could be controlled. The job there was being done partially by the "modern" educationists — the progressivist revolutionaries. But the outcries against them were rising. And the schools were still locally controlled. Hard as they tried, the collectivists in Washington had so far been unable to bring the state and locally supported and managed public schools under their direc tion.

The other was our awakening tc the communist-socialist menace in our midst, and our efforts — through both state and national action — to protect ourselves and our liberties from the home-grown and imported practitioners of the worst tyranny the world has ever known.

We had a right to expect, with the first change of national administration in 20 years, that these two bastions at least would be protected. But it is one of the greatest tragedies of our time that Eisenhower appointees to the Supreme Court, plus holdovers from the Roosevelt-Truman era, have given to those who would bring all power to the center the means to storm these last two bastions. We are thus brought face to face with perhaps the greatest constitutional crisis in our history.

In September, 1953, following the death of Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, who had been named to the Court by President Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Earl War-

ren of California as the new Chief Justice. It was an amazing appointment in every way. For the first time in 43 years, a man with no previous judicial experience was named directly to the post of Chief Justice of the United States. Warren's background was wholly political — three times governor of California, where his smiling, happy personality and his ability seemingly to be all things to all men had won him the nomination of *both Republican and Democratic parties.*

It is also believed that Warren's appointment was the first occasion in our history when a president cited an appointee's political views as his reason for naming him. The President said Mr. Warren was a "middle-of-the-roader." That was before the term "modern Republicanism" was invented. They both mean the same thing, or, as one sapient observer recently remarked, an elephant trying to make a jackass of himself. It had been generally believed that the appointment would go to Arthur F. Vanderbilt of the New Jersey Supreme Court, a past president of the American Bar Association who had an impressive record as a jurist. But one day Attorney General Brownell flew out to Sacramento, came back and announced the Warren appointment. He probably could have saved himself the trip. Earl Warren had delivered the California vote to Eisenhower at the 1952 Republican Convention. Now he had his reward.

The Senate did not confirm the Warren appointment until the following March. A good many senators were troubled by Warren's lack of experience for the job, and about his seeming agreement with the leftists and anti-anti-communists when he had deplored "McCarthyism" several years earlier. But these were the halcyon days of the "great change" in Washington and the appointment went through. Two months later, on May 17, 1954, the Warren Supreme Court issued its revolutionary decision — a unanimous one — in the school segregation cases.

What the Court did in that decision was not to settle the issue of segregation or integration of Negro and white pupils in the public schools. That is an issue that will plague us for many years to come — intensified almost beyond reason by the Court's decision. What the Court did do was to storm one of those last remaining bastions of a free people we have previously mentioned — the locally controlled and supported public school systems of the sovereign states. For by that decision the Supreme Court handed to the central government a power it had never before possessed — the power to put its grasping and omnipotent hand into a purely local function. If the federal government can tell the public school in your town — whether in a northern, southern, western or eastern state — whom it shall or shall not admit, the next step is as logical as that Winter follows Fall. It will not be long before the socialist revolutionaries will have what they want — control by the central government of what to teach and what not to teach, how to teach it and how not to teach it in the public schools of America.

In order to bring about this revolu-

tion of totalitarian proportions, it was necessary for Justice Warren and his colleagues to ignore 165 years of Supreme Court history and a decision of the Court that had stood unchallenged for nearly 60 years.

In 1896 a case arose under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. This case (known as *Plessy v. Ferguson*) involved a state law providing for segregation of races on railroad trains. That was the case in which the Supreme Court, knowing that under the Constitution it had no right to interfere in the affairs of the sovereign states, but also cognizant of its duty to protect the rights of individual citizens, established the principle of "separate but equal facilities." In other words, the Court declared that so long as a state provided the same facilities even though they be physically separated, for whites and Negroes (or impliedly for girls and boys or men and women) it was fulfilling its duty under the Constitution.

Following this decision, the Supreme Court in several cases involving schools upheld this eminently fair — and constitutional — interpretation. And when the Court included such distinguished judges as Chief Justice Taft, Justices Holmes, Brandeis and Stone, it said unanimously that segregation in public schools had been "many times decided to be within the constitutional powers of the State legislatures to settle *without interference of the federal courts under the Federal Constitution.*" (Italics added).

Faced with a body of law and precedent like this, what was the Warren Supreme Court to do? It did something unprecedented in our history. It threw out the window the Constitution and all previous Court interpretations, and arrogated to itself a function reserved only for our representatives in Congress. It wrote a new law — *something the Supreme Court has no right to do* — and proclaimed it the law of the land by judicial fiat. And we have since had the sorry spectacle of the President of the United States attempting to enforce this unlawful "law" by sending federal troops into a sovereign American state. But the socialist revolutionaries have what they want — the opening wedge for complete control of education by the central government.

What possible excuse could the justices give for this unwarranted seizure of power? Chief Justice Warren wrote the revolutionary decision involved, and it is he — who likes to be liked by everybody — who is credited with "harmonizing" the Court and bringing about the unanimous decision. But his legal knowledge was admittedly rusty. One admirer said he "studied far into the night to polish up his knowledge of constitutional law." More objective observers believe it was Felix Frankfurter who supplied the "studies" and cajoled the more reluctant members of the Court into going along with the decision.

In any case, the "authorities" to which the Chief Justice and his colleagues turned to justify their unlawful decision are almost beyond belief. One of them was a so-called "social science expert" *employed by the*

NAACP — the principal plaintiff which brought the cases before the Court. Another was a leading exponent of progressive or "modern" education who has been cited by a congressional committee as having been connected *with at least* 10 *communist-front organizations.* Still another is a sociologist who has 18 *communist-front connections to his credit.* First and foremost among the Court's "authorities" was a book compiled and partly written by a Swedish Socialist. He had no knowledge whatever of race problems in America. He was brought over here and given a grant by the Carnegie Foundation to produce a book on the subject. Being a Socialist his contempt for the American Constitution is complete. He called it "impractical and unsuited to modern conditions" and said its adoption was "nearly a plot against the common people." This Swedish Socialist had 16 collaborators who contributed 272 articles and portions of his book. *Every one of these* 16 *had communist-front affiliations.* He subsequently wound up in the United Nations, but even that body of outright and hooded leftists couldn't stomach his acceptance of communist statistics and he had to resign.

These, then, were the "authorities" used by the Supreme Court to overturn 165 years of American constitutional law. But who were the justices who concurred in such infamy? We have already had a look at five of them — Chief Justice Warren, and Justices Frankfurter, Reed, Black and Douglas. The other four justices on the bench at the time of the segregation decision were Jackson, Burton, Clark and Minton.

Robert H. Jackson was another of the Roosevelt appointees to the Court — and still another with no previous judicial experience. He had been a lawyer in upstate New York when he was brought to Washington in 1934 as general counsel of the Internal Revenue Bureau. While there, he handed down a ruling allowing the busy money-making wife of President Roosevelt to deduct more than the maximum of 15 percent of earnings for charitable contributions. After that, his rise was rapid. He became an Assistant Attorney General, then Solicitor General, then Attorney General — where he led the fight for Roosevelt's court-packing scheme before Congress. In 1941 he was named to the high court.

Justice Jackson was known for his caustic tongue and for a while carried on a feud with Justice Black because he (Jackson) wanted to be Chief Justice and believed Black was blocking his appointment. As the years went on he became somewhat more conservative in his views, but in the segregation decision he harked back to his original feeling about the Constitution. He said in 1940: "The national government has won its long fight to free itself of unwarranted limitations." Jackson died five months after the segregation decision, leaving the Court open to another Eisenhower appointment to which we will come in a moment.

Justice Harold H. Burton is a Truman appointee — somewhat the same brand of "modern Republican" as the Chief Justice. He was a crony of

President Truman from his Senate days. His claim to the Supreme Court appointment was that he had once been mayor of Cleveland. He had no judicial experience whatever and was once known as the member of the bench who wrote the fewest opinions. But Washington party-going was something else again — it was a rare one indeed that was not graced by the presence of Justice Burton. He is still on the Court and in the last year or two has managed to join in a few dissents against the overwhelming rush of the left-wing majority.

Justice Tom C. Clark of Texas, became, in the 1956-57 session of the Court, the chief and often the lone dissenter. But he went along in the segregation decision and, in fact, was the author of one of the worst subsequent decisions of the Court — that which takes away from a state or city the right to fire a teacher who will not reveal his communist connections. Clark too, was a Truman appointee, also with no judicial experience. Most of his career was spent in New Deal and Fair Deal bureaus, winding up as Truman's Attorney General. It has been said that Truman named him to the Court to put him beyond the reach of congressional investigators who were looking into the mess of corruption and "fixing" during those days. However, a House Judiciary Committee later absolved him of any personal wrong-doing, but reprimanded him for "withholding his cooperation" with the committee's work.

Justice Sherman Minton, the last of of the nine who rendered the segregation decision, was the only one who had had any real previous judicial experience. But it is interesting to note how he got it. He was elected to the Senate from Indiana in 1934. He was an ardent New Dealer who fought hard to put over Roosevelt's court-packing plan. He was noted for his willingness to do anything Roosevelt wanted — in fact, he himself boasted that he was a "rubber stamp" and a "100 percent New Dealer."

After six years of this, the voters of Indiana got fed up and defeated him. He was wandering around Washington looking for a job when Roosevelt named him to a $10,000-a-year post as a White House administrative assistant. Four months later a circuit judge in Chicago died, leaving vacant a $17,500 job and Roosevelt handed it to Minton. There he remained for eight years, until Truman plucked him from the Chicago bench in 1949 and put him on the Supreme Court. In a recent term of the Court he joined Justices Reed, Burton and Clark in a few dissents, but when the session ended, he resigned and gave to President Eisenhower his third appointment to the Court. Justice Stanley Reed's subsequent resignation in 1957 gave the President his fourth appointment.

These were the men — Warren, Douglas, Black, Frankfurter, Minton, Clark, Reed, Burton and Jackson — who, on the "authority" of a batch of left-wing nobodies, did what no Congress of the United States had ever permitted. They put the hand of the central government directly into the public school systems of the American states.

It is this Court as constituted at the time of that decision, and as reconstituted by President Eisenhower with the appointments of Justices Harlan, Brennan and Whittaker — in addition to Chief Justice Warren — which has stormed that final bastion mentioned earlier — our efforts to protect ourselves against the communist conspiracy in America.

Justice Charles E. Whittaker, who replaced Justice Reed, we may dismiss quickly since he is too recent an appointee to have had any part in this foray. He is considered another "modern Republican" though he personally refuses to classify himself. He has had some judicial experience of rather brief duration — eight months on the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals and District Judge for two years before that — both appointments at the hands of President Eisenhower.

Justice John Marshall Harlan, appointed in 1955 to replace Justice Jackson, is also rather short on judicial experience. He served one year on the Circuit Court of Appeals in New York. It is believed he was appointed to that post because Eisenhower contemplated eventually giving him a Supreme Court appointment. He seems to possess a naiveté that does not sit well on a Justice of the Supreme Court. He had been a member of the Atlantic Union Committee since 1952. During the hearings on his appointment, the purposes of this organization were read to him. He expressed astonishment that he had been supporting a group favoring the sinking of United States sovereignty into a union with Great Britain and other European countries. There had never been any secret about Atlantic Union's purposes, but it was only at this point that Mr. Harlan disassociated himself from its objectives. While it may not be significant, it is interesting to note also that Justice Harlan's grandfather was the lone dissenter in the *Plessy v. Ferguson* case of 1896, which established the principle of separate but equal facilities.

Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., of New Jersey, who succeeded Justice Minton, has at least had considerable judicial experience as a judge of New Jersey's Supreme Court. Nobody seemed to know much about his views when he was appointed, though one official described him as a "middle-of-the-roader" (another one!)—this time a "modern Democrat." It is believed he was appointed chiefly because he is a Catholic and there was no Catholic on the Court. However, Justice Brennan gave us a good peek into his mind, when, as his first job on the Court, he wrote the decision opening the FBI files to the communists, to say nothing of assorted crooks, grafters, narcotics peddlers, etc. Fortunately, Congress somewhat corrected this outrageous decision before it adjourned in the Summer of 1957. And to his credit, Justice Tom Clark wrote a stinging dissent to Justice Brennan's decision. But Warren, Black, Frankfurter, Harlan, Douglas and Burton went along with Justice Brennan.

In the three years since the segregation decision — and particularly in the last year or two—the Supreme Court has struck down practically

every bulwark we have raised against the communist conspiracy in America. In doing so, it has also continued to wipe out state lines and actually to leave the sovereign states helpless in the face of subversion. The examples given at the beginning of this pamphlet are only a few of the many decisions that have flowed from this revolutionary tribunal like manna for all those who would wreck our form of government.

Besides taking away from the states the right to say who shall or shall not practice before their courts; the right to fire communist teachers in their schools; and sadly crippling Congress in its exposure of subversives, the Court has broken down the government's own security program by declaring that security risks employed by government bureaus — and paid by American taxpayers — could not be dismissed unless they were in so-called "sensitive" positions. President Eisenhower's appointee, Mr. Justice Harlan, wrote that decision. He also wrote another one restoring to a post in the State Department a gentleman whose leftist views even Dean Acheson had to recognize and who had actually been involved in the infamous *Amerasia* case when 1700 secret government documents turned up in the office of a communist outfit in New York.

Chief Justice Warren, in 1956, wrote a decision taking away from the sovereign states the right to punish sedition within their borders. He did this on the fantastic grounds that we had a federal law covering this matter and that therefore the state laws against sedition were null and void. He so held despite the fact that Congress, in passing the federal law, had no intent or purpose whatever of interfering with the state laws. Then, a year later, Mr. Justice Harlan wrote another decision *practically nullifying the federal law,* which Justice Warren had said gave the states all the protection they needed against sedition! It was Justice Harlan's decision which makes it nearly impossible to prosecute conspirators against America until they actually physically start overthrowing the government.

In the past three years the Supreme Court has issued at least 15 decisions designed to put the meddling fingers of the federal politicians further into state affairs, and to completely break down all our defenses against the communist conspirators in our midst. Chief Justice Warren wrote five of these decisions and concurred in all of them. Justice Harlan wrote three of them. Justice Brennan wrote one. Justice Harlan dissented in only two of the 15 cases. That is the record of the Eisenhower appointees to the Court. Of the remaining decisions, Justice Black wrote two, Justice Clark one, and three were unsigned. All 15 were concurred in by, besides Chief Justice Warren, Justices Frankfurter, Douglas and Black. In other words, the Chief Justice has aligned himself completely with the extremely leftist members of the Court. There were five dissents by Justice Reed, five by Justice Burton and three by Justice Minton. But Reed and Minton are now no longer on the Court, thus leaving Justice Clark, who filed eight disagreements — some of them

excoriating his fellow justices as impliedly giving aid and comfort to the communist enemy — as almost the lone dissenter.

Along with this has gone a continuation of the practice of the Roosevelt-packed Court in taking from the states and their citizens control over their own resources and their own livelihood. In 1954, again under the chief justiceship of Earl Warren, the court seized from the southwestern states control of natural gas production. Today it is natural gas; tomorrow it could be your corner grocery store or filling station — or local newspaper. In 1956 Mr. Justice Douglas wrote an opinion, concurred in by the entire Court, ordering three citizens of the sovereign state of Nebraska to join a union if they wanted to keep their jobs. Thus the Court capped a whole series of previous decisions establishing over the rank-and-file of American workers what Donald Richberg has so aptly called the "Labor Union Monopoly."

In the light of this whole sorry record, we need not be surprised at the jubilation in communist circles over the Supreme Court of the United States. In fact, the communists even held a rally in September, 1957 to, in the words of the communist *Daily Worker*, *"pay honor to the U. S. Supreme Court and its recent decisions"* and to *"hit out at attempts to undo the decisions."*

To Turn the Tide

BUT ALL THOSE who are devoted to our American way of life, and who believe it is worth saving against the encroachments of the collectivist sappers, are agreed that if it is to survive something must be done about the Supreme Court. A number of proposals have been made — and undoubtedly more will be made in the future — for dealing with this great crisis in our history. The major ones are briefly listed here, not because they are either the most or the least effective, but so that Americans will know what they are and be able to think intelligently about them and about the overriding problem of our times with which they are meant to deal.

FIRST, of course, is the constitutional provision which states that any official of the United States "shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." The Constitution also provides that judges "shall hold their offices during good behavior." The impeachment process, of course, is a long, difficult and cumbersome one and has been used only a very few times in our history.

SECOND: There is a proposal that a limit — four, six or ten years — be placed on the terms of the Supreme Court justices. At present the justices are appointed for life. But congressmen, senators, even the President,

serve for fixed terms. Why, it is asked, should not the justices?

THIRD: A proposal first made by David Lawrence, that judges be reconfirmed by the Senate at stated intervals. At present, they are confirmed only once — when first named to the bench. This proposal would give the Senate a check on the justices, say every four years or so.

FOURTH: A proposal made by Senator Stennis, and now taken up by others, that at least one of each two successive nominees to the Court should have had 10 years of judicial experience. This would eventually provide a Court on which at least half the justices had had previous judicial experience. This proposal stems from a startling discovery which Senator Stennis made — that since 1932 the Court had departed from decisions previously rendered on 35 occasions, whereas there had been only 29 such reversals in the entire history of the Court before 1932.

FIFTH: It has also been proposed that the President be deprived entirely of the power of federal court appointments and that the Senate should elect all federal judges.

SIXTH: Another important proposal revolves around a provision of the Constitution. This provision states:

> "In all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, and those in which a state shall be party, the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction. In all other cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have *appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make.*" (Italics added).

What this section means is that Congress can make regulations and exceptions as to the type and kind of cases which could be taken on appeal from lower courts to the Supreme Court. In other words, Congress could say, for instance, that once a state court has upheld the constitutionality of a state sedition law, or a state school law, or once a lower federal court has upheld the right of Congress itself to protect the citizens against subversion, the matter would end right there. The Supreme Court would have no right to hear such cases on appeal and perhaps reverse the decisions.

SEVENTH: Another proposal is nearly as old as our government itself. It has been used on a number of occasions — both successfully and unsuccessfully—by the sovereign states. It is called "interposition" and has been most recently fully expounded by the brilliant young editor of the Richmond *News-Leader*, James Jackson Kilpatrick.

Interposition is based on the Virginia Resolution of 1798, written by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. That resolution reads:

> "In case of a deliberate, palpable, and dangerous exercise of other powers not granted by the said compact (the Constitution), the States who are parties thereto, have the right, and are in duty bound, to interpose for arresting the progess of the evil, within their respective limits, the authorities, rights and liberties appertaining to them."

What this means is that when the Executive, or the Court violates the Constitution by usurping powers which the Constitution forbids, the states themselves — three-fourths of whom form a power without which there would be no Constitution and no federal government — must interpose to "arrest the progress of evil" being committed by their own creature (the federal government), and force it to conform to the body of laws (the Constitution) which the states set up to govern its conduct.

EIGHTH: Last but by no means least is a proposal made by the well-known writer and commentator, John T. Flynn, which would seem to be a necessary prerequisite to all other reforms of the Court. It is that all decisions of the Supreme Court, from 1937 to the date of the adoption of the proposal, should be declared to have no force and effect as precedents in judicial or other proceedings in determining the meaning of the words, sections and provisions of the Constitution. The purpose here is obvious. It is to enable all future Supreme Courts, no matter how otherwise reformed, to disregard the usurpations of the Court in the last 20 years. The judges would return to the body of law and precedents set up before the usurpations began in order to decide on all future cases that would come before them.

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DATE	NAME OF CASE	REFERENCE	SUBJECT
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June 7, 1954	Phillips Petroleum v. Wisconsin	347 U.S. 672	Control of natural gas
June 6, 1955	Peters v. Hobby	No. 376 Oct. term 1954	Loyalty
Apr. 2, 1956	Pennsylvania v. Nelson	24 L.W. 4165	State sedition laws
Apr. 9, 1956	Slochower v. Board of Higher Education	24 L.W. 4178	Teachers
May 20, 1956	Railway Employees Dept. v. Hanson	24 L.W. 4251	Labor unions
June 11, 1956	Cole v. Young	351 U.S. 536	Security risks
Jan. 28, 1957	Gold v. United States	352 U.S. 985	Non-communist oaths
Apr. 29, 1957	Pennsylvania v. Bd. of Dirs. of City Trusts	No. 769 Oct. term 1956	Wills and schools
Apr. 29, 1957	U.S. v. Witkovich	No. 295 Oct. term 1956	Deportation of communists
May 6, 1957	Schware v. Board of Bar Examiners	No. 92 Oct. term 1956	Practice of law
May 6, 1957	Konigsberg v. State Bar	No. 5 Oct. term 1956	Practice of law
May 20, 1957	Sentner v. Barton	No. 785 Oct. term 1956	Deportation of communists
June 3, 1957	Jencks v. United States	No. 23 Oct. term 1956	FBI files
June 17, 1957	Watkins v. United States	No. 261 Oct. term 1956	Congressional investigations
June 17, 1957	Yates v. United States	Nos. 6, 7 & 8 Oct. term 1956	Communists and overthrow of gov't.
June 17, 1957	Sweezy v. New Hampshire	No. 175 Oct. term 1956	Teachers
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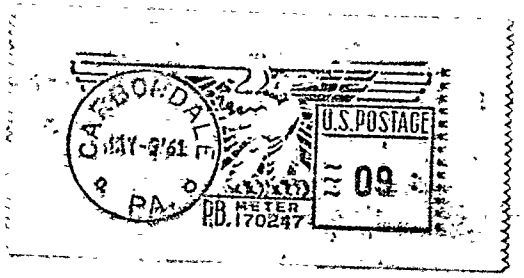

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The John Birch Society

The sight of a group of Americans saluting the flag in a living room (that of Chicago executive S. J. Conner) might be considered a welcome resurgence of old-fashioned patriotism in a time when many traditional American virtues seem to be fading away. But the very group to which these people belong has been a subject of controversy and concern. They are members of the John Birch Society, an organization that has spread a scattering of its chapters from coast to coast. The question that overhangs the society is whether its members are truly constructive American patriots or whether they are people who feel that flag-waving and what their critics call witch-hunting are substitutes for intelligent service to the nation.

The guiding spirit of the John Birch Society is a retired Belmont, Mass. candy manufacturer named Robert Welch (*p. 130*), and its patron saint, John Birch, is a young American who was killed by the Chinese Communists in 1945 (*p. 128*). According to Welch's writings, Communism is the deadly enemy of America—an incontestable proposition—and many of the most important figures in American public life have abetted the Communist conspiracy for nearly three decades—an incontestably scurrilous charge.

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PATRIOTIC OR IRRESPONSIBLE, IT IS SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY

In Welch's own view, Dwight Eisenhower was guilty of "treason" and his brother Milton Eisenhower probably was his "boss within the Communist party." Brothers Allen and the late John Foster Dulles have been Communist supporters. The fight for civil rights is as much a cloak for the Communist takeover of America as the claim that they were "agrarian reformers" cloaked the ambitions of the Red Chinese. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren ought to be impeached for his "unceasing help" to the Reds.

The John Birch Society has its roots in the frustration that many Americans feel at seeing the nation baffled, thwarted and humiliated in the cold war. But the society seeks to wish away the nation's frustration and the nation's failures by finding individual scapegoats within it. In so doing, the many prominent adherents of the society (*next pages*) subscribe to the illusion that by condemning a few "devils" the U.S. can be magically restored to some nostalgic Utopian condition. The members of the society, by their insupportable attacks on substantial Americans, also neglect Sir Winston Churchill's classic counsel: "If we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find that we have lost the future."

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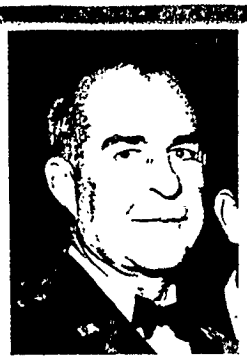
CONGRESSMAN MEMBER of the society, John H. Rousselot (R. Calif.), explains Birch organization to Herbert McCormick, San Marino, Calif. publisher. Rousselot does not wholly hew to Welch line.



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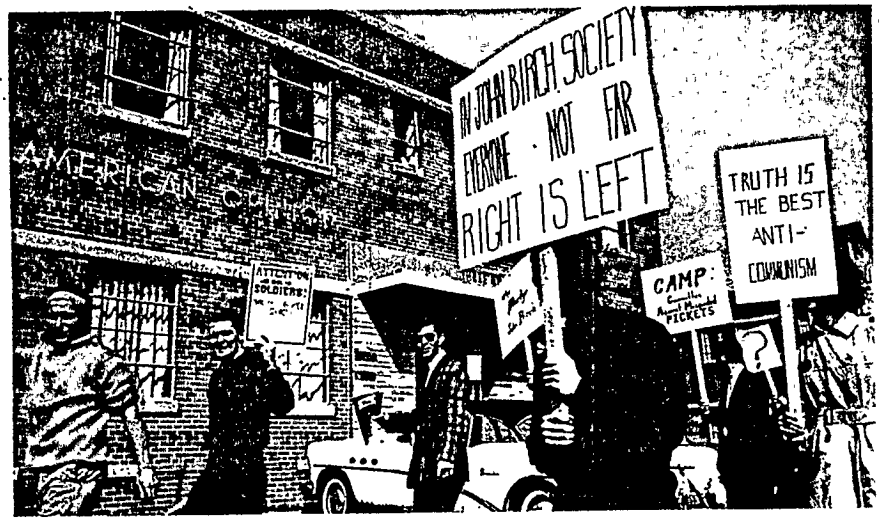
SOCIETY'S COUNCIL, the top "governing body" under Founder Welch, includes (*from left*) Lieut. General Charles Stone, USAF, Ret.; M. T. Phelps, former Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court;

Birchers' Friends, Foes

GENERAL WALKER

Since Welch launched his society in 1958, it has built up chapters in 35 states. Its more notable backers include two congressmen, John Rousselot (*above*) and Edgar Hiestand, both California Republicans, and a crew of businessmen and ex-soldiers who belong to its governing council (*top, right*). One ranking soldier on active duty, Major General Edwin A. Walker (*left*), commander of the 24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany, has been said to have distributed Birch tracts to his troops. President Kennedy ordered an inquiry and Walker was transferred pending its outcome.

Defenders of the Birchers contend that they are a far-out part of a conservative renaissance in America whose main respectable apostle is Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater. The enemies of the Birchers feel otherwise. Irrepressible Ohio Senator Stephen Young calls Welch a "Hitler." Attorney General Robert Kennedy says deprecatingly that the society is "in the area of being humorous."



ANTI-BIRCH PARADERS, a cluster of high school and college students, march outside Belmont, Mass. office where Welch publishes his monthly *American Opinion*. Joking anti-picketing picketers joined in.

BUNKER

PARKER

MANION

BRADEN

ANDREWS

RUTHENBURG:

Colonel Laurence Bunker, retired former personal aide to General MacArthur; Cola G. Parker, former head of the National Association of Manufacturers; Clarence Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame Law School; Spruille Braden, former Ambassador to Argentina; T. Coleman Andrews, Internal Revenue chief under Eisenhower; and Louis Ruthenburg, former board chairman of Servel, Inc. Welch has told the council "to select . . . a Successor to myself . . . if and when an accident, 'suicide' or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists . . . or I simply die in bed of old age. . . ."

BIRCH LITERATURE is perused by ladies in Tampa, Fla. auditorium where Welch gave lecture. On the table are copies of Welch's *The Life of John Birch.*

← **WELCH BACKER,** Boston's Richard Cardinal Cushing says, "I know that Welch is a man dedicated against Communism. I know nothing of the [Birch] society."

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How the Chinese Killed John Birch

CAPTAIN JOHN BIRCH (*center*) is shown with other Allied officers, one (*right*) a Nationalist Chinese. As intelligence officer he worked closely with Nationalists.

William T. Miller graduated from West Point in the class of 1944 and was sent to China as an officer in U.S. Military Intelligence, charged with assisting in the escape of downed Allied fliers. He resigned his Army commission in 1948 and is now engaged in private business in the Virgin Islands.

by WILLIAM T. MILLER

I FIRST met John Birch in 1945 when I was assigned to the same area of China where he had been operating for three years as a field agent for 14th Air Force Intelligence. A remarkable and profoundly religious man, respected by Chinese and Americans alike, Birch had come to China before the war as a Baptist missionary and had stayed on to fight against the Japanese. He was deeply concerned about the Chinese Communists and was sure they were a serious threat to China.

A few months after my meeting with Birch the war ended. I contacted John by telephone and radio at his station some 55 miles away. We were both under orders to head for Japanese-held Suchow, and we agreed that each of us would try to get there his own way. Ten days later after a 600-mile journey I arrived in Suchow and was shocked to learn that John Birch had been murdered by the Communists when he was within 30 miles of that city. His Chinese Nationalist adjutant, Lieutenant Tung, was in a Suchow hospital at the point of death from wounds suffered at the same time. I hurried to Tung's side and from his feeble but impassioned account I learned the full details of John's death.

At the head of a mixed party of Americans, Chinese and Koreans, Tung said, Birch and he had proceeded by foot, boat and train to within about 50 miles of Suchow. At that point the railroad was being torn up by Communists. They were still busily engaged in sabotage despite the Japanese pull-out—a fact that filled Birch with anger. Nevertheless the Birch party continued on foot. At last they found their way blocked by Communist soldiers at a rail depot. Birch sent Tung to the Communist commander, seeking permission to proceed.

The Red officer listened to the request, Tung said, then turned to an aide and murmured, "Here come some more spies. We had better disarm them and find out the truth before we give them back their guns. If they resist we will kill them all." Over Tung's protest this officer ordered a subordinate to return to where Birch and the others were and disarm them. "If anything happens," the commander added, "kill this man first, then kill the rest of the Americans."

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When they returned to the depot, Tung told Birch in a low voice what had happened. Birch put his hands on his hips and stared at the Communist officer. "So you want to disarm us," he said. "Are you bandits? Are you the man responsible for this?" The man said he was not. "Then take us to see the responsible man," Birch said.

At this moment another Communist officer stepped up and said in a menacing way, "Since you are not willing to be disarmed, you may proceed—at your own risk. If anything happens to you we will not be responsible." And he instructed Birch to move his party on.

At this point Tung was sure that the Communists intended to shoot them in the back. But Birch refused to move. "I must find out what organization these soldiers belong to and who is the commanding officer," he said. "I want to speak to him." At that the Communist officer said, "All right, if you want to see him come with me." As they started away a Nationalist officer in Birch's party whispered anxiously to Tung, "Tell Captain Birch to be more polite to these Communists."

When he got a chance Tung repeated the warning, but Birch was adamant. "Never mind," he said. "You don't know what my feelings are. I just want to find out how they intend to treat Americans. I don't mind if they kill me, for if they do their movement will be finished. The United States will use the atomic bomb to stop their banditry."

Birch and Tung were led from place to place, ostensibly in search of the commander. At last, Birch got very angry. He seized the Red officer by the back of the collar. "You are worse than bandits!" he cried. Tung hastily said to the Communist, "Ignore him. He is only joking."

At that moment the commanding officer finally appeared. He pointed angrily at Birch and said, "Load your guns and disarm him!" Tung, knowing that Birch would not stand for such treatment, cried out, "Wait a minute, please! If you must disarm him, I will get the gun for you." The Red commander pointed to Tung and said coldly, "Shoot him first."

Lying in his hospital bed, Tung described to me what happened next: "In an instant I felt a terrible shock and pain, and fell to the ground, shot through the right thigh by a dum-dum bullet. Lying there in the street in a semifaint, I heard another shot fired and a voice commanded, 'Bring him along.' To this I heard Captain Birch's anguished reply, '*Wo bu dzwola*'—'I can't walk.' I must have fainted with shock at this point, for I do not recall any more words or actions until sometime later when I heard a Communist say, 'This man isn't dead yet.' At this I received a blow on my head and again fainted."

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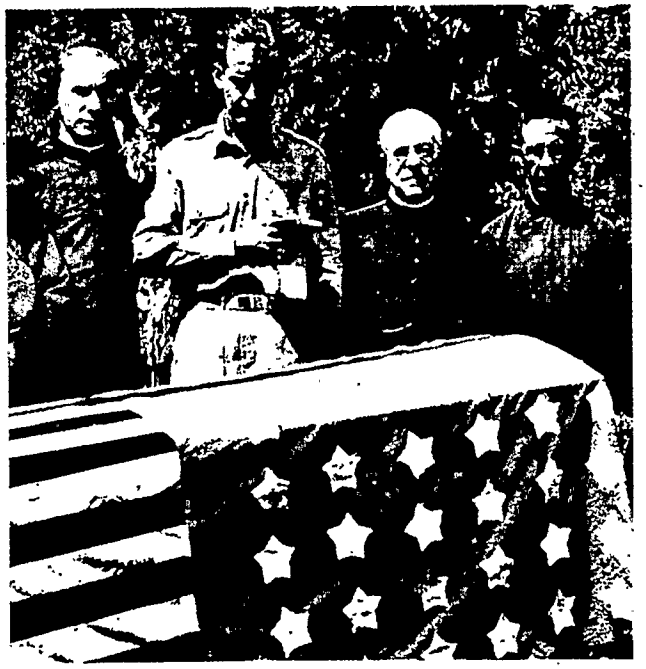
A short time later Tung regained consciousness in an open trench beside the corpse of John Birch. He was finally found by Chinese peasants and then taken by Japanese soldiers to Suchow. When I saw Tung in the hospital his gangrene-infected leg had been amputated at the thigh and his right eyeball, ruptured by the rifle butt, had been removed. Despite the severity of his wounds he eventually recovered.

As for Birch, his battered body told what had happened to him. His feet were tied at the ankles and his hands bound behind him in the typical Chinese execution pose. His leg had been shattered in the same way as Tung's and his face was mutilated by bayonet wounds. It was apparent that he had first been shot in the leg, then later bound and executed from behind while in a kneeling position. The terrible mutilation of his face was obviously an attempt to render him unidentifiable.

Birch's body was taken to the morgue in Suchow while I was there. I arranged with Japanese and Chinese Nationalist officials for a public ceremony. John Birch received a full-fledged military funeral attended by the Japanese high command and by civilian officials of Suchow. He was buried on a wooded hillside overlooking the city.



BIRCH FUNERAL, with full military honors, was attended by the author (*second from left*) and Jesuit priests, as well as high Japanese and Chinese officials.

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THE LEADER. Welch emerges from his Belmont, Mass. headquarters. Not without humor, Welch says he has "one wife, two sons, a Golden Retriever dog and 14 golf clubs—none of which he understands but all of which he loves." He retired from business, has devoted himself full-time to anti-Communism since 1957.

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UNITED STATES [illegible]NT

Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 6/15/61

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

cc Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: [redacted]
New Orleans, Louisiana
Information Concerning
(Internal Security)

This morning, [redacted] called at my office to discuss what they explained were certain social problems disturbing them. [redacted] is a businessman in New Orleans who was present during a seminar in which I participated last year. He also is very active in a controversial group in New Orleans called "Discussion Unlimited." In the main this group takes some very ultra-conservative positions, is against desegregation, the extension of Federal Government into State matters, et cetera. In particular, the members of this group put great emphasis upon state's rights.

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[redacted] said that he is greatly concerned over the spread of communism and he hoped that he and his associates could do something effectively to combat it in New Orleans. As he talked on it was quite evident that he was inclined to identify people who disagreed with his viewpoint as being socialists, communists, or procommunists. He asked me what the FBI thought of the John Birch Society. I, of course, told him that we did not give any evaluation of organizations, and that this was not to be construed as indicating that we possessed or did not possess information on this or any other organization.

[redacted] said he was a member of the John Birch Society and that his wife was also a member. He asked me if I thought that Former President Eisenhower was procommunist, or at the very least soft on communism. I told him I certainly did not think that President Eisenhower was procommunist or soft on the subject. I pointed to the number of strong positions which President Eisenhower had taken against communism and said it was difficult for me to understand how anyone could say, or even infer, that he was procommunist. Despite my making the point very clear, I am not altogether certain that [redacted] agreed.

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Mr. Belmont

[redacted] asked if I would follow the leadership of Mr. Robert Welch, head of the Birch Society. I told him I did not think the question was pertinent to our general discussion. I added that in accepting any person's leadership one should be convinced that the leadership is sound, informed, and possessed of all the well known qualities which good leadership should have.

[redacted] both said that at the time they joined the John Birch Society in New Orleans, some of New Orleans' finest citizens were members, and they had joined it because of this. They asked me if I thought they should continue on as members of the Society. I told them this was a decision which only they could properly make.

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We continued to discuss various aspects of communism, and [redacted] expressed their appreciation for being granted an opportunity to converse in a field in which they said they are both "intensely interested."

[redacted] are visiting in Washington for a few days with their two sons. At the request of Congressman Hebert of Louisiana they were given a tour of the Bureau on 6/14/61.

For information.

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Per OGA letter dated 12/12/2012

Legal Attache, Bonn (105-1604)

June 27, 1961

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Director, FBI (62-104401) 1329

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Spy Espionage

Reurlet dated June 19, 1961.

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The Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the John Birch Society (JBS) or its founder Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. There is no information in Bureau files to show any ties that the JBS may have to any international Fascist organization.

There are enclosed an original and one copy of a memorandum concerning the JBS and its founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., which you may desire to furnish to your source

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1 - Mr. Harrington

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The John Birch Society (JBS) was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in order to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of the JBS as "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., stated that the Society was named after John Birch, a young Christian missionary from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when the United States entered World War II. According to Welch, John Birch joined General Chennault's force as a volunteer and organized Chennault's intelligence. He rose to the rank of captain in the United States Army and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. According to Welch, ten days after V-J Day while Birch was on a peaceful and official mission for the United States Government he was brutally murdered in cold blood by the Chinese communists.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Original and one copy sent to Legal Attache, Bonn, by letter dated 6/27/61.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI Per OGA letter dated 12/12/2012 DATE: 6/19/61

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-1604)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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The Bureau is requested to furnish a short summary of information on the above-captioned organization and individual in form suitable for dissemination [redacted]

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UNITED STATES G[illegible]T

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: June 7, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A4287-A4288. Senator Humphrey, (D) Minnesota, requested to have printed in the Record an editorial from the Chicago Sun-Times of April 6, 1961, entitled "How To Fight Communism." The editorial comments on the John Birch Society stating "The Birch Society is discredited in the minds of the critics because it pursues the methods used by Communists themselves. Moreover, as Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy said last week, the Birch Society is making no contribution in the fight against communism and is, in fact, a hindrance in the fight."

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

To : Director, FBI

From: SAC, San Francisco (89-503)

[redacted]

BELMONT, CALIFORNIA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
DUDED: 6/20/61

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[redacted] contacted evening of 6/23/61. Telegram sent Attorney General because she desired Attorney General to know of her belief that her adopted son, whose name she refused to disclose, is a member of the John Birch Society. Because of son's admiration for Senator BARRY GOLDWATER, she feared Senator GOLDWATER also is member. This fear is warranted she feels by remarks made by Senator GOLDWATER on Jack Paar Show and article in current issue "Time" Magazine.

[redacted] professed her loyalty to the United States and admiration for the President and Attorney General. [redacted] felt that the John Birch Society was opposed to the administration to such an extent that the administration's policies and programs might not be adopted.

It was noted that [redacted] rambled considerably in her discourse, bringing into the conversation reference to her past residences in Australia and South Africa. She remarked that were she 25 years younger she would be happy to return to South Africa and help physically to build roads, working with the natives.

[redacted] was assured her remarks would be made a matter of record and brought to the attention of appropriate officials. San Francisco files contained no reference identifiable with [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JUNE 23, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A4703. Congressman Reuss, (D) Wisconsin, extended his remarks concerning the John Birch Society. Mr. Reuss stated "Recently the Wisconsin State Medical Society has added its voice to those warning against this extremist organization. In an editorial in the June issue of the Wisconsin Medical Journal they urge doctors to diagnose political evil with the same care used for physical ills." He also included the text of the editorial with his remarks. The editorial pointed out that "Hunting traitors, Communists or any other kind, is the business of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 27, 1961

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: [redacted]
COLUMBUS 4, OHIO
CORRESPONDENCE MATTER

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In a rambling and disconnected letter to the Director dated June 21, 1961, a copy of which is enclosed, [redacted] praises the Director, but criticizes W. C. Sullivan's remarks on communism and religion. She states that she is not afraid of Sullivan, the Director, communists or anyone. She opposes critics of the "J. B. Society" (John Birch Society) and wants to use a letter from the Director in an argument against the editor of the Columbus, Ohio, "Catholic Times." She requested information on communist infiltration of churches and the National Council of Churches.

There is nothing identifiable with the correspondent in Bureau files, although she states she wrote to the Director on 2/26/61 and received what may have been a form letter in reply. In this event, the incoming letter would have been destroyed in 90 days.

It is felt that the enclosed letter from the Director to [redacted] supports the statements of W. C. Sullivan but does not give [redacted] any ammunition in her argument against the editor of the "Catholic Times."

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RECOMMENDATION:

Not sent That the enclosed letter from the Director be sent to [redacted]

Enclosures

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Morrell
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note her letter. I suggest no reply

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM United States Government

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

JUL 3 1961

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45661)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
RACIAL MATTERS

On 6/27/61, [redacted] advised SA MAHLON J. PRICE that the informant attended a meeting of the John Birch Society held at the Sheraton Hotel's Hall of Flags on [redacted] 6/26/61. Preparatory to the meeting the informant met [redacted]

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There were about 75 persons in attendance at the meeting, many of them guests of the John Birch Society. [redacted] of the Philadelphia Branch of the John Birch Society

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spoke about his start in the Society and introduced the featured speaker. [redacted] told the audience if they desired additional information concerning the John Birch Society they should write to the Committee for the Republic, Box 897, Devon, Pa. The featured speaker was [redacted] of the John Birch Society at Fairfield, Conn.

[redacted] spoke of his association with Mr. WELCH, the founder of the Society. He also spoke of various literature and motion pictures and TV shows that are anti-Communist. He mentioned ERIC SEVAREID as a columnist the Society did not like. The informant stated that [redacted] stated the aim of the Society was to stop the advance of Communism. A motion picture three hours in length was shown, which portrayed Mr. WELCH making a speech. WELCH stated the goal of the Communists is to get the various rightist groups such as the NSRP and the Society to fight among themselves over integration and such current problems. WELCH stated it was the goal of the Society to educate the people concerning Communism.

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It was the informant's observation that the people in attendance possibly excluding the NSRP members seemed sincere in their motives.

While at the meeting the informant met a man named [redacted] who was interested in meeting someone from the "For America" group. It was necessary for [redacted] and [redacted] before going into the Army he hated Jews and was pro-Nazi. He stated that when he was in the Army he talked in his sleep one night and expressed his true thoughts. He stated he has been persecuted by the Jews ever since. He had five car accidents in the past several years and three of these incidents were instigated by Jews. Also, a Negro hit his boy with a car, which he stated was instigated by Jews. [redacted] an interest in going in for terrorist methods and guerilla warfare against the Communists and the Jews. He talked of designing a ring that could inject poisons into his enemies and stated he thought of filling the ring with rabies virus. Likewise he thought that many Communists and Jews could be poisoned by using a chemical that forms at the top of cans of fermenting

tomatoes and peas. The informant stated [redacted] spoke so wildly on this subject that he came to the conclusion that he was psychopathic.

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The informant described [redacted] as follows: [redacted] tudor blue belonging to his employer. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, [redacted] IS BEING ADDED TO THE PHILADELPHIA BOMB SUSPECT LIST.

The informant furnished the following physical description of [redacted]

The informant described [redacted] as follows: [redacted]

In addition the informant advised that [redacted] is presently [redacted] in South Philadelphia from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The informant furnished the following description concerning [redacted]

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and New Haven.

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Date: 7/3/61

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandun, concerning the proposed picket line to be held July 4, 1961 at the Beverly-Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California, the target of which is Chief Justice EARL WARREN.

The source who made this information available is [redacted] Reseda, California, who orally advised SA GILMER G. BENJAMIN, JR. on July 3, 1961.

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Local police departments have been advised of this picket line.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
July 3, 1961

John Birch Society

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 3, 1961 that the John Birch Society is sponsoring a picket line on July 4, 1961, commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, California. The target of this picket line is Chief Justice Earl Warren, U. S. Supreme Court, who is being honored at the Beverly-Hilton Hotel during the evening of July 4, 1961. This source advised that plans have been made to have a sufficient number of pickets marching, so that the entire hotel will be incircled so that Chief Justice Warren could not avoid seeing the picket line while entering or departing the hotel.

6-4-86 Spyglass

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The Attorney General July 12, 1961

Director, FBI

62-104401-1354

ROBERT WELCH
FOUNDER,
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS

Attached is a copy of a letter dated July 5, 1961, from Mr. Welch, founder of The John Birch Society, wherein he requests an interview with me for himself and the members of his Executive Committee. I am also furnishing you a copy of my reply to this communication. I thought you might be interested in this matter.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Byron R. White - Enclosures (2)
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Evans - Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: It was recommended by Morrell to DeLoach Memo dated 7-10-61 that Welch's request be declined. The Director concurred and the letter declining the request was mailed. Mr. Tolson instructed that a copy of the incoming and reply be sent to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General. Mr. Hoover concurred.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-10-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INCORPORATED
BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS
REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE WITH DIRECTOR

By letter dated July 5, 1961, Robert Welch, founder of The John Birch Society, wrote to the Director and enclosed a brochure concerning his organization. Mr. Welch said it was the desire of himself and 5 members of his Executive Committee to meet with Mr. Hoover in order to discuss a matter "which we consider to be of greatest importance to our country." Welch said it had nothing to do "directly" with any of the charges made against The John Birch Society nor does it involve secrets of any kind. He said he and the Executive Committee are scheduled to meet together on Saturday, July 29, 1961, in Chicago; however, they would be glad instead to meet in Washington or New York or anywhere that might be most convenient for the Director. Welch, in addition, said that if this date were not suitable, he and his group would be willing to have Mr. Hoover suggest another time and place for the desired meeting.

The 5 members of the Executive Committee mentioned by Welch are Messrs. William J. Grede, A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., Fred C. Koch, Clarence Manion and Robert W. Stoddard. Mr. Koch is on the Special Correspondents' List. Mr. Manion is the former Dean of Notre Dame Law School (1941-1952). There has been previous cordial correspondence with him as well as with Mr. Heinsohn. Bufiles contain nothing of a derogatory nature with respect to Messrs. Grede and Stoddard with whom there has been no previous correspondence.

The John Birch Society was founded in 12/58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters thoughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. As you are aware, the Bureau has been the recipient of a vast amount of mail from citizens protesting the controversial activities of both Welch and his organization. In addition, there has been an equally large volume of mail from members of this organization making every attempt imaginable to embroil either the Director or the FBI in their activities. Some of these attempts have been open and aboveboard while others have attempted to "trick" the Director into connecting himself with The John Birch Society. It may well be that Welch

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1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (2)

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Morrell to DeLoach
Re: Robert Welch
The John Birch Society, Incorporated
Request for Conference with Director

is now taking it upon himself to attempt to do what his followers have failed to accomplish--that is, try to align either the Director and/or the Bureau with his group.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be forwarded to Mr. Robert Welch expressing the Director's declination to meet with him and his Executive Committee.

Suggest copy incoming and reply be sent to Ass't White
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6-30-61

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-1604)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY;
ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
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Re Bonn letter to Bureau, 6-19-61.

The Daily Press Review of the American Embassy U. S. Information Service, Office of Press Attache, Bonn, contained in the No. 118, Part 2, issue of 6-28-61, the information that East German newspaper "BZ Am Abend" had stated in an article on that date that "high-ranking U. S. officers use their occupiers' position in West Germany in order to spread clear Nazi propaganda throughout their units and among the population." In this connection, the paper made particular mention of Maj. Gen. EDWIN A. WALKER, who is a member of the "John-Birch-Society" and who until recently was commander of the 24th U. S. infantry division stationed in Augsburg-Heidelberg. The paper explained the Nazi spirit of the Birch Society and said that its pamphlets were distributed and lectures were arranged in the district under the authority of the 24th Inf. Div.

The foregoing is for your information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 18, 1961

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

John Birch Society

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Paddock Publications, Inc.,
John Birch Society
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

This is to advise the Bureau that [redacted] of the Paddock Publications, Inc., a publishing chain controlling 14 suburban newspapers in the Northern area of Illinois, has confidentially contacted the Chicago Office and advised that he has been assigned to do a feature series of articles on the John Birch Society. He has pointed out that he personally has no sympathies with this organization and that the only purpose for his anticipated application to join the organization is to secure information for his newspaper articles which he will publish after he has been able to secure information concerning the organization.

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As part of his article, he anticipates making application and joining this group. He has indicated that he desires to advise the Bureau that his joining the group is only for the purpose of securing material for his newspaper articles and that it in no way indicates a personal belief or adherance to the ideals of this organization. He has indicated that as of possible personal protection, he anticipates that he will send a letter to the Bureau wherein he will set forth these facts and that he will ask that the Bureau be advised of the true nature of his activities in this manner.

This letter is submitted to the Bureau so that the Bureau may be advised concerning the background of [redacted] and his true interest in the John Birch Society. His chain of newspapers has been friendly to the Bureau and is the most prominent chain of newspapers in the area to the Northwest of the City of Chicago. Indices of the Chicago Office are negative concerning any derogatory information regarding him.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Belmont 78, Massachusetts

July 5, 1961

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**Executive Committee*
†Deceased

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The members of the Executive Committee of The John Birch Society are desiganted by asterisks on this letterhead, and they are briefly identified as to business or professional connections and standing on two pages near the end of the enclosed brochure.

These five men and the writer respectfully request an interview with you. The subject we wish to discuss has nothing directly to do with any of the charges made against The John Birch Society, or any of the charges reported to have been made by it or by myself personally, but is still a matter which we consider to be of great importance to our country. It is also a subject in which -- although it involves no secrets of any kind -- we believe you will be interested.

We are, of course, willing to adjust our time to yours, and to have as many of the small group present to keep the appointment, as possible, at any time you might designate. But since these men do come from various parts of the country, and are themselves all extremely busy, and all wish very much to be in on this discussion, and it is so hard to find a time when one or more of them do not have unbreakable conflicts, I hope it will seem in order for me to mention that the group is scheduled to get together on Saturday, July 29, anyway. And while we now plan to meet that day in Chicago, we should be very glad instead to meet in Washington or New York, or anywhere that might be most convenient for yourself, if you would be willing to spare the time to meet with us or have us meet with you at your office or at any place you say, for the one to two hours which we think might be required.

If Saturday, July 29 is not suitable for yourself, we shall be glad to have you suggest any other time and place, as soon thereafter as may be most convenient for yourself. And hoping that the appointment may be granted, we shall be looking forward very much to seeing you at the time and place of which you decide.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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Robert Welch

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Mr. Robert Welch
The John Birch Society, Incorporated
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Welch:

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I have received your letter of July 5 regarding the desire of the members of the Executive Committee of The John Birch Society to meet with me. I appreciate your kindness in providing me with a copy of the booklet concerning your organization.

Unfortunately, due to previously scheduled commitments and the pressure of official business, it will not be possible for me to accede to your request. I am very sorry this situation exists, but I am sure you will understand my position.

If you, or any of the other members of your Executive Committee, have information which you believe would be of interest to the FBI, please feel free to discuss it with Mr. James H. Gale, Special Agent in Charge of our Chicago Office, located at 536 South Clark Street, or with the Special Agent in Charge of any of our other offices which may be located more conveniently for you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memorandum of same date entitled "Robert Welch, The John Birch Society, Incorporated, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, Request for Conference with Director," HHA:dkp.

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Application For Membership

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

This is my application for membership in the _____ Chapter of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, for one year from this date, and for automatic renewal each year thereafter, unless I resign in writing. I understand the dues schedule printed on the back of this sheet, as applicable to myself.

If my application is accepted, I agree that my membership may be revoked at anytime, by a duly appointed officer of the Society, without the reason being stated, on refund of the pro rata part of my dues paid in advance.

Sincerely,

(Name)_____

(Address)_____

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Date _____

Dues Received _____

Application Approved
By _____

Title _____

DUES SCHEDULE

Life membership in the Home Chapter, (which automatically covers membership in any local chapter), for men or women $1,000.00
(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of $500.00 each.)

Regular annual membership in the Home Chapter	For men	$24.00
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Membership in a local chapter, minimum per year:	For men	$24.00
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(This may be paid as $2.00 per month for men, and $1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader.)

If any member wishes to pay larger dues, to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for that purpose), such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the home office.)

NOTICE

One copy of this brochure is being supplied free to every member of the Society. And we shall also make a certain additional amount of free distribution of the brochure from the Home Office.

But since we simply cannot afford the cost of the quantities that we know will be requested, we are obliged to make a charge for all copies except those indicated in the first paragraph above. We are, however, for obvious reasons keeping this charge just as close to the actual printing cost as we dare.

This is to advise all concerned, therefore, that the price of *The New Brochure* is ten cents per copy, in quantities of any size, large or small. Minimum shipment is ten copies for one dollar. Simply address:

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC
THE STATE'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

Page 6 Friday, December 16, 1960

Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is, There Is Liberty
II Corinthians 3: 17

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Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.—Job 5:17.

Freedom's Missionaries

In the past, communism has had few effective, dedicated opponents. Thankfully, that deficiency is now being remedied by an anti-Communist movement—comprised of thousands of dedicated Americans from every walk of life—springing up all across the United States. The movement is known as the John Birch Society, and its sole purpose is to turn back the Communist tidal wave threatening to engulf the world.

What distinguishes The John Birch Society from anti-Communist groups of the past is that this organization knows exactly what it wants to accomplish, and it is determined to let nothing stand in its way of accomplishing it. It is not beset by petty internal squabbling over methods and procedures, but, rather, possesses boundless energy, unusual dedication and skillful leadership.

The founder of The John Birch Society is Robert Welch, a dynamic intellectual who rose from humble beginnings on a North Carolina farm to become one of the nation's outstanding business men and one of its most serious scholars. In 1958 he abandoned his business career completely, determined to devote his life to fighting the Red threat. With little money and with only a handful of supporters initially, Robert Welch has since fashioned The John Birch Society—named for a Baptist missionary who was brutally murdered by the Chinese Communists, 10 days after the end of World War II—into a vibrant, effective organization which is growing by leaps and bounds, despite a systematic, concerted smear campaign by leftists and fellow travelers.

The two principal characteristics of the society are the dedication of its members (both Democrats and Republicans, representing all religious denominations), who are made to study communism, and the caliber of its leadership, which includes high school and college instructors, top ranking military officers, and important business executives. Believing, as did Jefferson, that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God, each member has dedicated himself to the important task of awakening an apathetic public which has been lulled to sleep by the soporifics of the left.

The reason for The John Birch Society is epitomized in the words of Chesterton:

"Yea, for one great hour's triumph,
not in me
Nor any hope of mine did I rejoice,
But in a meadow game of girls
and boys
Some sunset in the centuries to be."

Nowhere, in any nation where the Communists have come to power, are their meadow games of girls and boys. Instead, the serenity of childhood has been replaced with forced labor camps, political indoctrination schools, and the systematic destruction of family life. By opposing communism, the society hopes to prevent the same from occurring in America.

The uninformed will doubtless scoff at the purposes of The John Birch Society, just as the uninformed always scoff at whatever they are ignorant of. But neither their calumnies, nor the deliberate slanders of influential fellow travelers, should deter this movement from its noble goal. We wish it every success in its mission.

[redacted]
EDISON BUILDING
LOS ANGELES

January 31, 1961

Mr. Robert Welch
The John Birch Society, Inc.
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Welch:

I would like to add my own to the many expressions of appreciation which you are receiving for your fine leadership in the fight against the communist conspiracy. The John Birch Society is deserving of the encouragement and support of all who are concerned about the great inroads which communism is making in our country and throughout the world.

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In some instances you have had to say some harsh things about some policies and acts of friends of mine which went farther than I would be willing to go. I feel sure, for example, that Chris Herter is a patriotic and able man and that reflections upon his honor, integrity and patriotism are not justified. Yet I agree with you that some of his statements and policies as Secretary of State did not do justice to his good intentions.

You have my moral support, admiration and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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RICHMOND 26, VIRGINIA

April 20, 1960

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Wilshire Chapter #89
The John Birch Society
3434 West 6th Street
Los Angeles 5, California

Dear [redacted]

I am happy to have an opportunity to tell you something about Bob Welch. Bob is, as you know, the editor and publisher of AMERICAN OPINION, which enjoys the reputation of being one of the country's leading publications dedicated to the cause of conservatism.

Bob is without doubt one of the most patriotic men I have ever known, and one of the hardest working for the cause to which he has now come to devote all of his time, to the complete exclusion of his private interests. He is convinced that a Communist conspiracy to impose socialist dictatorship upon the world has been in existence for years and is increasing in intensity and tempo, and in his voluminous writing and speaking has adduced enough evidence in support of his conviction to convince anyone who is willing to take the time to read or listen.

The John Birch Society is one of Bob's brain children and its symbol is the life story of John Birch, a God-fearing patriot who, after a long period of behind-the-lines operations in China, was brutally and cold-bloodedly murdered by the Chinese Communists, who were supposed to be our friends, while on a peaceful mission ten days after the war with Japan ended.

I think that the measure of Bob Welch can be best seen by a scanning of the list of outstanding Americans -- from which I exclude myself, of course -- who Bob has assembled around him as The Council of The John Birch Society.

The Communists have gone far toward taking us without firing a shot, and I have heard several of the country's outstanding men say very frankly that The John Birch Society appears to be the only hope of stemming the tide of infiltration from the East.

Sincerely,

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"So we welcome into the Society A who disagrees with B's ideas of how to fight the Communists, and B who dislikes A, and C, who looks scornfully at them both; and D who is too rabid, and E who is too restrained, and F who can stand nobody except those who land on what he considers middle ground; and G who wants to get his gun and come out shooting (if we would only say the word), and H who wants to win the whole struggle solely by educational means, and J who thinks that militant animosity and slow educational procedures must both be subordinated to practical political action; and K, who thinks that L is too uncouth, and L who thinks that K is a stuffed shirt, and M who can't tell the difference between them; and N who thinks that every third member of the Society is a Communist infiltrator, and O who thinks any expectation of Communist infiltration is exaggerated and ridiculous, and P who thinks it doesn't matter; and Q who thinks that R is a hound for personal publicity, and R who thinks that Q is a nonentity, and S who is sure that neither is a credit to the Society; and T who thinks that V is too bossy and V who thinks that T is too mousy, and parliamentary W who thinks that even lunch should be eaten according to Roberts' Rules of Order; and X who thinks that Y is too much of a sinner, and Y who thinks that X is too much of a saint, and Z who wants to spend too much of his time worrying about somebody else's religion instead of his own.

"You will note, gentle reader, that U and I were left out of the above list. That is because U, of course, are guilty of none of these distracting or disturbing attitudes; and because I, with so much of the responsibility for the ultimate effectiveness of The John Birch Society, must—within the limits of honor and of safety—be tolerant of them all.

"We do not even want to discourage complaints, for out of a bushel of overdrawn fears and prejudices and accusations we are bound to find now and then the grains of truthful warning which we need. We may be slower to move than is liked by some who make charges or air their suspicions. While we are sure that other members will consider us too drastic in the use of our rights of expulsion, if and when we do become convinced that charges are justified. But we shall do our utmost to get members of The John Birch Society, from A to Z, to work together for the purposes of the Society, regardless of how, on the outside, they may feel about each other.

"We shall insist on loyalty to the Society while any person is a member, without concerning ourselves as to what that person says about the Society, or about your Founder, after he or she resigns from membership. We have and want, absolutely no control over or responsibility for the actions of anybody, except as a member of The John Birch Society, and then only with the frequently confirmed understanding that the same anybody is free to resign from the Society at any time."

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From The May 17, 1960 Issue Of
CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS

John Birch was a Baptist missionary to China and later became a U. S. Army intelligence officer in the war against Japan. As a Christian and one ardently devoted to freedom and the principles of self-government he was feared by the Communists and finally brutally murdered.

In his memory, Robert Welch, a nationally-known Massachusetts industrialist, organized The John Birch Society for the purpose of furthering the concepts of John Birch, defeating the aims of communism, promoting the principles of constitutional government and advancing the cause of freedom.

Many chapters of the Society have been organized throughout the country, and those desiring more information about this movement should write to The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

AMARILLO SUNDAY NEWS-GLOBE

Page 26 Amarillo, Texas, Sunday Morning, August 7, 1960

A Most Amazing Organization Leaves Members Latitude Of Individuality

John Birch is named by many as the first American casualty of the Cold War between Communists and the ever-shrinking "Free World."

Birch was a Christian missionary, born on a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when the United States entered World War II. On July 4, 1942, he officially joined General Chennault's intelligence service, rose to rank of Captain in the U. S. Army, and served with bravery and brilliance throughout the war.

Ten days after V-J Day, while in uniform on a special peaceful and official mission for the U. S. government, John Birch was brutally murdered in cold blood by so-called U. S. "allies," the Chinese Communists.

As one of the members of the John Birch Society says, "You probably never heard of John Birch. This is simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. It took five years of determined effort... to pierce the blanket of oblivion which had been so brazenly thrown over his life, and death by Communist sympathizers in our government. As THE SATURDAY EVENING POST pointed out in an editorial on January 22, 1955, 'Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of communism.'

In 1958, the John Birch Society was formed of Americans who as *individuals,* not representatives of organizations, want to fight in hometown councils to "wake up the American people to the serious cancer of the pro-Communist activities of Communist sympathizers."

That many of those individuals are men who are nationally known — T. Coleman Andrews, former Commissional of Internal Revenue; Tom Anderson, editor of FARM AND RANCH; Spruille Braden, former U.S. ambassador to several countries; Adolphe Menjou, screen actor who has been in the forefront of patriotic movements in recent years; Dean Clarence Manion, former dean of Notre Dame Law School—does not eliminate the individual character of the Council membership.

It is this note that makes one of the recent bulletins of the John Birch Society fascinating — since it underlines that which keeps so many organizations from attracting widespread membership. We commend the reading of the following paragraphs to any person who is seeking, as the Society does, "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

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NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

REGENT 7-9058

April 19, 1960

Dear [redacted]

In reply to your April 13 letter, I have known Mr. Robert Welch for a number of years, first in the National Association of Manufacturers Foreign Relations Committee, and at meetings of that organization. Subsequently, I came to admire the splendid and patriotic job he was doing in the publication of AMERICAN OPINION. Without ever making any inquiry as to his antecedents, I came to know more or less automatically that he was a highly regarded and successful manufacturer. I have a natural fellow feeling for him because of his alarm as to the state of our nation and the courage which he demonstrated through AMERICAN OPINION and otherwise in fighting the malignant influences of collectivism and communism.

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Shortly after he formed the John Birch Society and I spent an entire day listening to him, I decided that at long last here was the one organization which could make the fight effectively against these disrupting influences in our country. I had for long felt that while many different patriotic organizations attacking these problems from various angles were to the good, that to become really effective, there must be one central properly organized group, with competent leadership. In the John Birch Society I found the organization, and in Bob Welch the leadership.

I trust that the foregoing covers the questions you had in mind.

With all best wishes,

Faithfully and cordially yours,

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Dominguez Estate Company
3434 W. 6th St.
Los Angeles 5, California

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE
2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON 35, MASSACHUSETTS

April 28, 1960

Dear [redacted]

Replying to your recent letter, I beg to advise you that I do not know of any more dedicated anti-communist in the country than Robert Welch.

I unhesitatingly recommend him to you and endorse his John Birch Society.

Under separate cover I am sending you some literature that may be of interest to you.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours most cordially,

Richard J. Cushing

Archbishop of Boston

[redacted]
Dominguez Estate Co.
3434 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 5, California

"As a new member I believe this to be an excellent program. It places both criticism and praise where needed."

From Port Salerno, Florida

"Sir, I'm most delighted and excited to be a new member of such a great crusade. Although I don't believe I'll agree with you on all issues, we both hold our goals the same and look to the future for better government --

"I'm with you all the way."

From Dickinson, Texas

"Your writings and your wonderful example should be an inspiration to all decent Americans. They have shaken me from my lethargy and made me try to do my part."

From Alexandria, Virginia

"Your Blue Book sold me on your wonderful society. It's the greatest book I've ever read. I only wish every American could read it."

From Peoria, Illinois

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"Never knew letter writing could be so much fun. It really helps to have facts and figures to go on. You certainly are doing a grand job."

From Shelby, North Carolina

"I am very proud to be associated with you. In this perilous time every American should do all in his power to live up to our Constitution . . . . . Being a member has most certainly enlightened me to many things -- things that I was unaware of before."

From Milwaukee, Wisconsin

"Thanks so much for showing us a way in which we may do our best to help. The enclosed five dollars isn't much but I will try to help when I can. Six children require a lot of food and clothes. We are trying to cut expenses every way possible."

From Beaumont, Texas

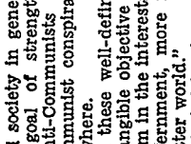
"I have not the slightest doubt that the total war against the communist conspiracy cannot be won without total understanding of the problems involved, nor without discipline and direction. All these qualities have been lacking so far.

"The John Birch Society under your leadership is the only movement that can give form and direction to the efforts of the many thousands who are already aware of the danger we are facing."

From Beaufort, South Carolina

W. D. Workman

The John Birch Society



Communism has few admitted friends in America. But none of its enemies are more dogged, determined, or downright hostile than are the members of the John Birch Society.

That band of dedicated anti-Communists still is relatively small in numbers, but it makes up in intensity for what it lacks in size. And its size is growing steadily, as more and more Americans become aware of its existence and its purpose.

Back of the John Birch Society is an uncompromising businessman named Robert Welch, who seems to live on equal parts of nervous energy, hatred of Communism, and distrust both of the United Nations and of almost every agency of the United States government. It was he who founded the Society, who named it, and who gives it the chief impetus and character.

In this day of organizations gone to seed, the John Birch Society stands apart in bold relief. It is authoritarian, and insists upon a disciplined following. It brooks no wrangling or haggling over Society policies or procedures. And it is as quick to invite members out of the organization as in, if it appears that its cause might suffer by their presence.

The cause is everything, and it is a cause of both breadth and depth. The primary objective is to halt the spread of Communism in this country. For Robert Welch contends with fervor that "incredible" inroads already have been made into the nation's legislative halls, governmental agencies, labor unions, schools, churches, and society in general. Beyond that is the goal of strengthening the hands of anti-Communists abroad, so that the Communist conspiracy may be halted everywhere.

Along with these well-defined goals is the more intangible objective of combating collectivism in the interests of achieving "less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

In its steadfast drive toward these related goals, the John Birch Society demands of its members both sacrifice and dedication. Welch puts it in these words:

"We need disciplined pullers at the oars; not passengers in the boat . . .

We do not ask that you give the John Birch Society the whole of your lives, for you might as well be taken over by Communism if that be the case . . . but we do expect more work and sacrifice in this society than will be asked of you in any other organization."

Welch makes his personal bid for support in a grueling, two-day talkathon, in which he paints a grim picture of Communist successes throughout the world, and holds out the John Birch Society as "the last best hope of saving our civilization." He and the handful of "coordinators" who help him spread the message tell their carefully selected prospects:

"It is the only alternative. Either you come into the John Birch Society and give it your best, or else you will be devoting all of your time to serving a Communist slave state."

Those who do join the society are called upon to keep abreast of both Communist and anti-Communist developments here and abroad, to spread knowledge of such developments among their neighbors, to support and sustain anti-Communists who are fighting actively in governmental and other circles, and in general to "start shocking the American people into a realization of how far Communism has crept into this country."

Welch and his associates admittedly are bearers of ill tidings, but they make no effort to conceal their concern and their distress over the apathy of Americans generally. Their optimism, when it does show through, is couched in statements such as this:

"We do not have to lose this fight at all. There is enough strength in America to stop Communism if we can stir it to action. Our danger is immense and imminent, but all it takes to win is to build understanding."

That effort to make Americans comprehend is centered in Belmont, Mass., where the North Carolina-born Welch maintains headquarters for the John Birch Society. The Society's name stems from a young Christian missionary, a native of Georgia, who joined the United States forces in China at the outbreak of World War II. Welch tells of Birch's life and death in a little book, saying that his brutal murder in cold blood by Chinese Communists made him "probably the first American casualty" in a third World War between the Communists and the "ever-shrinking free world."

This clipping is from the Stamford Advocate, of Stamford, Connecticut. The same article appeared on November 28, 1960 in the many papers throughout the country carrying the syndicated column of W. D. Workman. Mr. Workman, who lives in Columbia, S.C., is author of the excellent book, The Case For The South, published by Devin-Adair.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was founded, in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958.

Its founder and present head is Robert Welch, of whom biographical notes are given at Page 28 of this brochure.

Its top governing body, under the Founder, is the COUNCIL, which was formed in December, 1959 and held its first meeting in Chicago, on January 9, 1960. The men constituting the COUNCIL are listed and identified on Pages 29 and 30.

The Society operates largely through local chapters, usually of between ten and twenty members each. Merely being patriotic or anti-Communist is not a sufficient qualification for membership. Because of our basic objectives (which will be more fully explained further along), we must have associated with us, now and in the future, only men and women of good will, good conscience, and religious ideals. For we shall strive to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose -- in word and deed -- which our children's children may follow without hesitation.

As of the day this is written (January 31, 1961), we still have not begun any organizing effort in the following states: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, and Vermont. But we already have from one chapter to more than a hundred chapters in each of the other thirty-four states, and in the District of Columbia.

We also have a Home Chapter, which maintains contact with its members only by mail. There are now

members of this Home Chapter in every state, and the roll includes several hundred of the most influential men and women in our country. Also, many of our new members first come into the Society as members of the Home Chapter, and are then transferred into local chapters which they themselves help to form, or which are formed by others in their community.

For taking the lead in establishing chapters, and for the supervision and guidance needed to keep them functioning most effectively, we have salaried staff men, called Coordinators. We also have, in many areas, men and women with other jobs who devote large parts of their time and energy to serving The John Birch Society as Volunteer Coordinators. The Society is now represented by such Coordinators and Volunteer Coordinators in about thirty states. We shall appoint Coordinators in the other states, and increase their number in the areas which are at present too thinly covered, as fast as our growth and resources will permit.

We now have several Major Coordinators, supervising the activities of Coordinators and Volunteer Coordinators. We shall add further Major Coordinators, and otherwise increase our organizational strength, from the bottom up, as rapidly as we can afford it and to whatever extent it seems wise to do so. Neither the list of our members, of either local chapters or the Home Chapter, nor their number, is ever given out to anybody. But during the twenty-six months since The John Birch Society was founded its growth has been sure and solid. We expect that growth to continue, with increasing speed and momentum, until we have the million members -- of fervent patriotism and unassailable character -- which is our goal.

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shown the 'Movie' twice. God bless you."

From South San Gabriel, California

"I have only been a member of the Society for a few months, but I feel proud to be associated with such a fine group. . . . . I have a proud feeling in my heart. for everyone who is helping our country to survive, at this crucial time."

From Portsmouth, New Hampshire

"I thank you for the John Birch Society and would like to commend you on every firm stand taken."

From Tacoma, Washington

"We both appreciate very much the John Birch Society and all you are doing for the good of our wonderful country. We are thankful for this Society as we feel that we are really doing something worthwhile when we carry out your instructions. We wish to commend you for the fine publication American Opinion. We always read it from cover to cover and glean information that we find no other place."

Also From Tacoma, Washington

"This is the first time I have participated in the John Birch Society as an active member. It has given me a great deal of satisfaction to be able to do something. I have done a good deal of reading and exchanging views, attending meetings, etc., but never felt I was accomplishing anything. Even when I wrote my congressmen I didn't know if it would do any good. I had a forlorn feeling. Now I realize that many people concentrating on a given subject can do wonders. This is exactly as it should be. If at any time, however, I feel I can't go along with your views and thinking I reserve the right to refrain from writing or acting but will give you notice of my disagreement. Thank you for giving me a goal for which to work."

From Stevensville, Montana

"No improvement in the John Birch Society is needed at the top unless it were that its founder doesn't knock himself out. The enthusiasm at the lowest level is the fire under the effort."

From Pasadena, California

"Little did I know years ago when I heard John Birch preach that I would some day be a member of a patriotic organization named for him. I am so happy to be a new John Birch member."

From Fort Worth, Texas

"Every time I hear Mr. Welch speak, I appreciate even more the values of Qualified Leadership, and I realize that it is the lack of such leadership that has stopped other anti-communist groups from becoming effective."

From Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Patriots May Become 'Conspirators'

"Unless the trend of taking over the government by the international Communist conspiracy can be stopped, the day may not be far off when patriots will be called 'conspirators' against their own government.

"It has happened in every captive nation now in the clutches of Communists, including the Republic of Cuba.

"It can happen even here in the United States,"

Such were the frightening prospects that prompted a Massachusetts industrialist to relinquish his business and dedicate himself to doing something about fighting Communism.

Widely known among the higher brackets of the business world, Robert Welch was almost unknown outside these circles less than three years ago.

Today, as editor of the much-quoted magazine, American Opinion, and organizer of the John Birch Society, he is becoming a familiar figure to tens of thousands.

Thumbnail Biography

Well-educated and world-traveled, the 61-year-old Bostonian closely observed the Socialist movement in England and the menacing growth of Communism everywhere.

In January, 1957, Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities, and most of his income, to devote practically his entire time and energy to the anti-Communist cause.

The basis of his conviction is the belief that the only thing Communists fear is having the truth about the methods and progress of their international conspiracy made known to the American people, who for the most part appeared to be complacent and indifferent.

Through the printed and spoken word he resolved to proclaim the facts about events, public personalities and issues, fearlessly and without reservation.

The time had come, he thought, to speak out.

Implementation

His objective was not to indoctrinate, but to present facts, to interpret them and to demonstrate their significance.

He had confidence in the ability of the American people to draw their own conclusions, once the facts had been made available to them.

First, he developed the outspoken American Opinion, now in its third volume, to publish the findings of his research staff of experts and present the chronology of events as it applied to the Communist conspiracy.

Robert Welch himself, author of three books, contributed his hard-hitting "If You Want It Straight . . ." section, in which he pulled no punches.

These eye-opening revelations caught on fast, but readers were not enough. He wanted them to talk about what they read and to read extensively the right kind of books.

With this thought in mind, he organized the John Birch Society one month before Fidel Castro made his grand entry into Havana and took over the government of Cuba.

Meaning of the Name

Operating largely through local chapters, usually consisting of 10 to 20 members each, the society with headquarters at Belmont 78, Mass., is an association of Americans who have voluntarily joined together to discuss problems of national importance.

John Birch, a Christian missionary in China at the beginning of World War II, organized Gen. Chennault's intelligence service, rose to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army, served with distinction, and 10 days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful mission for his government, was brutally murdered by Chinese Communists.

Few people recognized the name, because the Communists had planned it that way. It required five years of persistent effort by his parents, aided by Sen. William F. Knowland and other patriots, to pierce the blanket of oblivion brazenly obscuring the facts thrown over the affair by Red sympathizers in our government.

As the Saturday Evening Post pointed out in a lengthy editorial, Jan. 22, 1955: "Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of Communism."

So much for the biography of John Birch.

The objectives of the incorporated society make John Birch an appropriate symbol, the founder contends.

"John Birch was killed by typical Communist tactics, as a part of typical Communist strategy, in a typical Communist style war—a continuous undeclared war in which our enemies observe no rules of international law, of civilization, or of human decency," he explained.

"With his death and in his death the battle lines were drawn, in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed."

As presented in the society's Blue Book, the following objectives characterize the organization:

- To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization.
- To evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world history and the rise of western civilization.
- To set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination.
- To offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful.

Patriots, Not 'Conspirators'

The society's literature points out that merely being patriotic or anti-Communist is not a sufficient qualification for membership. Good will, good conscience and religious ideals are also required.

"The conspiracy which endangers us today is tremendously more extensive and more expertly organized than was the Spartan apparatus which took over the Greek world by treachery and deceit," it states.

"The truly patriotic citizens of this country outnumber all the Communists and their agents and sympathizers and willing dupes in our midst, combined, by at least 10 to one.

"Our problem is: organization, direction, dedication."

There it is, pin-pointed. Unless the American patriot is willing to die for his country, he should be willing to work for it now. After all, it is much easier to live for one's country than to die for it.

And, of course, it is far easier to work as a patriot while there is yet time, than later to go underground as a 'conspirator' against a Red regime.—G.N.K.

The Tidings (Los Angeles)
September 30, 1960

by George N. Kramer, Ph.D.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is named in honor of one of the greatest young men that America has produced.

John Birch was a Christian missionary, from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when we entered World War II. His heroism, accomplishments, and nobility of character were to make of him a legend which the Communists could not allow to live.

On July 4, 1942, John Birch officially joined General Chennault's forces in Chungking as a volunteer. He organized Chennault's intelligence service, rose to the rank of Captain in the United States Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war. He was frequently referred to, by both his associates and superiors, as the most important man in our forces struggling against the Japanese in China.

Ten days after V - J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful and official mission for our government, John Birch was brutally murdered in cold blood by our "allies," the Chinese Communists. This was on August 25, 1945. He thus became probably the first American casualty in that third World War, between the Communists and the ever-shrinking "free world," which is still being waged against us fifteen years later; a relentless war of which there is no end in sight.

You have probably never heard of John Birch. This is simply because the Communists in Washington planned it that way. It took five years of persistent and determined effort on the part of his parents, aided by Senator Knowland and many other good patriots, to pierce the blanket of oblivion which had been so brazenly thrown over his life and death by Communist sympathizers in our government. As the Saturday Evening Post pointed out, in a long edi-

torial on January 22, 1955, based on The Life Of John Birch by this writer: "Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of communism."

John Birch was killed by typical Communist tactics, as a part of typical Communist strategy, in a typical Communist-style war -- a continuous undeclared war in which our enemies observe no rules of international law, of civilization, or of human decency. He commanded no armies, headed no government, converted no nations to his creed. His impact would have been of transient memory and comparatively small importance, had not that impact occurred at a time and in a way to supply particulars from which momentous generalizations can properly be projected. With his death and in his death the battle lines were drawn, in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed.

Partly for these reasons, but even more because John Birch -- in all of his short but outstanding career -- so typified the best of America, we have named our organization in his memory. If we rediscover some of our sounder spiritual values in the example of his life, recharge our determination from the spark of his courage, and learn essential truths about our enemy from the lesson of his murder, then his death at twenty-six ceases to be a tragedy. For in a full lifetime he could not have accomplished more.

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every true American to join and support to the best of one's ability the work of this group."

From Pasadena, California

"Thank you for your tireless and selfless devotion! I pray we will give added support great enough to work a miracle.'"

From Memphis, Tennessee

"The John Birch Society is precisely what I have been looking for. Thanks, Mr. Welch, and your associates."

From Dallas, Texas

"I'm a new member of this society and feel that much good can be accomplished by the united effort of us all."

From Grenada, Mississippi

"I was pleased to hear of Jack Mabley's and the Milwaukee paper's attack on the Society. We know Mabley . . . . . His attack shows that we are making progress -- they only fight back when they are getting hurt."

From Lake Bluff, Illinois

"God Bless you in your magnificent determination to do a job of saving America for Americans."

From Grants Pass, Oregon

"Apparently, you've had some carping -- so may we here do some cheering! Hats off to all of you dedicated patriots and the truly marvelous job you are doing. We're quite proud to be 'John Birchers' -- think we're in mighty good company."

From Bellaire, Texas

"Don't acknowledge this as I have no comments except words of encouragement and one buck. Only hope I can contribute more of both in the future."

From Los Angeles, California

"I have no comments except that it is enlightening to know how fast the society is growing. Slowly here in Lubbock we will grow. It is great to be able to read material that is fact -- such as AMERICAN OPINION and the bulletin, rather than the newspapers."

From Lubbock, Texas

"As a new member, I would like to express my appreciation to you, for what you are doing for our country. I am proud to be a part of the John Birch Society, and will do all in my power to help make our Society a living thing. There isn't a chapter here in our area yet, but hope to have one soon. Have some interested people and have

THE NATIONAL PROGRAM letter

A Monthly Letter of thought and opinion about America's problems . . .

TO STRENGTHEN AND SAFEGUARD the STRUCTURE of AMERICAN FREEDOM

PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM

Many Americans who have been watching the relentless expansion of Communist power throughout the world are gravely concerned for the future of our nation — and mankind's freedom. They are aware that in 40 years of extraordinary success the Communists have already achieved most of Lenin's blueprint for conquest, which has been summarized and paraphrased as follows: "First, we will take eastern Europe; next, the masses of Asia; then we shall encircle that last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack; it will fall like an overripe fruit into our hands."

With infiltration, control of propganda outlets, and cunning political maneuvering — while our nation looked on with only mild interest — the Communists gobbled up eastern Europe; then most of the masses of Asia, including China's 500 million. And now we witness Cuba, 90 miles from Florida, being converted into a Communist stronghold, the base for widespread Latin American activities. Thus Lenin's blueprint for expansion, no matter how fantastic it may have sounded through the years, has become a reality. The U. S. A. is encircled, and within our borders the Communists are undermining our will to resist.

Freedom Isn't Free

A few million alerted Americans have watched this step by step expansion of Communism and have worried about it. A small percentage of them have become actively engaged in some kind of citizenship work to alert and arouse the remainder of our population to the very real danger. But most Americans still know very little about the nature of Communism, its tactics and strategy. It's something unpleasant to think about and they hope and trust it will soon go away. Moreover, they pay scant attention to the source of their freedom. They take freedom for granted, as something that will continue forever without any effort on their part.

Last week a group of 12 people met one evening in the town of Searcy, Arkansas, population 8,000. In the group was a business man, a college professor, a school executive, the vice-president of a corporation, a preacher, the wife of an industrialist, two women office workers, a college student, a housewife. . . . people drawn from various walks of life. They were meeting to plan a month's work on behalf of their nation. They are dedicated to the cause of freedom. They know that freedom isn't free. They are making personal sacrifices in work to pay for freedom — for themselves and for their children.

The John Birch Society

At the meeting a film on Communism was screened. A book review was given. The group's circulating library was discussed. Prospective recruits were listed. Each member of the group reported on his activities for February. Each had written a number of letters — to government leaders in Washington, pointing out, respectfully, things that might be done to strengthen our nation; to government leaders, complimenting an action; to the head of a nationwide organization, supporting a recent statement; to a corporation executive, making a suggestion; and so on. The meeting lasted nearly three hours. No one was in a hurry to get home. The month's work schedule ahead was discussed. A zeal in purpose and accomplishment manifested itself throughout the group.

This was the regular monthly meeting of The John Birch Society in Searcy. Across the nation, hundreds of similar small groups were meeting. The John Birch Society has one simple long-range purpose: to work for less government, more responsibility, and a better world. One of its shortrange objectives is to become a citizen force capable of defeating the aims of Communism. In its first year of existence, without publicity or organized promotion, its growth has been remarkable — and heartening. Any American who loves freedom and is willing to work, work, work to protect it can find intelligent direction and companionship in a John Birch Society group.

It is a unique movement. Its founder is Robert Welch, nationally-known Massachusetts industrialist. Fifteen months ago, having already given up his business responsibilities to devote his full time to the movement, he invited eleven prominent American leaders to a meeting in Indianapolis. For two days he presented the shocking facts-of-life in our world today. Then he outlined the plan for the movement he was founding. His goal, he told them, was a working John Birch group in every American community. Only people, dedicated and working at the task could protect freedom and its blessings. He asked for their moral, financial, and physical support. Whether he got it or not, he told the 11 prominent Americans, he was going forward with his plan. He got their immediate and enthusiastic support. Today The John Birch Society chapters are active in 20 states and are being formed in all 50. The movement may be contacted by writing The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is a group of Americans who have voluntarily joined together:

(1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our country, our lives, and our civilization.

(2) To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before.

(3) To restore, with brighter lustre and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The long-range objective of the Society has been summarized as less government, more responsibility, and a better world.

We are digging far more deeply into the problems we face, however, and building far more solidly in our coordinated effort to overcome the destructive forces around us, than can be indicated by the brief outline of our purposes given above. A more complete presentation of the background, methods, and purposes of The John Birch Society has now been given to selected small groups of leaders in different parts of the country, in full two-day meetings, more than twenty times since the Society was founded.

This presentation is available in tape form, wherever we have Coordinators to play back the tape recordings. There are now films available, of a part of the presentation, in some areas. But the most readily accessible form of the full presentation is in the Blue

Book of The John Birch Society, which we brought out quietly by ourselves a few months ago because we have not wanted the publicity of commercial publication.

In this presentation we have attempted: (1) To outline the nature and the frightening advance of the threats against our nation, our religion, and our civilization; (2) to evaluate these dangers, and place them in their proper perspective, against the backdrop of world history and the rise of western civilization; (3) to set forth a positive philosophy and program to which men of good will, religious ideals, and humane traditions may rally with confidence and determination; (4) to offer leadership which can make the dedication of such men and women more constructive and more fruitful; and (5) to describe in detail the organization, function, and procedures of The John Birch Society.

Since defeat of the Communist conspiracy overshadows all other objectives at the present time, our action program for the near future breaks down into ten categories: (1) Dissemination of Americanist books and pamphlets as widely as possible; (2) increasing the circulation and readership of the best Americanist periodicals; (3) enlarging the audiences of Americanist commentators and newscasters on radio and television; (4) making more effective use -- through better planning, direction, and coordination -- of the weapon of letter writing; and (5) organizing Americanist fronts for many different purposes, including the widespread use of petitions in some instances; (6) waking up the American people to the seriousness of our danger by exposing, wherever possible, the pro-Communist activities of Communist sympathizers; (7) making it more difficult for hundreds of pro-Communist speakers to appear before thousands of unsuspecting audiences; (8) making Americanist speakers available for audiences which are

"I'm so happy to be a part of the John Birch Society, as for two months before I heard of it I was fighting in the dark -- by writing my congressmen, newspaper, etc. -- but I felt so all alone by doing so. Now I feel as though I'm hitting at the right place at the right time.
"Thank you so much for all you're doing to lead us."
From Bellaire, Texas

"It is wonderful to see that our voice is being heard. If there were not fear of us we would surely be ignored as in the past, but thanks to your organization and leadership we are finally getting through and IT'S ABOUT TIME!"
From Pasadena, California

"Keep giving it straight -- the truth will eventually penetrate, the smears and castigations mean nothing -- facts and the truth are the only important items."
From Shelburn, Indiana

"God Bless the Society. You, Mr. Welch, and all our associates are doing a magnificent job for our great Nation. I wish I could contribute a hundred, a thousand times what I do."
From West De Pere, Wisconsin

"In order to fight Communism effectively, we must be as militant for our country as they are militant for Soviet Russia. The John Birch Society is a step in the right direction and I am proud to be a member."
From New York City

"We have long wanted an organization with leadership and purpose to coordinate our efforts in behalf of America. We have just that in the John Birch Society. God Bless you for your dedication and I am proud to add my meager efforts to those who must stand or fall -- proudly -- in this 'give us liberty or give us death' battle."
From Unionville, Connecticut

"Keep up the good work. My prayers are with you."
(And A Contribution Too) From Dallas, Texas

"I endorse your policy of speaking forthrightly and firmly without engaging in euphemisms. We are dealing with an enemy who lacks any ethical sensitivity. We are at war with him, not might be or will be. We have to use war tactics."
From St. Augustine, Florida

"Being a new member I have no comments other than to wish that the John Birch Society had started much sooner. We have needed something of this kind for a long time. I would say it is the duty of

An Error Corrected . . .

An Editors' Note

Recent controversy over the John Birch Society has resulted in a situation which the Sunflower sincerely regrets.

The situation arose from the "Inquiring Reporter" column, conducted by Jack Robbins, a Sunflower staff member, and which appeared in the Nov. 15 issue of this newspaper.

A "student" who gave his name as Thomas Goodwin, Business senior, and who was quoted as alleging that ". . . the anti-semitism that characterizes some of their literature, condemns the entire group," does not exist. Officials in the Registrar's Office have confirmed that no person by that name is registered here.

In fact, it is not now known whether or not a Thomas Goodwin does exist at all. But, the Sunflower published the name of the individual in good faith, particularly since he identified himself as a WU student.

In reporting student comments, the Sunflower does not determine in advance how much knowledge the various students have about the questions posed. The Sunflower, instead, strives to present at random what views any student may hold on a particular subject and airs them in a public forum type of column.

The reporter and the Sunflower apparently were the victims either of a campus prankster or of a hoax, and in being one of the victims, the paper inadvertently reproduced in print an allegation that subsequent investigation by the reporter showed to be unfounded.

In the words of Robbins, the reporter, "As far as I now know there is nothing anti-semitic in the literature of the John Birch Society."

The Sunflower regrets that this item in its inquiring reporter column was published under the banner of a student's opinion when it was not and that the material contained in the comment is not true, according to members of the Society and according to the reporter who made further and later investigation.

Indeed, the Sunflower regrets it whenever it, or any other newspaper, inadvertently publishes an irresponsible statement of whatever nature.

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now, simply by default, at the mercy of pro-Communist lecturers; (9) supplying encouragement and renewed hope and determination to anti-Communist refugee groups throughout our country; and (10) carrying on an educational campaign on the political front, so that our members will understand better - and can help their fellow citizens to understand better -- the issues and candidates offered to them by both political parties.

We are already seriously engaged in about half of these areas of activity. And we shall expand our efforts into every one of the ten fields just as rapidly as we can.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY invites you:

(1) To buy The Life Of John Birch, referred to on Page 10, if you would like to know more about this heroic young American. Paperbound edition, 88 pages, $1.00, postage paid.

(2) To buy the Blue Book of The John Birch Society, if you want to know more about what we are trying to do, and how, and why. Plain cardboard cover, plastic link binding, 186 pages, $2.00, postage paid.

(3) To submit an application for membership in either the Home Chapter or a local chapter of The John Birch Society, whenever you are convinced of the sincerity of our purpose, the value of our program, and the integrity of our leadership. A blank for that purpose, with the dues schedule printed on it, is enclosed. If accepted, you will become one of a growing legion of truly dedicated men and women who are determined to save for our children and their children some semblance of the glorious country and humane civilization which we ourselves inherited.

ROBERT WELCH

Born December 1, 1899, on a farm in Chowan County, North Carolina. Ancestry, full of farmers and Baptist preachers, traceable to one Miles Welch who came to this country from Wales in 1720. Educated at University of North Carolina (four years), United States Naval Academy (two years), Harvard Law School (two years), and school of hard knocks (about forty years). Came to Boston from North Carolina in 1919. Has lived in Belmont for the past twenty years. Has one wife, two sons, a Golden Retriever dog, and fourteen golf clubs—none of which he understands, but all of which he loves.

Has spent a great part of his life getting from where he was to where he wasn't, for reasons which seemed worthwhile at the time. This includes two trips to England specifically to study the effects of the Socialist government; one trip around the world; and fairly extensive additional traveling in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia.

Author of THE ROAD TO SALESMANSHIP, published in 1941 by the Ronald Press Company; of MAY GOD FORGIVE US, published in 1952 by Henry Regnery Company; and of THE LIFE OF JOHN BIRCH, published in 1954 by Henry Regnery Company. Is editor and publisher of AMERICAN OPINION, a monthly magazine which reviews current events and appraises contemporary leaders on the world-wide stage. Has done much public speaking, and will climb on a soapbox to argue against the evils of socialism whenever anybody will listen.

Has been in the candy manufacturing business all of his adult life. Was for many years Vice President, in charge of sales and advertising, of one of the larger candy manufacturing companies. Is a director of one bank, and has served as a director of several other business corporations.

Was a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. Also served three years as a Regional Vice President of NAM, and two years as chairman of its Educational Advisory Committee. Has been active in many other business associations and committees, and in many community and educational activities — including service on the Belmont School Committee.

As of January 1, 1957, Mr. Welch gave up most of his business responsibilities — and most of his income — in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause. Believes that the only thing the Communists now fear is having the truth become widely known, to the American people, about the methods and the progress of the whole international Communist conspiracy. For his readers or his listeners, Mr. Welch simply puts together clear but separate facts about the Communist advance, so that their significance becomes more apparent. Through this method he is trying to wake up as many of his fellow citizens as he can, to the horror and the imminence of the dangers which they face.

us could emulate your example. As a mother of five . . . . . , I feel deeply that I cannot go to my grave without trying to help give this world back to God who made it. Do not feel you need make any reply to this note."

From Bellaire, Texas

"I shall consider it a high privilege to work as a member of The John Birch Society."

"An invitation to join The John Birch Society is an answer to an earnest prayer that I might be of some service toward helping to restore good government and all the other things that this society stands for. I shall do everything required of me to be an enthusiastic and consecrated member."

Separate Messages From Husband And Wife In Houston, Texas

"I am terribly discouraged, but the activities of The John Birch Society give me one ray of hope."

From Skaneateles, New York

"With each day that passes I am more convinced of the necessity and merit of The John Birch Society. The immensity of Mr. Welch's undertaking and his dedicated leadership is an inspiration."

From Newington, Virginia

"Since joining the John Birch Society I believe the United States will survive the Communists' threat. Before I couldn't see how in the world we could combat traitors in government schools, churches, etc. Thank God for John Birch -- I'm with you 100% and I'm getting other Americans to join."

From La Canada, California

"Thought you might like to have a copy of the personal message from me to each of the delegates to the All-American Conference Annual Meeting at Kansas City which is scheduled to take place on November 10-11-12. It is my plan to insert a copy with each of your wonderful 'A WORLD GONE CRAZY' magazines, 250 copies of which reached me in the morning's deliveries.

"It is with pleasure that I enclose my check to cover the amounts stated in the attached duplicate invoices."

From New Bedford, Massachusetts

"I have clipped out the articles in the Boston Herald about you and the work you are doing to bring us back to what I knew fifty to eighty years ago. If the John Birch Society will only continue to work for the two things: fight Communism and work for less government, more individual responsibility, and a better world, some day we can be saved. With deep respect for a fighting, old fashioned real American . . . ."

From Nashua, New Hampshire

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Diocesan Chancery

October 7, 1960

Mr. Kenneth L. Meyers
1427 North Holyoke
Wichita 8, Kansas

Dear Friend Kenneth:

Thank you very much for your gracious visit of Friday morning. I was very happy to meet with you and your good friend to discuss the important need in America at the moment--the virtue of patriotism and a renewed dedication to the sacred ideals of the United States of America.

I have read carefully your description and the purposes of The John Birch Society. The twelve principles describing the general philosophy of the Society are nothing more than the Ten Commandments of God in modern language.

I am returning your materials as promised and I enclose a small check in the amount of ten dollars ($10) for the John Birch Society.

With every good wish, I remain

Your devoted friend,

Mark K. Carroll

Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll,
Bishop of Wichita

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THE COUNCIL
of
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Each of the men listed below, who make up our COUNCIL, came into the Society solely as an individual, representing in no way any other group or organization. But simply for identification, we have given against each name the briefest line or two concerning other connections, or past accomplishments.

Dr. N. E. Adamson, Jr. A Boston surgeon. Assistant Medical Director of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. Youngest member of the COUNCIL.

Mr. Thomas J. Anderson, Editor and Publisher of FARM AND RANCH, farm paper with 1,300,000 circulation.

Hon. T. Coleman Andrews. Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States. Now Chairman of the Board of two large (and affiliated) insurance companies.

Hon. Spruille Braden. Former Ambassador to several countries, former Assistant Secretary of State. A top authority on Latin American affairs.

Col. Laurence E. Bunker. Former Personal Aide to General Douglas MacArthur for 6½ years—during the Japanese occupation, the Korean War, and MacArthur's early months in this country after his return.

Mr. F. Gano Chance. President, A. B. Chance Company, Centralia, Missouri. Former President of Missouri Chamber of Commerce and of Associated Industries of Missouri.

Mr. S. J. Conner. President of the Conroth Company, Chicago, and with many other business interests.

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Dr. S. M. Draskovich. Author of *Tito, Moscow's Trojan Horse*. Editor-in-chief of SRPSKA BORBA (*The Serbian Struggle*), a weekly newspaper, published in Chicago, with sizable circulation in thirty-six countries.

Rev. Richard Ginder. Editor of *The Priest*, Associate Editor of *Our Sunday Visitor*. Father Ginder is, we believe, the best known and most widely read essayist and editorial writer in the Catholic press of America.

Mr. Wm. J. Grede. President of Grede Foundries, Inc., Milwaukee. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers and former head of the International YMCA.

Mr. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr. President, Cherokee Mills, Sevierville, Tennessee. Author of *One Man's Fight For Freedom*. A very successful manufacturer and a very dedicated patriot.

Dr. Granville F. Knight. An outstanding physician and public-spirited citizen of Santa Barbara, California. Author of many scientific papers, especially on the misuse of chemicals and adulterants in foods.

Mr. Fred C. Koch. President, Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, Wichita, Kansas. Strong supporter of many patriotic movements, and especially of right-to-work legislation.

Mr. Alfred Kohlberg. Was a charter member of our COUNCIL. Now deceased.

Dean Clarence Manion. Former Dean of Notre Dame Law School. In 1954 resigned from important government appointment rather than stop crusading for the Bricker Amendment. Founded the Manion Forum, which now reaches a huge nationwide radio audience every week.

Mr. Frank E. Masland, Jr. President, C. H. Masland & Sons (carpet manufacturers), Carlisle, Pennsylvania. A leader in his community and state, who serves as chairman, vice-chairman, or active member of the boards of a great many educational, philanthropic, and industrial organizations.

Mr. N. Floyd McGowin. President, W. T. Smith Lumber Company, Chapman, Alabama. Active on many important boards of national organizations and enterprises.

Mr. W. B. McMillan. President of the Hussmann Refrigerator Company, St. Louis, Missouri. An outstanding business leader. Was, next to your Founder, the first member of The John Birch Society.

Dr. Revilo P. Oliver. Professor of Classical Languages and Literatures at the University of Illinois. Recognized as one of the very top scholars in America in his field. One of the ablest speakers on the Americanist side.

Mr. Cola G. Parker. Former President of the Kimberly-Clark Company. Former President of the National Association of Manufacturers. More recently, United States Employer Delegate to the International Labor Organization.

Hon. M. T. Phelps. Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

Mr. Louis Ruthenburg. Formerly President, then Chairman of the Board, of Servel, Inc., Evansville, Indiana. Former President, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce. Now retired except as an industrial consultant. Has received several honorary degrees and three Freedom Foundation awards.

Mr. J. Nelson Shepherd. President, Midwest-Beach Co., Sioux Falls, South Dakota. An outstanding citizen and strong supporter of many patriotic causes.

Mr. James Simpson, Jr. Was a charter member of our COUNCIL. Now deceased.

Mr. Robert W. Stoddard. President of Wyman-Gordon Company, Worcester Massachusetts. On board of directors of several of New England's largest businesses. Has just served two terms as President of Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Active on the boards of many educational and philanthropic institutions.

Lt. General Charles B. Stone, III, U. S. A. F. (Retired). Succeeded General Claire Chennault as Commander of our 14th Airforce, in China, and is lifetime Honorary Chairman of the 14th Airforce Association.

Mr. Paul H. Talbert. President, Paul H. Talbert Company, Beverly Hills, California. One of the most successful insurance executives in the United States. Also one of the most public spirited and influential citizens of his state of California.

The basic function of the COUNCIL is threefold: (1) To show the stature and standing of the leadership of the Society; (2) to give your Founder the benefit of the COUNCIL's advice and guidance, both in procedural or organizational matters, and in substantive matters of policy; and (3) to select, with absolute and final authority, a Successor to myself as head of The John Birch Society, if and when an accident, "suicide," or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists — or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition. And we believe that both the growth and the effectiveness of the Society will be greatly helped by the experience, ability, and resolute purpose so strong a governing body. — RW

"I pray for you very often."

A Fundamentalist Protestant In Massachusetts

"You are constantly in my prayers."

A Catholic Priest In Connecticut

" -- the John Birch Society, the best citizen-patriot program I know of to save America."

A Famous Editor In Tennessee

"Every day in every way I'm more and more convinced that our Society, with you at the helm guiding its destiny, is mankind's last great hope for survival."

A Teacher In Arkansas

"I'm certainly thankful that you introduced us to the John Birch Society. I'm in it with both feet now. I'm leading a chapter; as well as showing Communism On The Map and giving an introductory presentation to the Society to groups of people, about twice a week. We have had several successful local projects. I think this is really our one last hope."

From A Businessman In California,
To His Friend In Tennessee

"When I first joined The John Birch Society I objected to the words "traitor" and "treason" in our booklets, but now I don't believe these terms are strong enough to describe the actions of our officials in the State Department, etc. These people must be damned for the rats that they are."

From Wichita, Kansas

"May God bless you, Mr. Welch! A very short time ago I was too busy -- cleaning house, caring for my family, playing bridge, etc., completely oblivious to what was <u>really</u> happening to this wonderful country of ours, and now I'm striving hard to learn all of the things I should have been knowing for the past ten or fifteen years -- as a member of the Society. We should get down on our knees to thank God that America has such men as you -- and I do!!"

From Arcadia, California

"This is the first anti-Communist organization which to me has a definite plan of action at which everyone can work."

From Acton, Indiana

"Mr. Welch -- Please know how much this society means to me. My first and lasting impression after seeing your filmed speech was -- 'This is the beginning of "the road back."' May God reward you for your personal sacrifice of income, time, and self. Would that each of

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CARMEL, CALIFORNIA
3 November 1960

Dear Mr. Welch:

History has conclusively demonstrated that the one thing which the human family is ubable to overcome, is the disease and decay which inevitably result from too much materialistic luxury.

In spite of eight years of Eisenhower, with your help I have tried to maintain optimism, but the spectacle which confronts us next Tuesday is such that it seems crystal clear that we are witnessing the final stages of our beloved nation.

I am eternally grateful that it has been my personal privilege to have lived during an era which produced such courageous patriots, possessing absolute integrity, faith, terrific mental capacity and other important qualities of character, including sense of humor etc., such as you have always symbolized.

I am particularly thankful for having been privileged to have read your many superb writings, and am only sorry that it was not my additional privilege to have known you personally.

Thank you sir for the truly great and heroic battle which you have so unselfishly fought at terrific personal sacrifice, for our beloved nation. Looking at the candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency it is quite apparent that the battle you have been waging is temporarily lost, but the seeds you have sown, will bear fruit somewhere in the years that lie ahead.

With my admiration, respect and warm personal regards and appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Robert Welch, Esquire,
c/o The John Birch Society, Inc.,
Belmont 78, Mass.

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"But on one man's soul it hath broken,
A light that doth not depart;
And his look, or a word he hath spoken
Wrought flame in another man's heart."

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INCORPORATED

From Our Mail

These messages and extracts are selected from the thousands that now pour in on us every month. Though much too flattering, they do not feed our vanity, we can assure you. Instead, they increase our solemn consciousness of the staggering responsibility we have assumed. But they do make the unceasing hard work seem all the more worth while, and strengthen our determination to live up to that responsibility so far as it is humanly possible, with God's help, to do so. We reprint these comments here in the hope that our members, and many friends and prospective members, will share with us the inspiration received from such words of

APPRECIATION and ENCOURAGEMENT

"Since the day I saw the tape, where you appeared on the screen, I have intended to write you --

"If people who see and hear you, on that tape (film), are not stirred to their very souls, to want to be a part of this great work you are doing, there must be something wrong --"

A Housewife In California

"Again, may I thank you for all that you have done and are continuing to do, not only for me, but for this wonderful country of ours -- somehow I feel that its destiny lies a great deal in your hands."

A Student At Yale

"It is indeed good to belong to an active, directed unit of a growing army in this struggle with the Communists, and we are deeply grateful for the superb quality of the strategy, direction, and dedication provided by your leadership."

A Working Mother In Wisconsin

"My wife and I have never been so inspired as by your program and by the potential of what can be accomplished through The John Birch Society."

A Business Executive In Arizona

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JULY 17, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 11655-11660. Senator Clark, (D) Pennsylvania, requested to have printed in the Record an article written by Marquis Childs entitled "Birchites Finding Allies in Military" which appeared in the Washington Post of July 14, 1961. Senator Clark stated "The article refers to the ultra right-wing members of our military forces who are holding public meetings under the auspices of chambers of commerce and like organizations, in order to advance the point of view expressed by the fanatical lunatic fringe which constitutes the John Birch Society." Mr. Childs states in his article "A year ago the U. S. Naval Air Station at Glenview, Ill., initiated an 'Education for American Security' school. The speakers were for the most part professional anti-Communists who earn their living by specializing on the 'danger from within' theme. The fear of congressional and other critics of this approach is that far from uniting Americans in the face of a grave threat from the Communist challenge everywhere it has the opposite effect. By creating fear, suspicion, and hatred it sets Americans against each other. Hammering on the theme of infiltration and internal subversion, it suggests that professional agencies such as the FBI have failed to protect the Nation. Or, conversely, it implies that security agencies, preferably military, should be put in charge of indoctrination of the civil population."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 7/25/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING -
INTERNAL SECURITY

The 7/18/61 issue of The Virginia-Pilot, a Norfolk, Va., daily newspaper, carried an article entitled "Founder Welch's Home County to have Birch Society". This article reflected that [redacted] the John Birch Society in North Carolina, was in Edenton, N. C., during [redacted] for the purpose of [redacted] of this organization in that city.

According to this article, there are 40 active chapters of this organization in North Carolina, besides smaller working groups or individuals.

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Director, FBI

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There are enclosed two copies of a letter from captioned individual, wherein he noted contact with a Nashville Resident Agent of your office.

You should promptly forward to the Bureau the results of the interview with [redacted] Due to the paucity of information in his letter, it cannot be determined by the Bureau whether correspondent's statement, "Mention was made of Secret Service Agents bullying a young man," concerns a civil rights matter. If this statement does not, that portion of the interview with [redacted] should be set forth in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Bureau files contain no identifiable references to [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, is allegedly anticommunist, has chapters throughout the country, and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

Correspondent's letter is not being acknowledged since he asked no questions and requested no reply.

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See reply cy from Memphis of 8/3/61. RWR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JULY 18, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A5356-A5357. Senator Javits, (R) New York, requested to have printed in the Record a speech delivered by Congressman Fino, (R) New York, on June 10, 1961, at the 31st Annual Convention of the Department of New York, Jewish War Veterans. The speech deals with extremism in public policy and the John Birch Society. Congressman Fino quotes from a message by Mr. Hoover which appeared in the April FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: JULY 18, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6337-A6338. Congresswoman Green, (D) Oregon, stated "the publicity that has been directed at the outrageous activities and pronouncements of the John Birch Society has awakened a great many Americans to the threats to our free way of life which are posed by some segments of the ultrarightwing. An article by Edward T. Folliard, appearing in the Washington Post for June 18, presents a revealing picture of the strange combination of extremists who wave the strident banners of the right." Mr. Folliard in his article stated "Some of the foremost students of Red activity in the United States--notably the Rev. John F. Cronin, S.S., of the National Catholic Welfare Conference--say that the Communist Party in this country has been 'drastically weakened.' They say that the area of Red danger now is not at home but abroad." The article goes on to state "J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is not one to downrate the threat of Communists in the United States. But even he is concerned about the thing that bothers Father Cronin--that is, the reckless charges Americans are hurling at one another." Mr. Folliard quotes from the April FBI Bulletin. This article also was placed in the Record by Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, and appears on pages 11740-11741. Mrs. Green also inserted in the Record an article entitled "Birchites Finding Allies in Military" by Marquis Childs which refers to the FBI. This article appeared in the Congressional Record for July 14, 1961, and was brought to your attention at that time.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information is an editorial concerning the John Birch Society and a quotation from Director J. EDGAR HOOVER's book, "Masters of Deceit."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/27/61

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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At 5:45 p.m., 7/18/61, Mr. [redacted] telephone CYpress [redacted] telephonically advised SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD at the Nashville RA. At this time he stated that he wished to furnish information relative to activities at a meeting of the John Birch Society in Nashville. He stated it was announced to all members of the group who were present at the meeting that efforts were being made to obtain the names of all the "liberals" in each area throughout the United States where there are John Birch Societies. The names and addresses of these "liberals" and any information available concerning their activities is to be sent to the Headquarters, John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass.

Each member of the Society in Nashville, Tenn., was requested to submit to the officers of the group a list of names of persons in the area whom they considered "liberal" and information upon which they based their opinion.

Mr. [redacted] also stated that some discussion was carried on concerning the fact that the Secret Service had obtained handwriting specimens from some young boy in Nashville, Tenn. He stated the significance of this was never made clear.

[redacted] was advised that any information he cared to furnish would be taken. No efforts were made to guide his activities, and no comment was made to him concerning the John Birch Society. No further action is being taken on this matter by the Memphis Division, since it does not appear that the information is of such significance that it should be disseminated.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 31, 1961

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT [redacted] AKA

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

[redacted] appeared at the Bureau on July 31 and was interviewed by SA John W. O'Beirne of the Crime Research Section.

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[redacted] said that he would like to discuss with a representative of the FBI, the present status of the John Birch Society. He advised that he has heard rumors that Robert Welch has been turning the John Birch Society into a communist organization. He stated that as a Hungarian refugee he has been called upon on several occasions to discuss communism. He said that he has been approached by the John Birch Society to speak before their meetings. He does not want to become involved with this organization if it is becoming communist.

[redacted] was informed that the FBI, as an investigative agency, is unable to comment concerning any individual or organization or to furnish any evaluations concerning them. During the conversation [redacted] stated that he now has a [redacted] and furnishes [redacted]

Bufiles reflect that [redacted] case who entered the United States in Newark, New Jersey, on [redacted] He was reported to the Bureau as a "convinced communist" and while in prison [redacted] He was interviewed by Bureau Agents of the Boston Office during December, 1957, and furnished considerable detail in regard to his background. He denied that he was [redacted] He wrote the Director in February, 1960, asking for the opportunity to tell the Director about the "secrets" of the communist countries. The Boston Office was instructed to contact him for whatever information he might have. On this occasion he offered to cooperate with the Bureau and requested that he be authorized to organize a revolt [redacted]

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To: SAC, Dallas

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory letter dated 7-19-61 from captioned individual. Note his allegation concerning FBI investigation of John Birch Society. He should be contacted without delay and his letter orally acknowledged. The confidential nature of FBI files should be explained to him and that I can make no comment regarding the John Birch Society. He can be told that the FBI is not investigating the John Birch Society and efforts should be made to determine the identity of correspondent's friend who reportedly had been contacted by an FBI Agent in investigating this Society. Thereafter, that individual should be interviewed to determine whether any violation of the Impersonation Statute has occurred and appropriate action should be taken in relation thereto.

Results of contact with Mr. [redacted] should be furnished under the above caption, Attention: Correspondence and Tours Section, to reach the Bureau by August 7, 1961.

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NOTE: Our only prior outgoing to correspondent was on 5-12-61. Bufiles contain no other information identifiable with him. The John Birch Society was founded in 1958 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of

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Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION CORRESPONDENCE TOURS SECTION)

DATE: 8/4/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (94-236)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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ReBulet dated 7/27/61.

Bureau advised that on 7/31/61, [redacted] was contacted by SA EDWIN C. DORRIS,

At this time Mr. [redacted] was advised expressly as contained in reBulet.

Mr. [redacted] advised his informant in this matter was one Mrs. [redacted] He advised, however, that Mrs. [redacted] and informed him concerning the alleged visit to her by an FBI agent in strict confidence. He states that she would be aware as to how the information got back to her if approach was made on any basis, and he requested she not be contacted at this time. He promised to contact Mrs. [redacted] and explain to her that whoever contacted her was not an FBI agent and ask her to permit him to divulge her identity so that direct contact with her might be made. [redacted] advised him that the alleged FBI agent who contacted her went into elaborate details in stating that the investigation of the John Birch Society was being done in strict confidence and still advised her in considerable detail what had been learned about this society.

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[redacted] states that when he has received a response from Mrs. [redacted] he will so advise SA DORRIS.

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[redacted] is requested therefore, to make no contact with Mrs. [redacted] until further advised.

A copy of Bulet and Mrs. [redacted] letter to Bureau is being furnished [redacted]

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/3/61

FROM : SAC, Memphis (62-1164)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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ReBulet to Memphis dated 7/26/61.

On 7/18/61 the subject contacted the Nashville Resident Agent's office telephonically, at which time he advised SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD that he was reporting on a John Birch Society meeting. He stated that something had been said at the meeting about the Secret Service making a young fellow give a handwriting sample. He stated that he was not clear as to what had been said but felt that this might be in part an attack on the law enforcement agencies of the Federal Government and also stated that the membership of the John Birch Society had been requested to turn lists of names of liberals in to the headquarters of the John Birch Society at Belmont, Massachusetts.

Mr. [redacted] acted extremely mysterious. He stated that he was unable to talk and terminated the conversation.

On 8/1/61 Mr. [redacted] was interviewed in person by SA NORWOOD. At this time he stated that he was not a member of the John Birch Society but that he was in sympathy with what the John Birch Society was trying to do as he, [redacted] felt that the Communist menace to the U. S. was extremely serious. He stated that he had been doing considerable reading concerning the Communist infiltration in the U. S. and that he was particularly interested in the Communist infiltration in the Methodist Church, of which he is a member.

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He stated that on the occasion that he had telephonically contacted SA NORWOOD he had been unable to talk as he was calling from his apartment and that he did not want to excite his wife. He stated that the reason for his reporting the information was that he felt that it was something the FBI should know about. He stated that the information relating to the Secret Service had been information which apparently came from some sort of a pamphlet which was read at the meeting by the leader of the John Birch group. He stated that no names were given. He did not know the identity of the individual who allegedly had been made to give handwriting samples and stated that, to the best of his recollection, there was actually nothing said indicating that the Secret Service Agents had "bullied" the young man. He stated that it was his impression that this was read at the meeting to demonstrate to the meeting how the Communists would use any means to discredit a law enforcement agency. He stated that he had read that the Communists were trying to discredit the FBI and that, therefore, he thought that this information should be brought to the attention of the FBI.

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He stated that he had mentioned the fact that the members of the John Birch Society chapter had been requested to send in names of liberals to Belmont, Massachusetts, because he felt that the FBI might want to know about this and might want to obtain this information from the John Birch Society, since he felt that it might be of interest to the FBI.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he has no information of firsthand knowledge concerning anyone being bullied by any law enforcement agency; that he has no information of firsthand knowledge of any efforts being made to discredit the FBI, the Secret Service, or any other governmental agency by spreading such rumors; and that he has no firsthand information concerning any liberals in the U. S. He stated that he reads considerably. He advised that he has a subscription to a publication called "Lifelines" which he states exposes the Communist menace. He stated that he also has a subscription to the "Dan Smoot Reports" and that all of the information which he has concerning the Communist menace comes from these publications and similar publications.

During the course of the conversation, Mr. [redacted] stated that he was a great admirer of the FBI. He stated that he felt that the Director was one of the great men in American history and stated that he had received from someone a copy of two articles which the Director had published in a law enforcement bulletin. He stated that he was having excerpts of these copied and that he intended to circulate them to friends and acquaintances of his showing what the Director thought of the Communist menace.

It was pointed out to Mr. [redacted] that he should not use any information from any articles published by the Director without first clearing such material with the Director and with the Bureau. He stated that he had not thought of this and that he would certainly clear any information prior to disseminating it. He asked if it would be all right to mention articles written by the Director, at which time it was pointed out to him that if he wanted to recommend to his friends that they read articles written by the Director, it would be all right to do so. He stated that he was recommending that all of his associates read "Masters of Deceit" and that in the future instead of quoting from any articles written by the Director he would refer to the article and suggest that the person to whom he was addressing his communication read the article in its entirety.

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[redacted] gave the impression of being a sincere individual with regard to his concern of the Communist menace. He indicated, however, that he had very little knowledge concerning matters of this nature and while not so unstable as to be considered a psychopath he did exhibit some instability in his conversation.

In the interview of 8/1/61 [redacted] communication to the Director dated 7/22/61 was acknowledged, at which time he stated that he had also sent a second communication referring to some

information which he had received from some of the publications which he had read.

No further action will be taken by the Memphis Division in this matter UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 8/28/61

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

[redacted] (protect identity) advised SA WILLIAM B. AHDERS on 8/23/61 that captioned organization appears to have been just a fad in the Midland-Odessa area of Texas. She stated that many of the influential people in the organization who had become quite rabid on the subject have dropped out of the society entirely because of the adverse publicity it has received.

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PSI continued that one [redacted] who had brought many new members into the organization has recontacted everyone she knows to have had any dealing with the organization and told them that she felt she had made a bad mistake in her fight against Communism by joining such a "crack-pot" organization and she expressed the hope to such persons she did contact that they would drop their membership. According to [redacted] seems to have succeeded in causing many members to drop out.

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No investigation concerning the John Birch Society is conducted by El Paso, but as pertinent information concerning the organization is received it will be forwarded to the Bureau.

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Date: 8/25/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-0)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau is one photostat copy of a letter concerning captioned group containing a message sent to salesmen of Welch Candy Company.

The photostat letter was made available by [redacted] Anti Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, on 8/16/61.

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Special Agent in Charge

4-572 (Rev. 2-19-60)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: August 16, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 14784-14787. Congressman Roosevelt, (D) California, submitted a report on the John Birch Society. This report was prepared for Honorable Stanley Mosk, State (California) attorney general, by his assistant, Mr. Edward H. Jewel, at the request of the Governor of California, Honorable Edmund G. Brown. Mr. Roosevelt stated "This report, written with an appropriate admixture of calire and earnestness, analyzes the philosophy, structure, membership, and methods of the Birchers." The report makes reference to the organizations used by the John Birch Society as "fronts." It states "Another new organization, apparently a Birch front is called realtor for American freedom, shortened to the initials RAF. Officers and leaders of this RAF group boast of their use of the realtors association to assert political strength in Sacramento, and they relate to their membership that through an ex-Army colonel, they have access to FBI information on suspected Communists. The RAF group is attended by even greater secrecy than the Birch Society itself."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: August 16, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 14810-14811. Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, spoke concerning the contest sponsored by the John Birch Society inviting college students to write essays on grounds for the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren. He stated "Certainly such an undertaking would seem to lay bare the insidious nature and the dangerous blind spot in the Birch group." Mr. McGee included an article written by Mr. Roscoe Drummond which appeared in the Washington Post for August 13, 1961, entitled "The $2,500 John Birch Society." Mr. Drummond stated "This does not seem to me to be either an honest or an honorable thing to do. It is this kind of thing which is hurting anticommunism, rather than helping it."

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

NEWS CONFERENCE--4:30 P.M.--THE NEW YCRK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES, CARPCLL ARMS HOTEL.
THE PRESS CONFERENCE FCLLOWS A 3:00 P.M. MEETING WITH REED COZART, PARDON ATTORNEY, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, FCR PRESENTATION CF A PETITICN REQUESTING THE RELEASE CF FRANK WILKINSCN AND CARL BRADCN, WHC WERE SENTENCED FCR CCNTEMPT CF THE COMMITTEE.

SPECIAL CCMMITTEE CF 16 SCIENTISTS HCLDS FIRST (CLCSED) MEETING CN DEVELOPING LCNG-RANGE CBJECTIVES FCR THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE'S ENVIRCNMENTAL HEALTH PRCGRAMS, RCOM 5026 SCUTH HEW BLDG., 9:30 A.M.

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSICN CN LABCR TRCUBLES AT MISSILE BASE SITES HCLDS (CLCSED) MEETING, LABCR SECRETARY GCLDBERG'S OFFICE, 10:00 A.M.
A SUBCCMMITTEE WILL MEET CN SPECIFIC CASES IN RCCM 3428, 1:30 P.M.

ORGANIZATICN OF AMERICAN STATES PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CN PORTS BEGINS SIX-DAY MEETING, MAIN CCUNCIL RCOM, PAN AMERICAN UNICN, 10:30 A.M.

SEMINAR CN BONE MARRCW PRESERVATICN HELD AT NAVY MEDICAL CENTER, BETHESDA, MD., 1:00 P.M.
SPEAKERS INCLUDE DR. AUDREY SMITH AND DR. MICHAEL ASHWCCD-SMITH OF THE NATICNAL INSTITUTE FCR MEDICAL RESEARCH, LCNDCN.

MINNESCTA ATTORNEY GENERAL WALTER MCNDALE MEETS WITH ICC CFFICIALS CN HIS REQUEST FCR AN INQUIRY INTC RAIL RATES FCR SHIPPING IRCN CRE, RCOM G-23, THE CAPITCL, 3:00 P.M.

REP. ALBERT RAINS DISCUSSES THE HCUSING BILL CN AFL-CIO'S "WASHINGTON REPORTS TC THE PEOPLE," WWDC, 9:00 P.M.
TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE.

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REPS. JCHN RCUSSELOT AND WILLIAM F. RYAN DISCUSS THE JCHN BIRCH SCCIETY CN THE STEVE ALLISCN SHCW, WWDC, 10:00 P.M.
PRCGRAM CRIGINATES FRCM THE BLACK SADDLE RESTAURANT, 709 18TH ST., N.W.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-24-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DEBATE ON JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM FITTS RYAN (D-N.Y.) AND JOHN H. ROUSSELOT (R-CALIF.) ON STEVE ALLISON RADIO PROGRAM, STATION WWDC, 10 P.M., 8-23-61

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From approximately 10:00 p.m., to 11:30 p.m., on 8-23-61 Congressman William Fitts Ryan and John H. Rousselot debated the John Birch Society (JBS) on the Steve Allison radio program over station WWDC. It is noted that Allison's program which is held in the Black Saddle Restaurant in Washington, D. C., is a discussion-type program engaging generally controversial figures on controversial subjects of current national and international interests.

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John H. Rousselot:

In March, 1961, Congressman Rousselot asked for information about the JBS by setting forth 7 sample questions which he indicated he had been receiving from constituents. He withheld the fact that he was actually a member of the JBS for over a year. It appeared he might have been attempting to use the Bureau for his own purposes or was concerned over the membership and was honestly seeking some guidance. Because of this questionable incident, we have been most circumspect with him. In July, 1961 Rousselot endeavored to have SA Donald G. Hanning furnish his personal opinion as to what he would do if he were a member of the JBS. Hanning advised he could not comment officially or unofficially regarding this matter.

William Fitts Ryan:

Ryan had been publicly associated with the movement among prominent liberals both in Congress and out to abolish the HCUA. He has also been identified as proponent of various civil rights legislations. We have had few contacts with Ryan's office and deal with him on a circumspect basis.

DEBATE ON JBS:

The format of the debate was such that Ryan and Rousselot asked each other questions about the functions of the society and also answered questions from the floor of the restaurant clientele.

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Statements by Rousselot:

The purpose of the JBS is as an educational facility to study the threats of communism, in addition to helping members of the JBS to protect their traditional American freedoms against the deceit practiced by the Communist Party. There is a great misconception about the tenets of the society whereby many independent statements

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made by its founder, Robert Welsh, have been attributed to the society and are actually Welsh's own personal views. Rousselot does not agree with Welsh on many of the statements such as the impeachment controversy of Chief Justice Earl Warren; however, his disagreement with Welsh on this point is that the high school students who will be writing the essays are not qualified for this sort of endeavor and the essay contest should be directed toward members of a group with a legal background such as the American Bar Association. He also pointed out that the essay contest is a product of Welsh and not the JBS. With respect to the statement alleging communist affiliation by former President Eisenhower with the Communist Party, Rousselot stated this is another misunderstanding and this was a conclusion of Welsh based on a long statement on why Welsh feels Eisenhower is a communist. This is Welsh's personal statement and not the JBS, and, although Rousselot agrees with some of the minor premises of Welsh, he does not agree with his conclusion that Eisenhower is a communist. The JBS doesn't favor segregation nor is it anti-Semitic, in fact some members in New York and Chicago were expelled for this sort of activity.

Statements by Ryan:

Congressman Ryan admitted he had not read any of the JBS material and his main source of information was from newspaper accounts attributed to the society. He felt that the society was doing an injustice by being associated with the essay contest on Warren and feels this is an insult to the Supreme Court. In his statement why the JBS was doing a disservice, he chose to group it with the HCUA and said that both were causing hysteria in the country. The reason he has voted against the HCUA is he feels it has been overstepping its legal authority whereby it is a legislative agency and was not designed for the purpose of exposing peoples' ideas and beliefs. Like the JBS, it stifles freedoms by discouraging people from voicing their dissent on controversial issues.

Mention of the FBI:

In attacking the HCUA, Ryan stated he felt it impedes the investigative work of the FBI and the Attorney General and "thinks J. Edgar Hoover would agree with me that the HCUA has gone beyond its jurisdiction." However, he felt that the Director would disagree with him regarding the desirability of exposing communists. Rousselot, in answering a question as to whether a person should have the right to confront his accuser, stated he agreed that this should be so but pointed out that the FBI has also the right to protect its informants in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTEN: CORRESPONDENCE AND DOCS SECTION

DATE: 8/30/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (94-236)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Re Bureau airtel dated 7/27/61 and Dallas reply dated 8/4/61.

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Bureau and El Paso advised that [redacted] recontacted last on 8/28/61, stated late last week he received a reply to his letter sent [redacted] In reply she advised that [redacted] "must have misunderstood her", that she was not visited by an investigator, but that all information she had was "hearsay", was confidential, but that from hearsay, a man, identity unknown, allegedly called on a friend of hers but she did not know he was an "investigator" of any sort. She declined to furnish name of her friend as it was "confidential".

[redacted] was advised the Bureau would not endeavor to make any additional inquiry and matter would be closed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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(Conceal, his request) established contact of Los Angeles Office, confidentially advised that the "Route 66" Television Company will be in Boston in late August and expects to shoot on August 29, 1961 in the City of Boston an episode in the television series to be titled "To Walk With the Serpent." The main character will be a person bearing the name, "JOHN BEACHMONT" or similar, and the film is indicated as bearing on the theme of the John Birch Society, and appealing to readers of such journals as "Harper'S," "Saturday Review of Literature" and "The Nation."

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Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] will be done by [redacted] and [redacted]

Review of Los Angeles Indices shows nothing subversive derogatory identifiable with either [redacted] or [redacted]

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Instant "Route 66" series is sponsored on television by Chevrolet.

New York Offices of Screen Gems, Inc., are believed to be at 711 Fifth Avenue.

Copies are furnished New York and Boston for information.

THE DIRECTOR August 28, 1961

N. P. CALLAHAN

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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The Congressional Record for August 25, 1961, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

HOUSE

The House was not in session. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 1961, at 12 noon.

SENATE

Pages 15933-15937. Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He included an article written by Alan F. Westin entitled "The John Birch Society: Fundamentalism on the Right" which was published in the Commentary magazine of August 1961. Mr. McGee stated "The burden of the article is to analyze in historical perspective the operations and role of the John Birch Society." Mr. Westin pointed out that "Whatever the specific prospects for the Birch Society--and I consider them unhappily bright--the 1960's will surely be years of expansion for the fundamentalist right in this country. Several things point toward that conclusion. - - - But, it should be said on the other side, a rejuvenated and expanded liberal movement is also likely to develop in the United States during the next few years. The signs are already present on American college campuses, where a decade of student apathy and fatalism is giving way to a revival of both liberal and (respectable) conservative political commitment. - - - At any rate, the resources are there to be marshaled, and they are potentially our greatest protection against the mounting right-fundamentalist threat."

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TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in:

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 8-25-61 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
September 6, 1961

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The Kansas City Times, a newspaper of general circulation, contained an article in the July 26, 1961 issue by RAY MORGAN, a member of the Star's Staff, reflecting efforts are being made to organize a chapter of the John Birch Society in Kansas City, Missouri. The first meeting was expected within the next week or ten days as a part of an organizing effort in other areas of Kansas and Missouri.

The above was confirmed on July 25, 1961 by [redacted] Missouri, [redacted] of the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce, [redacted] of Associated Industries of Missouri, and a member of the Supreme Council of John Birch Society. [redacted] said that an organizer was working in both St. Louis and Kansas City, as well as other areas of Kansas. [redacted] of the multi-million dollar A. B. Chance Company, said, "We hope to have the organizing meeting of the chapter in Kansas City sometime within the next few days". [redacted] declined to say who the organizers were and who were working for the formation of the chapters. He said the Society has recently brought in a full-time organizer to work organizing chapters in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

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[redacted] the Rock Island Oil and Refining Company and a member of the Supreme Council of the John Birch Society, said the organizer's name was [redacted] KOCH said [redacted] came from California to work for the Society and has been getting a fine response to his efforts.

[redacted] said chapters are already active in Centralia, Mexico and Jefferson City in Missouri. [redacted] said chapters have been formed in recent months in Wichita, Hutchinson and Topeka, Kansas and that there are other members throughout Kansas.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Membership in the Society is $1,000 for a life membership, $24.00 a year annual membership for men and $12.00 a year for women. There is a monthly news letter on the Society as well as other publications.

WINT SMITH, former member of Congress from the 16th District of Kansas who has long been an opponent of Communism and what he considers to be ultra-liberal, has been speaking before Society meetings throughout the United States since he retired from Congress last year.

The Kansas City Star, a newspaper of general circulation, August 13, 1961, contained a news item which reflected that about fifty persons attended a meeting of The John Birch Society, August 11, 1961, at Grandview, Missouri.

A two-hour film was shown of ROBERT WELCH, the Society's founder, reading from the Blue Book of the Society. [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted] for Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, presided. A 45 minute question and answer session followed the film. b6 b7C

On August 15, 1961, an issue of The Kansas City Times, a newspaper of general circulation, contained the following news item:

> "A high-ranking member of the John Birch society asked his audience last night to begin fighting what he described as a massive Communist conspiracy that is seizing control of every phase of American life.
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> "Speaking to nearly 1,000 persons in the auditorium of Shawnee-Mission East high school, Fred C. Koch, a Wichita businessman, asserted that internal subversion directed by the Soviet Union is eroding American universities, churches, political parties, entertainment media, the State Department and the United Nations.
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> "His lecture and the film 'Operation Abolition' which followed, were given before the Northeast Johnson County Women's Republican Club.

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"Koch is a member of the advisory council of the Birch society.

"'Our universities have been one of the training grounds for communism in this country,' the speaker said.

"He asserted that the National Education association was Communist infiltrated, and had been responsible for 'Communist propaganda in this country's textbooks.'

"In a swipe at the National Council of Churches, Koch said that 'Protestant ministers have been more highly infiltrated by Communists than any other group in America.'

"Koch charged that the stage, screen, radio and television have been highly infiltrated by Communists for many years.

"Turning to politics, Koch stated that, 'the Communists have long since penetrated both the Democratic and Republican parties.' He added that Communists have had a strong influence on political leaders.

"Koch listed several methods which he said the Communists will use to 'take over America.'

"Among them were the infiltration of high governmental offices 'until even the President is a Communist--unknown to us, of course,' and a massive labor strike.

"'Nearly every man in Congress who has lifted his sword against communism has been destroyed,' Koch stated.

"About 30 persons left the auditorium before the end of the lecture, which lasted about an hour and one-half."

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 9/6/61

FROM SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-11488)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached hereto are five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, no investigation is being conducted.

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GENERAL RESOLUTIONS
Organizing Meeting
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION
MAY 1961

The Business Committee reports that 243 churches and fellowships participated in the parish poll by submitting their talley sheets on or before the deadline of March 27, 1961.

The eight general resolutions below received the highest votes and will be submitted by the Business Committee to the delegates at the Organizing Meeting on Saturday morning, May 13th. Additional general resolutions may be admitted to the floor but will require a two-thirds vote for consideration.

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NATIONAL

1. MIGRATORY WORKERS

WHEREAS: Migratory workers are the most disadvantaged group in our population with below-minimum wages, sub-standard health and housing, and restricted opportunities for their children; and

WHEREAS: Protections of social legislation established for the benefit of industrial workers are non-existent for migratory workers, and such non-existence constitutes special discrimination against the agricultural worker and his family;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association send letters to the Secretary of Labor and to the President's Committee on Migratory Labor, urging them to recommend to Congress passage and vigorous enforcement of legislation which will accomplish the following:

(a) Extend to all migrants the same protection and standards currently recognized as necessary in Puerto Rican and Mexican National contracts.

(b) Restrict the facilities of the Federal-State Employment System to growers whose wages, housing and working conditions meet minimum standards.

(c) Provide for federal registration of crew leaders and loans to growers for approved housing for migrants.

(d) Extend provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to include farm workers, and revise child labor laws to include protection outside as well as during school hours.

(e) Revise the Labor Management Relations Act to include the right of farm workers to organize and bargain collectively.

(f) Develop state programs to provide adequate education and child care for migrant children.

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(g) Extend the Unemployment Compensation Act to cover farm workers.

(h) Tighten Interstate Commerce Commission regulations affecting the transportation of migrants to prevent the use of defective and unsafe vehicles.

Submitted by the Community Church of New York and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, New York; by petition by members of All Souls' Church, Washington, D. C.; by petition by members of First Unitarian Society of San Francisco, California; and by petition by members of First Unitarian Congregational Society of Hartford, Connecticut.

2. MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS: Every second hospital bed in the United States is occupied by a mentally ill person with most public mental hospitals caring for 1,000 to 14,000 patients; and

WHEREAS: Less than $4.50 per day is spent for each mentally ill person compared with the average of $28.00 per day per patient in general hospitals; and

WHEREAS: Medical knowledge has developed to the degree that most of the mentally ill could, with proper individual care, be returned to live useful lives in society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the churches and fellowships of the Unitarian Universalist Association study their own communities to determine whether facilities and budgets are adequate for the care of mental patients within their own communities, such facilities to include psychiatric units in general hospitals, "half way houses" for discharged mental patients, vocational and counseling services, and special classes in the public school system for emotionally disturbed and mentally retarded children.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That member churches and fellowships strive to inform themselves in this field in order to give compassionate understanding towards the mentally ill as family, friends, or employers and to assist through direct volunteer service in appropriate places; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Unitarians and Universalists accept positions of leadership in their communities where they can influence public opinion and government agencies so that the financial and medical need of the mentally ill may be met.

Submitted by petition by members of the All Souls' Church, Washington, D. C., and revised by the Business Committee.

3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

WHEREAS: Respect for the value of every human life must be incorporated into our laws if it is to be observed by our people; and

WHEREAS: Modern justice should concern itself with rehabilitation, not retribution; and

WHEREAS: It has not been proved that fear of capital punishment is a deterrent to crime; and

WHEREAS: Human judgments are not infallible, and no penalty should be used which cannot be revoked in case of error; and

WHEREAS: Capital punishment has not been used impartially among all economic and racial groups in America:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges its churches and fellowships in the United States and Canada to exert all reasonable efforts towards the elimination of capital punishment.

Revised by the Business Committee to combine resolutions submitted by the Unitarian Fellowship of Bloomington, Indiana; Boise Unitarian Fellowship, Boise, Idaho; by petition by members of the First Unitarian Society of San Francisco, California; and by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of San Diego, California.

4. PUBLIC SCHOOL INTEGRATION

WHEREAS: Denial of equal opportunities for education on account of race or color continues to be widespread seven years after the Supreme Court's unanimous declaration that the Constitution forbids it; and

WHEREAS: Such disregard for the supreme law of the land presents a moral crisis no less than that resulting from the violation of human rights involved:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association call upon the Prewident of the United States to make public statements and take other appropriate action in his discretion to clarify the moral issues and to enlist active public support for their resolution by promp integration of the public schools at all levels.

Submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of San Diego, California, and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and Eliot Unitarian Chapel of Kirkwood, Missouri, and by petition by members of all Souls' Church, Washington, D. C.

6. FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges the President of the United States to promulgate an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination in Federal Housing and Urban Renewal Programs and establishing a Committee to develop a program of implementation of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges its church and fellowships to;

1. Call upon their individual members to make all housing, urban and suburban, new or old, which they control as owners, dealers, brokers, builders, or mortgagors available to any qualified person, without regard to race, color, creed or national origin.

2. Call upon all real estate dealers, brokers, and mortgagors to do the same.

3. Request their city and state legislators to repeal all existing laws requiring racial segragation and to urge the adoption of local and state laws prohibiting discrimination in housing.

4. Stimulate, encourage, and participate in educational programs, meetings, and other activities sponsored by both governmental and voluntary agencies and designed to promote equality of opportunity in housing.

Submitted by the Community Church of New York and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolution submitted by the Unitarian Fellowship of Bloomington, Indiana.

7. ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: The House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee have failed to accomplish the purposes for which they were established; and

WHEREAS: Over the years of their existence, the effect of these Committees has too often been only to harass people who held unpopular opinions; and

WHEREAS: The cause of National Security has been used by these committees as an excuse to call into question long-standing individual freedoms granted under the Constitution of the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association

1. Request the President of the United States to recommend to the Congress the abolition of these two committees and

2. Urge all Unitarians and Universalists to call upon their representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives to vote against further appropriations for these committees.

Submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Congregational Society of Hartford, Connecticut, and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, California, and by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and Eliot Unitarian Chapel of Kirkwood, Missouri.

INTERNATIONAL

13. DISARMAMENT AND TEST BAN TREATY

WHEREAS: The settlement of International conflicts by war is now impossible and the prolongation of present tensions threatens mankind with annihilation by accident; and

WHEREAS: The testing of nuclear weapons afflicts mankind with disease and early death, and future generations with hereditary defects; and

WHEREAS: The continued production of armaments diverts energy and wealth from present human needs and postpones the rich future now within men's grasp:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association urges, as an initial step toward controlled total disarmament, that the United States Government proceed with sincere, conscientious and continuing negotiations for a nuclear test ban treaty.

Submitted by the Second Universalist Church of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and revised by the Business Committee. Similar resolutions submitted by petition by members of the First Unitarian Society of San Francisco, California; the Community Church of New York; by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and Eliot Unitarian Chapel of Kirkwood, Missouri; and by petition by members of the First Unitarian Church of San Diego, California.

15. AFRICA

WHEREAS: 1960 was the "Year of Africa, notable Algeria, S. W. Africa, the Rhodesias, Mozambique and Angola, Africans are denied self-government and other basic human rights; and

WHEREAS: The newly-independent African states are greatly in need of technical and economic assistance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLIVED: The the Unitarian Universalist Association urges:

1. That the governments of Canada and the United States tender substantial technical and economic assistance to the newly-independent African nations, to be channeled through the United Nations, and

2. That unrelenting pressure be applied to these governments to press for the political and economic freedom of those areas under colonial rule, and

3. That the newl-freed peoples of Africa, both as individuals and as nations, be accorded esteem and courtesy commensurate with the vital role they are playing in international affairs, and

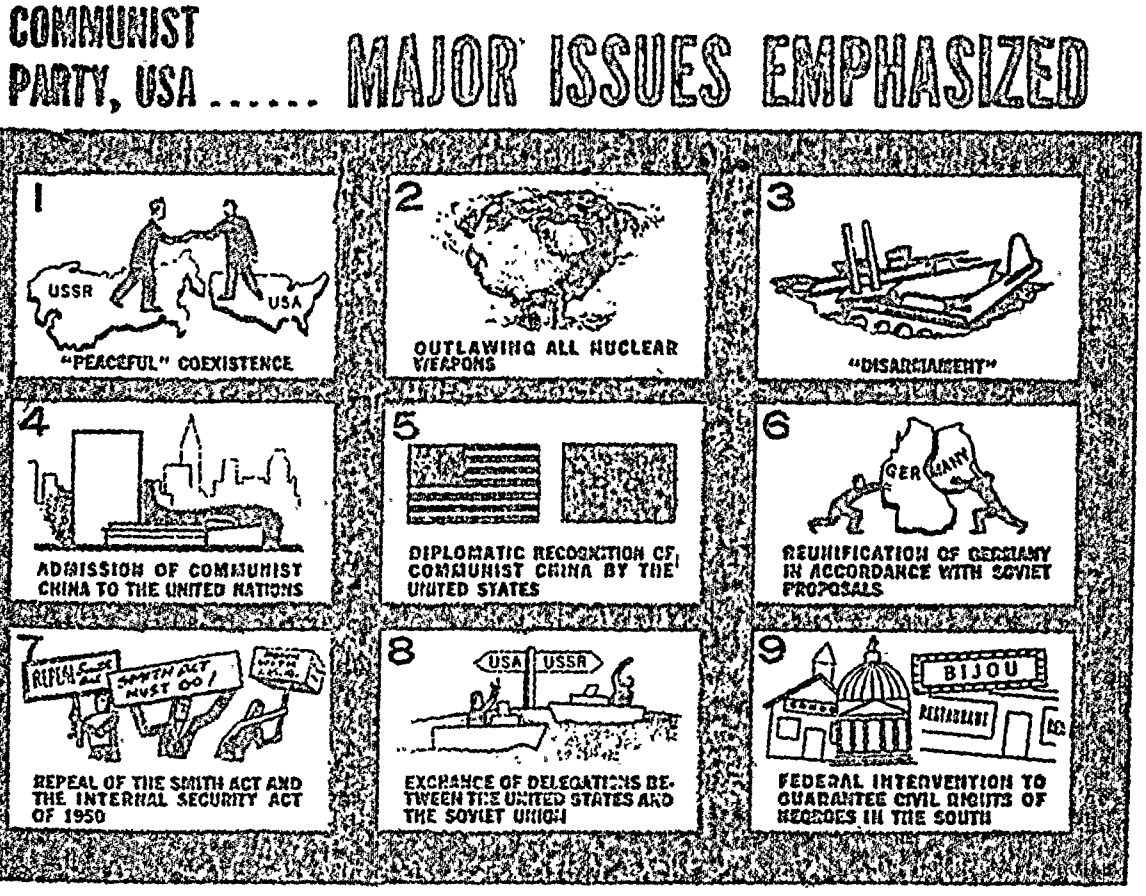
4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate government officials of the United States and Canada.

Submitted by the Community Church of New York and revised by the Business Committee

APRIL 3, 1961

FBI WARNING CHART

Here is the graphic chart published by the F.B.I. to depict the major issues propagandized by the COMMUNIST PARTY, USA. It is reproduced by permission of J. Edgar Hoover, Director.



NOTE that some of these "issues" have been advocated by U. S. political leaders, including Government officials, who have urged Numbers 2, 3, 5, 8 and 9.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 21, 1961

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-0)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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INFORMANT

On September 19, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] Alabama, advised that she attended a meeting of the "Freedom Forum" at the Municipal Auditorium in Birmingham, on [redacted] She said this was an open meeting and attended by well known Birmingham people. She stated she believes it was at this meeting that somebody got her name and later gave her an invitation to attend the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, on Tuesday, September 12, 1961, at which about 100 people were present.

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A Mr. (FNU) [redacted] whose store is on [redacted] was [redacted] present, as well as [redacted]

A film featuring ROBERT WELCH, founder of this group, was shown. She said the film was about two hours long and very boring. A speaker, whose name Mrs. [redacted] could not recall, told the members present that they should not refer to themselves as Americans, but as "Patriots". This speaker said that the organization works in cells of about eight to ten people in a cell.

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Mrs. [redacted] said she believes this group is un-American or against this country, but has nothing specific to offer in this regard. She stated she thinks they are conservative and are against heavy spending by the Federal Government for armaments, etc.

Mrs. [redacted] said she believes the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Birmingham was organized at a meeting prior to the one she attended. She said she has not joined,

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although she was given an application blank. She said she does not know the names of any of the officers.

No investigation will be made concerning this organization. Any further information received will be forwarded to the Bureau, for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 9/19/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] Texas, on 8/22/61, advised SA JAMES L. LOTT of the following information:

[redacted] stated that on [redacted] while attending a party at Abilene, Texas he met [redacted] Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and that night shared a room with [redacted] the Sands Motel in Abilene. [redacted] became involved in a discussion about world politics and current events and at this time [redacted] had been selected to join an organization which [redacted] The name of the organization was [redacted] stated that it [redacted] the "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY". [redacted] stated that [redacted] advised that the purpose of the organization was to fight communism. [redacted] had been given a background investigation and had been selected to assume the [redacted] Texas Technological College. [redacted] that the [redacted] the "communist activities of the professors of that college". [redacted] also advised [redacted] that the information so furnished would be processed through the higher channels of the Government and that there would be times when [redacted] would have to attest to such information by making affidavits before Agents of the FBI." [redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that as a member of the organization he would be allowed to carry a gun which would have the serial numbers filed off of it and in the event [redacted] had to use the gun to kill a Communist the FBI would make sure there was no trouble about it since the FBI had files on all members of the organization".

[redacted] further advised that on [redacted] while at his home, he received a telephone call from [redacted] in which [redacted] asked [redacted] to come to Abilene for a meeting at the coffee shop at the Sands Motel. [redacted] advised that he drove to Abilene and arrived at the Sands Motel about 5:00 PM that day. As he entered

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the coffee shop he was contacted by [redacted] who identified himself as a member [redacted] told [redacted] Abilene Christian College and that he had been sent to meet [redacted] advised that [redacted] treated him to a steak dinner and that this surprised him since he had never met [redacted] before. After dinner [redacted] told [redacted] to go out and get in the back seat of [redacted] car and lie down on the floor and that he, [redacted] would drive to the Organization's Headquarters. [redacted] then advised that he complied with this request and that after a long drive he was told he could get up and get out of the car. [redacted] did not know what part of town he was in but he is sure it was still in Abilene. [redacted] led [redacted] out of the car and into a [redacted] Here, [redacted] and another individual introduced only as [redacted] advised that at this time he was told by [redacted] that the Organization was involved in "Waging germ warfare against Cuba". [redacted] advised that he was then taken into a small room at the back of the [redacted] and was photographed and fingerprinted by [redacted] He was also told to write a sentence in longhand so that it could be submitted to the Organization's handwriting expert. [redacted] advised that at this time [redacted] was carrying a revolver in shoulder holster and that he saw another revolver in a holster hanging from the wall. [redacted] then advised that [redacted] told him to sit down so that he could find out more about the organization. [redacted] members from the students at Texas Tech. Each new member was to pay $25.00 upon joining and $1.00 per month dues; all monies payable to [redacted] Abilene Christian College. [redacted] fifty members at Texas Tech. [redacted] that it would be [redacted] contact former FBI Agents to come to Texas Tech and speak on the subject of Communist activities in the United States. [redacted] then said that [redacted] might hear a rumor that [redacted] was dishonorably discharged from the Marine Corps and that he had once been arrested in Abilene [redacted] then advised that these rumors were true but that both happenings were arranged by the FBI.

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Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas and that he has always been interested in fighting Communism and would like to become an informant for the FBI. [redacted] attempted to recruit members for the organization at the Texas Tech campus with no success.

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He then advised that he began to doubt that the organization had any legitimate connection with the FBI and he thought that he should speak to an Agent of the FBI about it. [redacted] advised that he knows [redacted] Hardin Simmons University and that he is in his [redacted] b6 b7C

The following descriptions were furnished by [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Age	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	[redacted] Hardin-Simmons University Abilene, Texas
Residence	[redacted] Hardin-Simmons University

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Name	[redacted]
Age	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	165 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	[redacted]
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	[redacted] Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas
Residence	[redacted] Texas

Name	Unsub, aka. [redacted]
Height	6'
Race	White
Sex	Male
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Brown
Build	Slender
Eyes	Brown

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Name	[redacted]	
Race	White	
Sex	Male	
Height	5'10"	
Weight	165 pounds	b6
Build	Medium	b7C
Eyes	Brown	
Hair	Brown	
Complexion	Fair	
Occupation	[redacted] Texas Tech, Lubbock, Texas	
Residence	[redacted] Texas,	
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SAC, Dallas (100-10402)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Reurlet 9/19/61 reporting information received from [redacted] Texas, concerning [redacted] which was described as [redacted] the John Birch Society."

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Bureau indices are negative concerning prior references identifiable with [redacted] The files of the Identification Division disclose that [redacted] was arrested by the Police Department, Abilene, Texas, on [redacted] on a charge of theft. At the time of arrest his address was listed as [redacted] Texas. The Police Department's arrest number was [redacted] On [redacted] was released to the county, no disposition being shown in connection with his arrest.

You are instructed to contact [redacted] immediately and advise him that the statements made by [redacted] indicating a connection between the FBI and [redacted] the "FBI would make sure there was no trouble" if [redacted] used a gun to kill a communist "since the FBI had files on all members of [redacted]; and the FBI had arranged for a dishonorable discharge from the Marine Corps and an arrest for stealing [redacted] are completely false and without foundation. You should make certain he understands this and the fact that any action he engages in on behalf of "The Organization" are his own actions and are not approved or sanctioned by the FBI.

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You should also have two mature experienced Agents locate and interview [redacted] Hardin-Simmons University, and [redacted] Abilene Christian College, both schools being located in Abilene, Texas. [redacted]

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and [redacted] should be told in no uncertain terms to cease and desist from making any statements such as those set out above and referred to in relet, indicating the Bureau is in agreement with or in back of any of their activities. They should also be apprised of the Bureau's responsibilities in the internal security field and admonished to refrain from engaging in any activities which would encroach on and interfere with our responsibilities.

The above interview should be handled promptly and the Bureau immediately furnished the results thereof.

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October 2, 1961

INFORMAL MEMO TO WILLIAM S. TAVEL ST

FROM C. D. DE LOACH

This memorandum is being prepared so the attached material can be placed in the appropriate Bureau file. The item has a card attached to it, furnishing all necessary data for indexing and filing.

Enclosure

article: The Man Behind the John Birch Society.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

October 3, 1961

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

By undated letter printed on letterhead of The John Birch Society, Incorporated, which was addressed to "Dear Fellow American," Z. R. Cecil, Chapter Leader, Pittsburgh Chapter 881, The John Birch Society, advised that Robert Welch, founder of The John Birch Society, would speak in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday evening, October 11, 1961, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Carnegie Institute at 4400 Forbes Avenue.

The above letter continued that Mr. Welch's subject would be "Through All the Days To Be" and that the recipient was invited as one whom the society believed shared its concern for America's future and freedom everywhere, to hear this challenging address.

The letter stated that admission would be by ticket only; that there would be a seat for every ticket holder, and that questions from the audience would be welcome. A donation of $1.00 per ticket which was to go entirely toward the financing and expansion of the non-profit John Birch Society was to be sent to Z. R. Cecil, Agent, or to The John Birch Society.

On November 7, 1957, a law enforcement officer in the Pittsburgh area furnished a pamphlet issued by "For America, 1001 Connecticut, N. W., Washington 6, D. C." which indicated that one Zack R. Cecil of Pennsylvania was a member of the National Policy Committee of "For America."

According to the above pamphlet, "For America" was described as a patriotic, nonpartisan, free association of Americans. The association was said to stand for states' rights, competitive enterprise, private property and individual liberty, and was opposed to all moves toward internationalism, fascism, socialism, atheism, and communism.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 10/3/61

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (62-2670)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a meeting to be held by captioned organization at Pittsburgh on 10/11/61.

The undated letter mentioned in the memorandum was received unsolicited via the U. S. Mails by SA BERNARD W. CASHDOLLAR of this office. The law enforcement officer referred to in said memorandum is CHARLES J. HELWIG, who in 1957 and currently, was and is Chief of Police at Oakmont, Pa. Chief HELWIG furnished the pamphlet mentioned to SA [redacted] (PG 105-1839-4)

It is noted that the Pittsburgh files also indicate that one ZACK CECIL (no further identifying data) [redacted] former Philadelphia Office informants, to appear before a Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in Washington, D. C., [redacted] (Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, 10/31/55, captioned [redacted] FORMER SECURITY INFORMANTS")

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In view of the nature of this information and the fact that it is not definitely know that the ZACK CECIL is identical with the Z. R. CECIL referred to in the letterhead memorandum, this latter information has not been incorporated into the memorandum.

No investigation is being conducted by this office.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9-26-61

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A7720-A7722. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, extended his remarks to include an article entitled "The John Birch Society" which was published in the May 19, 1961, issue of the Civic Affairs Monthly, a publication of Civic Affairs Associates, Inc. Mr. Rousselot pointed out "As a member of the society, I am anxious that people have an opportunity to know the strong points of the society as well as its vulnerabilities in order that they may come to an independent evaluation of the society."

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

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-4-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell DCM/pvb

SUBJECT: [redacted] CALIFORNIA

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By letter 9-29-61, captioned individual, [redacted] advised that former Vice President Nixon quoted from a recent address of the Director regarding the error of assuming that anyone who does not agree with us is a communist or pro-communist. According to [redacted] Nixon gave this answer in response to a question concerning whether he would welcome support from members of the John Birch Society. Correspondent stated the obvious implication was that the John Birch Society is guilty of the acts the Director referred to and inquired if this conclusion was correct.

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Correspondent also remarked on the contrast of the Director's "solicitude" for those who are wrongfully labeled communists, but failed to find the same concern for those labeled Fascist. [redacted] wonders if this is part of the "Double Standard" referred to in "The New Drive Against the Anti-Communist Program."

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. It would appear that [redacted] is a sarcastic, dogmatic individual whose logic and reasoning are unsound and who apparently is looking for an argument. Further, he may be a member of the John Birch Society. It is felt nothing can be gained by acknowledging his letter and, in fact, he might misuse any reply to cause potential embarrassment to the FBI. Accordingly, it is felt his letter should not be acknowledged.

RECOMMENDATION:

That correspondent's letter not be acknowledged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 10/6/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Remylet 9/19/61 and Bureau letter 9/29/61 under above title.

In the course of the handling of this matter as outlined hereinafter, it was ascertained on 10/5/61 through Chief of Police WARREN DODSON, NA, Abilene, Texas Police Department that the true name of the individual referred to in relets as [redacted]

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Chief DODSON said [redacted] and a boy named [redacted] were all arrested on [redacted] on charges of theft involving the stealing of [redacted] and on charges of burglary involving a breaking into of premises at [redacted] All were subsequently indicted on the theft charge by the Grand Jury and on [redacted] all three were given [redacted] sentences on the theft indictment. [redacted] and [redacted] were also indicted on the burglary charge, but no court action has ever been taken on this, and probably will not be unless the conditions of the boys' probation are broken, DODSON said.

In view of the allegations [redacted] has been seen with a firearm in a shoulder holster on his person, the detail of the data furnished by [redacted] was made known to him. [redacted] was not identified to DODSON in this regard, and he was told no investigation of the matter has been made by the FBI.

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It was further pointed out to Chief DODSON that, as he would probably know without being told, [redacted] do not have, and never have had, any connection with the FBI of any kind; that the Bureau has no knowledge of, and certainly has not sanctioned or sponsored, any [redacted] and [redacted] and that the FBI definitely did not have any part in, and had absolutely no knowledge at the time of, the depradations for which [redacted] and [redacted] were arrested in [redacted], and similarly

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had nothing whatever to do with [redacted] undesirable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps. Chief DODSON said he, of course, understood this. He said he would see the allegations concerning [redacted] possibly being in possession of and carrying, weapons were made known to proper authorities in Abilene.

On 10/4/61 [redacted] the Grissom Company, 14th Street Store, Abilene, by SAS COLEMAN MABRAY and KENNETH C. HOWE. He [redacted]

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[redacted] Abilene Christian College [redacted]

Without identifying the source there was sketched for him the details of the information received by the Bureau to the effect he and [redacted] were, or had been, [redacted] some sort of "Anti-Communist organization" and in connection therewith had made statements the FBI had knowledge of the matter, "would make sure there was no trouble" if difficulties were encountered, especially in connection with the use of a gun, and had arranged for the violations of law he and [redacted] had committed and for [redacted] dishonorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps in furtherance of their organizational schemes.

[redacted] said he knew of only one incident which would have given rise to the above, this being on the occasion some six or eight weeks ago when a boy from [redacted] was in Abilene at the invitation of [redacted] was asked by [redacted] to go through a certain "ritual" with him. [redacted] said that had all been drinking, and he looked upon the matter as "a lark", and for the purpose of impressing this boy from [redacted] the reason for this being unknown to him. [redacted] then described the events of the evening much as had [redacted] when he reported the matter to the Dallas Office, except [redacted] said he has no recollection of the FBI being mentioned beyond the statement being made that an anti-Communist organization such as they [redacted] "could be of use to the FBI."

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It seemed apparent to the interviewing agents [redacted] was "hedging" in the telling of his story, and he was informed as much. He was additionally told, however, that Agents were not there essentially for the purpose of "quizzing" him or attempting to prove or disprove the reports we had received, but for one purpose only, that purpose being to inform him in no uncertain terms that the FBI will not tolerate its name being used without complete authority under any circumstances, or for any purpose, and that he should clearly understand this and govern himself accordingly in the future. He was told the FBI has no interest

in his or [redacted] activities so long as no federal laws are violated and same did not encroach upon or interfere with our responsibilities, but in connection with any of them we will insist they studiously avoid giving anyone the impression, directly or indirectly, that the FBI is in any way involved in them, has sanctioned them, or is lending any support to them.

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[redacted] said the boy referred to as [redacted] was one, [redacted] at Texas University in Austin, Texas. He said [redacted] was using a home laboratory in the home of a [redacted] family in Abilene, and it was there he took "the boy from [redacted] He said the [redacted] family was not at home. [redacted] said he left the room while [redacted] was talking here to the [redacted] boy, and does not know what was said. He said he then took the [redacted] boy to a second place, a room in a business place on North First Street in Abilene for which [redacted] had made arrangements. There [redacted] and this boy had a lengthy conversation, but, here again, [redacted] said he was not in a position to overhear it. He said [redacted] was wearing a gun, he believes a ".45", in a shoulder holster. Where this gun had been obtained by [redacted] said he did not know. He denied ever having seen it before or since.

[redacted] was contacted telephonically at [redacted] [redacted] at Hardin-Simmons College, Abilene, and subsequently came to and was interviewed at the Abilene Resident Agency on 10/4/61 by SAS COLEMAN MABRAY and KENNETH C. HOWE.

[redacted] upon being given the same detail as had [redacted] also identified the incident from which this information had probably arisen as the occasion when [redacted] visited Abilene from [redacted] was not communicative in connection with the happenings of that evening, and was not pressed in that regard. He denied having made any statements which would even imply the FBI was in any way involved, or that he had any connection or contact past or present with the FBI.

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[redacted] was told, as had been [redacted] the Agents were not talking to him to go over the occurrences of that evening, or any of his other activities, but wanted to specifically point out and emphasize to him, in view of the reports we had received, he is never, under any circumstances, to say anything which will directly or indirectly indicate the FBI is in agreement with, in back of, or in any way supports or sanctions any of his activities; that any such statements by him or any other

unauthorized person will not be tolerated and could have unpleasant consequences. He was further told the FBI had no interest in any organizational aspirations he might have so long as there was no violation of federal law and no interference with or encroachment upon our responsibilities, but that we would insist the name of the FBI be kept out of the picture completely in connection with any such program.

No question was left in the minds of either [redacted] or [redacted] as to what the Bureau's position in matters such as the above is, and the seriousness of the affair was throughly impressed upon them. They said, following the interviews with them, they completely understood this.

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[redacted] also identified the individual referred to my relet as [redacted] at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, and a son of DR. [redacted] Texas. He advised the home in which [redacted] was that of [redacted] who has a small laboratory in his home. He said [redacted] Texas University, Austin, but added he [redacted] was not at home on the evening [redacted] was there.

On 10/5/61 [redacted] was interviewed at his residence in [redacted] by SA JAMES W. LOTT, and it was re-emphasized to him the FBI is in no manner involved in any activities of [redacted] or those of any other individuals whom he might have met or with whom he might have come into contact while in Abilene, He was told any information he might have been given in this regard by [redacted] was strictly figments of their imaginations; thatthe FBI does not tolerate such implications by unauthorized individuals and is taking definite steps to see this is thoroughly understood by all individuals involved.

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Enclosed for the San Antonio is one verifax copy each of Dallas letter to Bureau dated 9/19/61 and Bureau letter To Dallas dated 9/29/61.

LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

UACB will interview [redacted] at the University of Texas along lines requested in rebulet.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-31-61

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FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM SENATOR THOMAS H. KUCHEL REGARDING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) AND REQUEST TO SEE DIRECTOR AND RECEIVE SPECIAL TOUR OF FBI FACILITIES

The Washington Field Office advised by letter of August 28, 1961, that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel had been contacted by one of their Agents on that date in connection with an official matter. Kuchel expressed great personal concern over the activities of the John Birch Society(JBS). He has taken an active stand against their activities and they have denounced him publicly. He feels the society is seriously interfering with the FBI's jurisdiction in security matters and would like to have a meeting with the Director to discuss the specific action which can be taken both by him and the Bureau against the JBS. He also requested that he be permitted to take a personal tour of the FBI's facilities suggesting a time near the end of the present session of Congress or the week of 9-5-61.

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Bufiles reflect we have had cordial correspondence with Kuchel over the years. By letter of 7-11-61 the Director thanked Kuchel for his generous comments about the Director's administration of the FBI which Kuchel expressed in the Senate on 7-7-61. We last communicated with him by letter of 8-23-61 from the Director in connection with a constituent matter.

The John Birch Society was founded in 12-58 in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is incorporated under laws of State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; and has not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and the Society in the past have been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401) 62-104401-

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OBSERVATIONS

Because of the extremely controversial nature of the JBS, particularly among many of the prominent members of Congress, it is not felt desirable the Director should discuss this matter with Senator Kuchel. However,

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because of Kuchel's cordial attitude toward the Bureau perhaps, at a later date, arrangements could be made for the Director to briefly meet Kuchel at a time when the Director would not be drawn into the controversial nature of the JBS.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) The Director not see Kuchel regarding the JBS.

(2) Arrangements be made for Senator Kuchel to receive a special tour by a Special Agent assigned to the Crime Records Division.

(3) You, or a representative of your office, contact Senator Kuchel and advise that his request has been relayed to the Director. However, the uncertainty of the Director's schedule will preclude his indicating a definite time to see the Senator. He should be advised the FBI has not investigated the JBS and consequently, can make no comments concerning it. During this contact, he should be cordially invited to receive a tour of our facilities here at FBI Headquarters.

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ADM. ASST. [redacted] CONTACTED AND HE WILL ADVISE KEMPER WHEN SENATOR CAN COME FOR TOUR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/28/61

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FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: REQUEST RECEIVED FROM
THOMAS H. KUCHEL
UNITED STATES SENATOR (CALIFORNIA)

On August 28, 1961, United States Senator THOMAS H. KUCHEL (California), upon being contacted by an Agent of this office on an official matter, expressed great personal concern over the activities of the John Birch Society. He stated he feels the members of this society have taken upon themselves the responsibility of investigating the Americanism of various public officials and individuals. Senator KUCHEL stated he personally has taken an active stand against the activities of this society and they in turn have denounced him publicly. He stated he feels the society is seriously interfering with the FBI's jurisdiction in security matters, and he would like sometime soon to have a conference with the Director to discuss the specific action which can be taken both by him and the Bureau in connection with this group.

Senator KUCHEL also requested that he be permitted to take a personal tour of the FBI's facilities since he has heard so many favorable comments about them. He suggested that a time nearer the end of the present session of Congress would serve him best and that possibly sometime next week would be suitable.

Senator KUCHEL requested the interviewing Agent to furnish the above information to the Director. No commitments were made; however, he was advised that his request would be made known to the Director.

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To: SAC, San Antonio

From: Director, FBI (62-104401) 1452

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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DATE 4/5/96 BY Spykeupmore

Re Dallas letter 10/6/61 enclosing copies of Dallas letter to the Bureau dated 9/19/61 and Bulet to Dallas dated 9/29/61 for your office.

Bureau indices do not contain any record identifiable with [redacted] the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

You are instructed to promptly interview [redacted] in accordance with the lead set forth in relet and furnish the Bureau with the results thereof immediately upon conclusion of the interview.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Dallas letter 9/19/61 furnished information received from a [redacted] stated he had become acquainted with [redacted] Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and that [redacted] advised him that [redacted] had been selected to join an organization described as [redacted] the John Birch Society. According to [redacted] had advised him that he [redacted] had been selected as [redacted] the organization at Texas Technological College, where [redacted] and that [redacted] of the professors of that college. [redacted] also advised [redacted] that information so furnished would be processed through the higher chanels of the Government and there would be times when [redacted] would have to attest to such information by making affidavits before Agents of the FBI.

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[redacted] that as a member of the organization he would be allowed to carry a gun and in the event [redacted] had to use a gun to kill a communist the FBI would make sure there was no trouble about it since the FBI had files on all members of the organization. According to [redacted] also advised him that [redacted] might hear a rumor that [redacted] had been dishonorably discharged from the Marine Corps; that he had once been arrested in Abilene for stealing [redacted] and that both of these rumors were true but that both happenings were arranged by the FBI.

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Bulet 9/29/61 instructed Dallas to contact [redacted] immediately and advise him that the statements made by [redacted] were completely false and without foundation and to make sure that [redacted] understood this. Dallas was also instructed to locate and interview [redacted] Abilene Christian College who, along with another individual identified only as [redacted] had contacted [redacted] as members of this organization. Dallas identified [redacted] during the interviews of [redacted] (whose true name turned out to be [redacted]. Per Bureau instructions Dallas in their interviews with [redacted] admonished those individuals to refrain from engaging in any activities which would encroach on or interfere with the responsibilities of the Bureau in the internal security field. It is believed to "wrap-up" this matter we should have San Antonio interview [redacted] in the same manner.

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TO : Mr. C. D. DeLoach DATE: October 5, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted] CALIFORNIA

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By letter 9-28-61, captioned individual advised she is a member of the John Birch Society. She wants "a straight, honest-to-God answer" from the Director concerning whether the FBI considers the John Birch Society a subversive or communist organization.

She professes her love for America and points out that in "Masters of Deceit" the Director stressed the communist menace and the need for Americans to fight it, but states that if the Director does not "back us up when we try to fight it," he is sending her and her associates "out to do battle with our hands tied behind our backs." All she wants from the Director is an "honest answer" and states this will determine whether she remains a "Bircher."

Bufiles reflect a prior letter from captioned individual in 1957, in which she accused the Director of lying with regard to Bureau Agents allegedly holding persons incommunicado in the Little Rock school case. Her letter was not acknowledged. She wrote again on 11-25-60, alleging a Federal Election Laws violation claiming her name was crossed out from the voting register but that she was eventually allowed to vote. Her letter was acknowledged on 12-9-60 and she was advised the matter had been referred to the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

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OBSERVATION:

In view of the above information, it is believed this matter can best be handled by the attached in-absence reply because it is felt if we do not acknowledge correspondent's letter, or give her a form in-absence response, she would continue to write the Bureau for a reply.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That [redacted] attached in-absence letter be sent.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 10/16/61

FROM [redacted] SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Dallas letter to the Director, 9/19/61, Bureau letter to Dallas, dated 9/29/61, and Dallas letter to Director, dated 10/6/61.

On October 13, 1961, Mr. [redacted] The University of Texas, residing at [redacted] Texas, was contacted by SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON, and SA H. T. BURK, in the Student Union Building at The University of Texas. Several attempts had been made to contact him at his apartment at [redacted] with negative results.

Mr. [redacted] was very humble, admitted his mistake, and apologized for having participated in the incident in Abilene, Texas, in [redacted] He readily admitted that he was not thinking, and now realized the seriousness of the incident. b6 b7C

Instructions contained in Bureau letter, September 29, 1961, were followed, and [redacted] was admonished accordingly. He was also apprised of the Bureau's responsibilities in internal security field.

Mr. [redacted] indicated a very high regard for the FBI, and promised that he would never permit himself to become involved in such an incident in the future. He was also very appreciative of the Bureau's position in this matter, and expressed regret that it was necessary to take the Agents' time in this matter.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-11-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: [redacted] GEORGIA

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Captioned individual, [redacted] John Birch (for whom the John Birch Society is named) personally visited the Bureau on the afternoon of October 11, 1961, and spoke with SA James R. Healy, Crime Research Section. [redacted] the United States Air Force at [redacted] Georgia, and is in Washington to attend a Pentagon conference.

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[redacted] furnished a copy of a column (attached) by Joe Parham (who is on the Special Correspondents' List), editor of "The Macon News," which quotes a portion of the Director's recent statement "The Communist Party Line" urging citizens to approach the communist menace in a positive rather than negative fashion. [redacted] George S. Birch of Route 1, Macon, Georgia, asked him to bring this clipping to the Bureau and determine if this truly reflected Mr. Hoover's views and if it was aimed at any anticommunists in particular.

The strictly investigative nature of the FBI was pointed out to Mr. [redacted] along with the fact that it would not be proper for the FBI to comment on this editorial expression. He was told that Mr. Hoover's pamphlet speaks for itself.

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During the interview, Mr. [redacted] expressed his admiration for the FBI and the Director's leadership and was most appreciative for the opportunity to speak with one of the Director's representatives. Bufiles reflect nothing identifiable with Mr. [redacted] in Georgia.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 20, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Dallas letter 9/19/61 furnished information received from a [redacted] Texas Technological College (TTC), Lubbock, Texas. [redacted] stated he had become acquainted with [redacted] Hardin Simmons University (HSU), Abilene, Texas; that [redacted] advised him that he [redacted] had been selected to join an organization described as [redacted] the John Birch Society; that [redacted] advised him he [redacted] of the organization at TTC; that [redacted] on the communist activities of professors at TTC; and that [redacted] advised him the information so furnished would be processed through the higher channels of the Government and there would be times when [redacted] would have to attest to such information by making affidavits before Agents of the FBI. According to [redacted] also advised him that as a member of the organization he would be allowed to carry a gun and in the event [redacted] had to use a gun to kill a communist the FBI would make sure there was no trouble about it since the FBI had files on all members of the organization. [redacted] also advised [redacted] might hear rumors that [redacted] had been dishonorably discharged from the Marine Corps; that he had once been arrested in Abilene for stealing [redacted] and that both of these rumors were true but both happenings had been arranged by the FBI. On one occasion at [redacted] proceeded to Abilene where he met two other members of the alleged organization, namely, [redacted] (later identified by the Dallas Office as [redacted] Abilene Christian College (ACC), and [redacted] (later identified by Dallas as [redacted] the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Pursuant to instructions contained in Bulet 9/29/61 the Dallas Office advised on 10/6/61 that [redacted] was contacted and it was emphasized to him the FBI is in no manner involved in any of the activities of [redacted] and that any information he might have been given in this regard by those three individuals was strictly figments of their imaginations. [redacted] were interviewed and they advised that their actions in this regard were strictly "a lark" and a college prank. They were admonished to refrain from engaging in any

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activities which would encroach on or interfere with the responsibilities of this Bureau in the internal security field and they were told in no uncertain terms to cease and desist from making any such statements or taking any such action in the future indicating the Bureau is in agreement with or in back of any such activities on their parts. These individuals identified [redacted] to Dallas Agents as being [redacted] the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Pursuant to instructions the San Antonio Office located and interviewed [redacted] and advised by letter 10/16/61 of this contact. During the interview [redacted] was admonished along the same lines that [redacted] had been admonished. He was very humble, admitted his mistake and apologized for having participated in such an incident. He stated he was very appreciative of the Bureau's position in this matter; expressed regret that it was necessary to take the Agents' time in this matter; promised he would never permit himself to become involved in such a situation in the future; and expressed a very high regard for the FBI.

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ACTION:

None. For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/26/61

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-13536)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]

On 10/5/61, Mr. [redacted] Jewish Community Council, 184 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, was contacted at his request, as he advised he had some information concerning the John Birch Society, which might be of interest to the Bureau.

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[redacted] Mr. [redacted] advised SA ROBERT H. BERTKE that the [redacted] the Society in the Dayton area was [redacted] the Occidental Life Insurance Company. He felt that [redacted] reason for stepping down was not because he has had a change of heart, but that he found his open association with the Society was hurting his business. [redacted]

The [redacted] residing at [redacted] Ohio.

Originally the Society was composed of eight cells in the Dayton area, but now has expanded to more, which he estimated to be about twelve. They no longer refer to themselves as cells of the John Birch Society, due to the recent unfavorable publicity the Society has received. Their plan now is to set up what [redacted] termed "Front Groups", however, he knew of no specific groups that have been set up nor any names they were using. He advised at the present time they are calling themselves merely Discussion Groups.

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[redacted] stated he is receiving most of his information concerning the Society from a source, [redacted] General Jackson Heating Company, 1521 North Gettysburg Avenue.

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[redacted] Ohio

[redacted] is presently attending meetings of a group. [redacted] They meet approximately every two weeks, have no specific meeting date, but meet only when the group is called together. There are about twenty persons in the group. A recent suggestion made at a meeting was to research each other to determine whether everyone present was truly a believer in the aims and purposes of the group. [redacted] did not know whether this suggestion was carried out.

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Among the members of the group were the following:

Mrs. [redacted] the Daughters of the American Revolution.

[redacted] Brothern Ministers of the Brothern Church.

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[redacted] Television Station WLW-D.

Mr. [redacted] the Kentucky Veterans Association.

[redacted] advised that he has heard that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and his wife, residing at [redacted] Ohio have started up a group in their neighborhood.

He stated that on [redacted] an open meeting was held at Wohlleben Hall, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. This meeting was one of a series of meetings, which originated with the symposium conducted by Assistant Director WILLIAM SULLIVAN of the FBI in the early part of 1961. [redacted] the Political Science Department at the University and [redacted] of the John Birch Society in Indiana [redacted] During the course of the meeting, the following persons stood up and stated they would form discussion groups:

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[redacted] did not know whether the above persons

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TO : MR. R. O. L'ALLIER

DATE: 11-2-61

FROM : [redacted]

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COMMENT CONCERNING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On 11-2-61, Mr. [redacted] the Coordination Staff of the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, telephoned to ask Bureau cooperation in locating any comment or position taken by the Communist Party, USA, or its leaders concerning the John Birch Society. Mr. [redacted] specifically asked whether we might know of some editorial comment in "The Worker," or some public statement by one of the Communist Party leaders.

The Central Research Section very promptly located an article by Gus Hall in the August, 1961, issue of "Political Affairs," which refers to the John Birch Society as the spearhead of an organized Fascist movement emerging in this country. Mr. [redacted] was referred to this article, and he stated he was extremely grateful for the very prompt cooperation he had been afforded.

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For information.

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1-Mr. R.W. Smith
1-Mr. Kleinkauf
1-Liaison

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

March 1, 1960 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

It is an incontestable fact that our country, the symbol of the free world, is the ultimate, priceless goal of international communism. The leaders of international communism have vowed to achieve world domination. This cannot be until the Red flag is flown over the United States.

If, for a moment, the grandiose Red plan is scoffed at as being fantastic, consider that one-fourth of the land surface of the world and one-third of the peoples of the earth are now controlled by the world-wide communist bloc.

Certainly, the communist gains throughout the world are evidence enough that America, if it lowers its guard, may be someday an easy target for the Red threat. The communist plan is to conquer the United States, if not today, then tomorrow; if not tomorrow, then the next day, next month, next year--there is no timetable, no "Five-Year Plan." This is evident in the machinations of the Communist Party, USA, as shown by the analysis of its 17th National Convention published in this Bulletin.

It is indeed appalling that some members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the communist danger. What these misguided "authorities" fail to realize is that the Communist Party, USA, is an integral part of international communism. As the world-wide menace becomes more powerful, the various Communist Parties assume a more dangerous and sinister role in the countries in which they are entrenched. Public indifference to this threat is tantamount to national suicide.

Lethargy leads only to disaster. The communists have a savage plan of liquidation for a vanquished America. The blueprint can be found in the words of Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, who reportedly said that it was necessary to liquidate 800,000 "enemies" to solidify communism in China. Another pattern is the plight of countless families in satellite countries who were torn apart and transported to the oblivion of Soviet labor camps.

Under communist domination in America, the first campaign of liquidation would engulf the lawyers, champions of due process of law; newspapermen, whose ageless fight for freedom of expression would have no place under totalitarianism; law enforcement officers, guardians of individual rights; governmental leaders, local, state and national; and everyone falling in the so-called "capitalist" category. Occupations and professions which the communists term "useless and parasitic" would be abolished--clergymen, wholesalers, jobbers, real estate salesmen, stockbrokers, insurance men, advertising specialists, traveling salesmen--the list for purging is endless. No citizen would escape some form of suffering under a communist regime. One need but to compare his own worth, his own ideals, his own religious beliefs with the atheistic doctrines of communism to determine his priority on the list of liquidation.

The defense of the cherished freedoms secured and handed down to us by our forefathers is the responsibility of each American. Knowledge of the enemy, alertness to the danger, and everyday patriotism are the brick and mortar with which we can build an impregnable fortress against communism. Only the intelligent efforts of all Americans can prevent the decay of public apathy from laying open our Nation to the Red menace.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

(Reprinted from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960.)

An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA

by **DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER**

Statement made to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and released on January 17, 1960.

Profaning the very meaning and spirit of the *Star Spangled Banner* by opening its sinister conclave with our National Anthem, the Communist Party, USA, convened its 17th National Convention on December 10, 1959, in a hotel in New York City's Harlem section. Four days later, the some 200 delegates representing other Communists throughout our Nation, adjourned in a state of jubilance.

And well they might feel in high spirits—because the Communist Party, USA, emerged from this convention more powerful, more unified and even more of a menace to our Republic.

Without question, the most signal achievement was the welding of the Communist Party, USA, into a solidly unified, aggressive force behind the militant, devious and ruthless leadership of Gus Hall, ex-convict and avowed arch enemy of the American way of life.

Hall was elected general secretary of the party at the convention, and there is virtual unanimous agreement among party powers and rank and file that he is the "Number One" man in the party. As such, he now spearheads as powerful a group of dissidents and fanatic democracy-haters as America has seldom seen within its shores during peacetime.

The Communist conspiracy in America today is led by a man who has openly boasted that he was willing to take up arms and fight to overthrow our form of government. Hall was convicted in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1934 in connection with a riot there when he was a member of the Young Communist League. During his trial he testified as follows:

Q. But you would prefer the Russian—you would prefer to be in Russia?

A. I prefer America with a Soviet government.

Q. And you are willing to fight and overthrow this government.

A. Absolutely.

Q. And you are willing to take up arms and overthrow the constituted authorities?

A. When the time comes, yes.

As a hot-blooded young Communist in the late 1930's, Hall was arrested in Ohio and charged with the possession and use of explosives. He subsequently pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of malicious destruction of property and was fined $500.

The election of the fiery Hall to lead a strongly knit Communist Party which has and always will

have as its chief objective the communizing of America should certainly shake even the most apathetic American from his lethargy, especially when viewed in the light of this hardened Communist's own statements. During radio and television interviews at the convention, Hall blandly stated that the American public "definitely" has underestimated the size and influence of the Communist Party, USA. He added that the Communists in this country should make even greater strides toward increasing its already growing number of members. He boasted that the party "is growing in industry and youth" due mainly to the change in political climate.

Assuredly, there is a significant lesson for every American in this display of machinations, propaganda and opportunism which is communism itself at work within our borders. The 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, was a revealing 4-day miniature prevue of what our Nation would become if those who aspire to become commissars of a Soviet America should ever fulfill their evil ambitions. It is apparent that, more than ever before, each American must maintain vigilant watchfulness toward this Trojan horse in our midst.

The 17th National Convention is being hailed by the Communists themselves as a great milestone in the party's history in the United States. These gains, recognized as formidable ones, are regarded by the party faithful as their chief accomplishments:

1. Promotion of Gus Hall, strongly pro-Russian and an energetic, aggressive leader, to the number one position in the party;

2. Uniting the membership solidly behind the newly elected leadership, making the party a hard-hitting mobile weapon against the free American government;

3. Exploiting the current international political climate in an effort to make Russian policies more acceptable to American public opinion. This involves an attempt to exploit Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's visit to the United States as a means of furthering its own schemes for bringing about a Soviet America;

4. Implemented a number of concrete programs aimed at increasing party membership and party influence in America. Such programs include increased emphasis on party recruiting, training of leaders, collection of funds, stepping up of party propaganda, and infiltration efforts into noncommunist organizations such as labor unions, Negro groups, national minorities, etc.

The newly elected "boss" of the Communist Party, USA, Gus Hall, vaulted to the top post of the party through a combination of fortuitous circumstances and artful plotting. He has long been disgruntled at what he believed to be soft, ineffectual leadership in the party—but his ambitions have been hidden by the shadow of Eugene Dennis, national chairman and previously acknowledged leader of the party. As the date of the convention approached, Dennis still was top man in the party although there was indication that Hall had nurtured a "dump Dennis" campaign to the point where Dennis' position was indeed a tenuous one. Then came the news that Dennis would be unable to attend the convention—that he had suffered a slight stroke and that someone else would have to give the keynote address.

The scheming, opportunistic Hall rose to the occasion and delivered the address. He saw his ambitions start to crystallize. Today he is communism's champion in the United States—a powerful, deceitful, dangerous foe of Americanism.

What sort of a man is Gus Hall? We in the FBI know him as a fanatical practitioner of Karl Marx' tenet that "the end justifies the means"; a coldly calculating Communist conniver who changes tactics as easily as he changed his name many years ago. He was born Arvo Halberg in 1910 at Virginia, Minn., the son of Matt and Susanna Halberg, both of whom later became charter members of the Communist Party. As a result of his early background of having been born into communism, many of his followers regard him as literally a man of destiny who can breathe new life into the party.

Hall joined the party in 1927 and went to Russia in 1931 to attend the Lenin School where students were taught, among other things, sabotage and guerrilla warfare techniques. After returning to this country in 1933, he became active in the Young Communist League as an organizer and in 1933 entered into full-time party work as a section organizer. As a Russian-taught disciple of Leninistic communism, Hall worked hard and rose swiftly into positions of increasing power. He was elected to the party's national committee in 1945 and became a national board member in 1947. In 1950, he was appointed national secretary, a move necessitated by the imprisonment of

Eugene Dennis, who was then general secretary and who was found guilty of conspiring to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

Then, faced with confinement himself after being convicted for violation of the same act, Hall jumped $20,000 bond and became a fugitive. He dyed his blond hair, eyebrows, and eyelashes dark brown, shaved off his mustache and shed 40 pounds in an unsuccessful effort to evade apprehension. Arrested by the FBI in 1951, Hall was sentenced to 3 years for contempt of court, making a total of 8 years when added to the 5-year sentence imposed for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act.

Conditionally released from prison in March 1957, Hall after his probationary period ended on April 5, 1959, immediately resumed his nefarious aim of infecting America with communism.

This, then, is the man—ex-convict, propagandist, unabashed emissary of evil and rabid advocate of a Soviet United States.

Behind this Moscow-trained, utterly ruthless Communist leader, the 17th National Convention formulated an organizational apparatus designed to make the Communist Party a hard-striking power against American society. A 60-member national committee—actually the party's politburo—was established with such veteran and hardened party leaders as Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, James Jackson, Hyman Lumer, Arnold Samuel Johnson, and Irving Potash. This national committee is theoretically the governing body of the party between conventions, but actual policy is made by the small ruling clique.

This small clique consists of the party's national officers (though a national executive committee is later to be established) who were elected after the convention by the national committee. The national officers are:

William Z. Foster, Chairman Emeritus
Eugene Dennis, National Chairman
Claude Lightfoot, Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Vice-Chairman
Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary
Gus Hall, General Secretary
Hyman Lumer, National Education Secretary
James Jackson, National Secretary for the South

A five-man secretariat, consisting of Dennis, Hall, Davis, Lumer, and Jackson, will be the day-to-day operating authority of the party.

Although the positions of national chairman, national secretary, and general secretary theoretically are of equal importance, Hall is indisputably the new party chief. It will be remembered that Joseph Stalin once bore the title of General Secretary of the Russian Communist Party—a position from which he became dictator of all communism.

Two important conclusions can be drawn from the national convention's leadership decisions:

(1) *The party will remain in the future—as it has been in the past—an obedient slave of Moscow.*—No new personalities were brought into the party's top leadership. Rather, leadership is today exercised by the same corps of hardened, disciplined, veteran Communists who feel that Moscow represents the final goal of all of mankind's hopes. So-called "right wing" Communists are not represented. They have either voluntarily resigned in complete disillusionment or been coldbloodedly purged. These "right-wingers" believed that the party in America should have some choice in its tactics of operation, not be completely bound by Moscow. This slight "deviation" cost them dearly. Communists should know there is only one road—that defined exclusively by Moscow!

Proof of the growing monolithic unity of the party is further shown in the changes made in the party's constitution by the convention. These changes eliminated features stemming from the previous convention which allowed greater freedom to local party units. The 1959 changes eliminated these rights and centralized control in national headquarters. They are in full accord with the historic Communist principle of democratic centralism which asserts that once a decision has been made in the party it must be carried out without dissent.

(2) *The elimination of factionalism, making the party a more unified and more compact organization.*—Especially since the death of Stalin, the party has experienced factional disputes. These "factionalists" have now been liquidated or driven to cover. This was the theme of Gus Hall's summary remarks just before the end of the convention. Speaking with gusto, this new Communist commissar declared that "we" now have one policy, one line and one direction. Interpreting the convention, Hall stated it gave a mandate to the leadership to completely destroy and burn out all elements of factionalism and that the leadership must carry out the mandate. Hence, in his words, the party cannot permit factionalism.

So, in the days ahead, we can expect an ever-increasing emphasis on party discipline, with all dissidents being eliminated. This is truly in the

tradition of international communism which has no place for free speech and free thought.

Every action of the convention was designed to make the party a hard-hitting, versatile and mobile weapon of attack against our form of government.

Why is the party so optimistic for the future? Why were Gus Hall and other Communists almost gleeful in speaking of communist possibilities in the days ahead?

The answer comes from the convention proceedings—an answer which, like a thread, runs through all the remarks, actions and hopes of the leadership. It is: *that the recent visit of Premier Khrushchev to the United States has done much to create an atmosphere favorable to communism among Americans.* In one convention discussion, for example, it was stated that as the result of the Khrushchev visit the American people have open minds toward socialism. Hence, the party must learn how to get socialism across to the people and break down "misconceptions" about the Soviet Union.

To party leaders, Khrushchev's presence in this country has eased the way for party activities. The Communists see the possibility of gaining still more influence in American society. Gus Hall, in his keynote speech on the convention's first day, was most sensitive to this point. He stated:

> . . . the central question of this convention is: What is the role of the party in this entirely new situation? How can it now move out into the broad stream of the people's movement? How can it break the bonds of its isolation and become more and more effectively a factor in the life of our nation. . . .

He then went on:

> We want to participate in, organize and lead the broadest of united front movements—on every level—in a thousand ways, in 10,000 places, on 100,000 issues—if possible, with 180 million people.

Note the scope of Communist hopes—180 million people or the entire United States.

The buoyant optimism of the party is geared to plans to take advantage of an international climate which, in their eyes, is aiding their work. Americans can look forward to a period of renewed party agitation in all fields—always hoping to increase party strength and influence. The Communists will endeavor to gain allies wherever they can be found, creating fronts, launching infiltration programs, participating in all phases of American life.

This "new hope" program of communism in the United States is geared to concrete programs both (1) building up the party apparatus itself and (2) increasing party influence in the Nation as a whole.

Party leaders realize that a strong party organization is absolutely necessary to a successful agitation program. The convention adopted a number of programs to strengthen the internal operational structure of the party.

A resolution was adopted calling for the immediate launching of an intensive membership drive to run to May 1, 1960, aimed at increasing membership by 10 percent. This resolution outlined a program which calls for each party district to advise the national office by the end of January 1960, as to its specific plans for recruitment. To show the urgency of this task, the resolution asserted that each national committee member must adopt a personal quota of new recruits. In addition, each Communist Party club must adopt a quota. Moreover, each national officer will be designated to a specific district to aid in this nationwide recruitment program.

The training of party members also must be stepped up. This will mean more party schools. In the Communist Party, education (really meaning indoctrination) is of vital importance. Every member must be deeply imbued with the principles of Marx, Engels, and Lenin. The convention also adopted reports about the status of *The Worker*, the party's weekly publication. It was pointed out that *The Worker* was the lifeblood of the party and that strengthening this paper must be one of the party's chief aims. *The Worker* does much to guide members, giving them the latest twists of the party line. Circulation of *The Worker* is now approximately 14,000, and the party wants it to be increased to 25,000 in 1960. The convention also accepted a resolution to the effect that the *Daily Worker*, which was discontinued in 1958, be reinstituted in the shortest possible time but preferably prior to the 1960 national elections in the United States. To the party, the Communist press represents one of its most effective methods of propaganda. In addition, it was recommended that the new national committee should set a date for the next fund drive, probably from January 13, 1960, to May 1, 1960. (The date of January 13 was selected as on this date in 1958 the *Daily Worker* was discontinued.)

Hence, the convention has given new guidance and enthusiasm to the party's recruiting, indoctrination and propaganda campaigns. As one of

the speakers stated, this was a convention to build the Communist Party, USA.

Communist Party, USA, Follows Lenin

Virtually every move taken at the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, has its roots in the teachings of the early gods of communism. In 1902, Lenin wrote:

> We must "go among all classes of the people" as theoreticians, as propagandists, as agitators, and as organizers. . . . The principal thing, of course, is propaganda and agitation among all strata of the people. . . .

In 1920, Lenin was even more explicit regarding the manner in which the seed of communism was to be planted in fertile areas of unrest, dissension and strife:

> . . . Every sacrifice must be made, the greatest obstacles must be overcome, in order to carry on agitation and propaganda systematically, perseveringly, persistently, and patiently, precisely in those institutions, societies, and associations—even the most reactionary—to which proletarian or semiproletarian masses belong. . . .

Naive, indeed, is the minority, class or dissatisfied group which lets its banner pass into the hands of the Communists, for this banner will be held aloft by the Reds only so long as it serves the purpose of expediting the Communist objective of domination over all classes.

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If for a moment any American considers the Communists to be blind to opportunity, let him consider this vile tactic which came out of the 17th National Convention:

It is obvious to the Communist that if its party is to survive, it must attract the youth of this Nation. As newspapers and other media reveal almost daily, many of America's juveniles are in a state of upheaval—adult authority and morality have been spurned to the point where juvenile arrests in this country in 1958 increased 8 percent over the preceding year.

During the convention, an Illinois Communist took note of the juvenile delinquency situation and proposed that if "we" provide them with a place to go and with activities, they will not be so delinquent; "we" can move them in a positive direction!

What can be more despicable or dangerous to our democracy than this sort of Red Pied Piper trickery!

Another of the major aims of the 17th National Convention was to reemphasize the recruitment of Negroes into the Communist Party by reembellishing the same old hackneyed phrases alleging that the Communist Party is the savior of the Negro. It is no secret that one of the bitterest disappointments of communistic efforts in this Nation has been their failure to lure our Negro citizens into the party. Despite every type of propaganda boomed at our Nation's Negro citizens, they have never succumbed to the party's saccharine promises of a Communist "Utopia." This generation and generations to come for many years owe a tremendous debt to our Negro citizens who have consistently refused to surrender their freedoms for the tyranny of communism.

Behind the Communists' scheme of recruiting Negroes is deceit as there is in every one of their designs. The Reds are not so interested in the Negro as they are in using him to further Communist goals. This is clearly shown by instructions issued by the Communist Party, USA, to its members as early as 1925:

> The aim of our party in our work among the Negro masses is to create a powerful proletarian movement which will fight and lead the struggle of the Negro race against exploitation and oppression in every form and which will be a militant part of the revolutionary movement of the whole American working class, to strengthen the American revolutionary movement by bringing into it the . . . Negro workers and farmers in the United States to broaden the struggles of the American Negro workers and farmers, connect them with the struggles of the national minorities and colonial peoples of all the world and thereby further the cause of the world revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Negro resolution adopted by the convention discarded the party's historic position advocating "self-determination," meaning that Negroes should be given the right to form a separate nation in the Southern States. Stalin had defined "self-determination" in these words:

> . . . the right of the oppressed peoples of the dependent countries and colonies to complete secession, as the right of nations to independent existence as states.

The 1959 convention resolution hence represents a party admission that its position concerning Negroes is bankrupt. Time itself has shown that the party is not interested in the welfare of the Negro, but only in using him as a tool to advance party interests.

Other Minorities

During the 17th National Convention, much was made of the party's responsibility of champion-

ing the causes of such groups in the United States as the Mexicans, Japanese-Americans, Puerto Ricans, and, a relatively new target, the American Indian. Again, such pseudo concern by the party is readily made apparent by its history of exploiting any area of unrest.

As early as 1921, the Communist International laid down the following rule to be followed by foreign Communist parties affiliated with the Comintern:

> In countries whose population contains national minorities, it is the duty of the party to devote the necessary attention to propaganda and agitation among the proletarian strata of these minorities.

The choice of the words "propaganda" and "agitation" belies any "noble" motive which those who are easily beguiled might ascribe to the international Communist conspiracy.

Labor Unions

The 17th National Convention reaffirmed the party's constant aim of attempting to infiltrate and dominate labor unions to turn them into a tool for communism—to make them recruiting areas for additional members in the Communist movement.

The 17th National Convention's 10-page draft resolution on trade union problems contains the pious statement that ". . . the fact that Communists have no interests apart from those of the entire working class must be brought home to the American workers again and again."

Actually, the party's burning desire to grab control of labor unions is nothing more than an attempt to carry out one of Lenin's most necessary rules to achieve communism:

> It is necessary to be able to withstand all of this, to agree to any and every sacrifice, and even—if need be—to resort to all sorts of devices, maneuvers, and illegal methods, to evasion and subterfuge, in order to penetrate into the trade unions, to remain in them, and to carry on Communist work in them at all costs.

Certainly, the Communists' glittering generalities of "freeing the working man" and securing "better working conditions" for him can never take the place of the free bargaining system under our democracy. No semantic windowdressing will ever disguise the true objective of communism—to make slaves of working men.

The man masterminding the party's unscrupulous attempts at infiltrating labor unions is Irving Potash, national labor secretary. His sordid background indeed makes a farce of the party's claim that it has no interests apart from those of the entire working class. Born in Russia in 1902, he has an arrest record dating back to 1919 for criminal anarchy, conspiracy to influence and intimidate witnesses, conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force and violence and illegal reentry into this country.

Potash has been dedicated to the Communist movement since his early youth and has been described by a party comrade as "a guy who has never betrayed the party line." In 1931, he placed his own picture on a passport issued to another person and utilized this passport to travel to Russia to attend the Lenin School. Although Potash has stated that he considers America his home, there is no indication he has made any efforts to obtain U.S. citizenship in the 46 years he has called America his homeland. He has, however, frequently and consistently invoked the constitutional privileges of an American citizen when questioned by various congressional committees regarding his Communist Party membership and activities.

Farmers

In considering what position the Communist Party, USA, will take during the 1960 political campaign, those in attendance at the 17th National Convention were provided with a document containing a 10-point program which the party would support. One of these concerning farmers is ridiculous per se when examined in the light of the ultimate aim of Communism. Despite the slaves in the communes of Communist China and the state-owned, collective farms and farm machinery in Soviet Russia, the Communists in America have the effrontery to intone sanctimoniously that the Communist Party, USA, will support a program which will "Protect the rights of the small farmers to their land and their implements."

What else could such a program be but one small, but expedient, step toward the Sovietization of American farmers? Who can conceive of farmers being allowed to own their farms and machinery in the type of society advocated by Communists whose very name connotes a social order in which all goods are held in common by a single authoritarian party?

Political Elections

Communists know that apathy among American citizens is the chink in democracy's armor. One of the speakers at the 17th National Convention revealed the basic Communist tactic of taking advantage of every weakness when he urged members of the Communist Party, USA, to move in the primaries since 90 percent of the Congressmen are elected at the primaries.

The convention heard a report of a 5-man committee which had made a study of what the party could do in the 1960 elections. It advocated, among other things, influencing both major political parties. Also, it recommended that the party attempt to exploit labor and Negro groups to wield independent political influence. This report was adopted by the convention.

Education

The Communist Party remains deeply interested in the American college student. At a press conference, Gus Hall was asked if the party had made any inroads among college students. He replied that the party had made gains in this field, adding that there has been a change in the thinking of college students towards "nonconformity." Hall added that he based this comment on the fact that a number of requests have been received from colleges for speakers.

International Relations

As evidence of the fact that the Communist Party, USA, is a part of the international Communist conspiracy, the convention received greetings from 50 Communist Parties in foreign countries. Most prominent, of course, were the messages received from the Communist Parties in Russia and China.

A motion adopted by the convention reflects another area of growing Communist concern. This motion instructed the new national committee to create a subcommittee on Latin American affairs. Another motion called for an appeal to the conscience of the American people to give support to the "revolutionary" movement developing in Latin America.

In the days ahead, the party can be expected to give increasing emphasis to Latin American matters. Joseph North, foreign affairs editor of *The Worker*, gave a report to the convention on Castro and the Cuban situation. He praised the progress that has been made by the Cuban Government and said that the agrarian land reform has made the farmers more prosperous than they were before the revolution.

Juan Santos Rivera, president of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico, addressed the convention. He extended his best wishes for success to the Communist Party, USA. The party was most enthusiastic over Rivera's appearance.

Communism and the Press

One of the paradoxes at the convention was the fact the convention was closed to the press, this in spite of the party's old, old theme that the Communist Party fights for freedom. When queried by a reporter as to why the convention was not open to the press, Hall blithely stated that the party has received unfavorable treatment from the press in the past and also because there were delegates in attendance who might lose their jobs if their identities became known. Of course, the real reason the press was not admitted was because the party does not dare let its illegal aims against the United States become public. The exclusion of the press is a tacit admission that the Communist Party, USA, is a clandestine, far from legitimate organization, and that if the free press cannot praise communism, then there is no room at Communist conventions for the press. His feelings regarding the purpose of the press are revealing, too, as to what place the Fourth Estate would have in a society dominated by the Communist Party.

However, veteran newspapermen are not easily fooled, and some of Hall's answers to questions posed by the reporters quickly exposed him. For instance, Hall was asked if the Communist Party, USA, advocates the violent overthrow of the U.S. Government. Hall, convicted in Federal court for conspiring to do just that—Hall, who once openly testified that he was willing to take up arms to bring about a Soviet America, blandly said without hesitation, "No, we have never advocated this."

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Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

November 14, 1961

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On October 11, 1961, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Pittsburgh Young Peoples Socialist League (YPSL) held a meeting on [redacted] at which time the YPSL agreed to form a picket line for the John Birch Society meeting scheduled for October 11, 1961, at the Carnegie Lecture Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa. Source stated the YPSL would not use its name as the sponsoring agency because it was believed that many would not join the picket line if this was publicly known. A committee of students was to be formed only for this affair and same would be known as "The Student Committee Against Totalitarianism." (U) b7D

The October 11, 1961, issue of the "PITT NEWS," a semi-weekly student newspaper of the University of Pittsburgh, contained an article entitled, "Protest Group Plans Campus Demonstration," wherein it was stated that a student demonstration sponsored by the temporary Student Committee Against Totalitarianism was being planned for that night (October 11, 1961) against the meeting of the John Birch Society at Carnegie Institute Lecture Hall, at which closed meeting ROBERT WELCH, founder of the Society, was scheduled to be the main speaker. PA

[redacted] of the Student Committee which was protesting "not against their right to speak or assemble, but against the basic ideology of the Society." b6 b7C

On October 11, 1961, the above mentioned source identified [redacted] at the University of Pittsburgh and also as a current member of the Pittsburgh YPSL. (U) PA

On October 14, 1961, the above source furnished a leaflet entitled, "Student Committee Against Totalitarianism," which (U)

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had been distributed at the University of Pittsburgh on October 11, 1961. This leaflet was concerned with the "Poster Walk" in protest of the John Birch Society Meeting at the Carnegie Institute Lecture Hall, 8:00 PM, Wednesday, October 11, 1961. The leaflet pointed out this would be a "Non-Violent Demonstration" and contained a partial list of students who were sponsoring the affair. (U)

This leaflet, in part, sets out the following: (U)

> "***** Welch has said that former President Eisenhower was 'a dedicated agent of the Communist conspiracy'. The main aim of the Birchers at the moment is the impeachment of Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, because the Supreme Court outlawed segregation in the schools. The John Birch Society is anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. It demands unquestioned obedience to its leader, Welch. There are many frightening parallels between the Birchers and the Nazi Party of Adolph Hitler. (U)
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> "We call on our fellow Pittsburgh students to show their disapproval to totalitarianism by joining a poster walk outside the meeting hall from 8:00 to 8:30 tonight, Wednesday, October 11. WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH AND FREE ASSEMBLY--we defend their rights to meet and speak. We are simply showing them that young Americans do not want a Hitler in this country, and that we defend the Supreme Court, law and order, the good name of ex-President Eisenhower, and the democratic process. (U)
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> "We know that Welch will say that we are Communists or 'comsymps'. Our answer is that we are against ALL dictators and all totalitarianism and all enemies of democracy, whether they are in Russia or Algeria, Hungary or Mississippi. Or Pittsburgh! (U)

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> "Come and join us and bring a sign. Some suggestions for signs-- We Like Earl Warren; We Like Ike; We Support the Supreme Court; We Support Desegration; No Fuehrer in America. (U)
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> "*****The Student Committee Against Totalitarianism is a temporary committee formed only to issue this leaflet and sponsor this poster walk. It will disband after tonight. Those who join in sponsoring this call endorse only the idea of a peaceful demonstration for democracy, and nothing else*" (U)

On October 14, 1961, the first source and also a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on October 11, 1961, The Student Committee Against Totalitarianism sponsored a picket line protesting a meeting of the John Birch Society at the Carnegie Lecture Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa. This committee was made up of students primarily from the University of Pittsburgh. There were between 150-200 participating in the picket line. (U)

The October 12, 1961, issue of the "Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper, contained an article entitled "Birch Society Founder Repeats Charges Here." This article reflected that ROBERT WELCH was given a standing ovation by approximately 400 who were in attendance at the meeting on October 11, 1961. WELCH reportedly stated that "The largest single body of Communists in this country is our Protestant Clergy." In denouncing the Protestant Clergy as a reservoir of communism in this country, WELCH said that about three per cent of his estimate of the nation's 200,000 Protestant Clergymen are "comsymphs," which he defined as either members of the party or sympathizers with its aims.

WELCH reportedly directed his speech at the "Communist conspiracy" and he warned that the greatest danger to this country is from internal communism. He argued that Communistic Russia would never attack the United States because to do so would be a signal for revolt in the satellite nations and in other lands dominated by communists. Instead,

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WELCH said, the Reds plan to subvert democracy by forcing it to adopt policies which when finally effective will make this country indistinguishable from any other socialist country.

The October 12, 1961, issue of the "Pittsburgh Press," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper, contained an article captioned, "Red War Threat Phoney, Welch Declares" wherein it summarized the speech given by WELCH on the previous evening at Carnegie Lecture Hall.

This article, in part, sets out the following:

> "Soviet Russia is promoting a 'phony' war threat to divert U. S. attention from internal subversion, says the founder of the John Birch Society.
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> "Robert Welch, chairman of the ultra-conservative organization, said genuine war with the U. S. is feared by Russia because it might trigger a world revolt against communism. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union is successfully infiltrating American Government, he contends.
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> "Sponsors of his appearance, the Conservative Assn. of Western Pennsylvania, said 600 tickets were sold at $1 each.
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> "Only twice was his address here interrupted by explosive response. Applause and laughter burst from the audience when, by way of illustrating what he described as communism's attraction for upper class intellectuals, he said:
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> 'I have found more Harvard accents in Communist circles than you'll ever find in overalls.'
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> "Again he was given a big hand when he charged Chief Justice Earl Warren, of the U. S. Supreme Court, should be impeached for violating his oath in opinions that 'tear huge ragged holes in our Constitution.'

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"Mr. Welch, son of a Methodist minister, reiterated his charge that 3 per cent of the Protestant clergy-- or approximately 7000 ministers-- are 'comsymps,' short for Communist sympathizers.

"He said he was convinced, however, that few if any of these are Communist converts.

" 'Protestant ministers do not become Communists... but Communists do become Protestant ministers,' he explained.

"Other Welchisms:

"Communists have been most successful in subverting top-level political, social and economic echelons in America.

"--Only 2 per cent of all Government employees in this country are Communists or Communist - sympathizers but these are key men who influence decisions.

"--Soviet Russia fomented anti-Communist revolts in Hungary, Poland and perhaps Cuba to flush its foes into the open.

"--Communists have written 'anti-Communist' tracts to throw enemies off the trail.

"--America has fallen prey to 'social and philosophical immorality.'

"--The transfer of Gen. William E. Walker from West Germany for espousing Birch Society causes was 'a terrific tragedy and a disgrace.'

"--Pro-Communist forces in the U. S. deliberately dangled Pearl Harbor before the Japanese to lure them into World War II."

The October 12, 1961, "Pittsburgh Press" also contained an article entitled, "200 Students Picket Birch Society Chief".

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This article pointed out that the real show at the Carnegie Institute Lecture Hall was outside the auditorium as 200 students protested the appearance of ROBERT WELCH, founder of the John Birch Society.

This article, in part, sets out the following:

> "The picketers were members of the Student Committee Against Totalitarianism, formed hastily Sunday night and disbanded when the demonstration was over.
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> "They carried signs supporting the Supreme Court, former President Eisenhower and various other public figures and institutions attacked by the society.
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> " 'Supreme Court Si, Welch Nyet,' one sign read. 'Old Fascists Never Die, They Just Become Birchers,' said another."

The October 18, 1961, issue of "PITT NEWS" contained an article entitled, "Demonstrators Parade In Protest Of 'Un-Democratic'Birch Society". This article stated:

> "More than 200 University students joined in a protest demonstration Wednesday night against the meeting of the John Birch Society in the Carnegie Institute Lecture Hall.
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> "The protest, which was sponsored by the temporary Student Committee Against Totalitarianism, was viewed by an official of the committee as a rejection of the 'John Birch Society as the un-democratic institution that it is!!
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> "Robert Welch, founder of the conservative Society, was the main speaker at the close-door meeting which began at 8:30 P.M.
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> "The signs, all home made, called upon the 'John Birchers' to 'Go Home,' 'Quit the Birch Society,' and to stop trying to make 'democracy un-American'.

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> "Others said: 'Will the Big Lie work here?!', 'Hitler isn't dead, he just changed his name to Welch,' and 'Supreme Court, Si!-Welch, Nyet!'
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> "The most popular sign likened a picture of Hitler to the name Welch."

The October 18, 1961, issue of "Pitt News" also contained an editorial by NATHAN FIRESTONE which was entitled, "Welch's Sour Grapes---Birch In The Lurch". This article, in part, sets out the following:

> "Robert Welch, a retired candy manufacturer and leader of the controversial John Birch Society, spoke to the Pittsburgh chapter last Wednesday evening at Carnegie Institute Lecture Hall.
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> "The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation by a Roman Catholic priest. Then Welch started to speak, nervously shuffling his notes throughout his ninety minute speech.
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> "He lectured in a dry monotone with a slight trace of a New England accent. And seeming 'gun-shy' after the controversy caused by his allegation that Dwight D. Eisenhower was a 'conscious agent of the Communist party,' Welch merely inferred that people like Fullbright, Eleanor Roosevelt, Walter Reuther and Milton Eisenhower are 'comsymps' (communists or sympathizers).
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> "Welch began by saying 'the greatest thing to be concerned about is the gradual loss of the sovereignty to the forces of international Communism.' He added, 'the Federal government is controlled by Communist influences.'
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> "Welch then launched into the body of his address as he patiently told the audience that he wanted to give them 'an insight into the strategy of Communism.'
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> "His explanation was rather confusing. Welch explained that Communist strategy was based on the 'Principle of

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Reversal'. This is his own interpretation of the Marxian dialetic. Welch said 'the heart of the policy is to take two steps backwards and one step forward.' He was apparently confused by this, so he further clarified it by saying 'Take two little steps backwards and one giant step forward.' I believe that what Welch was trying to say is 'give small concessions to get big gains.'

"Other Welchian examples of 'The Policy of Reversal' include foreign aid, the Soviet military threat, the lie that the masses are attracted to Communism, religion and the Polish and Hungarian revolts.

"Welch stated that 'foreign aid is really designed to give aid to the Communists under the guise of fighting them.' He concluded this by saying 'the threat of outside war is completely phony, designed to speed us on the path of Socialism and Communism.' He explained that the Soviet Union couldn't even conquer Finland in 1940. Welch says that we are so strong that the Soviet Union wouldn't dare attack us.

"Then Welch, without one piece of evidence, said that 7,000 of the 20,000 Protestant clergymen in this country are Communists. He explained this by saying that it is not the ministers who become Communists, but Communists who are trained to be clergymen.

"Finally, he advised that the Polish and Hungarian revolutions of 1956 were perpetrated by the Communists to lure the underground from hiding.

"Welch concluded by proclaiming 'Our government has been the most important single force causing the advance of Communism while pretending to be against it.' "

The October 22, 1961, issue of "The Worker", an east coast communist newspaper, contained an article captioned "Pittsburgh Students in Anti-Birch Parade," which was datelined at Philadelphia, Pa. This article reflected that 2000 students from the University of Pittsburgh demonstrated against a

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Birch Society rally at Carnegie Lecture Hall. They paraded in front of the hall for 45 minutes while 200 picketed. The article said that the police banned singing by the group. It also pointed out that on the previous night, WELCH had spoken to some 600 at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia, at which rally he was also picketed by college students.

On October 24, 1961, the first and second source, and on October 27, 1961, a third reliable source, all advised that at a recent meeting of the Pittsburgh Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federations (SP-SDF), [redacted] on the YPSL's forming the Student Committee Against Totalitarianism and the picketing of the Speech of ROBERT WELCH, founder of the John Birch Society, given at the Carnegie Institute Lecture Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Wednesday, October 11, 1961. (U)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 11/14/61

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-2670) C

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed for the Bureau's information are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the John Birch Society, Inc.

On 10/11/61, source one in the letterhead memorandum, orally advised SA of the proposed picketing of the John Birch Society meeting to be held on that evening. This information was orally furnished to Detective of the Pittsburgh Police Department at 8:00 AM, 10/11/61, by SA

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The letterhead memorandum is classified "Confidential" since data reported by the three sources mentioned therein could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: November 30, 1961

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Evans
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6-9-86 BY [redacted]

On 11/27/61, Mr. C. H. Stanley, of the Special Investigative Division, advised that he had received a telephone call from Mr. [redacted] the Internal Security Division of the Department, asking whether the Bureau had received information from Robert Welch concerning alleged communist activities in the United States, and whether we had ever interviewed him on a "put up or shut up" basis.

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After checking, I called Mr. [redacted] back and advised him that by memorandum dated 9/8/60, in answer to his request, we had directed his attention to a previous memorandum to the Attorney General summarizing information then available regarding Welch and the John Birch Society and indicating that, unless advised to the contrary, no action was being taken by the Bureau. I pointed out, however, that in December, 1959, we had interviewed Welch because of language used in one of his speeches suggesting that he had access to information in FBI files; that it was made clear to him he had no such access and that the Bureau expected him to avoid the use of language in speeches or written material which suggested any such access. I advised [redacted] further that we had received copies of Welch's publication "One Man's Opinion" and several letters from Welch, but no specific information clearly outlining communist activity as to warrant our going to him for specific information or additional details, and I advised [redacted] the Bureau did not contemplate an interview with Welch.

An interview with Welch, on a "put up or shut up" basis, for such information as he might have relative to communist activity, is not considered desirable. Welch's correspondence indicates clearly his knowledge of the jurisdiction and interests of the FBI in this area and his responsibility to advise the Bureau in the event he has specific information of value. He undoubtedly would use the fact of such an interview to his advantage, either to add to his own prestige, by claiming the FBI was consulting him, or by charging harassment.

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ACTION: For information. No further action contemplated.

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Certainly Dep. Dept. wants to do something about Welch. If he call him before Grand Jury. The FBI

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SAC, NEW YORK

December 5, 1961

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-415762)

"THE FASCIST REVIVAL: INSIDE STORY
OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY"
BY MIKE NEWBERRY
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You should discreetly obtain two copies of captioned pamphlet and forward them to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 11-29-61, Trooper [redacted] (protect identity), confidentially advised SA [redacted] that recently [redacted] the John Birch Society and the meetings [redacted] W. Va., are in connection with the activities of this society. [redacted] is active in the society.

[redacted] the First Christian Church, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., is an active member of the society and [redacted] stated that [redacted] the Halifax Paper Co., same city, is also an active member of the society and [redacted] meetings.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach DATE: 12-26-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell DCM

SUBJECT: [redacted] NORTH CAROLINA

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By letter dated December 18, 1961, the captioned individual enclosed copies of letters he sent to Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., of North Carolina, to President Kennedy and to Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson. [redacted] referred to his previous letter to the Bureau in which he advised that he was a [redacted] the John Birch Society and requested the Director to please make an estimation of this society. [redacted] letter to Senator Ervin contains a threatening note in his reminder that the Senator is his representative and that the Senator should bear this in mind when he is representing [redacted] In his letter to President Kennedy, correspondent sets forth thirteen statements which he reports to be facts and then advised the President that the Director can tell him "why." He advised the President to ask the Director why the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon "goof."

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Correspondent's previous letter was acknowledged by advising him that the FBI does not make evaluations regarding organizations and individuals and the Director could not accede to his request. Bufiles also show that [redacted] handed out literature which claimed the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) was a communist front organization. This information was carried in an article appearing in the 10-30-61 issue of the "Chapel Hill Weekly," a weekly newspaper at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, which reported a conference sponsored by the SCEF which took place at the Presbyterian church in Chapel Hill to discuss freedom of speech, worship, the press, peaceable assembly and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances. The Southern Conference Educational Fund is the subject of Bufile 100-10355. (62-104401-1377; 100-10355-982)

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the nature of [redacted] letter and the fact that he is a [redacted] the John Birch Society, it is recommended that no acknowledgement be made of this communication.

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REMARKS: See urlet 1-17-61 recommending that [redacted] be placed on the Bureau mailing list and your memorandum dated 3-16-61 captioned "The John Birch Society, Information Concerning, (Internal Security), describing [redacted] the John Birch Society in his area. In view of the latter memo, [redacted] has been removed from the Bureau's mailing list, and if he questions your office in the future, he can be informed that the great demand for our publications and our budgetary limitations have necessitated limiting distribution of Bureau material.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/3/62

FROM : SAC, Albany (62-1465) (C)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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On 1/2/62, the Albany Division received a telephone call from [redacted] who identified himself [redacted] Radio Station WFBL, Syracuse, New York. He furnished the following information:

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In his absence another employee of the radio station [redacted] the American Opinion Library of Syracuse, New York, Inc., 161 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York. The [redacted] that organization [redacted] who is unknown to [redacted] AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY of SYRACUSE, N.Y., INC.

According to the terms of the contract, WFBL is to make a commercial announcement preceding the 6:15 P.M. broadcast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the FULTON LEWIS, JR. Radio Program. The announcement is to state that it is directed to those who are interested in the following program of FULTON LEWIS JR. and solicits their interest in the American Opinion Library located at 161 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York, where they are invited to read the publication entitled; "American Opinion" and other publications which are described as especially created for those concerned with the "preservation of our republic."

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[redacted] broadcasting company was desirous of avoiding any business dealings or connections with individuals or organizations not completely responsible and legitimate and that the nature of the spot announcement requested by the American Opinion Library suggested to him that it might be an organization concerning which further

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inquiry should have been made by his company before signing the contract. He inquired whether the Albany Division of the FBI had any information in its files concerning that organization. In reply, he was advised of the confidential nature of the Bureau's files but that he might wish to direct an inquiry to the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Albany files identify the "American Opinion" as a publication of the John Birch Society but contain no information identifiable with [redacted] or the complainant [redacted] b6 b7C

No investigation is contemplated by Albany and the above is being furnished for the Bureau's information since it suggests the formation of a chapter of the John Birch Society in Syracuse, New York.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-59001)(C)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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National Council, JBS, established contact, confidentially advised Agent of Los Angeles Office 1/8/62 RICHARD E. COMBS, 415 Race St., Visalia, Calif., Counsel, Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Sacramento. Mr. the character, motives and function of the JBS. Mr. stated that he understands that an investigation of JBS is being conducted "by deposition" of persons believed to be knowledgeable pro and con the organization; and he indicated the investigation he anticipates will lead either to the placing of instant group on "the subversive list" of instant committee, or will lead to at least a report by the committee harmful to the JBS in the public mind. Mr. said he estimated this outcome from the political, partisan character of the origin of the investigation in the office of Attorney General STANLEY MOSK.

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Coast Federal Savings Press Enterprise Speakers Bureau, an established contact, confidentially advised 1/9/62 that invitations have been privately issued for 150 to 200 of the

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top level membership of JBS to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] the Los Angeles Times. [redacted] to hear ROBERT WELCH, founder of JBS. Copy is furnished San Francisco for information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-422089~~)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-10799) (P)

MEETING OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
AT THE CONVENTION CENTER OF THE
EL CORTEZ HOTEL, 8:00 P.M.,
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1962
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San Diego Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on 1/3/62, that that department had been alerted concerning a proposed John Birch Society Meeting in San Diego. [redacted] advised that a Mr. [redacted] of the John Birch Society for San Diego and Imperial Counties (San Diego Telephone Number [redacted], called the San Diego Police Department and advised that the John Birch Society is holding a meeting at the Convention Center of the El Cortez Hotel at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 1/16/62. Mr. WELCH will be the principal speaker. The society expects a turnout of 2,000 people. Tickets will be sold by the society, and the society will attempt to sell tickets only to persons friendly to the society. The society has hired two private patrolmen to be at each door inside. Mr. [redacted] requested that policemen be assigned outside the building to prevent any disturbances. [redacted] stated that about 45 policemen were assigned at a recent John Birch Society meeting in Los Angeles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1/12/62

FROM : SAC, Miami (105-1909)

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The above person sent SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN a letter dated December 27, 1961, quoted as follows:

"Dear Mr. Wiseman

"Thought you might enjoy a copy of my collected poems on America and her enemies. God Bless you men of the Bureau who work so tirelessly against such great apathy. Those of us who know are forever grateful.

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"Sincerely

"/s/ [redacted]

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Enclosed with this letter was a booklet captioned "Eagles, Bears and Chameleons" [redacted] This booklet is for sale at $1.50 a copy, from [redacted]

The above person, with her husband, has for many years been active in anti-Communist groups and is admittedly a member of the John Birch Society in this area.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the poems in instant booklet, enclosed, captioned: 62-104401-1577

1. "Bob, Bob, Blacksheep"
2. "Bowlin' Green - Bohlen Red"
3. "Frontly and Pinkly".

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-420)

"LOS ANGELES TIMES" NEWSPAPER

Remylet 1/9/62 captioned, "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING, IS - C."

The following information was received 1/9/62 in strict confidence from [redacted] whose information over a number of years has been found generally reliable. This particular information is based on intelligence from a source of the informant, whose identity is not known but who, informant says, is reliable and is in a position to know. b7D

On [redacted] there is to be an important meeting at the home of [redacted] California, of the "Los Angeles Times" organization. [redacted] the "Times" and [redacted] the [redacted] of that newspaper. ROBERT WELCH of the Birch Society is expected to be among a select group attending. WELCH is not known [redacted] Identity of the others expected to attend is not known at this time. b6 b7C b7D

Purpose of the meeting is to outline (1) a critique of past activity, and (2) discuss a program for the immediate future. Both [redacted] and his wife, while not believed to be members of the Birch Society, apparently have some sympathy for it, although neither Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] is regarded as an extremist to any degree. b6 b7C

[redacted] points out that it is strictly an assumption on his part, but he believes the significance of the meeting probably has to do with the fact that this is an election year which will involve such important State offices as Governor and Attorney General of California along with elections to the National Congress. Informant b7D

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believes that certainly politics and this year's elections will be an important, if not the major, subject for discussion.

[redacted] as a [redacted] as the [redacted] younger [redacted] of the "Times." NORMAN CHANDLER. [redacted] and [redacted] of the paper and decendant of the founders.

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According to informant's source, [redacted] is marked for [redacted] organization; and he is aware of the fact. Those who know [redacted] characterize him as no black sheep but rather a good businessman who in fact has more brains than [redacted] Both [redacted] and his wife are rated as conservative but not extremists.

[redacted] says his source characterizes [redacted] as an opportunist who is for whatever is good for the "Times" that to some degree is influenced by his wife, [redacted] is said to be "liberal" [redacted] and in addition, she has an abiding antipathy for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) - not necessarily because the HCUA is actively against the communist element but rather because of an incident that happened several years ago at the time the committee held hearings in Los Angeles. This involved [redacted] interest, as a patron of the arts, in the Los Angeles [redacted] Just about the time the [redacted] the HCUA issued subpoenas for two of the [redacted] in the [redacted] to appear at hearings scheduled to be held in Los Angeles. This would have caused a delay in the [redacted] or else the [redacted] would not be able to leave with the group. [redacted] undertook to see that the subpoenas were quashed. She was not successful, and she has thoroughly disliked the HCUA ever since.

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[redacted] says that several interesting developments can be expected from the above set of circumstances according to his source. b7D

As stated, [redacted] has already been [redacted] the "Times" organization. [redacted] likely to [redacted] can be expected behind the scenes without allowing it to become public if at all possible. But the word is definite that [redacted]. The [redacted] to get [redacted] is said to be [redacted] of the "Times," an important figure in the organization who is trusted by the controlling [redacted] came through the recent consolidation of the "Times" with the "Los Angeles Mirror" without any loss of position or prestige. b6 b7C b7D

It is speculation both on the part of [redacted] and his source at this time, but it is believed that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] "Times" organization could say in effect, "See, even the [redacted] went by the board. No favorites were involved."

On 1/9/62 Mr. [redacted] Los Angeles, who requested his identity be concealed, advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] the "Times" corporation. According to [redacted] has come about through the basic differences in view, political and otherwise, between the [redacted] and the [redacted] of [redacted] will take place about [redacted]

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: 1/15/62

cc Mr. Belmont
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Mr. DeLoach
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On Friday, 1/12/62, the above-captioned person called at my office, advising he is an official of the John Birch Society. He asked me to give him an evaluation of this society. I told him of the Bureau policy in such matters and gave him no evaluation.

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He said he has never been very active in the society and had contemplated resigning from it sometime before it was written up critically in the press. I made no comment regarding this.

Mr. [redacted] indicated he was a wealthy, retired businessman, very much interested in opposing communism, and that he thought something practical could be done through the direct action methods of the John Birch Society.

Mr. [redacted] said that he is a member of the [redacted] and has connections with some four or five other colleges. He expressed grave concern about the inroads of communism and socialism, and welfare state propaganda.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Attached herewith are three articles from the Pasadena, California, "Star-News," issues of 1/12, 1/13, and 1/14/62, relating to the two-day seminar of the John Birch Society with founder ROBERT WELCH in attendance, held 1/13-14/62 at the home of Mrs. PHILLIP CHANDLER, 1200 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California.

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The following items are being submitted for your information + disposition

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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 1/31/62

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

On January 25, 1962, Mr. [redacted] Texas Ny [redacted] a graduate of [redacted] and former member of the [redacted] furnished the following information to this office:

Mr. [redacted] advised that during the early part of December, 1961, he was invited by a Mr. [redacted] Dealer in El Paso, to attend an organizational meeting for the purpose of organizing a local chapter of the John Birch Society in El Paso. Mr. [redacted] attended this organizational meeting which was held in the home of [redacted] El Paso. This meeting Texas was attended by approximately 25 individuals who were unknown to Mr. [redacted] and the meeting was presided over by Texas a Mr. [redacted] who, according to Mr. [redacted] apparently was an [redacted] for the John Birch Society. The meeting consisted of the showing of a motion picture film about the John Birch Society which lasted approximately two and one-half hours and of the selling of the John Birch Blue Book at $2.00 per copy.

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Mr. [redacted] became disgusted with this organization and did not attend any other meetings, however, he believes that a John Birch Society chapter has been found in El Paso and that Mr. [redacted] is the [redacted] of the local chapter. Texas

No investigation concerning the John Birch Society is being conducted by this office but as pertinent information concerning this organization is received, it will be furnished to the Bureau.

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TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: January 31, 1962

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Evans
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to attached newspaper clipping concerning the Department's letter to Robert Welch, requesting that he substantiate his charges of communists in government. The Director indicated we should alert Boston and New York to the possibility Welch might contact them, and instruct that they listen and be most circumspect.

Mr. Yeagley advised us on 11/30/61 that he contemplated writing a letter to Welch, and on 1/29/62 he advised that his letter had been approved, with modifications. A letter to Boston was dictated 1/30/62 and sent through under today's date advising that they should accept any information furnished by Welch, attempt to obtain specifics and sources so that allegations could be checked out, but not to become involved in any discussions concerning the merits of the John Birch Society. In view of the Director's comments Boston was telephonically alerted this morning (1/31/62) that Welch might contact that office. New York was also alerted by phone today, and both offices have been advised to accept such information as Welch might furnish, but to be most circumspect in any conversations with him. A copy of our letter to Boston is also being sent to New York.

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1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Boston (100-32899)

January 31, 1962

REC-46

Director, FBI (62-104401) 1598

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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DATE 12-19-78 BY SP4 Ewpa

Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley has advised that the Department recently sent a letter to Welch referring to a statement attributed to him at a rally in Austin, Texas, on 11/20/61 to the effect that a comparatively few thousand communists concentrated in key departments of the Government have taken the United States steadily down the road to communism. Yeagley advised Welch that the charges made by Welch are not to Yeagley's knowledge supported by material in the investigative files of Government employees. Yeagley requested Welch to turn over to the FBI at once the facts in his possession and the sources thereof which may establish that certain Government employees are members of the Communist Party.

You are instructed that in the event Welch contacts your office as a result of Yeagley's letter to furnish such information, the information should be received in the same manner as from any other private citizen who would appear at your office to furnish information. Welch should be pressed to furnish specifics and not generalities and should be requested to furnish the sources of his information in order that any matters he reports can be followed through to a logical conclusion.

The Agents who might interview Welch should be instructed not to become involved in any discussions with him other than those discussions necessary in connection with the subject matters on which he is reporting. The interview with Welch should be handled in such a manner so that he will not gain the impression that the Bureau is condemning or approving his activities or the activities of the John Birch Society.

The results of the interview should be promptly furnished the Bureau under the specific case caption, or captions, of the subject matter, or matters, involved.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-31-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: GENERAL EDWIN A. WALKER
[redacted]
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10/12/86 BY [illegible]

On January 30, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] visited the Bureau and spoke to Special Agent John W. O'Beirne of the Crime Research Section.

Both of these ladies described themselves as widows with children and Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] of General Edwin A. Walker. On Monday, January 22, she received a telegram from General Walker in which he asked if he could stay at her home [redacted] while he visited the Washington area. She agreed, although she has had extremely little contact with Walker, and he arrived on the night of January 22 and remained until January 28. Shortly after Walker's arrival, he was joined by a group of "rabid right-wingers" and they engaged in serious conferences during all the time he was there. One of Walker's visitors was [redacted] who, she advised, was most violent of all in his right-wing philosophy. [redacted] is a former [redacted] and she believed taught at a college [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] advised she became disturbed with the constant telephoning and visiting that was done during Walker's stay and she stated this group took over her home. Because of her concern, she telephoned Mrs. [redacted] who came from [redacted] to be with her. She said she did not like the implications of having so many people in her home and wanted Mrs. [redacted] as a companion during this period. Mrs. [redacted] agreed with Mrs. [redacted] observations regarding this group and said that she did not trust [redacted] This group continually found fault with our Government and complained that absolutely nothing was being done about the communist menace. [redacted] observed on one occasion that the trouble with the anticommunist was that they used attractive women in their work and that "we communists" rely on the dull uninteresting type of woman. This observation, she felt, indicated that [redacted] is in fact a communist who has infiltrated this group. She said that they were obviously members of the John Birch Society and that the purpose of all of these visits and discussions seemed to be whether or not General Walker should appear before the Senate committee, which is inquiring into the restrictions placed upon speeches made by military personnel by the Department of Defense. Typical of their remarks was a comment she heard that Nelson Rockefeller and President Kennedy are organizing their resources to take over the financial interests in the Congo.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
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Jones to DeLoach
Re: GENERAL EDWIN A. WALKER
[redacted]
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Walker took both of the women to dinner on Friday, January 26. One of the persons who joined them was Congressman John Bell Williams, who appeared to be a close associate.

Both of these ladies felt that this kind of extremism is intolerable and that the FBI should know about their activities and line of thought. They were informed, of course, that the Bureau was unable to offer any observations or comments in this regard and that as an investigative agency of the Federal Government we could make no evaluation. They were both thanked for their interest.

General Walker, is the former United States Army General who, in 1961, was relieved of his command in Europe for indoctrinating his troops with extreme conservative views regarding communism and as a result he voluntarily resigned from the Army. [redacted] was the subject of an inquiry from Lewis L. Strauss, Secretary of Commerce, when [redacted] was being considered, in [redacted] by former President Herbert Hoover for employment at the [redacted] at [redacted] was investigated in 1947 as [redacted] applicant when it was alleged that he drank considerably and was unreliable and irresponsible. In May 1959 [redacted] furnished the Bureau with an affadavit, concerning his dismissal from [redacted] allegedly because of his strong stand opposing Dr. Oppenheimer and defending Mr. Strauss when he was a [redacted] In a newspaper article in "The Abilene Reporter News," Abilene, Texas, [redacted] was described as [redacted] the John Birch Society and former university professor," who would speak in [redacted] in [redacted] on the subject, "The Movement to Impeach Earl Warren Can Be Successful."

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We have had cordial relations with [redacted] however, in February, 1957, he remarked to the press during a civil rights controversy in Hinds County, Mississippi, that "outside" FBI Agents had been brought in to conduct the investigation which had been harassing local law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. [redacted] was visited by Mr. [redacted] and was most apologetic when the facts were explained to him. The Director commented, " I want no part of him. He is just a rabble rouser [redacted]

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

4-572 (Rev. 2-19-60)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GO

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 1-19-62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 360-361. Senator Young, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning extremists such as the John Birch Society. He stated "The President has strongly denounced these extremists. Attorney General Robert Kennedy has called them a tremendous danger--a tremendous disturbance to our system of government. J. Edgar Hoover has stated that their actions play into Communist hands and hinder, rather than aid, the fight against communism." Mr. Young included an article from the Washington Post of December 24, 1961, entitled "Red Strength in United States Down 90 Percent Since 1944," written by Mr. Edward T. Folliard. The article stated "The FBI says that the Communist Party in the United States reached a top strength of 80,000 in 1944. - - - The FBI estimates that the numerical strength of the Communist Party in the United States has now nosedived to between 8,000 and 10,000." Other references to the FBI, contained in this article, have been noted.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 1-18-62 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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February 6, 1962

INFORMAL MEMO TO WILLIAM S. TAVEL

FROM C. D. DE LOACH

John Birch Society

This memorandum is being prepared so the attached material can be placed in the appropriate Bureau file. The item has a card attached to it, furnishing all necessary data for indexing and filing.

Enclosure

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Memorandum

TO : The Director DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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SENATE

Page 1141. Senator McGee, (D) Wyoming, requested to have printed in the Record an article from the Washington Post of January 31, 1962, entitled "Welch Is Silent on Call To Back Up Red Charges." The article points out that Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley had asked Robert Welch, of the John Birch Society, to turn over to the FBI any evidence supporting his charges of Communists in Government. The article goes on to state "Yeagley said neither he nor the FBI received acknowledgement of his letter to Welch."

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/6/62

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/17/62, Mr. [redacted] was contacted in connection with existing Bureau program of contacting radio stations and news media outlets at which time he volunteered that in addition to his radio station duties, he is also the [redacted] of the John Birch Society chapter in Edenton, N. C. [redacted] advised that there are currently eleven members of the Edenton chapter and that two additional chapters are being organized in surrounding counties.

[redacted] stated that he feels that the Communists have made serious inroads in the Federal Government and further stated that perhaps the only solution to the Communist threat would be the taking up of arms by conservative groups such as the John Birch Society.

The foregoing is furnished the Bureau for information purposes since Mr. [redacted] may possibly contact the Bureau regarding his activity with John Birch Society.

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1 - Charlotte
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Routing slip sent Charlotte instructing that discretion be used in all contacts with [redacted] 2-15-62 MAJ:mea

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/14/62

FROM : SAC, Denver (62-1623)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
CASPER, WYOMING
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY

On February 12, 1962 an anonymous telephone call was received by SA EDWARD F. BLOOM, Resident Agent at Casper, Wyoming, advising that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is in favor of censuring the Department of Justice, Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and President JOHN F. KENNEDY for the exchange of [redacted] for [redacted] This person further advised that after the FBI had worked tediously to break up the espionage activities of [redacted] the Administration now sees fit to release [redacted] for that "traitor" [redacted]

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22 FEB 1962

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 2/19/62

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (100-0) ATTENTION: CENTRAL RESEARCH DESK

SUBJECT: PLAN COMUNISTA PARA AMERICA

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Submitted herewith is one copy of a pamphlet entitled, "PLAN COMUNISTA PARA AMERICA." The pamphlet was received in the Minneapolis Office on 2/14/62 from Mrs. [redacted] This pamphlet is written in the Spanish language and, according to Mrs. [redacted] was distributed to [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] stated the pamphlet is a part of the "Birch Society" propaganda, according to her Spanish-speaking friends.

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Mrs. [redacted] furnished the pamphlet to the Bureau for whatever purpose it may serve and it is, therefore, being transmitted to the Central Research Desk in the event it has not been received from any other source.

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ENCLOSURE

No translations desired
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5 21 21 Office
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R.D. Gale

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CENTRAL RESEARCH

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

February 20, 1962

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Denver (62-1623)

From: Director, FBI (62-104401) - 1622

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reurlet 2/13/62 furnishing information received from [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] of [redacted] advised "although J. Edgar Hoover cannot officially endorse the society, he definitely approves of its aims and purposes."

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to [redacted] You are instructed to immediately contact him and severely admonish him for making statements indicating that the Director approves of the aims and purposes of the John Birch Society. He should be told in no uncertain terms that he should refrain from making such statements in the future.

The above interview should be conducted by two experienced Agents and the Bureau should be promptly notified of the results of the interview immediately upon its termination.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

While Denver stated it would contact [redacted] unless advised to the contrary, it is felt in a situation like this it should be specifically instructed to do so and to furnish the results immediately upon termination of the interview.

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FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/13/62

FROM : SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING INTERNAL SECURITY

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
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On 2/5/62 MR. [redacted] and [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on the previous [redacted] MR. [redacted] telephone number Hillcrest [redacted] was at his, MR. [redacted] home. MR. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had business cards to the effect that he represented the John Birch Society and was [redacted] He was at [redacted] home to show a film regarding the organization and activities of the society.

MR. [redacted] stated that during the course of the showing of this film MR. [redacted] made the statement, "Although J. EDGAR HOOVER cannot officially endorse the society, he definitely approves of its aims and purposes."

MR. [redacted] was making inquiry as to whether this was an accurate statement. MR. [redacted] was advised that neither the FBI nor its Director endorses any organization, and he was thanked for the information he furnished.

Unless advised to the contrary, Denver will contact [redacted] and severely admonish him for attempting to quote the Director without the Director's knowledge or consent.

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Airtel to Denver
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REC-46 Airtel 62-104401-1627

To: SAC, Miami

From: Director, FBI

[redacted]

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
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Enclosed are two copies of a telegram received from captioned individual who furnishes no return address and on the basis of information available cannot be identified in Bufiles.

I have corresponded with one [redacted] However, I have never used the statement contained in this telegram when writing to this individual.

Miami Office is instructed to attempt to identify [redacted] contact him, acknowledge receipt of his telegram and explain that I can furnish no evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

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Results should be furnished to reach the Bureau, under above caption, no later than 3-5-62.

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Follow-up made for 3-5-62.

NOTE: In view of the common name and lack of address, there is no way of determining the identity of this correspondent.

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Boston (100-32899) February 28, 1962

Director, FBI (62-104401)

ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet to Boston 1/31/62.

Boston and New York should advise whether Welch has contacted their office regarding Assistant Attorney General Yeagley's letter to Welch referred to in reBulet.

2 - New York

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC MIAMI

John Birch Society

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[redacted] RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS). REBUAIRTEL. FEBRUARY 27 LAST. [redacted] ADVISED MARCH 4 LAST HE SENT INSTANT TELEGRAM TO DIRECTOR. RECEIPT OF TELEGRAM ACKNOWLEDGED AND [redacted] WAS ADVISED DIRECTOR COULD FURNISH NO EVALUATIONS CONCERNING CHARACTER OR INTEGRITY OF ANY ORGANIZATION, PUBLICATION OR INDIVIDUAL.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 3/2/62

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-147818)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet to Boston, 2/28/62, captioned as above, with copies to NY.

Referenced Bureau letter requested Boston and New York to advise whether WELCH has contacted their office regarding Assistant Attorney General YEAGLEY's letter to WELCH, referred to in Bureau letter to Boston, 1/31/62.

WELCH has not contacted the NYO to date.

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2-Bureau (62-104401)
1-New York (100-147818)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 3/2/62

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Rebulet to Boston dated 2/28/62.

Boston has not been contacted by WELCH regarding Assistant Attorney General Yeagley's letter to him.

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March 5, 1962

Airtel

To: SAC, Denver (62-1623)

From: Director, FBI (62-104401)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Bufile fails to indicate reply setting forth results of contact with [redacted] If results of contact have been submitted, advise date and caption of communication transmitting same. If not submitted, you should do so by return airtel.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-27-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

By letter 2-20-62, captioned individual criticized the Director for attacking "100% patriotic societies such as 'The John Birch Society'" etc. in his article for the American Bar Association. [redacted] accuses the Director of wishing to put the few "alert patriots back in a coma" and inquires if the Attorney General gave the speech to the Director. [redacted] closes with the statement that the sole purpose of the new Frontier is "one world socialism Harvard Style." He signs his name as a "disillusioned F. B. I. admirer."

[redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. In view of his sarcastic remarks, his muddled thinking and his dogmatic views, it is not felt his letter should be acknowledged.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That [redacted] letter not be acknowledged.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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4-641 (Rev. 7-14-60)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. S. Lovel

FROM : L. E. Shast

DATE: 3-8-62

SUBJECT: John Birch Society

The attached Christian Fr. Time has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

The enclosure, if bulky and not usually filed with other papers in file, may be detached but this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

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INDEX: John Birch Society

MAGAZINE: Time
February 16, 1962

ARTICLE: "The Press: Thunder on the Right"

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DATE 6/11/86 BY SP4 [illegible]

File
2-BMS

THE PRESS

Enter the *Observer*

On newsstands, the new Sunday paper had a clean, uncluttered look (six columns to the page instead of the customary eight), and it was certainly easy to carry home (8 oz. *v.* the 4 lb. 2 oz. of the New York *Times*). The pictures were played for dramatic effect: a blast-off shot of Saturn, the U.S.'s largest rocket, soared majestically the length of the page; a glowering portrait of Brigadier General William B. Rosson, the U.S. Army's guerrilla warfare expert, was brutally cropped to eliminate part of the general's brow, all of his hair and his left ear. Even the paper on which the newcomer was printed seemed whiter by several degrees than ordinary oyster-grey newsprint—as indeed it was. Thus last week, after a five-month gestation, was born the *National Observer*, the U.S.'s first serious try at a national newspaper.

Although billed as a Sunday paper, the *Observer* bore little resemblance to the laminated bundle of news, features, supplements and comics that characterize the rest of the Sunday press. Vol. I, No. 1 of the *Observer* was a single section of 32 pages—half of it ads. Of six Page One stories, four datelessly treated trends or events long since dissected by other newspapers, *e.g.*, a lengthy article on police corruption that reprised a Chicago police department scandal (1960) and a similar dustup in Denver.

No Detectable Plan. Inside, the *Observer* scattered, according to no detectable pattern, a clutch of articles, feature stories, puzzles, pictures, cartoons, weather maps and poetry (including all 60 lines of John Greenleaf Whittier's *Barbara Frietchie*). Two stories on Pope John XXIII ran on separate pages (4 and 26); an obituary on Violinist Fritz Kreisler appeared on page 8, an obituary on French Artist André Lhote on page 15. Readers anxious to discover how the new paper would deal with U.S. culture were soon disillusioned: the *Observer* begged the question. Theater and book reviews were shot through with a rehash of newspaper and magazine critics, a technique reminiscent of the defunct *Literary Digest*.

Among the feature pieces, one quoted an educational consultant's discovery that some Midwest grade school students cannot spell. Another story speculated for *Observer* readers on what it would be like if Algerian-style *plastiqueurs* were loose in New York: "On any given Saturday night in Times Square a car would pull up to the curb and spray machinegun bullets into the crowds . . . A bomb would be thrown into New York's Carnegie Hall . . . Taxi drivers, bus drivers and mailmen would be killed in every section of the city. Crowded Harlem tenements would be blown up on an average of one a month."

Wherever a column of print fell short of page length, the *Observer* dropped in an item whose only visible purpose was to reach the bottom of the page. Sample: "John E. Roberts, editor of *Charity and Children*, was elected president of the Baptist Public Relations Association last week."

Prenatal Enthusiasm. By no accident, the *Observer* was at its journalistic best in a brisk fact-filled summary, taking up about half a page, of business trends. Its doting and wealthy parent is Dow Jones & Co.'s *Wall Street Journal* (circ. 821,401). On the strength of its own success, and with a national news organization ready at hand, the *Journal* last summer decided to publish a national newspaper whose readership would embrace not just businessmen but "intelligent readers" everywhere.

When word of the venture was released, prenatal public response was so enthusiastic that the *Journal* had to scrub original plans to print its offspring only in Washington and limit the first press run to 200,000. Last week's *Observer*, the fruit of twelve dummy issues and of an investment of $1,000,000, was printed (on Saturday) in three of the *Journal's* seven printing plants—Washington, Chicago and Chicopee Falls, Mass. Of the initial press run of 422,000, some 290,000 copies (25¢) were sold on newsstands or by home delivery. The other 132,000 reached mail subscribers ($10 a year) on Monday or Tuesday. Eventually, the *Observer* hopes to distribute largely by newsstand or home delivery so that most readers will get their paper on Sunday.

Response from advertisers has also been encouraging. By policy, ads are limited to 50% of available space. The *Observer* not only reached that 16-page limit in its first issue but also turned down five pages' worth of accounts anxious to get in on the debut.

In charge of the editorial operation are Editor William Giles, 34, a longtime (eleven years) *Journal* hand whose last job was as a reporter in the *Journal's* Washington bureau, and Managing Editor Don Carter, 44. Giles presides in the *Observer's* Washington headquarters over an editorial staff of 29, many of them rewrite men. Until the paper has mustered a reportorial staff of its own, it will rely largely on contributions from some 40 part-time U.S. correspondents and from freelance reporters, does not intend to tap the parent *Journal's* extensive editorial resources except in emergencies.

Reaction to the *Observer's* first issue ranged from qualified approval to frank disappointment. "A professional job with excellent writing," said John Stanton, managing editor of the Chicago *Daily News*. "But it appears to be just a little too formalized." Said a high-ranking editor of the New York *Times*: "If the *National Observer* is worth 25¢, the Sunday *Times* is worth $2.50. I expect the second issue will be a lot different; they'll try to change it while they still have time."

WALTER BENNETT

EDITORS GILES & CARTER WITH FIRST ISSUE OF "NATIONAL OBSERVER"
It was easy to carry home.

Thunder on the Right

The John Birch Society generally dismisses its critics as Communists, Comsymps or, at best, Communist dupes. Last week a surprising new recruit turned up in the symp-dupe ranks: the ultraconservative *National Review*.

The *Review*, founded in 1955 by William F. (*God and Man at Yale*) Buckley Jr., is an increasingly lively, literate journal that is constantly goading the "Liberal Establishment." But many a liberal organ might have envied the *Review's* devastating analysis of the thinking of

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the Birch Society's founder, onetime Boston Candymaker Robert Welch.

The *Review* argued that Welch, far from repenting such absurdities as his 1958 attack on Eisenhower as a Comsymp, is as loose a talker as ever. To Welch, for instance, the Bay of Pigs was a theatrical performance jointly sponsored by Castro and "his friends in the U.S. Government" in order to strengthen the Communist hold on Cuba. Not only the U.S. State Department but also the Central Intelligence Agency is Communist-riddled.

Retired Taffy Puller. Welch's wild assaults on reason, says the *Review*, menace the solidarity of the entire conservative movement. "He persists in distorting reality . . . By the extravagance of his remarks, he repels rather than attracts a great following . . . Can one endorse the efforts of a man who, in one's judgment, goes about bearing false witness?" The *Review* says no: "Our opinion is that Robert Welch is damaging the cause of anti-Communism."

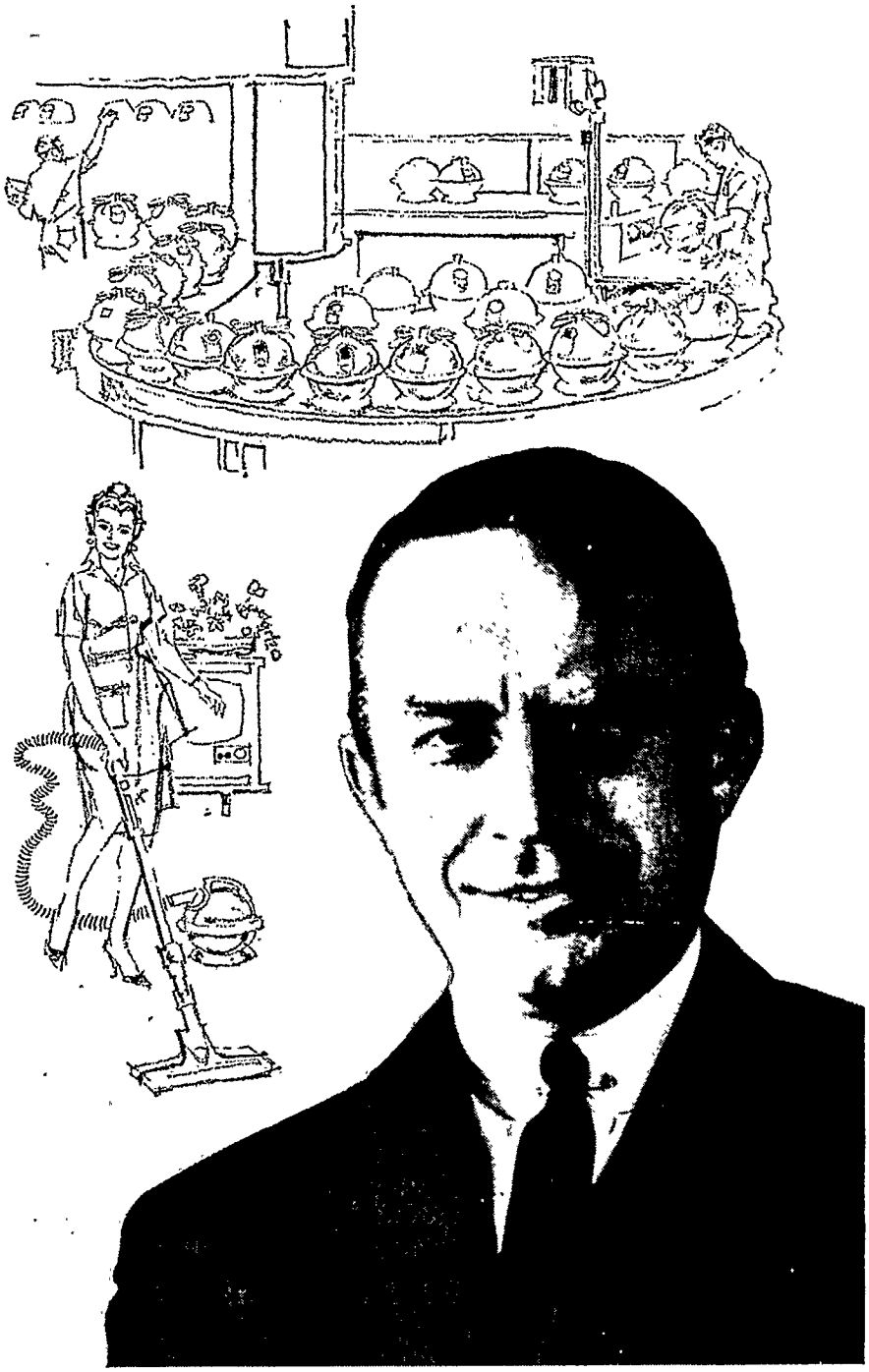
Buckley actually approves of the John Birch Society ("I hope it thrives"), but has been more and more bothered by its founder's antics. Last April Buckley said in print that there were "grave differences" between his own conservative creed and that of retired Taffy-Puller Welch. Besides, last week's *Review* editorial was bound to brew another of the ideological storms on which Buckley and the *Review* seem to thrive.

Tut-Tutting the Pope. The magazine's brief life has been punctuated by thunderclaps of dissent. Recently, Buckley, who is a Roman Catholic, challenged the papal encyclical *Mater et Magistra*. This letter from Pope John XXIII to his bishops advocated a measure of "socialization," *i.e.*, government planning and welfare programs, and urged bishops to accommodate to the trend. The *Review* promptly took the Vatican to task, describing the encyclical as "a venture in triviality."

Buckley's belligerence has manifestly enhanced the fortunes of his magazine. Since late 1960, the *Review's* circulation has grown from 36,000 to a healthy 65,000.* Advertising revenue has doubled since mid-1960, and the magazine loses only $100,000 a year—a state of affairs that does not particularly bother Bill Buckley. Rich by inheritance (oil), he has both the money and the will to keep the magazine going indefinitely.

Last week's editorial even won praise from Liberal Establishmentarian James Reston, Washington bureau chief of the New York *Times*, who thought the *Review's* firm stand might encourage the Republican Party to rusticate Welch and all other extremists of his breed. Such recognition should compensate for the risks in criticizing a man whose flock doubtless numbers some subscribers to the *National Review*.

* Almost equal to the combined circulation of its opposite numbers on the left, the *New Republic* (47,617) and the *Nation* (25,500).



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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On 3/1/62 Mr. [redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and KENNETH BRIDENSTINE.

Mr. [redacted] operating a series of gasoline service stations, but at present is not devoting full-time to his business, but rather is spending most of his time promoting and organizing local John Birch Society chapters and study groups. He said their prime purpose is fighting Communism and main objective is the stamping out of Communism in the United States.

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[redacted] was questioned about a statement, or statements made to the effect that "Although J. EDGAR HOOVER cannot officially endorse this society, he definitely approves of its aims and purposes." He said he could not recall making such a statement, but admitted he has often talked to individuals and groups about how Mr. HOOVER is opposed to Communism and is doing all in his power to fight Communism in the United States. He said he has pointed out that the John Birch Society is likewise fighting Communism. He said he knows that Mr. HOOVER cannot officially endorse the John Birch Society. He said, in speaking about Mr. HOOVER's fight against Communism, some people may have misinterpreted his

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remarks, and assumed that he [redacted] was saying Mr. HOOVER would approve of the aims and purposes of his society.

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Mr. [redacted] stated he regretted that anyone had so misinterpreted his remarks, and said he has the highest regard and the greatest respect for Mr. HOOVER, whom he considers a man of the highest integrity, and one who has consistently over the years shown so much foresight and dedication in his fight against crime and subversion. He said he regularly recommends the reading of Mr. HOOVER's book "Masters of Deceit," and other publications of Mr. HOOVER, particularly those dealing with Communism and internal security matters.

It was emphatically pointed out to Mr. [redacted] that Mr. HOOVER does not endorse his society and anyone saying that he does so and that he approves of its aims and purposes is speaking without foundation and with utter disregard of facts. [redacted] was severely admonished for making such statements as have been attributed to him, or even indicating that Mr. HOOVER approves of the aims and purposes of the John Birch Society. He was told vehemently and definitely that he should refrain from making such statements in the future.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/9/62

Denver instructed to interview [redacted] [redacted] member of John Birch Society, for alleged statement he made that "although J. Edgar Hoover cannot officially endorse the Society, he definitely approves of its aims and purposes." On interview [redacted] claims statement misinterpreted as he has high regard for the Director. It was emphatically pointed out [redacted] to refrain from making any such future statements.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

[redacted] one of the [redacted] of the Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Brookhurst Avenue, Anaheim, California, a private investigating agency, advised SA HENRY F. ALSTON on 3-9-62 that about two months previous he had been hired by a [redacted] to obtain background information concerning the John Birch Society. The investigation encompassed a study and analysis of the Birch Society's membership, organizational structure and financing in the Southern California area and was completed in early March, 1962. [redacted] advised that about a week ago he was contacted by one [redacted] who told him he had information concerning the John Birch Society, also. [redacted] allegedly stated he belonged to an organization devoted to the cause of developing information against the anti-communists and that the co-ordinating council of this organization was composed of the following individuals: [redacted]

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stated he did not know what organization [redacted] represents. The enclosed newspaper article from "The Register", Santa Ana, California, newspaper, issue of March 9, 1962 sets out similar information to that furnished above by [redacted]

On 3-16-62 Mr. [redacted] HCUA, advised he had received information from Mr. [redacted] concerning the investigation which had been conducted by the Efficiency Research Bureau. Mr. [redacted] stated the Efficiency Research Bureau originally began an investigation concerning the John Birch Society in the Orange County area for the purpose of preparing an anti-Birch report, but as investigation progressed, the report turned out to be pro-Birch. During the course of the investigation the investigators identified six individuals who attempt to remain secret who were opposed to the Birch Society. The investigators learned that the six individuals (see above) had been meeting secretly twice a month for the past 18 months. Mr. [redacted] stated that the Efficiency Research Bureau intends to hold a press conference on Wednesday, 3-21-62, at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California. Mr. [redacted] observed that in view of the wide spread interest in the press conference he expects it to be well attended by the news media and it is currently planned to televise the proceedings over KCOP-TV, channel 13, Los Angeles.

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The March 13, 1962 issue of "The Register," Santa Ana, California, enclosed herewith, contained additional information concerning the investigation of the John Birch Society by the Efficiency Research Bureau. The article indicates that the Research Bureau

was hired by [redacted] to make a study of the Birch activities. In conducting this investigation the article indicates that the investigator came across an anti-anti-communist group headquarters in Orange County with ties to Sacramento and Washington. The article states that the Research Bureau indicates that their client is expected to clear the release of names and documents within ten days.

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The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no identifiable information concerning [redacted]

The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect that in [redacted] was the victim of an unknown subject extortion case, LA file 9-2612. This file indicates [redacted] for "The News", a Garden Grove, California, newspaper. [redacted] the Webster-Quimmley Society. [redacted] is the subject of a security matter investigation, Bufile 100-390182 - LA 100-33597. Los Angeles report of SA ROBERT W. HOUSEAL, JR. dated 11-4-52 in this case set forth available data concerning him. In [redacted] had contributed to the Civil Rights Congress Prisoners' Relief Fund in New York. More recently he has appeared as a lecturer in the Anaheim, California, area and has served as vice-president of the Orange County Fair Housing Practices Committee, a committee formed to promote sale or rental of property to minority groups. He is presently a [redacted] files indicate [redacted] is an [redacted]

in answer to an announcement [redacted] had been retained as attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union, he said that in the only suit [redacted] involving the ACLU [redacted] the California State Bar against the ACLU. Los Angeles letter dated 8-31-61 to the Bureau captioned Southern California School of Anti-Communism (LA 62-4580) transmitted news clippings reflecting [redacted] the Director's letter contained in the Law Enforcement Bulletin of April, 1961 before a school board in Fullerton, California.

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The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau. Any additional information received will be promptly furnished.

For the additional information of the Bureau, Los Angeles files also reflect that [redacted] was one of the subjects of an Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications case in 1959 in Los Angeles, Bufile 139-879. Los Angeles file 139-48 [redacted] and [redacted] admitted the installing of a microphone in Buena Park, California. Prosecution was declined in this case. On [redacted] made a complaint on a subversive matter to the Santa Ana Resident Agency. Los Angeles files also reflect [redacted] in 1957, was one of the subjects in an Impersonation - Conspiracy case, Los Angeles file 47-6998. [redacted] then a member of the [redacted] and a [redacted] was believed by the victim to have represented himself as a U. S. Government Investigator, however, neither [redacted] or the other subject gave any specific title for their supposed employment. Prosecution was declined in this matter.

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SAC, Philadelphia

March 27, 1962

Director, FBI

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated March 22, 1962, received from the Internal Security Division of the Department; two copies of a letter dated March 5, 1962, addressed to J. Walter Yeagley, Department of Justice, by captioned individual; and two copies of a letter dated March 22, 1962, addressed to captioned individual by J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General.

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Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

The first paragraph on page three of captioned individual's letter states: "We have devoted Communists in our country right now; unfortunately I have the presence of knowing one, a young person, who lives up the street from me." It is noted that Mr. Yeagley's letter to [redacted] suggests that [redacted] advise the FBI office at Philadelphia of the identity of the "young person" together with evidence establishing his Communist Party membership. You are requested to review your office files to determine if captioned individual has furnished your office the identity of the "young person" mentioned in his letter. In the event he has not, you should have him promptly contacted to ascertain the identity and obtain all pertinent information in his possession concerning the "young person." In view of the tenor of his letter to Mr. Yeagley, the Agent should be most circumspect during the interview.

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The results of the contact and/or your file search concerning the subject of [redacted] letter should be furnished promptly to the Bureau under the caption of the subject with reference being made to this letter.

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Letter to Philadelphia
RE: [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] letter to Yeagley refers to a previous letter of Yeagley's and states that although he, [redacted] does not agree fully with Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, there is considerable evidence of communism within this country. At one point he states that if Yeagley cannot answer "yes" to nine questions presented by [redacted] then he, Yeagley, has found his first communist - himself. Yeagley's letter to [redacted] in addition to suggesting that the identity of the unknown subject be furnished to the FBI with pertinent information, states that a sizable number of prosecutions involving Communist Party members has been undertaken.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 22 1962

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Letter from [redacted]
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Enclosed for your information is a copy of a self-explanatory letter to me dated March 5, 1962, from the captioned subject, together with a copy of my reply.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUTTE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mrs. [redacted] sent a letter dated 3/7/62 to the RA in Missoula, Montana, in which she states in part as follows: Her husband is [redacted] and she is [redacted] An unnamed woman in the town is full of first-hand FBI material and has deemed it her duty to inform people of the dire danger of membership in the American Legion. Their Legion Post has past members of the John Birch Society included in the membership. [redacted]

The unnamed woman has convinced Mrs. [redacted] she is receiving from a Bureau Agent small bits of information. The Agent stopped at their office after he had completed an investigation to tell them they had been completely cleared of all suspicion. The investigation was conducted because their names were turned into the FBI by the John Birch Society as supposedly Communists. The Agent disclosed the cost of investigations already handled in the valley as $1,000.

The unnamed woman then became beside herself with the duty of telling people how needlessly their money was being spent especially on people like her and her husband. Also the members of the Legion who were known to be Birch Society members were taking over.

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She states her concern is not what is being said but the fact that it actually seems this information is being given out by the FBI. She asks if she can be assured this is not being done.

On 3/12/62 Mrs. [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] She states the unnamed woman she referred to is Mrs. [redacted] the wife of [redacted] and who is [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] is convinced Mrs. [redacted] is receiving information from an FBI Agent who is a personal friend of the [redacted] and who visits them once every two weeks or so. The visits reportedly are at the office of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] has been making statements since May, 1961 she reportedly has obtained from this Agent. It was about this time that Mrs. [redacted] said 800 persons in the Bitterroot Valley were cleared of being Communists by the FBI and it had cost $1,000 to make these 800 clearances.

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Mrs. [redacted] was advised that there was no Special Agent of the FBI talking with Mrs. [redacted] and giving information from our files or information obtained through our investigations.

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Butte indices indicate that on 2/12/62 [redacted] telephonically contacted the Missoula RA to obtain a speaker for the 2/26/62 meeting of the American Legion in [redacted] He said that they had been having considerable difficulty and hard feelings recently concerning actions of the John Birch Society as various people were accusing others of being members of the society. They were having trouble collecting dues from some members as they asserted there were John Birch Society members attending American Legion meetings and they wanted nothing to do with them. [redacted] wanted a member of the FBI to speak on Communism and the John Birch Soceity so the members could be properly advised of both.

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[redacted] was advised that it would not be possible for the FBI to furnish a speaker to discuss either Communism or the John Birch Society; that information in FBI files was considered confidential in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice, that the FBI was a fact gathering agency and its jurisdiction and responsibilities did not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity

of any individual, publication or organization. His request was respectfully declined.

Arrangements being made for immediate interview of Mrs. [redacted] and Bureau will be furnished details. It is noted Butte files contain no information identifiable with Mrs. [redacted] or her husband.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUTTE

RE: [redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re Butte airtel to Bureau 3/13/62 summarizing a letter from and an interview of Mrs. [redacted] Montana. Two autostat copies each of Mrs. [redacted] letter dated 3/7/62 and results of interview with her by SA [redacted] on 3/12/62 are enclosed.

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Mrs. [redacted] alleged Mrs. [redacted] Montana, was obtaining unauthorized information from an FBI Agent whose identity was not known to Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] has a population of [redacted] people as of the 1960 census.

The following investigation was conducted [redacted] on 3/14/62 by SAs [redacted] and JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE.

Mrs. [redacted] wife of [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of her husband in his office [redacted] She furnished the following information:

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The only FBI Agent she had ever met prior to the interview was SA [redacted] who called at their office during December, 1959, or January, 1960, in connection with a bankruptcy matter Mr. [redacted] was then handling. She emphatically denied that any FBI Agent had ever furnished her information or that she had ever indicated to anyone that she had received information from an FBI Agent.

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Re: Mrs. [redacted]

At this point Mr. [redacted] added that other than SA [redacted] the only FBI Agent he had ever talked to was HENRY A. BLASTIC, formerly assigned at Missoula, but who left Missoula nearly 10 years ago. Mr. [redacted] denied that any FBI Agent furnished him information or that he had ever indicated to anyone, including his wife, that he had ever received information from an FBI Agent.

Mrs. [redacted] immediately assumed that her recent conversation with Mrs. [redacted] was the reason Agents had contacted her. She has known Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted] Both are extremely active in Legion work, recruiting new members and getting lapsed members paid up. She has always been friendly with Mrs. [redacted] together, but they have had some rather strong differences of opinion about politics. Mrs. [redacted] and a member of the [redacted] Mr. [redacted] is a member of the American Legion, but she has never joined the Auxiliary, although promising to do so for many years, but always putting it off for one reason or another. MONT. b6 b7C

In late January or early February of this year Mrs. [redacted] called at the office and asked her to join the Auxiliary. She told her she would not join because she had recently read in the local paper that Mrs. [redacted] the local Auxiliary. She told Mrs. [redacted] "You appointed her, what are you trying to do, defy people in the community?" Mrs. [redacted] did not like this. MONT.

BELIEVED TO BE MEMBER - SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Mrs. [redacted] explained that in the fall of 1960 Mrs. [redacted] had been invited to a meeting [redacted] She did not attend, but from what she heard later she reached the conclusion that it was a JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) organizational meeting. From that time on she was of the opinion and still is that Mrs. [redacted] is a member of the JBS.

Her remark to Mrs. [redacted] led them to a discussion of the JBS. Mrs. [redacted] commented that she and her husband, [redacted] were concerned about people in the community saying that many JBS members were also members of the local American Legion. Mrs. [redacted] said, [redacted] are going to get to the bottom of it and he has contacted the FBI about it."

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Re: Mrs. [redacted]

This led the two of them into a discussion of the rumor which "went all over the valley last summer" that the JBS had a list of several hundred Communists which they had turned over to the FBI and the FBI had cleared everyone on the list after working over 1,000 hours on it. She has heard various numbers concerning the list, all the way from 700 to 900 persons. (It is noted Mrs. [redacted] refers to 1,000 hours of investigation whereas Mrs. [redacted] in her comments referred to investigations costing $1,000.)

Mrs. [redacted] said that she had no idea as to the original source of this rumor. It was just a general rumor all over the Valley. She said that there was only one person who supposedly saw the actual list of names. This person told her that she (the unnamed person) and her husband were on the list, as was Mr. [redacted] and presumably Mrs. [redacted]. In talking about this list of names with Mrs. [redacted], she said she told Mrs. [redacted] that if they were in fact on the list she supposed Mr. [redacted] would have been contacted about it after they were cleared. She said this list was somewhat of a joke around [redacted] as many people would comment they knew they were not Communists because they had all been cleared.

Mrs. [redacted] eventually named the one person who supposedly saw the list as [redacted] a [redacted] resident. MONT.

Mrs. [redacted] said she feels certain in her mind that she made no comment that an FBI Agent had furnished her any information. The only time the FBI was mentioned was in connection with this list of names supposedly turned over to the FBI by the JBS. She recalled that she did say to Mrs. [redacted] that such an investigation, consuming 1,000 hours, was an awful waste of the FBI's time.

Mrs. [redacted] said she assumed until the time of this interview that there was some truth to this rumor and that the FBI had in fact spent 1,000 hours investigating the alleged list of names. She said she believed this rumor even though she had never met anyone in the entire community who had ever been contacted by the FBI during such an alleged investigation.

Mrs. [redacted] was recontacted and she confirmed what she had said when interviewed on 3/12/62 by SA [redacted]. She did say, however, "It is possible I misunderstood what she (Mrs. [redacted] said about an Agent giving her information."

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Re: Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] was questioned as to anyone else who had ever indicated to her that the FBI had any connection with this alleged list of names that was the subject of so much rumor. She said that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] had refused to pay their Legion dues because of JBS members being in the American Legion and because this alleged list had been turned over to the FBI. She was asked if there was anyone else she could name who had connected the FBI with this list and she said [redacted] at [redacted] Montana, last summer told her husband, [redacted] that 1,250 names had been turned over to the FBI by the JBS. Mr. [redacted] said his name was included on the list and he was going to sue somebody if he could find two people who had seen his name on the list. MR. & MRS. [redacted]

[redacted] in [redacted] advised that she had heard about a list that was supposed to have been compiled by the JBS and that many residents of the Bitterroot Valley were on the list. She had never heard the FBI connected in any way whatsoever with the list.

[redacted] said that in connection with operating his [redacted] he had heard for sometime talk about the JBS and the fact that some local American Legion officers were reportedly members of the JBS. About January 1, 1962, [redacted] came to collect their yearly American Legion dues from both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] refused to pay his dues and told [redacted] his reason was because he did not like the JBS association with the American Legion. [redacted] came back to his home about six weeks ago and after a long discussion [redacted] finally paid his dues, principally because he felt sorry for [redacted] told him that there was a list of 1,502 residents of the Bitterroot Valley who supposedly were Communists, which list had been turned over to the FBI. [redacted] said he had never heard the FBI mentioned in connection with this list with the exception of [redacted] mentioning it in their conversation.

[redacted] has never said anything about the FBI being connected in anyway with such a list.

[redacted] Montana, said that last summer he had heard of a list of 1,501

Re: Mrs. [redacted]

Communists supposedly compiled by someone and supposedly he was #2 on this list. He has never seen such a list, has never told anyone that the FBI confirmed this list or that this list was turned over to the FBI. He has never heard the FBI mentioned in connection with the list.

[redacted] advised that last summer she was in Mr. [redacted] office in [redacted] applying for a job as a school teacher. Mr. [redacted] was very upset at the time and referred to a list of 1,502 residents of the Bitterroot Valley who were alleged to be Communists and that Mr. [redacted] was included on the list. She asked him who was on this list and he said everyone of any prominence all up and down the Valley. He then slapped his hand on a piece of paper lying on his desk and she assumed that this was the list he was talking about. He never told her any specific names that were supposed to be on the list with the exception of his own and he never told her that he had such a list in his possession. She has never heard the FBI mentioned in connection with this list and never told anyone that the FBI was in any way connected with the list.

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Butte files do not indicate receipt of any list of names that could be identical with the alleged list described herein. Information from Butte Communist Party informants indicates there has been no Communist Party activity in the Stevensville area for several years.

SA [redacted] advised on 2/14/62 that he has a definite recollection of calling at the office of [redacted] in connection with the case entitled "[redacted] ET AL; NBA," (Bufile 49-14303). His recollection is that this contact was during January, 1960. At no time during this contact did Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] mention any list of Communists or any other information not pertinent to SA [redacted] inquiry.

In view of the fact that the original allegation in this matter stemmed from a widely circulated rumor that has been exaggerated and twisted with each telling and as no one interviewed ever personally observed the alleged list, no further action is being taken in this matter, UACB.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-02

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC BROMWELL (80-86) DATE: 3/12/62

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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Reference letter of Mrs. [redacted] Montana, dated March 7, 1962, to F.B.I. Savings Center Building, Missoula, Montana.

On 3/12/62, Mrs. [redacted] was contacted at her home south of [redacted] Montana. She advised she intentionally omitted the name of the person in [redacted], Montana, who apparently had information first hand which she was receiving from an Agent of the F.B.I. Mrs. [redacted] stated this individual is Mrs. [redacted] Montana. She related Mrs. [redacted] is the wife of [redacted], Montana, and [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] related that she is convinced that Mrs. [redacted] was receiving information through an agent of the F.B.I. who is a personal friend of the [redacted] and who makes occasional visits once every two weeks or so. This agent reportedly stops in at the office of [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted] was advised that Special Agents of the F.B.I. were prohibited from disclosing information of an official nature; that the information in our files is confidential and that we did not make clearances, but only determined the facts and reported same. She was advised further that we did not give our opinions concerning matters.

Mrs. [redacted] related that she had understood this from a letter received from Mr. HOOVER by her husband. Also from what her husband had been informed after contacting an agent in Missoula, Montana, during February 1962.

Mrs. [redacted] related that Mrs. [redacted] has been making statements since May 1961, which she had reportedly obtained from an agent of the F.B.I. She added it was about that time that Mrs. [redacted] had related some 800 persons in the Bitterroot had been cleared of being Communists by the F.B.I. She stated that Mrs. [redacted] had computed it had cost $1,000 to make these 800 clearances.

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SAC, Kansas City (100-11488) April 2, 1962

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Director, FBI (62-104401) - 1678

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 3/27/62 enclosing 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum relative to a speech made on 3/21/62 by Robert Love on the campus of the Kansas State University.

For your future guidance the Bureau does not desire information concerning captioned Society submitted in memorandum form inasmuch as we are not investigating the organization nor are we disseminating any information concerning it unless it is of an extremely pertinent and urgent nature. Therefore, unless future information is of such nature it should not be submitted in letterhead memorandum form. Also, 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum submitted to the Bureau is deemed excessive and you should follow the policy for the submission of reports in determining the number of copies of a letterhead memorandum to be furnished the Bureau.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/27/62

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-11488) -C-

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SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, relative to a speech made on the campus of the Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, on 3/21/62, by ROBERT LOVE, Wichita, Kansas, a supporter and admitted charter member of the John Birch Society.

The source of information in this case is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Kansas City, Missouri
March 27, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On March 21, 1962, at 4:00 p.m., one Robert Love spoke to a group of 250 to 300 persons at the Student Union Theater, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The advertised topic of this talk was "The John Birch Society - A Menace to Whom?". Love was further billed as a Wichita, Kansas industrialist and founding member of the John Birch Society. His talk lasted for about one hour, with a question and answer period of equal length following. His talk was sponsored by the Student Union Browsing Library Committee of Kansas State University.

Love set forth a ten point program of the Society directed toward combatting the growth of Communism, which was apparently the general theme of his talk. He touched upon the objective to the Society to cause the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, indicating that Justice Warren's appointment was a political payoff and that he had no judicial experience prior to his appointment.

Love urged his audience to keep informed of the threat of Communism and to see that the circulation of "conservative" periodicals is expanded to insure that "left-wingers" and "liberals" do not gain control through default.

There were no demonstrations at this meeting and it received a minimum of local publicity.

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Legal Attache, [redacted] (105-2114) April 10, 1962

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY) (U)

Reurlet 3/29/62.

Based on the information set forth in relet, no references could be located in Bufiles concerning the John Birch Society's establishing branches in foreign countries or being in contact with [redacted] (U)

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Bureau indices were checked with negative results concerning prior references to [redacted] (U)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles on the John Birch Society and former [redacted] (116-165494) were reviewed and nothing was located pertinent to the Legat's request. (U)

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: 3/29/62

FROM : Legat, [redacted] (105-2114) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

By communication dated 2/15/62 and received from translation 3/26/62, the [redacted] quoted the following: (U)

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The Bureau is requested to make available to this office whatever information is available relative to instant matter which might be disseminated to [redacted]

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To

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SAC H. G. FOSTER
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GO

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 26, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 4478. The Senate received two resolutions from the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona. One resolution commends Attorney General Kennedy for his action in requesting Mr. Robert Welch to submit evidence of his allegation that a few thousand Communists are concentrated in key departments of the Government. The other resolution requests the Congress to enact a bill to legalize the use of wiretapping evidence in courts. The first resolution stated "A letter was transmitted to Mr. Welch on December 8, 1961, and it was suggested therein that he produce his evidence to the Federal Bureau of Investigation so that they might take necessary measures to prosecute those who are in violation of our laws. The action taken by the U. S. Attorney General is commendable and it is hoped that this initial action is followed up so that any evidence in possession of Mr. Welch becomes available for purposes of prosecution of violators."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MARCH 23, 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(100-435708)~~

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1499) (C)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC. -
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6/11/86 BY

~~REC-34~~ Encl p 1, 2

Enclosed are 9 copies for the Bureau of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Nine copies are being furnished to the Bureau in view of the reference made in the enclosed letterhead memorandum concerning anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans which brings this within the scope of Internal-Security-Nationalistic Tendency Matters.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted]

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5- Bureau (~~3-100-435708~~) (Encls. 9) (RM)
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(1-105-107224)
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3-New Orleans (1-105-1499) (The John Birch Society, Inc.)
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HSCA SUBJECT:

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" as it contains information furnished by a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of this source of continuing value and affect his future usefulness.

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No active investigation is being conducted in this matter as per prior Bureau instructions. However, any additional information received voluntarily from [redacted] or from any other source regarding the John Birch Society, Inc., or regarding the interest of any individual member of the John Birch Society in assisting anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans, will be reported to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC. -
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(Internal Security)

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On April 16, 1962, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past voluntarily furnished the following information:

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[redacted] is reported to have donated $50.00 to a campaign held in New Orleans during the months of December, 1961 and January, 1962 which campaign was known as the "Crusade to Free Cuba". This campaign was originally sponsored by the now defunct Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD) (Democratic Revolutionary Front) which was headquartered in Miami. The campaign was actually run by prominent citizens of New Orleans and was opened by a proclamation by Mayor Victor M. Schiro in December, 1961. The campaign was also backed by both the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans and the Cuban Anti-Communist Revolutionary Unity.

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The stated purpose of [redacted] invitation

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RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

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[redacted] There were allegedly 21 persons, mostly men, and a few women, present. Among those present were Dallas Wales, 2437 King's Highway, Shreveport, Louisiana, [redacted] and Jim True, allegedly a Gulfport businessman. Wales was described as a man in his late 40's with black, graying hair, who is allegedly a coordinator of the JBS for five states. Jim True is a white male, 58-62, white hair, 5'10", medium build, and apparently has some connection with the Gulf National Bank in Gulfport, Mississippi.

B. APPROX. 1/14/104 ATTENDED MEETING SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The principal speaker was Dallas Wales, who decried the alleged corruption of morals in the United States and generally referred to the apathy and corruption in the federal government. A recommendation made by Wales was that people should themselves take an active part in opposition to communism. Wales commented that John Birch Society members should strive to talk to people about communism to awaken them to its danger.

During Wales' talk there were some outbursts from members of the audience to the effect that President Kennedy was a communist. Wales denied these accusations but did state that Kennedy had attended school in England as a young man, which school was at that time run by a communist. Wales made other comments generally referring to the absorption by the federal government of private enterprise and the fact that the USA was becoming a socialist state.

Wales also commented that there should be a JBS member running in every election, no matter how small the post may be. He stated that each member should have at least 100 followers.

B. APPROX. 1/13/1/14

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RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of a full page advertisement which appeared in the Los Angeles "Examiner," 4/23/62, entitled "Welcome HCUA," which advertisement is sponsored by the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

This advertisement contains a reprint of the major part of "Communist Target-Youth." This advertisement also states that this message is printed as a public information service, as well as a welcome to the dedicated legislatures who make up the HCUA, by the greater Los Angeles chapters of the John Birch Society, and contains a listing of numerous chapters of this organization in the Los Angeles area.

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Enclosure to Bureau from Los Angeles: (1)

One (1) copy of full page advertise which appeared in Los Angeles "Examiner," 4/23/62, entitled "Welcome HCUA," which advertisement is sponsored by John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass.

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/25/62

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

I received an invitation from [redacted] of the Speaker's Table Committee of the Executives' Club of Chicago, inviting me to sit at the Speaker's Table on the occasion of an address by ROBERT WELCH, founder of the John Birch Society, which will take place in Chicago on Friday, May 4, 1962, at the Sherman House.

I advised Mr. [redacted] that because of prior commitments, it will be impossible for me to be present on this occasion.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-11-62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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SENATE

Pages 7519-7522. Senator Dodd, (D) Connecticut, spoke concerning popular education on communism and the cold war. He included an article from the May 1962 issue of Reader's Digest entitled "The Insidious Campaign To Silence Anti-Communists" written by Colonel William R. Kintner, deputy director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, and an article from the New York Times Sunday Magazine for April 29, 1962, entitled "The Liberals Have Helped the Radical Right" which was written by Mr. Harvey B. Schechter, member of the Anti-Defamation League's Los Angeles office. Mr. Dodd stated "Colonel Kintner is a determined foe of the John Birch Society and of other extremist organizations that have claimed the anti-Communist mantle for themselves. But he is profoundly disturbed by the present campaign against anti-Communist extremism because of the tendency to lump all active expressions of anticommunism together under the label 'extremist.'" Mr. Dodd advised that Mr. Schechter's article "takes the American liberals to task for failing to give leadership to the anti-Communist fight. Mr. Schechter charges that by this failure, the liberals have created a vacuum that has inevitably been filled by rightwing and extremist groups like the John Birch Society." Mr. Dodd went on to state "I have only one minor difference with Mr. Schechter's thesis. I do not believe that anticommunism should be a monopoly of either the liberals or the conservatives. On the contrary, I believe that this is one area where liberals and conservatives can cooperate effectively and must do so in the interests of mutual survival." Colonel Kintner stated in his article "The public's understanding of communism was further sharpened by revelations made in congressional committees. Defectors from Russia's intelligence system appeared before our legislators and explained the Kremlin's sordid techniques of blackmail and murder. The Federal Bureau of Investigation unveiled the plans of the U. S. Communist Party members, obeying Moscow orders, to infiltrate and influence American youth."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-27-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted] JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

MIAMI, FLORIDA
INQUIRY REGARDING POLITICAL
ADVERTISEMENT FOR CLAUDE PEPPER

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By letter dated 4-18-62 Mrs. [redacted] forwarded a paid political advertisement from the 4-17-62 issue of "The Miami News" which carried the heading "Birchites Are Behind The Smear Against Claude Pepper." Mrs. [redacted] who identified herself as the [redacted] of the Biscayne Gardens Civic Association, observed that the use of the Director's name in this ad did not "smack" of good Americanism and requested an expression from the Director on this matter. The statement regarding the Director was as follows: "We ask that you join with President Kennedy, J. Edgar Hoover, editors of our local newspapers and all responsible citizens in a rejection of the smear tactics of these irresponsible fanatics who are the major internal enemies of our country."

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By airtel dated 4-20-62 the Miami Office was instructed to personally contact Mrs. [redacted] orally acknowledge her letter and advise her that the Director had nothing to do with the advertisement and that, as a matter of long-standing policy, the FBI does not involve itself in political matters. The Miami Office was advised for its information of the fact that Pepper, during his tenure as Senator, was associated as a sponsor, speaker or member of as many as 32 organizations cited either by the Attorney General or by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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By airtel dated 4-25-62, the Miami Office advised that Mrs. [redacted] felt highly pleased that she had been contacted personally concerning this matter. She felt Mr. Hoover had nothing to do with this advertisement but wanted him to know his name was mentioned in it.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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URGENT 5-9-62 9-21 AM CST CJH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO

HAMPTON MAUZE

INFORMATION ~~CERNING~~ CONCERNING

SUBJECT FOUND DEAD THIS MORNING ON OUTSKIRTS OF SAN ANTONIO, VICTIM OF A SHOTGUN BLAST. THE CORONER HAS INITIALLY RULED SUICIDE. b6 b7C

[redacted] ADVISED THIS MORNING MAUZE IS MILITANT ANTI-COMMUNIST AND SUGGESTS THERE MAY HAVE BEEN FOUL PLAY.

[redacted] RETIRED AND ADMITTED MEMBER JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MAUZE WAS ACTIVE IN AMERICAN LEGION AMERICANISM COMMITTEE, WALKER CAMPAIGN, AND MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. STATES HE KNOWS MAUZE PERSONALLY AND KNOWS OF NO REASON FOR SUICIDE AND SUGGESTS POSSIBLE FOUL PLAY.

NEITHER HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION INDICATING FOUL PLAY OR INCIDENT RESULT OF MAUZE-S ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

BUREAU ADVISED IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE PUBLICITY.

LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL BE DISCREETLY FOLLOWED FOR ANY INFORMATION INDICATING OTHER THAN SUICIDE AND ~~ANY~~ BUREAU INTEREST.

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Pages A3395-A3396. Congressman Thornberry, (D) Texas, extended his remarks to include an article written by Mr. Henry Riley entitled "Behind the Byline" which appeared in the Austin Statesman. Mr. Riley pointed out that "Like a lot of others, I am inundated from time to time by reams of so-called anti-Communist literature of the more fervent or Birch type. - - - When such literature is dumped on my doorsill I have a tendency to see red--but not the type of red Mr. Welch would have me see." He went on to state "Granted, too, that there are Communists operating in this country. I recall even seeing a couple in the past 20 years. But a surge of idiocy is not going to reduce their number by so much as one, and Birchers are not going to catch any red handed. I prefer to leave my spy and red catching where it belongs--to the experts like J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI. Their batting average is considerably higher than the McCarthys and the Birchers. And in this case I'll ride with the pros and the percentages."

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Memorandum

TO : The Director DATE: 5/9/62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-2759)

RE: HAMPTON MAUZE
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reference is made to San Antonio teletype to the Bureau dated 5/9/62.

[redacted]

Sheriff's Office, San Antonio, Texas, advised SA MORTON P. CHILES on 5/14/62 that a complete and exhaustive investigation of the death of HAMPTON MAUZE revealed death caused by suicide and that there was no indication or evidence of any foul play. [redacted] Medical Officer, after examination of body and evidence ruled suicide. [redacted] further indicated that inquiry revealed emotional instability on the part of MAUZE prior to death. In view of above, no further inquiry being made.

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Re: The Congressional Record

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as such local enforcement officer of said Communist directives, in connection with the said National Lawyers Guild, until it was identified, publicly, as a Communist front by J. Edgar Hoover and Attorney General Biddle several years after World War II when such information was vital to the security of this country.

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Pages 8103-8104. Congressman Mosland, (D) California, submitted excerpts from an affidavit filed in evidence with the California State Senate Investigating Committee on Un-American Activities by Mr. Thomas J. Verdel of Bakersfield, California, Attorney-at-Law and former Member of Congress. The affidavit was submitted as the result of a report dated July 7, 1961, on the John Birch Society prepared by Assistant Attorney General Howard Jewell and submitted to the Governor of California, Edmund G. Brown. The affidavit defends the John Birch Society. This affidavit comments on lists of membership pointing out that "If any politician wants to campaign on this subject of asking American anti-Communist organizations to supply their membership lists, we suggest that no double standard apply. The politicians must not discriminate. They will have to ask every organization in the country to make its membership lists public; and list the organizations to which they belong and have belonged." Reference is made that Governor Brown at one time was a member of the National Lawyers Guild. It states "His Excellency, Edmund G. Brown, the present Governor of the sovereign State of California, did not resign his responsibilities

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/11/62

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (100-511) (C)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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John Birch Society

ReBulet to Mrs. [redacted] 5/23/62, a copy of which was designated for Jacksonville.

The Bureau is advised that New York, [redacted] advised that the name of [redacted] was listed as a person receiving "The Worker" as of [redacted]

On 5/23/62, Mrs [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] that Mrs. [redacted] was a friend of hers and had become interested in the activities of the Florida Legislative Investigating Committee as a result of Mrs. [redacted] interest and assistance afforded the Committee. Mrs. [redacted] further advised that Mrs. [redacted] had recently subscribed to "The Worker" for she wanted to read the type of material published in this paper in order that she, Mrs. [redacted] might do something to counteract the type of writings published by the communists. Mrs. [redacted] said that Mrs. [redacted] is now putting out a mimeographed letter captioned "The American Reporter." Mrs. [redacted] said that Mrs. [redacted] is a prolific letter writer and writes daily letters to the Orlando "Sentinel" newspaper.

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On 5/28/62, records of the [redacted] disclosed that [redacted] have in file since 1956. Mrs. [redacted] is a lifelong resident of [redacted]. Her husband is employed by the [redacted] No derogatory information is contained in the credit files.

No arrest record for [redacted] appears in the files of [redacted]

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Above information furnished to the Bureau in event further correspondence is received from her.

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Date: June 12, 1962

To: Chief, U.S. Secret Service

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

This will confirm information furnished to Special Agent [redacted] of your Service on June 4, 1962, by Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau.

The New Orleans Office of the FBI advised that on June 4, 1962, [redacted] Louisiana, advised that about five weeks ago in the doctors' lounge at [redacted] Memorial Hospital he had a conversation with [redacted] who resided at [redacted] told [redacted] that he had gotten out of the John Birch Society since they were talking about going to Washington and shooting the President. [redacted] believes that the following persons were present at the time [redacted] made the above statement: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted]

BY COURIER SVC.
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On June 4, 1962, [redacted] associate, [redacted] advised that while at the home of [redacted] on the night of [redacted] stated she heard from a former member of the John Birch Society that they were going to assassinate the President and were talking about hiring an assassin. According to [redacted] the following persons were present when Mrs. [redacted] made her statement:

[redacted]

The above information was furnished on June 4, 1962, to Special Agent in Charge John Rice of your Service at New Orleans. Both [redacted] requested that their identities be kept confidential; however, they are willing to be interviewed by Secret Service Agents.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /62-0/ 3-P

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, THREAT AGAINST PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES.

ON JUNE FOUR, [redacted] LA., ADVISED ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO IN DOCTOR-S LOUNGE, [redacted] MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. [redacted] STATED HE HAD GOTTEN OUT OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY SINCE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT GOING TO WASHINGTON AND SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT.

AS [redacted] CAN BEST RECALL, [redacted] WERE PRESENT WHEN [redacted] MADE ABOVE STATEMENT.

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CC: Sullivan

Left to Chief US Secret Service 6-12-62 OHB/

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ON JUNE FOUR, [redacted] ADVISED

WHILE AT HOME OF [redacted] NIGHT OF JUNE ONE, MRS. [redacted]

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[redacted] STATED SHE HEARD

FROM A FORMER MEMBER OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY THEY WERE GOING TO

ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT AND WERE TALKING ABOUT HIRING AN ASSASSIN.

[redacted] STATED MR. AND MRS. [redacted]

[redacted] AND MR. AND MRS. [redacted]

WERE [redacted] MADE HER STATEMENT. BOTH [redacted]

AND [redacted] REQUESTED THEIR IDENTITIES BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL,

HOWEVER, ARE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY SECRET SERVICE AGENTS.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE JOHN RICE, SECRET SERVICE NEW

ORLEANS, WAS ADVISED OF INSTANT INFORMATION AT TWELVE TWENTYONE

P. M., JUNE FOUR INSTANT. RICE-S TERRITORY COVERS [redacted]

AND THERE ARE NO SECRET SERVICE AGENTS LOCATED IN [redacted]

FOR THE BUREAU-S INFORMATION, NEW ORLEANS INDICES

REFLECTS INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] INTERNAL

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UNITED STATES G

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 6/20/62

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-6826)(C)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 6/11/62, [redacted] Oklahoma City Police Department, telephonically advised he had in custody one [redacted] charged with assault and battery, and that this individual may possess information of interest to the FBI concerning security matters.

On 6/11/62, SA JAMES E. GARRIS interviewed [redacted] while in the custody of the Oklahoma City Police Department. [redacted] was advised he was not under arrest by the FBI, that he did not have to furnish the FBI any information and any information he did furnish would be free and voluntary on his part.

He stated he "became interested in fighting Communism in a peaceful way" approximately one year ago and soon thereafter joined the John Birch Society (JBS). He said he attends meetings of the JBS regularly in Oklahoma City. [redacted] volunteered no other information in this regard.

[redacted] commented he is not a member of the Minutemen (MM) group, he has no interest in that group and he has no knowledge of MM operations in Oklahoma or elsewhere.

He related he read in a recent issue of "Human Events" that "plans were in the mill" to oust J. EDGAR HOOVER as Director of the FBI sometime in 1962, and he also heard similar remarks from unrecalled sources. He could furnish no details in this regard.

[redacted] opined that the FBI is infiltrated by Communists. He said he and other sources, whom he refused

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to identify, felt that all Federal agencies, including the FBI, are infiltrated by Communists. He indicated that neither he, nor the above sources, to his knowledge, has any proof that Communists have infiltrated the FBI or any other Federal agency, but they feel that the Communists had attempted to infiltrate Federal agencies and were successful in doing so. He refused to discuss this matter further.

[redacted] said he has no personal knowledge of Communist activities in Oklahoma or elsewhere.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through interview and observation:

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (resided Oklahoma City the past 11 years)
Prior Address: [redacted]
Sex: Male
Race: White
Date of Birth: [redacted]
Place of Birth: [redacted] Oklahoma
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 175 pounds
Hair: Brown, wavy
Eyes: Blue
Characteristic: Wears glasses
Occupation: [redacted]
Social Security No.: [redacted]
Education: High school graduate. One year [redacted]
Military Service: U.S. Army, [redacted] honorable discharge; ASN RA [redacted]
Marital Status: Married
Spouse: [redacted] nee [redacted] (spouse presently suing for divorce)
Arrest record: Admits: About 1946, [redacted] speeding, $162.15, fine and costs.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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The only reference to [redacted] in Oklahoma City indices is information reported during the latter part of 1950 by [redacted] Oklahoma, who advised [redacted] wrote him a letter on 9/6/50, in which he described a Russian weapon. This matter was referred to the Kansas City Office by letter dated 11/17/50 for any action deemed appropriate by that office.

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The above is furnished for the Bureau's information. No further action is contemplated by the Oklahoma City Office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 6/21/62

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-36671)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

On June 20, 1962, there was received by the Chicago Office from an anonymous donor a flyer distributed by one [redacted] Illinois, which bears a letterhead of the John Birch Society Inc., Belmont, Massachusetts. It is announced therein that the Illinois Chapter of that Society will present "Our Council Speaks", a critique of the John Birch Society, Saturday, June 30, 1962, at the Flick-Reedy Auditorium, Bensenville, Illinois. Speakers will include R.H. MONTGOMERY, THOMAS J. ANDERSON, STILLWELL J. CONNER, Dr. REVILO P. OLIVER and Dr. S.M. DRASKOVICH, all of whom are listed as members of the Council of the John Birch Society. It is stated that the above function will be the first in a series of educational efforts to reach more people.

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[redacted] is identified as the subject of Bureau file 65-62223, who has originated a large volume of correspondence with this office and the Bureau in the past. The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Date: 7/20/62

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)(C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 7/19/62, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be concealed, advised she had received information reflecting that ROBERT WELCH, of the John Birch Society (JBS), was in Los Angeles as of 7/19/62 and that on the same date he had lunched with WESTBROOK PEGLER, prominent newspaper columnist.

She stated she had received information reflecting that WELCH and PEGLER intended to make some sort of "blast" at the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" in connection with an article the "Examiner" printed concerning JBS on or about 4/1/61 which bore a red banner headline captioned "Birch Society Branded as Anti-U.S." [redacted] stated WELCH was disturbed by the statement in the article which allegedly indicated that WELCH himself was anti-Catholic.

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[redacted] was advised that WELCH was attempting to obtain a copy of the newspaper article in question without knowledge of his inquiry getting back to persons of authority at the newspaper.

[redacted] stated she had received a telephone call from a local JBS office asking whether she knew where a copy of the newspaper in question could be located. She stated she was able to locate a copy of the paper among her own clippings, at which time she telephonically advised the JBS office, who in turn placed her in direct contact with Mr. WELCH, who asked her whether she would object to mailing the article to Mr.

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2 - Los Angeles (cc: [redacted])

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PEGLER, who was staying at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

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The foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for information.

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-2-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

By letter dated 7-25-62, captioned individual wrote to the Attorney General and set forth four pointed questions. The first requests a copy of Senator Eastland's speech of 5-8-62 entitled "Is the Supreme Court Pro-Communist?" and opinion regarding the speech. The last is: "Are there communists in our State Department? You say no, I say yes. Will you place your job as Attorney General on the above questions?" He designated copies of his letter to several prominent people including the Director and requested their opinions. John Birch Society

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Bufiles contain no references identifiable with correspondent.

It is felt no purpose would be served in affording Mr. [redacted] letter any acknowledgment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter not be acknowledged.

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Date: 8-10-64

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To: SAC, Seattle

From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed you will find:

- [x] Two copies of self-explanatory communication from captioned individual.
- [ ] One copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.
- [ ] One copy of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin.
- [ ] Other:

Take following action:

- [x] Make discreet inquiries of established sources to determine reputation of captioned individual and/or organization. Under no circumstances should correspondent become aware of our interest.
- [ ] Have correspondent interviewed to determine whether correspondent has any information of interest to Bureau.
- [ ] Have substance of enclosed communication made available to appropriate local law enforcement officials. Retain copies of this communication in your possession at all times.
- [ ] Acknowledge enclosed communication by mailing enclosed Bureau publication or publications to correspondent to address indicated, following your determination of status in law enforcement. If correspondent is not type of person to whom we want to furnish this material, or does not have legitimate interest in law enforcement matters, correspondent should be contacted and informed that our budgetary limitations restrict its distribution and request cannot be granted. Advise Bureau of action taken, together with recommendation as to whether correspondent's name should be added to our mailing list.
- [ ] Submit results under above caption to reach Bureau no later than
- [x] Submit results and recommendations as to whether or not Bureau should comply with request, under above caption, to reach Bureau no later than 8-15-62.
- [x] Other: For background information see urfile 100-24754.

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Follow-up for 8-15-62
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NOTE: In-absence letter sent same date, no yellow or abstract prepared. Bufiles reflect an outgoing to [redacted] on 10-19-61. By return letter of 10-24-61 he requested 25 copies of Inspector Sullivan's speech, "Communism and Religion," which were sent without cover letter on 10-31-61. Seattle to Director letter dated 1-23-61, Bufile (62-104401), sets out information received 12-22-60 from a private citizen in Bellinghan, Washington, that "the person actively promoting the John Birch Society in his city was [redacted]" Files of the Seattle Office contained no adverse information identifiable with [redacted] at that time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
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[redacted] is well known to our Resident Agents at Bellingham, Washington as a man who is well respected in the community. He has no criminal record, and his credit record is entirely satisfactory. He is a member of the Elks Club, but also [redacted] John Birch Society. [redacted] is considered to be a violent anti-communist and strong "right winger". On many times he has voiced his admiration of the Bureau to our Resident Agents, but because of his association with the John Birch Society, it is believed that if he is furnished the publications requested, he will advise everyone that he received them from the FBI. I recommend that his letter be acknowledged and he be advised that we have no publications presently available in which he is interested.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 8/27/62

FROM : SAC, Mobile (100-new)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Movement to Impeach EARL WARREN,
Belmont 78, Mass.

Enclosed to the Bureau are two copies, and to Boston one copy, of clipping from the 8/23/62 issue of the "Alabama Journal," daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Ala., page 1E. The clippings are self-explanatory, and no additional information concerning these matters have been received by Mobile to date.

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The Deputy Attorney General

August 29, 1962

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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Reference is made to your telephonic request of Assistant Director Courtney A. Evans of this Bureau on August 27, 1962, for background information concerning captioned Society.

There is enclosed a typed copy of a memorandum dated April 5, 1961, which was furnished the Attorney General by cover communication of the same date and caption.

In addition to the data set forth in the enclosed memorandum it is noted that on December 8, 1961, Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, Internal Security Division, directed a letter to Welch referring to a statement made by Welch at a rally in Austin, Texas, on November 20, 1961, that "A comparatively few thousand Communists, concentrated in key departments" of the Government have taken the United States "steadily down the road to Communism by steps supposedly designed and presented to the ... as ways of fighting Communism." Assistant Attorney General Yeagley requested Welch to turn over to this Bureau the facts in his possession and the sources thereof which might establish that certain Government employees are members of the Communist Party. Welch has not communicated with this Bureau to supply the information requested by Assistant Attorney General Yeagley's letter. (62-104401-1597 and 1598)

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With reference to the estimated membership figures of the Society as set forth in the enclosed memorandum, it is noted that, according to a "Washington Capital News Service" release dated August 23, 1962, a representative of the Society in Los Angeles stated on August 23, 1962, that the Society's national membership had more than doubled in the past year. In a statement issued by the above representative it was reported that

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it was interesting to note that the Society has enjoyed particularly heavy membership increases with "each national setback such as the Cuban situation, Katanga, Laos, the steel mandate, the stock market confusion and when the Society has been publicly attacked." According to the above release, a spokesman at the national headquarters of the Society declined to comment on the reported increase in membership or to state the number of members which the Society now has. (62-104401-A)

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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The following information is set forth concerning the John Birch Society (JBS) and its founder Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

Background Concerning the Society

The Society was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and was assigned Charter Number 624-300. The officers were listed as Robert Welch, President and Treasurer, and [redacted] The Directors were listed as [redacted] Robert Welch and [redacted] The Incorporators were listed as Robert Welch; [redacted] Robert Welch); [redacted] also known as Mrs. [redacted] formerly Mrs. [redacted] All of the aforementioned are residents of the Boston, Massachusetts, area. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of this Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

According to recent newspaper accounts, the Society at the beginning of 1961 had chapters in approximately 35 states and it has been estimated that the Society might have 100,000 members at the end of 1961. The most pronounced activity on the part of Welch and the Society in his anti-communist campaign has been charges of communists being in high Government positions, including former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The most recent major activity in this regard has been the calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has

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advised that [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, who has been identified in the past as being a former member of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, recently stated he was a member of the JBS and praised the work of the Society. [redacted] stated the Society, without mentioning integration, would only be fighting communism but added that actually communism is the "root of it all" indicating, according to the source, that [redacted] meant fighting communism is also fighting integration. The source advised that [redacted] stated the main work of the Society at the present time is writing letters to Congressmen and other prominent officials, never using the Society's name, and in getting windshield and bumper stickers on as many cars as possible reading "Impeach Earl Warren."

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By memorandum from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley dated August 30, 1960, Yeagley, in referring to the Society, advised that the Department's records contained no Bureau reports on either the Society or Welch and requested this Bureau to conduct an investigation of the Society pursuant to Executive Order 10450. By memorandum dated September 8, 1960, he was advised that no information had been received by this Bureau indicating any subversive elements in the Society and that in view of this, together with the background information concerning the Society and Welch which had previously been furnished the then Attorney General by memoranda dated March 6 and September 11 and 16, 1959, all captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.," no investigation of the Society would be conducted unless a subsequent request was received from the Department. To date no subsequent request has been received from the Department for an investigation of the Society or Welch.

The Present Controversy

The JBS is probably one of the most controversial organizations in the country today. This controversy stems mainly from the allegations made by Welch and the Society alluding to President Eisenhower being procommunist; the allegations that there are communists in other high Government positions; and calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice

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Warren. This controversy has led to many attacks on Welch and the Society through the newspapers and in some congressional circles, while at the same time other newspapers and congressional circles have defended Welch and the Society. However, to date this controversy has been confined, at least in congressional circles, to the issue of Welch and the Society and not to the issue of Chief Justice Warren's impeachment.

This controversy slowly gathered momentum until it appears to have reached its peak within the past week when some Congressmen and Senators denounced Welch and the Society while others backed Welch and the Society. According to newspaper accounts, both the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee (SISS) and the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) have been requested to hold hearings concerning the Society. According to such accounts, Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Vice Chairman of SISS, has denounced the Society and Welch's attack on President Eisenhower and on March 31, 1961, Dodd stated he would bring up the possibility of investigating the Society at the Subcommittee's next meeting. Also according to newspaper accounts, Congressman Francis Walter, Chairman of the HCUA, has stated that the HCUA has received many letters complaining about the Society but none contained material information indicating the HCUA could or should launch an investigation. Walter has further stated that it is not the function of the HCUA to serve as a sounding board either for an organization against individuals or for individuals against an organization. In addition, Senator John L. McClellan, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, has been quoted in the press as stating on March 31, 1961, that his Committee has no plans to investigate the Society because his Committee has no jurisdiction to do so.

In addition to this controversy splitting congressional circles into those attacking Welch and the Society and those backing Welch and the Society, the controversy has split congressional circles on the issue of whether a congressional hearing or hearings should be conducted of Welch and the Society. Some congressional members are demanding an investigation while others are claiming there is no basis or authority for such an investigation.

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Background Concerning Welch

The files of this Bureau disclose that Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts; has an office at 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, a candy company; and has an office at 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, from which literature of the Society is mailed and distributed. In February, 1959, this Bureau received information indicating that Welch had authored a book entitled "The Politician," which book Welch did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed which he sent to friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed that it was mainly a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. In this book Welch by innuendo alluded to former President Eisenhower as being procommunist. Photostats of the pertinent portion of "The Politician," as well as background information concerning Welch and the Society, were disseminated to the then Attorney General by memoranda dated March 6, 1959, September 11, 1959, and September 16, 1959, all captioned "Robert H. W. Welch, Jr."

Newspaper accounts have quoted Welch as stating that he is the absolute boss of the Society and as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss."

A description of the tactics employed by Welch in carrying on the activities of the Society is seen in the statement of Spruille Braden, the former United States Ambassador and a member of the Society's council, as quoted in an article on the Society which appeared on page six of the March 30, 1961, issue of the "New York Journal-American," a daily New York City newspaper. In this article Braden stated he did not agree with Welch's charge against President Eisenhower; that Welch may exaggerate sometimes; but "When you're in a barroom brawl, no holds are barred. You don't fight by the Marquis of Queensberry rules."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Original to Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach by cover memorandum dated 8/29/62, same caption, JHK:mar.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/31/62

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (100-17508) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC letters 59-13 (F) and 61-14 (D).

The aforementioned SAC letter requested that the Bureau be advised of the formation of a branch of the John Birch Society in a field division and instructed that no active investigation of this group be conducted.

[redacted] advised this office on 3/12/62, that he had been invited to attend a meeting of a group early in March 1962 in Buffalo, New York which he believed was a branch of the John Birch Society. He said he would attempt to be invited to further meetings of this group to learn more about its nature.

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[redacted] subsequently reported on 5/21/62, that he had attended several meetings of this club and learned that it is known as the "The Conservative Club" and is actually a local branch of the John Birch Society. It meets monthly on Friday nights in a parlor at the Hotel Buffalo, Buffalo, New York. He reported that the following persons are prominent officials of this club:

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[redacted] further advised that the meetings are attended by 9 to 12 persons. According to its chairman, the club was recently formed and its program basically consists of discussions emphasizing that its members generally are opposed to the foreign policy of the EISENHOWER and KENNEDY Administrations and favor a repeal of the Income Tax. It was openly admitted that this group obtains its literature from the John Birth Society. On one occasion, [redacted] obtained an application blank for John Birch Society membership. During the meeting, various persons and groups were singled out for attack because they were allegedly "soft" toward the Communist menace. Among these were EDWARD R. MURROW, DREW PEARSON, Senator JACOB JAVITS, the United Nations, the American Intellectual Community, the Government of Canada (for sending wheat to Red China) and others.

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[redacted] advised this office that he would try to obtain invitations to subsequent meetings of the John Birch Society, but he had expressed some lack of sympathy with the views of members of this club during open discussions after the meeting and he felt that he had become persona non grata with them.

On 8/20/62, Mr. [redacted] stated that he had not been invited to any subsequent meetings of the John Birch Society.

The files of this office reflect no pertinent data concerning the above listed John Birch Society members. Informants and sources have reported no interest on the part of subversive groups in the Buffalo area in this branch of the John Birch Society.

No active investigation has been conducted on the John Birch Society by the Buffalo Office and this file is being placed in a "Closed" status.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-18-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Captioned individual sent a telegram September 17th stating that events relating to Cuba, Berlin and Laos warrant an investigation of the State Department. He wants to know if the President is a communist pawn and betraying us and states the President's refusal to recognize the Monroe Doctrine is incompatable with freedom. He feels the President should be investigated for treason and impeached.

Bufiles indicate correspondent wrote in February, 1962, asking about a group of organizations and was advised by letter from the Director dated 2-26-62 that the FBI did not make evaluations. Correspondent's letter indicated he is a member of the John Birch Society, the Conservative Society of America and Young Americans for Freedom.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) In view of his background and his bitter attack on the President, correspondent's letter should not be acknowledged.

(2) That attached form referral be forwarded to Secret Service for their information in view of the derogatory statements by correspondent concerning the President.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (80-0)

RE: EZRA TAFT BENSON
INFORMATION CONCERNING
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6/12/86 BY SP4 [illegible]

On 9/18/62 I received a call from the Honorable EZRA TAFT BENSON, former Secretary of Agriculture in the Eisenhower administration, who is one of the Council of Twelve, the governing body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). Mr. BENSON requested an appointment with me to discuss the following matter:

He is concerned about Communism and what he terms Socialism in the United States and feels that the American people are not fully aware of its dangers. He feels that the Director of the FBI for many years has been warning the public about the menace of Communism and he believes that the Director is the foremost authority on this menace today.

Mr. BENSON states he has conducted considerable research concerning the John Birch Society and has found nothing actually wrong with its activities and purposes. He mentioned that ROBERT H. WELCH, President of the Society, had made some "foolish" remarks in some letters in the past concerning President EISENHOWER, Dr. MILTON EISENHOWER and one or two other Government officials, but that to a large extent these statements by WELCH had been misconstrued in that WELCH actually meant that President EISENHOWER had been "used" by others in formulating policies that were not severe enough against Communism.

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Mr. BENSON stated he knew many leading citizens who were members of the Birch Society and regarded them as patriotic and great Americans. He stated he is aware of the controversies concerning this society, but that he feels most people do not actually know the true aims of the Society in combating Communism and Socialism. He mentioned that even the Deseret News and Telegram (owned by the LDS Church) had published an editorial criticizing the John Birch Society and that he, BENSON, honestly felt the newspaper did not fully understand the purpose of the Society.

BENSON has reached the conclusion the Society is doing a lot of good in combating Communism and feels that it is patriotic in its motives. He related in confidence that [redacted] has been approached by the Birch Society to be their representative in Utah and surrounding states; that the Society has no "coordinator" in Utah and that activities are handled by the coordinator at Denver. [redacted] has been offered the position of "coordinator" in western states, but has not yet discussed his decision with [redacted] Mr. BENSON states he knows that [redacted] will consult with him soon concerning his opinion about becoming affiliated with the Birch Society. BENSON stated he realized the FBI does not sanction or endorse any group, but he wanted to know off-the-record how the FBI feels about the Birch Society and whether or not it has been investigated and any conclusions reached.

I informed Mr. BENSON that of course we were purely a fact-finding agency and that he was correct in his comment that the FBI does not have the authority to comment or evaluate the character or integrity of any person or organization; that the FBI is interested only in subversive elements, particularly those that might attempt to infiltrate or take over some organization purely for subversive purposes. I informed him off-the-record in

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response to his direct question that to my knowledge the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society as such in this area, but that of course it would have to be his own decision concerning any affiliation with the Society or any other group. Mr. BENSON stated he realized this but that he appreciated my conferring with him at his request.

It is to be noted that [redacted] is a young man approximately 30 to 32 years of age who was a candidate for the [redacted] and was defeated in the primary last week. [redacted] makes a large number of speeches. I have not heard him but understand that he is a capable speaker and strongly opposes Communism and Socialism in his remarks. The [redacted] is highly regarded in church circles in this area, and [redacted] is one of the highest ranking LDS Church officials. Mr. BENSON had just received from the Publisher a copy of the Director's new book, "A Study of Communism," which he had on his desk and which probably prompted his contacting me about the above matter.

Mr. BENSON mentioned that he would be on a trip in the eastern part of the United States within the next few days, and that he might personally contact the Director to confer with him about the menace of Communism and the role of the Birch Society.

The above is furnished to the Director since he might be contacted in the next few days by Mr. BENSON, who is a strong admirer of the Director's.

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Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the RECORD.

GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury, the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

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We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

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We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic. "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: 'This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way."

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We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

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We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to

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be "for the greatest good of the great number." (Or in their power-seeking pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

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We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man has either been able to improve himself and his environment, or has allowed both to deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

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In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes. For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

John Birch Society Investigated

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study. A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.

2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.

3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.

4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.

5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.

6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.

7 All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/30/62

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (100-3396)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are the original and four copies of letterhead memorandum captioned [redacted] Houston, Texas". Enclosed to Houston is one copy of this letterhead memorandum for information inasmuch as [redacted] address is listed as Houston, Texas. A copy of this letterhead memorandum has been furnished to U. S. Attorney, Little Rock; however, no copy is being furnished to INTC, Little Rock, since they are the source of the information. MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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The confidential source referred to by [redacted] in the attached letterhead memorandum is [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau, the Arkansas Minutemen Association referred to in the attached letterhead memorandum is not an organization as such; however, it is another name utilized by the Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Klavern of the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan.

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The sources utilized in the characterization of the Association of Arkansas Klans are as follows:

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[redacted] of Horry County,

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
215 U. S. Post Office
Little Rock, Arkansas
October 30, 1962

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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[redacted] Houston, Texas

On October 24, 1962, [redacted] 112th INTC Group, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised that he had received the following information from a confidential source:

[redacted] Houston, Texas, has contacted members of the John Birch Society and the Arkansas Minutemen Association in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and has attempted to purchase an unspecified amount of arms and ammunition from them. [redacted] claims to be a member of the John Birch Society in Texas and also a member of other unspecified right-wing organizations.

On October 19, 1962, [redacted] Pine Bluff Arsenal (PBA), Arsenal, Arkansas, reported that [redacted] and is assigned by that organization as [redacted] that [redacted] had designed. [redacted] several weeks ago but was found not to have the necessary security clearance for access to the project. Upon checking with the United States Air Force, [redacted] it was discovered that the architectural engineering contract had been awarded to an uncleared company and that the mistake had come about by confusing [redacted] which is a cleared facility under the cognizance of the United States Air Force. The cognizant agency is presently in the process of clearing [redacted] is not presently working [redacted] but has been instructed by his company to remain in [redacted] until they can get him properly cleared.

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Re: [redacted]
[redacted] Houston, Texas

LR T-1 advised on September 18, 1962, that on the night of [redacted] the regular monthly meeting of the [redacted] of the John Birch Society was held at the [redacted] Arkansas. There was a guest visitor at this meeting. This guest was identified as [redacted] seemed to be well versed in regard to the John Birch Society. LR T-1 advised that the John Birch Society Chapter in [redacted] continues to be led by members of the Association of Arkansas Klans of the Ku Klux Klan, a characterization of which is contained in the appendix hereto.

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APPENDIX

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (AAK)

A source advised on April 22, 1959, as follows:

AAK was formed on April 21, 1959, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and segregation of the races but violence was disavowed. Leaders of AAK were previously members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). [redacted] of OKKKK for the State of Arkansas, was carried over as the Grand Dragon of the new organization, AAK. A source advised that on August 11, 1960, [redacted] disavowed violence. Another source advised that on January 21, 1962, the new [redacted] disavowed violence. [redacted] is the [redacted] of the AAK. Another source stated the ritual used by OKKKK is taken from the "Kloran" of the Association of South Carolina Klans of the Ku Klux Klan (ASCK).

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Regarding the ASCK, the following is noted:

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the ASCK was organized in the fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). The source stated the ASCK is a new organization and not a re-birth of the ACK, although all high-ranking officials of the ASCK had been members of the ACK. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to combat integration of races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

A source advised on September 2, 1950, that the ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK), and although the ACK severed all connections with the AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. The ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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DIRECTOR, FBI 10/31/62

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THE TWIN CITY COMMITTEE TO WARN
OF THE ARRIVAL OF COMMUNIST
IMPORTS ON THE LOCAL BUSINESS
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

There are enclosed herewith six copies of a Letterhead Memorandum for the Bureau setting forth information concerning the above captioned committee.

In addition, two copies of this Letterhead Memorandum are being furnished the Miami Office for information concerning the National Committee to Warn of the Arrival of Communist Imports on the Local Business Scene.

Mr. [redacted] employed as an [redacted] man by the Standard Oil Company, 2800 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the source referred to in the enclosed Letterhead Memorandum. Mr. [redacted] voluntarily contacted the Minneapolis Office. b6 b7C b7D

The enclosed information is being furnished to the Bureau and Miami for information concerning the above group which has recently begun the dissemination of cards in retail outlets to discourage the sale of goods imported from communist countries.

Minneapolis Office indices are negative concerning the above captioned committee. Its [redacted] is identified as Mrs. [redacted] (Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-6-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted] NEW YORK

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By letter dated November 1st the captioned individual forwarded material sent to Project Alert, Box 392, Oyster Bay, New York, with a return address on the envelope of K. A. C., Box 3094, Los Angeles 54, California. Correspondent describes this material as hate literature, and it is noted that the Bureau's poster, "What You Can Do To Fight Communism," was included in this literature. The sentence, "Attack bigotry and prejudice wherever they appear; justice for all is the bulwark of democracy," was altered with the words CORE and NAACP written over the words bigotry and prejudice. The correspondent also states he is proud to have sold many, many copies of the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," and he follows this with the statement he is also proud to be a member of the John Birch Society.

Included among the enclosures was an item from "The Tablet" of 6-2-62 which reported that an anticommunist speaker banned from the campus of State University College at Oyster Bay, had been threatened with a libel suit if he continued to report the fact that he was banned. This article described Mr. [redacted] as this individual whose illustrated anticommunist talk was canceled without good reason. [redacted] penned the notation on this article, "Mr. Hoover, this is for those who do not believe in an internal threat!"

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By letter dated October 15th correspondent requested the Director's comments concerning the John Birch Society and was advised that the Bureau does not make evaluations.

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In view of the correspondent's irrational nature and the bigoted notations made on his enclosures, it is recommended no acknowledgment be made of this letter.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1-10-63

FROM [redacted] Legal Attaché, Madrid (163-117) (P.)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 1-8-63 [redacted] requested background information regarding the John Birch Society. Only limited information is available regarding this organization in the files of Legat, Madrid.

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It is accordingly requested that the Bureau furnish suitable background information, including identities of the officers, regarding the John Birch Society for dissemination to the Spanish authorities.

cc Rm 5117 RS [redacted]

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION

Reurlet 1/10/63.

In accordance with your request there are transmitted herewith an original and one copy of a memorandum setting forth background information concerning the John Birch Society and its founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. You may desire to make the enclosed copy available to your source.

In view of the fact the Bureau has not investigated the Society, a current list of national officers of the Society is not available.

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January 22, 1963

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The John Birch Society (JBS) and its founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., have not been investigated by this Bureau. The following information is set forth concerning JBS and Welch.

Background Concerning the Society

The Society was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts and was assigned Charter Number 624-300. The officers were listed as Robert Welch, President and Treasurer, and Ellen M. Lovett, Clerk (Secretary). The Directors were listed as Mary M. White, Robert Welch and Ellen M. Lovett. The Incorporators were listed as Robert Welch; Marian Probert Welch (wife of Robert Welch); Ellen M. Lovett; Mary M. White; Ellen Douglas Snow, also known as Mrs. Stanley Carman Snow, formerly Mrs. Alexander Gucker; Philip L. Jenkins; and Juliette D. Guild. All of the aforementioned are residents of the Boston, Massachusetts, area. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of this Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

According to newspaper accounts, JBS at the beginning of 1961 had chapters in approximately 35 states and it was estimated the Society might have 100,000 members by the end of 1961. According to a press announcement dated

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August 23, 1962, a representative of the Society in Los Angeles, California, stated on August 23, 1962, that the Society's national membership had more than doubled in the previous year. In a statement issued by the above representative it was reported that it was interesting to note the Society had enjoyed particularly heavy membership increases with "each national setback such as the Cuban situation, Katanga, Laos, the steel mandate, the stock market confusion and when the Society has been publicly attacked." According to the above release, a spokesman at the national headquarters of the Society declined to comment on the reported increase in membership or to state the number of members which the Society then had. The most pronounced activity on the part of Welch and the Society, in the past, in Welch's anticommunist campaign has been charges of communists being in high Government positions, including former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. One of the most recent major activities in this regard has been the calling for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court.

Background Concerning Welch

Information available to this Bureau discloses the last known office address of Welch as being 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, from which literature of the Society is mailed and distributed. Newspaper accounts have quoted Welch as stating that he is the absolute boss of the Society and as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss."

A description of the tactics employed by Welch in carrying on the activities of the Society is seen in the statement of Spruille Braden, the former United States Ambassador and a member of the Society's council, as quoted in an article on the Society which appeared in the press on March 30, 1961. In this article Braden stated he did not agree with Welch's charge against President Eisenhower; that Welch may exaggerate sometimes; but "When you're in a barroom brawl, no holds are barred. You don't fight by the Marquis of Queensberry rules."

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On November 20, 1961, Welch made a statement at a rally in Austin, Texas, that "A comparatively few thousand communists, concentrated in key departments" of the Government have taken the United States "steadily down the road to communism...." Welch was called upon to turn over to this Bureau the facts in his possession and the sources thereof which might establish that certain Government employees are members of the Communist Party; however, to date, Welch has not communicated with this Bureau to supply such information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (62-104401) DATE: Jan. 15, 1963

FROM: [redacted], Denver (62-1623)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
[redacted] COLORADO
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The Bureau has been furnished newspaper clippings regarding a feud developing in the small farming community of [redacted] Colorado, as a result of a signboard placed on property by [redacted] a farmer and native of the [redacted] area. The sign contains the following:

"Save Our Republic! Impeach Earl Warren.
For information write QCOC, [redacted] Colo.
Join - John Birch Society!"

On December 24, 1962, [redacted] attorney in Denver, Colorado, and a former Assistant U. S. Attorney, contacted this office and stated that [redacted] was in Denver and was fearful for his life and wanted to contact the FBI.

On December 26, 1962, [redacted] visited the Denver Office and advised he was the head of the John Birch Society at [redacted] and that as a result of his installing a sign, described above, he has received certain harassment. He stated that on four or five occasions unknown individuals had attempted to burn the sign and that on three occasions he had received a phone call from some unknown man who made sarcastic remarks. [redacted] said he would cooperate in any way with the FBI.

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Mr. [redacted] was specifically advised that if he is fearful for himself and his family and wanted protection for his property, he should contact the local law enforcement officials.

He stated he had contacted Sheriff E.G. ORMSBEE, Kit Carson County, Colorado. He stated he has not received any satisfaction from Sheriff ORMSBEE.

Mr. [redacted] was then told that perhaps he should contact his local district attorney. He stated that he would.

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The above is being furnished for the Bureau's information in order to record that there is a John Birch Society located in [redacted] Colorado. It is to be noted further from a newspaper clipping of the "Denver Post" dated December 20, 1962, that [redacted] told the newspaper reporter that there are from seven to fifteen members in the chapter in [redacted]

It is also reported in the December 20, 1962, issue of the "Denver Post" that DONALD V. VONDRA, who identified himself as the co-ordinator of the John Birch Society, stated there are approximately fifteen separate chapters of the John Birch Society in Colorado.

No investigation is being conducted regarding the John Birch Society; however, any information that comes to our attention is being maintained for future reference.

HARRY R. SHEPPARD
33rd DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

HOME ADDRESS:
YUCAIPA, CALIF.

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

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January 23, 1963

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

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DATE 6-13-86 BY SP4 [illegible]

Dear Ed:

Your book titled "A Study of Communism" was delivered to my office by Mr. Kemp yesterday. Thank you very much, Ed, for the courtesy extended.

I ~~personally~~ John feel that Communism is one of our outstanding problems and I am also interested in the type of internal threat this is presently emanating in the so-called Birch Society. They appear to be gaining in their membership which to me means a rather interesting psychological approach emanating from that group, that is, the creating of psychological distrust of our form of government by alleging that many departments of the government are controlled by Communists or Communist sympathizers. At least the Commies have told us that they intend to absorb us, destroy us, etc., but the Birchites are doing an extremely destructive internal psychological job. I often wonder where they get their funds to prosecute the costly operations they are conducting. I feel sure you and your Bureau are conversant with the entire picture.

I would like an opinion from you pertaining to that organization either officially or unofficially unless you feel it is not within your purview to express your comments pertaining to the Birchites.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover January 23, 1963

My compliments for the wonderful job you and your Bureau have always done and extending to you personally my best wishes for your continued success, I am

Yours cordially,

HARRY R. SHEPPARD, M. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-28-63

FROM : D. C. Morrell

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6/13/84 BY Sp4Eupre

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN HARRY R. SHEPPARD

Congressman Sheppard wrote January 22nd and thanked the Director for having delivered to his office a copy of "A Study of Communism." He stated that he feels communism is one of our outstanding problems but is also interested in the type of internal threat emanating from the so-called John Birch Society. He wonders where the Birchites get their funds and believes they are doing an extremely destructive internal psychological job. He is sure the Bureau is conversant with the entire picture and would like the Director's opinion pertaining to the organization either officially or unofficially unless the Director feels it is not within his purview to express such comments.

Congressman Sheppard extends his compliments for the wonderful job the Director and the FBI have always done and he extends to the Director best wishes for continued success.

Bufiles indicate that Congressman Sheppard (Democrat-California) was elected to the 75th Congress on 11-3-36, and re-elected to succeeding Congresses. Over the years our contact with him has been somewhat limited. He has expressed on occasion admiration for the FBI and the Director and was sent an autographed copy of "Masters of Deceit" for which he thanked the Director by letter dated 4-4-62. Inspector Edward C. Kemper delivered a copy of "A Study of Communism" to the Congressman on 1-22-63.

To a regular correspondent, we would advise of the confidential nature of FBI files pursuant to Department of Justice regulations and also that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

OBSERVATION:

Since our only reply to inquiries of this type is a negative reply, it is believed it could be handled more diplomatically through personal contact.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

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Morrell to DeLoach memo
Re: CONGRESSMAN HARRY R. SHEPPARD
1-28-63

RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach) office contact the Congressman or a member of his staff and orally acknowledge the letter to the Director. He should be thanked for his kind comments and best wishes and diplomatically advised of the confidential nature of Bureau files and the fact that we do not make evaluations. He should be further advised that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/8/63

: SAC, RICHMOND (100-9991) - C -

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SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING-
INTERNAL SECURITY

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DATE 6/13/86 BY [illegible]

Re SAC Letter Number 59-13 dated 3/10/59, requesting that information concerning the activities of WELCH be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

On 1/30/63, [redacted] b6 b7C Francis C. Hammond High School, Alexandria, Virginia, made available a picture post card, the face of which carries a glossy photograph of the U. N. Building, New York City and is captioned "The House That Hiss Built". A small gummed sticker is pasted on the front of the card and written on there is "get US out". The address side of the card carries the following legend: "On December 10, 1961, the forty-six civilian doctors of Elizabethville, Katanga, sent the following telegram to UN Acting Secretary-General U Thant: 'We regret your shameful lie that your mercenaries do not shoot at Red Cross vehicles. You will have a right to talk about such things when you have spent nights with us in our hospitals bombed by your faithless and lawless ruffians'.

By all means let's give Communist China a seat in the United Nations--our seat! And since we do not want the Red Chinese coming to New York, let's ask them to move UN headquarters to Peiping or Moscow where it really belongs. Get US out! Copyright 1962 by AMERICAN OPINION Belmont 78, Massachusetts".

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[redacted] stated that the seven cards received by the teachers of Hammond High School were all postmarked at Alexandria, Virginia, on January 3, 1963. The cards were sent anonymously and addressed to the following seven teachers: [redacted]

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The post card is being retained in the files of the Richmond Division. No further investigative action is contemplated in this matter UACB.

2/15/63

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EX-102 SEC-34 62-104401-1121

To: SAC, Miami

From: Director, FBI

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STUART, FLORIDA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 2/25/63

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter from captioned individual who cannot be identified in Bufiles.

You are instructed to have her contacted and her letter orally acknowledged. She should be advised we regret we are unable to help her in view of the confidential nature of Bureau files and since we do not make evaluations of organizations. She should be further advised that the FBI is not conducting an investigation of the John Birch Society.

Results are to be furnished, under above caption, to reach the Bureau no later than 2/25/63.

Enclosures (2)

Kelley memo attd 2/15/63

~~Follow-up made for 2/25/63~~

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FBI

Date: 2/23/63

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (80-1039) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MRS. JOHN H. SCHEIDEGGER
STUART, FLORIDA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6-13-86 BY 220,504

ReBuairtel, 2/15/63.

Indices of the Miami Division fail to reveal any reference identifiable with captioned individual.

On 2/21/63, Mrs. JOHN H. SCHEIDEGGER was contacted at her residence at Route 2, Box 420-D, Stuart, Fla., by SA [redacted] Her letter of 2/7/63 was acknowledged and she was advised that we regret we are unable to be of assistance in this matter in view of the confidential nature of Bureau files. She was also advised that the FBI does not make evaluations of organizations and that the FBI is not conducting an investigation of the John Birch Society. b6 b7C

Mrs. SCHEIDEGGER was very cordial and expressed appreciation for the prompt acknowledgement of her letter. She stated that she understands the reason that the files of the FBI must be confidential and indicated her respect for the Director and his organization. She said that the district president of the PTA had advised her of the proper manner in which to handle the issue of the John Birch Society should the occasion arise and she now feels that it will not be a problem.

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cc-Correspondence

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Agent in Charge

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Mrs. SCHEIDEGGER was advised that in the future if the FBI could be of any assistance within the scope of its jurisdiction, that we would appreciate hearing from her.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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TO : Director, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: Jan. 30, 1963

FROM : SAC, Denver (62-1623)

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SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION AND SALE OF DIRECTOR'S SPEECH; CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER, BOULDER, COLORADO
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY) JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

There is enclosed a leaflet entitled "We Are At War With This Sinister Conspiracy," which is the address of the Director of October 9, 1962. The last page of the publication reports that additional copies may be secured from the Citizens Information Center, P. O. Box 1085, Boulder, Colorado. It is noted that copies are being sold, ten copies for $1.00, and at reduced rates for greater number of copies. This leaflet was furnished to SA [redacted] along with a newsletter published by JIM LEOFFLER, Stratton, Colorado. It is noted that LEOFFLER is publicly known as the head of the John Birch Society at Stratton, Colo.

LYNN BELL, Post Office Inspector, Denver, Colorado, advised on January 14, 1962, that P. O. Box 1085 was requested on February 7, 1962, by [redacted] Citizens Information Center; 1707 Pearl Street, Boulder, Colorado.

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[redacted] advised January 14, 1962, that a telephone was installed at 1707 Pearl Street, Boulder, in May, 1962, and was discontinued in October, 1962, for nonpayment of charges. The Telephone Company records reflect that the following four individuals were connected with this particular phone located at 1707 Pearl in the name of the Citizens Information Center:

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DN 62-1623

[redacted] AFFILIATED WITH CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER COLO.

It is to be noted that the Citizens Information Center is a small book store in the building which houses the [redacted] in Boulder.

Established source [redacted] COLO. b6 b7C b7D

BOULDER, COLO. AFFILIATED WITH CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER

The Boulder City Directories reflect that [redacted]

COLO. AFFILIATED WITH CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER

Established source [redacted]

DON V. VONDRA

DONALD V. VONDRA is the publicly known co-ordinator of the John Birch Society in the State of Colorado.

It appears, therefore, that individuals connected with the John Birch Society are selling the enclosed Director's speech under the name of the Citizens Information Center.

CONNECTED WITH PIONEER SERVICE, INC.

If the records of the Bureau reflect that this organization has not been authorized to print and sell the Director's speeches, it is recommended that the Denver Office be authorized to contact the officials of the Citizens Information Center and advise them that the printing and sale of the Director's speeches must cease immediately.

2-6-63

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To: SAC, Denver (62-1623)

From: Director, FBI
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CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
POST OFFICE BOX 1085
BOULDER, COLORADO
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED 2-15-63

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Reurlet 1-30-63 regarding the unauthorized publication and sale of my address at Las Vegas, Nevada, October 9, 1962, by the above-captioned organization.

Bufiles contain no record that the Citizens Information Center, Boulder, Colorado, or any of the individuals associated with it, as identified in the reference communication, have received permission to reprint my Las Vegas address of October 9, 1962. Consequently, as indicated in your communication, representatives of your office should immediately contact appropriate officials of the Citizens Information Center and request they desist from selling copies of my address as indicated on the last page of their reprint. They should also be informed that the FBI would appreciate knowing, as a common courtesy, that they are reprinting copies of my addresses. In the past, the FBI has given permission to nonprofit citizen groups to reprint copies of my remarks in connection with their endeavors of public service. However, the FBI has always refrained from extending such cooperation to organizations of a commercial nature.

The results of your inquiry should reach the Bureau prior to 2-15-63. [redacted]

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the Citizens Information Center, Boulder, Colorado. There is no additional information regarding the individuals mentioned in the Denver letter of 1-30-63 to that data already set out by the Denver Office.

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FBI

Date: 2/13/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

From: SAC, DENVER (62-1623) (C)

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
POST OFFICE BOX 1085 1017 PEARL ST., BOULDER, COLO.
BOULDER, COLORADO
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re Denver letter 1/30/63, and Buairtel 2/6/63.

In accordance with Bureau instructions set forth in reBuairtel, SA's [redacted] and KENNETH BRIDENSTINE contacted SHERIDAN McMORRIS, 2980 Washington St., Boulder, Colo. Mr. McMORRIS advised he is employed at the Pioneer Service, Inc. located at 8th and Pearl Sts., Boulder. He advised that he is one of four men who organized and control the Citizens Information Center located at 1707 Pearl St., Boulder. He stated that [redacted] and [redacted] the other organizers of the Citizens Information Center, were not in Boulder on that date.

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Copy of the Director's speech before the American Legion 10/9/62, as printed by the Citizens Information Center, was displayed to Mr. McMORRIS. He was advised that the Citizens Information Center should desist from selling copies of this address as indicated on the last page of this reprint. He was further advised that the FBI has given permission to nonprofit citizen groups to reprint copies of the Director's remarks in connection with their endeavors of public service; however, the FBI has always refrained from extending such cooperation to organizations of a commercial nature.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Mr. McMORRIS stated that the Citizens Information Center was organized by himself and the three men mentioned above for the purpose of acquainting the citizens of Boulder and Colorado with the dangers of Communism. He stated they have the greatest respect for Mr. HOOVER and after they had read his speech given before the American Legion on 10/9/62, it was their belief that the speech should be read by as many Americans as possible. McMORRIS stated that they decided, rather than asking the FBI to provide them with copies of the speech, to reprint the speech and distribute it to as many people as possible. He stated they set forth the price of the speech for the purpose of recovering only that amount which would cover the expenses of printing and distributing the speech. McMORRIS stated that the thought did not occur to them that they should first secure permission from the Director prior to distributing and printing his speech. He stated it was not their intention to sell this particular pamphlet; however, he now realizes that one would get the impression that the speech was being sold. He stated that he, and he is sure his associates, would not do anything which would cause Mr. HOOVER to look with disfavor upon their efforts to enlighten the American people about Communism.

McMORRIS stated that they would immediately desist from selling copies of this address. He stated they have approximately 500 or 600 copies of this leaflet available and that they would neither sell nor distribute the leaflet even free of charge without first contacting the Director and securing his permission for the free distribution of the speech. He stated further that the Citizens Information Center would not distribute any additional speeches of the Director without first securing permission for same.

Mr. McMORRIS was asked if the Citizens Information Center was controlled by the John Birch Society and he replied in the negative. He was not asked whether or not he and his associates were members of the John Birch Society.

It is possible that Mr. McMORRIS will correspond with the Director directly to determine whether or not the Director would give the Citizens Information Center permission to distribute this leaflet free of charge. It is suggested the Bureau may desire to allow the Citizens Information Center to distribute this leaflet free of charge if they indicate on the last page of the leaflet that the leaflet is being distributed free of charge and is not for sale.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-7-63

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: "FULL CIRCLE,"
NOVEL BY GRACE LUMPKIN

Above captioned novel was sent to the Director from "American Opinion," Belmont 78, Massachusetts. The Editor and Director of "American Opinion" is Robert H. Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. Bufiles contain no record identifiable with either the novel or the publishers, Western Islands Publishers. In 1953 Grace Lumpkin voluntarily advised the New York Division that she had been a communist sympathizer at one time, although never a card-carrying member, and stated that she gave up her communist activities in the late 1930s. No investigation has been conducted regarding Lumpkin.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that the book was forwarded from Robert H. Welch's organization, that it not be acknowledged. The book will be routed to the Central Research Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division for review.

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TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: March 21, 1963

FROM : R. W. Smith

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SUBJECT: "FULL CIRCLE"
NOVEL BY GRACE LUMPKIN
BOOK REVIEW
(CENTRAL RESEARCH)

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DATE 6/16/86 BY

Re Morrell to DeLoach memorandum 3/7/63, concerning captioned book which was sent to the Director from "American Opinion," Belmont 78, Massachusetts. The Editor and Director of "American Opinion" is Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

Captioned book was reviewed, and, although its subject matter concerns a fictional story about communist activities, the book contains only one passing reference to the FBI, indicating that the FBI has investigative jurisdiction in subversive matters (p. 26). The book is not critical of the FBI.

Grace Lumpkin - NY

According to the author the characters and incidents in the book are composites created from life and experience; however, "the truth is here for those willing to open their hearts and minds to receive it."

From a technical point of view, the book is well written and is one which will be praised by those who support the author's views or condemned by those holding contrary opinions. Basically, the author's theme is that although America's heritage is one with a theistic orientation, there is a present day trend in our society away from this heritage toward an equalitarian, humanistic view which idolizes man and his social welfare. By use of dialogue, the author uses quotations and ideas from Marx and Lenin to demonstrate that many of the trends of our society are possibly linked to communist ideology. The book points out that while the founding fathers were deeply religious and believed in public acknowledgement of a Creator, the present day trend is to abolish all forms of religion in the public life of the country. The author allows some of the novel's characters to be critical of the United Nations and Supreme Court decisions concerning religious education and prayer.

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1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1- 62-46855
1-Mr. Smith
1-Miss [redacted]
1-Section tickler
1-Mr. Huelskamp
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Book detached and filed in Behavioral Library 3/26/63

Memo Smith to Sullivan
Re: "FULL CIRCLE," NOVEL BY GRACE LUMPKIN, BOOK REVIEW

According to Bureau files, Grace Lumpkin has publicly acknowledged that she was an active supporter of the Communist Party in the 1930's and subject to communist discipline although not an actual member of the party. She has not been investigated by the FBI although she has been interviewed concerning her knowledge of communist activities. Miss Lumpkin claims she broke with the communists during the period 1939-41.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For information.

2. That the enclosed copy of "Full Circle" be maintained in the Bureau Library.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 5, 1963

Sent to the Director from American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. MOHR
MR. CASPER
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CONRAD
MR. DEVLOACH
MR. EVANS
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN
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ENCLOSURE 62-104401

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/28/63

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-13536)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
CINCINNATI, OHIO

On 3/18/63, [redacted] Avenue, Cincinnati 38, Ohio, telephonically contacted this Office and advised that she was a member of a group which planned to have a Communist Seminar on 4/4/63, which seminar was to be held at the offices of the United Savings Association, 4980 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati. She said at the seminar a film was to be shown entitled, "Our American Heritage", and there was also to be a transcription of a tape of a talk by DEAN MANION. She said that there would be approximately about 75 persons at the meeting, and she wondered if this Office could furnish any literature on Communism which could be passed out at the meeting. When asked what group was holding the meeting, she hesitated and then stated that it was the John Birch Society. She was advised that this Office did not have any literature of the type she desired.

The 1962 Cincinnati City Directory listed a [redacted], as residents of [redacted] At this same residence, the Cincinnati City Directory also listed [redacted] widow of [redacted] for the William S. Merrell Company.

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The Cincinnati indices do not contain any information identifiable with any of the persons residing at [redacted] Avenue as listed in the City Directory.

No further action will be taken by Cincinnati regarding matter.

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The above is being furnished for Bureau indexing in case request for literature should be received from any of these persons.

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Date 4/19/63

To

XXX Director, FBI(RM)
Att. Domestic Intelligence Division

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Title JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information are three leaflets being circulated by the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. The Traverse City, Michigan, Police Department furnished these leaflets to the Detroit Office.

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Leaflet

How much longer will the American people stand idly by while their constitutional rights and freedoms are bartered away through secret treaties and United Nations commitments made without their knowledge or consent?

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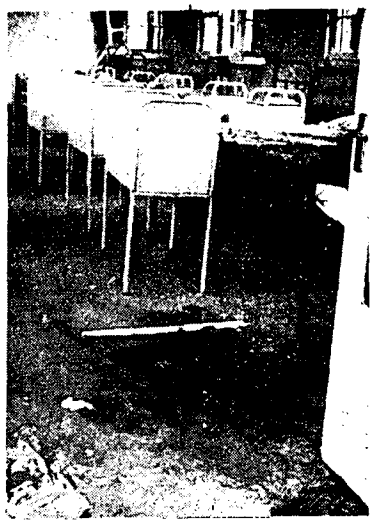
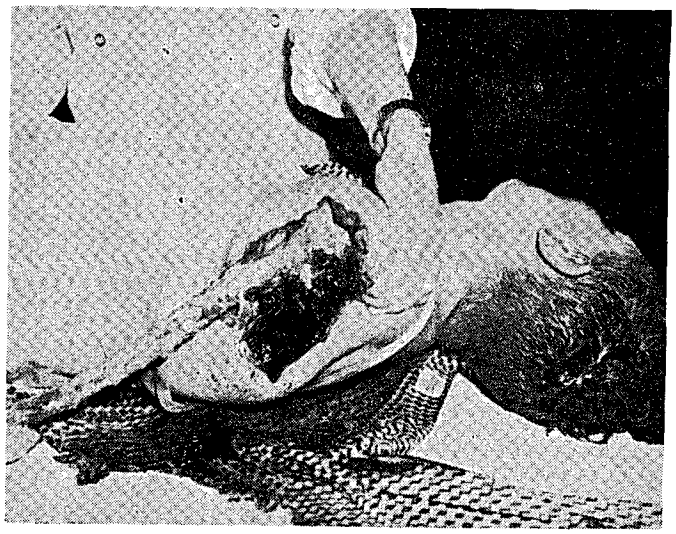
An african baby wounded by U.N. mortar fire.



Some views of the aerial bombardment of Shinkolobwe hospital by the U.N. Bottom right, the maternity ward where eight African mothers were wounded and a visiting two years old infant was killed.



Mr. Guy DE DEKEN, assassinated by U.N.

Father Michel's Lancia burned out by bazooka fire from a U.N. Swedish armoured car.

This is "Peace"

LEAFLET

under the United Nations

These photographs show only a few of the many hundred documented cases of atrocities committed upon the civilian population of Katanga by UNITED NATIONS troops financed by your taxes!

AMERICA, WAKE UP!

You are being sold out to a communist controlled One World dictatorship by traitors in your own government.

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This is "Freedom"

LEAFLET

under the United Nations

According to the United States constitution only Congress has the right to declare war. At least that used to be true but not any more. In 1945 the Senate of the United States ratified the United Nations Charter as a treaty obligation. This act deprived all citizens of this nation of all their constitutional rights and privileges. The United States Supreme Court has declared that Treaty Law supersedes Constitutional Law. Thus, American boys were sent to fight in Korea, not under the American flag, but under the United Nations Banner.

After the armistice the red Chinese admitted they still held 988 American soldiers prisoner. Many have died in communist slave camps but 463 of our service men are still there today. What is our government doing to get them released? Nothing! Why not? Because legally these men are no longer American soldiers-- they are United Nations soldiers. As such they have been deprived of the most fundamental right of free men-- the protection of their own constitution.

AMERICA, WAKE UP!

You are being sold out to a communist controlled
One World dictatorship by traitors in your own government.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 4/23/63

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)(C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 4/19/63, [redacted] HCUA, furnished the Los Angeles Division with a manuscript copy of a forthcoming booklet captioned "Kangaroo Court versus the John Birch Society" written by A. J. MAC DONALD. The Los Angeles Division has previously furnished information to the Bureau concerning Mr. MAC DONALD, who is the executive officer of Citizens United for America, Inc. (LA 62-4943).

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[redacted] advised that the article attributed to A. J. MAC DONALD was ghostwritten by OLIVER CARLSON.

The 32-page booklet will be published with funds furnished by PAUL H. "TEX" ALBERT, who is a member of the National Board of the John Birch Society.

U.S.A.

A photostatic copy of the booklet is being furnished to the Bureau for general information, and the original is being returned to [redacted] The Bureau's attention is respectfully directed to pages 16 and 17 wherein comments are made concerning the FBI and Director HOOVER.

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The foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for information.

A photostatic copy of the booklet is being retained in the files of the Los Angeles Office, and no further action is contemplated by the Los Angeles Office at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/19

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (100-0-5734)

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SUB: SPEECH MATTERS
(ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS)

Woodrow P. Bell

SA MAURICE E. MURPHY reported that on 3/28/63 he was telephonically contacted by Mr. WOODROW (WOODY) BELL, who operates a TV Service Shop at 1622 Harding Road, Des Moines, Iowa. BELL said that he and ROBERT DILLEY, leader of the John Birch Society in Des Moines, had conferred and had decided to request, by letter, that the Director make a speech before their group at Des Moines on or about 7/4/63. BELL said he had heard the Director make a speech before an insurance group and it was the greatest he had ever heard.

BELL and DILLEY sponsored a meeting addressed by General EDWIN WALKER and Reverend BILLY HARGIS at the Hoyt-Sherman Auditorium in Des Moines on 3/22/63.

BELL has telephoned SA MURPHY consistently during the past two months, usually to report something he had received and read from the John Birch or other right-wing group, warning of general Communist activities.

Files of the Omaha office reflect the following information concerning BELL and DILLEY:

BELL, by letter dated 6/13/62, advised the Omaha office that he was ordering two subscriptions to "The Worker" to be sent to WOODROW P. BELL, 1622 Harding Road, Des Moines, Iowa, and to Iowa for Effective Citizens, 533 6th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

DILLEY has been prominent in local press since the autumn of 1961 as a spokesman for the John Birch Society and he has claimed to have been instrumental in the formation of two chapters of the Birch Society in Des Moines, being chapter leader of one. He had engaged in debates on subjects of the John Birch Society and Communism and the most

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newsworthy debate was reported in the "Des Moines Tribune" on 3/2/63. This publication reflected that DILLEY, before a standing-room only crowd at Drake University, opposed FRANK WILKINSON, field representative of the National Committee, to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee. In addition, DILLEY has been an unsuccessful candidate for the City Council.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau in the event BELL or DILLEY request the Director to speak before their group in Des Moines at any time in the future.

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To: SAC, Tampa

From: Director, FBI

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CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 5-13-63

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Enclosed are two copies of a letter from captioned individual. You will recall that by airtel dated 8-3-62, you recommended that I comply with correspondent's request for reprint material in volume. The literature sent him consisted of 500 copies of "Let's Fight Communism Sanely!" and 100 copies each of "A View of Reality," "Do You Really Understand Communism?," "Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It" and "The Deadly Duel."

For your information, "The Politician" by Robert Welch was reviewed at the Bureau in January, 1960. At that time it had not been published but was being distributed to friends by the author who is the founder of the John Birch Society. The book is a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of former President Eisenhower.

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Airtel SAC Tampa
Re: [redacted] b6 b7C

In view of correspondent's opinion that distribution of this book would be all right, I do not desire to encourage his distribution of Bureau literature. You are instructed to have him contacted and his letter orally acknowledged. He should be advised that I am unable to comment concerning "The Politician" since the FBI does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any publication. He should be tactfully advised that the material furnished him was that considered most appropriate for reproduction and distribution by private agencies and we regret we are unable to furnish him with additional material.

Results are to be furnished, under above caption, to reach the Bureau by 5-13-63.

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that correspondent was written 8-15-62 and advised that the material listed above would be furnished him under separate cover. Bufiles contain no further identifying information and the literature was sent to him at the request of the Tampa Office who advised that there was no derogatory information concerning correspondent and recommended complying with his request.

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Date: 5/10/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (94-60)(RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE & TOURS)
BUDED: 5/13/63

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ReBuairtel, 5/3/63, advising of [redacted] inquiry concerning "The Politician" by ROBERT WELCH and request for the Director's opinion on the book.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, [redacted] was contacted on 5/9/63, by SA [redacted] and his communication to the Bureau acknowledged. [redacted] was advised the FBI does not evaluate publications and the Director does not comment on the character or integrity of a publication or an author. b6 b7C

[redacted] related he understands the Bureau's position in this regard, but had, in reading a copy of the book, question as to the extreme position taken and hoped he might gain counsel from the Director, whom he admires greatly.

[redacted] stated he has completed the book and will not make any distribution through the bank. He volunteered his opinion that he does not believe ROBERT WELCH could possibly have creditable sources for the statements he makes.

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[redacted] stated many complimentary statements had been received on the Bureau material distributed and he does not wish use of any controversial work as WELCH's book which might undo the good accomplished.

[redacted] was advised that presently there is nothing other than the material he has already received which would be appropriate for distribution by the bank. [redacted] stated he will some time in the future recontact the Bureau when he learns of some publication by the Director which will fit into the bank's program.

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[redacted] was most cordial in the course of the interview and indicated appreciation of the Bureau's position.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

[redacted] TO : The Director DATE: 5/22/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 8529-8532. Senator Hickey, (R) Wyoming, spoke concerning the recently stepped up campaign of the John Birch Society and other radical rightwing groups in the Mountain States of the West. He included a series of articles written by John Rocha and published in the Washington Post. Mr. [redacted] comments on the small number of Birch Society members in the Western States and stated "In Utah, for example, estimates of Birch Society membership range from 500 to 1,500, and this in a State where Salt Lake City mayor and former Gov. J. Bracken Lee and former Salt Lake City Police Chief W. Cleon Skousen--as well as the Beeson father-and-son team--have been currently preaching rightwing extremism for several years."

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[redacted] was employed by the [redacted] as a messenger on October 24, 1939; appointed as a Special Agent on June 17, 1940, and resigned on October 6, 1951. His services were satisfactory).

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[redacted] inal of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional 5/21/63 was reviewed and pertinent items were the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that f a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: [redacted] DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/24/63

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FROM: [redacted] SAC, LAS VEGAS (12-0) (C)

SUBJECT: SYNANON;
Dr. JOHN H. DETAR, M.D.;
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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This office received, on 4/26/63, a paper-bound booklet entitled "A STUDY OF SYNANON" by JOHN H. DETAR, M.D., 190 Mill Street, Reno, Nevada, price 50¢ per single copy, 25¢ per copy for three or more. The cover page indicates that this booklet was published in March, 1963.

The booklet traces the history of Synanon with the stated purpose of enabling the reader to understand the purposes methods, and philosophy behind the Synanon movement. Reference material is limited to publications which have been distributed or published by supporters of Synanon, or Synanon, Inc. Comments about these publications are drawn from official governmental investigating committee reports.

The booklet states that Synanon was established as an organization for the treatment of drug addiction, first in Santa Monica, California, then in Reno, Nevada, and Westport, Connecticut. It adds that it uses a group method, such as has been found therapeutic in treatment of alcoholic addiction, but carried further by encouragement of the member to conform to the abstinence-ideal of his fellows, who are expected to associate with him as much as possible, and to inform the group of any slips by the member subject to censure by the group for failure to so report.

The author points out that the supporters of Synanon and its methods propose to obtain sufficient support from government that in the future, criminals will be forced, in lieu of other punishment by the courts, to join such groups. He adds that they appear to envision the extension, to the entire society, of such group organization to achieve "sociometric re-orientation" of individuals so that a psychiatric empire will emerge gradually and spread over the globe, with "social scientists, psychiatrists, sociatrists and sociometrically oriented socialists" taking the place of politicians.

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The author indicates that there is a parallel between (1) the organization and methods of Synanon, and brain-washing techniques of communism. He cites state and Federal investigating committee records to indicate that writers of publications distributed or published by supporters of Synanon are sympathetic to, or connected with the international communist movement.

The author concludes, "That many persons of communist or communist front persuasion have lent their assistance and their names to Synanon is not evidence that Synanon was created by the communist conspiracy. Rather, the evidence indicates that the ...complex can be used and usurped by the communists. It is not the province of this author to perform the functions of a duly consitituted governmental investigating agency...."

"If there is evidence of communist affectation of Synanon, this evidence can by obtained by the appropriate investigative body."

For the information of the Bureau, Dr. DETAR was defeated in a municipal primary election held in Reno, Nevada, during May, 1963.

During and after the campaign Dr. DETAR was accused of, and readily admitted, membership in the John Birch Society.

The above information is furnished for the information of the Bureau. No further action is contemplated, UACB.

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FBI

Date: 6/3/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-3727)

POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADLAI STEVENSON, 6/7/63, AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Letterhead memorandum captioned as above is enclosed herewith.

The above letterhead memorandum deals with information furnished by U. S. Attorney THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, Tenn., 6/3/63, about possible demonstrations on the part of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY when U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations ADLAI STEVENSON makes a talk at the Memphis Municipal Airport at 2:30 p.m., 6/7/63. This talk is in connection with ceremonies incident to the opening of the new Memphis Airport.

Mr. ROBINSON wanted to know what action the FBI could take with respect to the demonstrations. He was informed that the FBI could not take any action with respect to the demonstrations. Mr. ROBINSON pointed out that he had discussed this with the U. S. Secret Service representatives and these representatives likewise told him they could not take any action.

Mr. ROBINSON is discussing his information with the Chief of Police, Memphis, Tenn., and with the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis.

This is being called to the attention of the Bureau for information in the event the U. S. Attorney should communicate with the Department and the Department in turn should contact the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1104 Sterick Building
Memphis, Tennessee
June 3, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
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POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADLAI STEVENSON, JUNE 7, 1963, AIRPORT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

United States Attorney THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, Tennessee, has received information from one of the officials handling the dedication ceremonies at the new Memphis, Tennessee Airport during the week beginning June 3, 1963, and ending June 8, 1963, that there are to be demonstrations against ADLAI STEVENSON, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, when he makes a talk at the Memphis Municipal Airport at 2:30 p.m., June 7, 1963.

The demonstrations allegedly are to be conducted by members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

United States Attorney ROBINSON has furnished the above information to the Chief of Police, Memphis, Tennessee, and to the Sheriff of Shelby County, Memphis.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-5-63

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Captioned individual wrote and stated he had visited Cut Bank, Montana, and there had been considerable discussion regarding Harvey Matusow. Matusow has alleged that Senator Mansfield was a communist sympathizer and that Matusow knows of this since he (Matusow) had been a communist at the time. These accusations were allegedly made during one of the Senator's campaigns and Matusow's public accusations were interrupted by his arrest by the FBI. Fred Barrett, Democratic State Chairman, has alleged that [redacted] leader of the John Birch Society in Glacier County, had brought Matusow into the county for the specific purpose of defaming Senator Mansfield. This television station would like to schedule a TV debate on this issue during August and desires any available background material on Matusow.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent or his TV station. Our relations with Senator Mansfield have been cordial. He is the Senate Majority Leader and we have no information that he has been sympathetic to communism. [redacted] was a contact of the Butte Office for several years and is past Executive National Committeeman of The American Legion. He has taken a great interest in Americanism and claims to have one of the most complete personal libraries on communism in Montana. During The American Legion Convention at Atlantic City in 1957 he apparently met the Director briefly and shook hands. He has been sent reprint material from time to time and wrote a most complimentary letter to the Director 11-25-62. This letter was acknowledged and he was placed on the Special Correspondents' List. In April, 1963, we received 2 newspaper items which were reprints of the March, 1960, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin Introduction in which bore the legend "published through the courtesy of [redacted] Regional Coordinator of the John Birch Society." The Butte Office contacted [redacted] and told him that Bureau reprint material cannot be used to indicate support of any organization. He was apologetic and advised that he had been traveling throughout Montana and Wyoming on behalf of the John Birch Society. He felt the John Birch Society was "best qualified to combat" communism and leftist groups. He has been deleted from the Special Correspondents' List.

~~1 - Mr. Tolson~~
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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~~CORRESPONDENCE~~

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Morrell to DeLoach
Re: [redacted]

Harvey Matusow [redacted] in 1950. He appeared as a Government witness in the cases against Clinton Edward Jenks and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, et al. He subsequently recanted his testimony and was later indicted for perjury in the Southern District of New York on 7-13-55 in connection with an affidavit submitted by him in the Flynn case and his testimony during the hearing on the motion for a new trial in that case. He was convicted 9-26-56 and sentenced to 5 years 9-28-56. The Court of Appeals affirmed his conviction and the Supreme Court denied certiorari.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That attached airtel be forwarded to the Butte Office instructing that correspondent be contacted, advised of the confidential nature of Bufiles and also advised of the information concerning Matusow's conviction for perjury which is a matter of public court record.

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(2) That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach) office contact Senator Mansfield or his Administrative Assistant and advise them of the details of the letter we have received and the allegations Matusow allegedly made. Senator Mansfield should also be advised of Matusow's conviction for perjury.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 11345-11347. Senator Kuchel, (R) California, pointed out that several weeks ago the Sacramento (California) State College held a forum on the John Birch Society. He included an address delivered on this occasion by Mr. Leonard V. Finder, editor and publisher of the Sacramento Union. The subject of the address was "The John Birch Society Philosophy and Program." Mr. Finder stated "By now it should be clear what is Mr. Welch's purpose: to substitute the John Birch Society for duly elected government, with Welch as the absolute authoritative head. - - - We are not to trust our Armed Forces to defend us from communism abroad; we are not to have confidence in people whose records were scrutinized when they sought election; we are not to rely on the FBI or Senate committees or the local police authorities or others to stop the Communists domestically. We are to trust none of them--only the John Birch Society."

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /100-59001/

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

THE JULY SIXTEEN INSTANT ISSUE OF THE DAILY ENTERPRISE, A RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, DAILY NEWSPAPER, FEATURES AN ARTICLE THAT JOHN ROUSSELOT, FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN, DESCRIBED AS A JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ORGANIZER FOR SIX WESTERN STATES, SPOKE IN RIVERSIDE JULY FIFTEEN LAST. ROUSSELOT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE THE BIRCH SPONSORED PUBLIC ADDRESS LISTS SEVEN ~~QUOTE~~ "GOOD CONSERVATIVE POSSIBILITIES" ~~UNQUOTE~~ FOR THE REPUBLICAN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT. HE STATES SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER OF ARIZONA WOULD BE ~~QUOTE~~ "BEST BUT HE-S NOT THE ONLY CONSERVATIVE WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED" ~~UNQUOTE~~. ROUSSELOT LISTS THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES - EX AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EZRA TAFT BENSON - REPRESENTATIVE H. R. GROSS, IOWA - SENATOR JOHN ~~POWER~~ TOWER, REPUBLICAN - BRUCE ALGER, TEXAS - FBI CHIEF J. EDGAR HOOVER -

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AND EX SENATOR WILLIAM KNOWLAND OF CALIFORNIA. ROUSSELOT IS QUOTED AS STATING THE BIRCH SOCIETY IS ~~QUOTE~~ "AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND DOES NOT ENDORSE CANIDATES.

HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE SOCIETY IS ~~QUOTE~~ "GROWING RAPIDLY IN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA, ALMOST MORE RAPIDLY THAT IN ANY OTHER AREA." ~~UNQUOTE~~. HE DECLINED TO RESPOND TO A QUESTION ON MEMBERSHIP BUT QUOTED FOUNDER ROBERT WELCH AS SAYING THE SOCIETY HAS ~~QUOTE~~ "LESS THAN ONE MILLION MEMBERS" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND ASSERTED THAT ~~QUOTE~~ "THIRTYFIVE PER CENT OF ALL MEMBERS IN CALIFORNIA ARE DEMOCRATS!" ~~UNQUOTE~~, AND IS QUOTED AS CALLING THE ~~QUOTE~~ "SO-CALLED DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN RED CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION AS OVER PLAYED." ~~UNQUOTE~~.

CONCERNING THE BIRCH SOCIETY-S EFFORTS TO HAVE SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN IMPEACHED, ROUSSELOT SAID ~~QUOTE~~ "THE MOVEMENT IS GAINING STRENGTH DAY BY DAY ALL OVER THE COUNTRY" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND ADDED THAT BILLBOARDS CALLING FOR WARREN-S IMPEACHMENT ~~QUOTE~~ "SIMPLY ATTRACT ATTENTION TO THE MOVEMENT." ~~UNQUOTE~~.

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THE FOREGOING ARTICLE AND INTERVIEW CARRIES THE BY-LINE OF ALICE NAUMAN, DAILY ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 8/14/63

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., CHAPTER
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

On 8/13/63, [redacted] Fayetteville Observer, a daily newspaper published at Fayetteville, N. C., confidentially advised SA LACY M. WALTHALL, JR., that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which for some time has had a dormant chapter in Fayetteville, held a meeting within the past two weeks at which time the following individual was elected "head" or President of the local unit:

[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
Employed: [redacted] Tidewater Natural Gas Co.,
539 Hay St., Fayetteville

He further advised the following are also reported to be members of the above organization:

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[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
Employed: Huske Hardware House, [redacted]
405 Hay St., Fayetteville

[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville

[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
Employee of Radio Station WFAI
1100 Ramsey St., Fayetteville

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[redacted]
[redacted] Fayetteville
(Retired U. S. Army)

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[redacted] Fayetteville
[redacted] Insurance & Realty Co.,
2617 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville

[redacted] Fayetteville
[redacted] Radio Station WFAI
1100 Ramsey St., Fayetteville

[redacted] Fayetteville
[redacted] Hercules Steel Co., Inc.
701 King St., Fayetteville

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Any additional information regarding the members or activities of the above organization received through established sources or public sources will be furnished to the Bureau by Charlotte.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 16, 1963

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

The Congressional Record for Thursday, August 15, 1963, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

HOUSE

The proceedings of the House contain nothing of interest to the Bureau.

Adjournment: Until Monday, August 19, 1963, at 12 noon.

SENATE

Pages 14363-14365. Senator Young, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning the John Birch Society and other such organizations. He stated "I believe that the radical right today is an even deadlier threat to our democratic traditions and institutions than are American adherents to communism. - - - It is estimated that today there are fewer than 10,000 Communist Party members in the Nation. Of this total number—8,000 to 10,000 estimated by Director J. Edgar Hoover—I assert a considerable number are in reality counteragents—loyal Americans—who report regularly to our Nation's FBI or CIA. Although the danger from internal communism has been lessening, the radicals of the right—in Europe they would be called Fascists—now pose a dangerous threat in trying to destroy the civil liberties and institutions which are the foundations of freedom. They accuse everyone who disagrees with their brand of 'Americanism' of being a Communist or Communist sympathizer." Mr. Young also comments on the leaders of these organizations. He went on to state "Speaking of the radical right, J. Edgar Hoover, warned that—'Attributing every adversity to communism

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1 - Mr. Sullivan - with enclosure
1 - Mr. D. C. Morrell - with enclosure

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is not only irrational but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears. * * * The way to fight it is to study it, understand it and discover what can be done about it. * * * This is neither the time for inaction nor vigilante action.'"

Adjournment: Until Monday. August 19, 1963, at 12 noon.

APPENDIX

There is nothing in the Appendix of interest to the Bureau.

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August 21, 1963

[redacted]

Fremont, California

Dear [redacted]

When I returned to the office, I read the letter of August 10th from you and your husband. It was certainly thoughtful of you to comment as you did regarding my work, and I want you to know of my appreciation.

I am enclosing several articles which I hope you will find of interest; however, budgetary limitations will preclude my sending the amount you requested. For your information, there is no charge for any of the material this Bureau distributes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Since [redacted] were not identifiable in Bufiles, the San Francisco Office was instructed to make the appropriate background inquiries. By radiogram of 8/19/63 the San Francisco Office advised that [redacted] had contacted that office on several occasions requesting reprint material. The San Francisco Office has determined that correspondent is the head of the John Birch Society in Fremont; and a source of the San Francisco Office described [redacted] as an uneducated individual, very autocratic and argumentative. In view of this it is not felt that [redacted] should be sent any of our material in volume.

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"An American's Challenge" 10/9/62
Statement on Communism, 7/15/62
Why Reds Make Friends with Businessmen
"The Faith To Be Free" 12/7/61

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URGENT 8-19-63
TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC SAN FRANCISCO 192316

"CHANGED" [redacted] FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS). b6 b7C

TITLE CHANGED TO SET FORTH FULL NAME OF [redacted] AS DISCLOSED BY OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER [redacted]

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SAN FRANCISCO FILES REFLECT THAT THE [redacted] HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THIS OFFICE IN AUGUST, 1962, THAT THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE; WERE INTERESTED IN FIGHTING COMMUNISM; AND REQUESTED ANY AVAILABLE LITERATURE ON THE SUBJECT. [redacted] AGAIN CONTACTED THE OFFICE IN OCTOBER, 1962 AND STATED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF AN ANTI-COMMUNIST STUDY GROUP AND HAD SUBSCRIBED TO THE DW NEWSPAPER FOR STUDY PURPOSES AND WANTED THIS FACT MADE A MATTER OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE.

CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER EAST BAY, HAYWARD AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DISCLOSED THAT [redacted] IS EMPLOYED AS AN ELECTRICIAN FOR [redacted] ELECTRIC COMPANY, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA, AND RESIDENT OF [redacted] FREMONT, CALIFORNIA. DISCLOSES SEVERAL SMALL COLLECTION ITEMS DELINQUENT.

FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE.

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSES [redacted] ARRESTED [redacted] ON TRAFFIC VIOLATION (DRIVING ON SUSPENDED LICENSE); FINED $53, WHICH FINE WAS PAID [redacted] [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] INSTANT THAT [redacted] [redacted] FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, IS THE "HEAD OF THE BIRCH SOCIETY CHAPTER IN FREMONT, CALIFORNIA." THIS SOURCE b6 b7C b7D

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DESCRIBED [redacted] AS AN UNEDUCATED INDIVIDUAL, VERY AUTOCRATIC AND ARGUMENTIVE.

SAN FRANCISCO RECOMMENDS THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE REQUEST NOT BE COMPLIED WITH IN VIEW OF HIS AFFILIATION WITH THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND HIS GENERAL REPUTATION BASED ON INFORMATION FROM [redacted]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-16-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
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The captioned individual wrote a letter to the editor of "Rockford Morning Star" which appeared on October 5, 1963. It attributed a remark to the Director, "the irresponsible Birch Society hinders our fight against communism." A reader, [redacted] forwarded the published letter to the Director indicating he knew Mr. Hoover never made such a statement. The reader's letter was acknowledged and the SAC, Chicago, was instructed on October 9, 1963, to contact [redacted] to ascertain the source of her quote and to explain to her that the FBI makes no evaluations or draws conclusions concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Chicago advised by airtel 10-11-63, [redacted] on contact, stated she did not believe that the Agents had been instructed by Mr. Hoover to contact her to advise her that she had misquoted him. She was unable to provide the source of her quote and referred to an article written by former Vice President Nixon which appeared in the March 16, 1963, issue of the "Rockford Register-Republic" in which he recalled the Director's statement in the American Bar Association Journal calling for a sane, rational understanding of the facts in the fight against communism. One paragraph in this article reads "The irresponsible tactics of Robert Welch and others like him have hurt the fight against Communism." [redacted] believed that Mr. Nixon's article implied that Mr. Hoover was against the John Birch Society.

She was told that she had misquoted Mr. Hoover and was advised that the FBI, as an investigative agency, makes no such conclusions and that Mr. Hoover did not make any remarks to the effect that he either supports or does not support the John Birch Society.

Still doubtful that Mr. Hoover would have sent Agents to interview her, later that day she telephoned the Rockford, Illinois, Resident Agency to determine if she had actually been contacted by FBI Agents on October 11th and was advised she had.

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She telephoned long-distance to Bureau Headquarters on October 14, 1963, and spoke to SA John W. O'Beirne of the Crime Research Section. She wanted to know if the men who visited her concerning her letter to the editor were Special Agents and wondered whether Mr. Hoover would resort to "police-state methods" of this type. She was informed

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that the individuals who contacted her were FBI Agents and that they had called on her upon Mr. Hoover's instructions. She was informed that the statement she made was incorrect and that Mr. Hoover never referred to the John Birch Society, or for that matter to any other organization, publication or individual in the manner in which she quoted him in her letter to the editor. She repeated that she felt Mr. Nixon implied that Mr. Hoover was against the John Birch Society. She was advised that no such implication could be drawn and that Agents had visited her to enlighten her in this regard. [redacted] gave every indication at the conclusion of the conversation that she understood.

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Chicago advised by airtel 10-14-63, [redacted] had a brother [redacted] concerning whom Chicago conducted a Loyalty of Government Employees Investigation on the basis of a request from the Civil Service Commission in which alleged her brother had been a member of the American Youth for Democracy in 1946. This investigation revealed that [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 1963

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A6627 - A6628. Congressman Udall, (D) Arizona, extended his remarks concerning the sale of wheat to Russia. He pointed out that the proposed sale follows a pattern set in 1955 by then Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson who favored increased trade with the Soviet bloc as a means to reduce U. S. farm surpluses. Mr. Udall stated, "Mr. Benson's son, Reed, a John Birch Society official, came to Arizona last month but apparently was unable to refute these facts. Instead he chose to cry, 'treason' because the present administration is going to permit sales." Mr. Udall included two articles from the Arizona Republic, Phoenix morning newspaper, issues of October 16th and 19th. The article entitled "Red Sale Treason, Bircher Declares" states "The sale of U. S. wheat to Russia would be an act of treason because it gives aid and comfort to the enemy, Reed Benson, Utah State coordinator for the John Birch Society, told a Phoenix Press Club forum last night. - - - - In other talks yesterday, Benson told audiences this country is at war with communism and expressed belief this Nation is losing that war. 'J. Edgar Hoover told the Nation that the sooner we wake up the safer we will be,' Benson declared, and he added that the Birch Society is dedicated to hastening that awakening." The article went on to state, "He said that it was when he was considering joining the Birch Society in 1961 that he first met Robert Welch, its founder and director. Before that, he said he obtained a copy of the FBI's report on the society. Benson said he attended one of Welch's 2-day seminars."

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Did we ever investigate the John Birch Society?
Did we ever give Benson anything on J. B. Society?

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Date: 10/28/63

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597) (P)

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

Re NY teletype, dated 10/25/63, captioned "Chief Justice EARL WARREN, United States Supreme Court".

There are enclosed for the Bureau five copies of a LHM dated 10/28/63, captioned "Chief Justice EARL WARREN, United States Supreme Court".

The source referred to in the LHM is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
October 28, 1963

Re: Chief Justice Earl Warren,
United States Supreme Court

On October 25, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned from a source whom he considers to be reliable, but whom he declined to identify, that a call had gone out to members of the John Birch Society to picket at the New York Bar Association Building, 42 West 44th Street, New York City, at 5:00 p.m., on October 29, 1963, at which time the New York Bar Association will present an award to Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. These pickets will carry placards reading "Impeach Earl Warren," and "Restore the Constitution and Restore Prayer".

The source was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this matter.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 29, 1963

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rosack

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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By memorandum dated October 25, 1963, information appearing in the Congressional Record for October 24, 1963, was set forth for the attention of the Director. Included were statements made by Congressman Morris K. Udall (D-Arizona) who included in the Record two articles, one of which was entitled "Red Sale Treason, Bircher Declares" which appeared in the "Arizona Republic," October 19, 1963. This article indicates that Reed Benson, Utah State Coordinator for the John Birch Society (JBS), indicated that he obtained a copy of the Bureau's report on the JBS prior to his joining. The Director asked "Did we ever investigate the John Birch Society? Did we ever give Benson anything on J.B. Society?"

We have never investigated the JBS. We have obtained public source material concerning this group and have issued instructions to the field to be alert for the formation of chapters; that the Bureau was particularly interested in efforts by subversive elements to take over or use the JBS or its chapters; and that no investigation should be conducted. We have also furnished information regarding the JBS by letter to the Department in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, and the White House in 1959 and 1961. Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley in April, 1961, stated that, in the absence of information indicating that a Federal law or Executive Order has in fact been violated, it would be inappropriate to undertake an investigation of the JBS. No investigative report has ever been written regarding this matter. We are continuing to be alert for any information indicating that an investigation of the JBS is warranted.

A review of Bufiles indicates that Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture under former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, advised our Salt Lake City Office on September 18, 1962, that he had conducted considerable research concerning the JBS and had found nothing actually wrong with its activities and purposes. Mr. Benson did state that Robert H. Welch, President of the JBS, had made some "foolish" remarks in the past concerning former President Eisenhower and other Government officials but that to a large extent these

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statements by Welch had been misconstrued. Mr. Benson indicated that his son, Reed A. Benson, had been approached by the JBS to be the JBS representative in Utah and surrounding states. He felt that his son would consult with him concerning his affiliation with the JBS and, although he knew the Bureau does not sanction or endorse any group, he wanted to know "off the record" how the FBI felt about the JBS and whether or not it had been investigated and any conclusions reached. The SAC advised Mr. Benson off the record that to his knowledge the FBI has not investigated the JBS as such and that any affiliation with this group by his son would be his own decision. (77-54679-39)

There is no other information in the Bufiles to indicate that Mr. Benson or his son, Reed A. Benson, have been furnished information regarding the JBS. Both are on the Special Correspondents' List.

It is felt that Reed Benson should be contacted by the SAC, Salt Lake City, regarding his statement that he obtained a copy of the FBI's "report" on the JBS. The exact nature of this "report" should be determined and the exact manner in which he obtained this "report" should be clarified. In the event it is determined that he has not in fact seen such a "report," he should be emphatically advised to cease and desist from making such statements in the future.

The JBS was formed in December, 1958, by candy manufacturer, Robert H. Welch, Jr., and has as its long-range objective "less Government, more responsibility, and a better world."

RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached for your approval a letter to Salt Lake City instructing that Reed Benson be contacted as indicated above. This letter transmits copies of the article reporting Reed Benson's statement.

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SAC, Salt Lake City

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Director, FBI (62-104401)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Rosack

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

There are attached two copies of an article which appeared in the October 19, 1963, issue of the "Arizona Republic," page 21, entitled "Red Sale Treason, Bircher Declares." This article reports that, during a speech given by Reed Benson, Utah State Coordinator for the John Birch Society (JBS), he made the statement that he "obtained a copy of the FBI report on the society" before joining the JBS.

Reed A. Benson should be contacted by you regarding his statement which appeared in the above-mentioned article. The exact nature of this so-called report should be determined as well as the manner in which it came into his possession. All available specific data regarding this matter should be obtained.

In the event it is determined that he did not, in fact, obtain such a document, he should be emphatically instructed to cease and desist from making statements in the future indicating that he has obtained FBI documents.

This matter should be handled as soon as possible and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

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NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, same subject, dated October 29, 1963, TPR:erc.

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TO : Director, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 11/4/63

FROM: SAC, Salt Lake City (100-9556)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 10/30/63, transmitting an article that appeared 10/19/63 in the "Arizona Republic." It is noted this article concerned a speech given by REED A. BENSON, Utah State Coordinator for the John Birch Society.

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No further action being taken by this office.

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Date: 11/2/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (62-new)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION BY
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY WHEN
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND
VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
VISIT HOUSTON, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of a self explanatory letterhead memorandum.

The information in this memorandum was furnished on 11/1/63 to [redacted] of Secret Service in Houston, Texas. He advised that the same information had been furnished to him by [redacted] of the Houston PD. [redacted] also stated that his office will conduct additional inquiries regarding this matter.

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In the event additional information is received, it will be immediately furnished to Secret Service and the Bureau.

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2 - Houston
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C.C. Rose

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11-4-63

Information in attached will be furnished to Secret Service White House Detail by Liaison.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Houston, Texas

November 2, 1963

Re: Proposed Demonstration by John Birch Society when President John F. Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson visit Houston, Texas Miscellaneous Information Concerning

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On November 1, 1963 Detective [redacted] Houston Police Department received information from a confidential source who is in a position to know, that the John Birch Society in Houston, Texas is alleged to be preparing a demonstration at the time President John F. Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson visit Houston, Texas.

[redacted] stated he will attempt to obtain further information regarding the proposed demonstration.

The above information has been furnished to the Secret Service Office in Houston, Texas.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 11

FROM : N. P. Callahan

Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

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SENATE - continued

Pages 20751-20752. Senator Fulbright, (D) Arkansas, advised that "there has come to my attention an interesting and penetrating analysis of certain aspects of the opinions and principles of Robert Welch and his disciples in the Birch Society. This is in the form of the letter to the editor of the Santa Barbara News-Press, written by a friend of mine and former editor of the Arkansas Gazette, Mr. Harry Ashmore." The text of the letter was included with his remarks. Mr. Ashmore, in his letter, makes reference to a survey published in the Scoreboard of American Opinion magazine, an official publication of the John Birch Society. Ashmore stated "On the Birch scale, the United States is around the bend, with a rating of 50-70 percent Communist total control. American Opinion compares this total control figure with an estimate of actual Communist Party membership in the United States, which it places at a mere 10,000. - - - Such control could only be exercised at the very top echelons of government, by conscious Communist conspirators who have duped virtually the whole of the American people in a series of free elections. It must further be assumed that these conspirators have deluded or subverted the FBI and our other internal security agencies, which have either rejected or are deliberately concealing the facts as revealed by American Opinion to the John Birch membership."

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

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 12/15/63

FROM : W. R. Wannall

1 - Baumgardner
1 - Branigan
1 - R. W. Smith
1 - Wannall
1 - Mullins

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

At 10:00 A. M. 12/15/63, Supervisor Frank Rock of New York advised Duty Supervisor R. A. Mullins that 12/15/63 issue of "The New York Times" contained a full-page advertisement by the John Birch Society wherein a quote is attributed to the Director.

The advertisement states the Society believes President Kennedy was murdered by a communist and thereafter attributes the following to the Director in a speech on 10/18/60: "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." It states the Director repeated this remark on 12/3/63.

The advertisement calls on those who have the "willingness to learn and the courage to support the disturbing truth" to fill out a coupon to request information about the Society. Contributions are solicited. This obviously is a very expensive advertisement and is typical of the lengths to which the Society will go to trade on the Director's name.

ACTION:

For information. A copy of the advertisement is attached.

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THE TIME HAS COME

We believe that the president of the United States has been murdered by a Communist within the United States.

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders. The former Congressman, head of the original Dies Committee, is probably second only to J. Edgar Hoover in first-hand knowledge acquired from early and long experience in investigating Communist activities.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover said in a speech on October 18, 1960: "We are at war with the Communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be." He emphatically repeated this statement on December 3, 1963 - - ten days after the assassination. And this is none the less war because the Communists conduct it according to their right. We believe that this has now been proved, tragically but conclusively, to the deep sorrow, but also to the profound alarm, of all good Americans. The time has come for those good Americans to join us in this fight against the powerfully organized "masters of deceit." For, as Edmund Burke once wrote: "When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

The John Birch Society is an *educational* army, and our only weapon is the truth. But George Washington stated our problem well: "Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light." We take tremendous pains in proportion to our numbers and our strength, and all we need to win is that enough other patriots join us in our determination and our labors. For there is nothing the Communists fear so much in the whole world

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If you oppose the Communist conspiracy by learning and spreading the truth, you may expect to be smeared as viciously as we have been for five years. But you will be helping to save your family and your country from the same cruel tyranny that has already been imposed on a billion human beings.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Exec. Comm.: Wm. J. Grede, A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., Fred C. Koch, Clarence E. Manion, R. W. Stoddard

Please Note

If you agree with this statement, and are willing to help us put this message in as many newspapers as possible across our country, send us your contribution *now*. Make your check out to *Special Advertising Fund*, and mail it directly to:

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

(Check the box that applies.)

The John Birch Society
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Gentlemen:

☐ Please send me, without cost or obligation on my part, a sheet of preliminary information about the Society.

☐ For the enclosed one dollar, please send me your *Introductory Packet* of THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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Sincerely,

(Name) _____

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 13, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: [redacted]
NEW YORK TIMES
NEW YORK
TELEPHONE: LAckawanna 4-1000
Extension 431

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Captioned individual telephonically contacted my office at approximately 10:15 a.m. today and spoke with SA Hanning.

[redacted] advised that he is in the Advertising Acceptability Department of the Times and just wanted to verify a quote by Mr. Hoover. By way of explanation, he advised that the John Birch Society is placing a full-page ad in this coming Sunday's edition of the Times and one place in the ad they quote the Director. This quote is, "The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover on October 18, 1960, stated, 'We are at war with the communists, and the sooner each red-blooded American realizes that the better and safer we will be!'" [redacted] stated that the ad continues saying that the Director reiterated this statement on December 4, 1963. [redacted] was merely asking for verification of the correctness of this quote.

Actually, this is a verbatim quote taken from the Director's address before The American Legion in Miami Beach, Florida, on October 18, 1960. He did reiterate it on December 4, 1963, in his remarks before the Brotherhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

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While we are certainly most reluctant to have the Director quoted in a John Birch Society advertisement, the quote is correct and was given both times in a public address and, therefore, is in the public domain. Accordingly, it is suggested that [redacted] be telephonically recontacted and merely advised that the quote is correct.

[redacted] advised 12/14/63

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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ADDENDUM: (CDD:saj): 12-13-63: [redacted] Vice President and General Manager of The Washington Post, also called me about the above matter at 11:30 a.m. today. He stated that the advertisement was to appear in both his paper and the New York Times. He merely wanted to tip us off that the advertisement was to appear.

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FBI

Date: 12/16/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed is a full page advertisement which appeared in Monday, December 16, 1963, edition of the Los Angeles Times, captioned, "The Time Has Come." This advertisement was sponsored by the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts. This advertisement in paragraph three is quoting comments from the Director. Above submitted for information.

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Special Agent in Charge

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(1) enclosure to Bureau
to go with Los Angeles report, airtel
dated 12/16/63, described as

Full page advertisement which appeared in LA TIMES, captioned, "The Time Has Come."

Re: See below

Los Angeles file number 100-59001
Bureau file number 62-104401

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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DATE 6/24/80 BY [illegible]

THE TIME HAS COME

The President of the United States has been murdered by a Marxist-Communist within the United States.

It has been pointed out by the Hon. Martin Dies, since the assassination, that "Lee Harvey Oswald was a Communist," and that when a Communist commits murder he is acting under orders. The former Congressman, head of the original Dies Committee, is probably second only to J. Edgar Hoover in first-hand knowledge acquired from early and long experience in investigating Communist activities.

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Nor is it in character for the Communists to rest on this success. Instead, we can expect them to use the shock, grief, and confusion of the American people, resulting from the assassination of our President, as an opportunity for pushing their own plans faster. Also, we shall be subjected to an ever greater barrage of distortions and falsehoods, aimed at imposing on the nation a completely false picture of the situation and of the forces at work. They have to subvert our minds as well as our institutions.

For five years The John Birch Society has said that, regardless of the external threat, Communism was a serious internal menace in the United States. And we were too soon, the truth about their purposes, their methods, and their progress.

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Sincerely,

(Name) _____

(Address) _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Albany, New York
December 29, 1969

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BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

On December 29, 1969, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past made available the enclosed reproduction of a self-explanatory letter dated November, 1969, from [redacted] Bridgeport 8, Connecticut, to [redacted] Drive, Stamford, Connecticut, and an accompanying envelope bearing the postmark November 16, 1969, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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This source stated [redacted] is a self-professed major coordinator for the John Birch Society.

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12/20/63

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (62-1465)(RUC)

RE: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
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[redacted] is a source at the New York State Police (NYSP) Headquarters, Albany, New York.

On [redacted] informant made available autostat copies of an NYSP memorandum dated [redacted] and a handwritten letter dated November, 1963, by [redacted] of Bridgeport, Connecticut, to [redacted] of Stamford, Conn. Both items are self-explanatory. Single copies of the NYSP memorandum are enclosed for the Bureau and New Haven.

[redacted] requested that the NYSP not be identified outside the Bureau as the source of the copy of the letter from [redacted] For dissemination that the Bureau and New Haven may wish tomake, an autostat of [redacted] letter has been utilized as an attachment to a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] five copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau and four for New Haven.

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The daily newspaper "Herald Journal" of Syracuse, New York, of 6/20/62, carried an article reporting on the personal appearance in Syracuse on 6/19/62 of ROBERT WELCH, founder of the John Birch Society, who spoke at the Hotel Syracuse. An accompanying photograph depicted WELCH posing with [redacted] of [redacted] Syracuse, NY, identified as President of the Syracuse Chapter of the American Opinion Library, which sponsored WELCH's speech.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/9/64

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45661)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
RACIAL MATTER

There are enclosed herewith eight copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum.

The Bureau's attention is called to the juxtaposition of the Director's name and statement with an inflammatory statement attributed to [redacted] MARTIN DIES.

Philadelphia indices contain no references to most of the names appearing at the bottom of the advertisement. One [redacted] of Harrisburg, Pa. is indexed as a Chapter leader of the John Birch Society. One [redacted] of Wichita, Kansas was indexed in 1962 as the author of "A Businessman Looks at Communism."

Philadelphia is taking no action with regard to this quotation UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 9, 1964

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The Sunday Patriot-News of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 1/5/64, page 9, carried an advertisement 10 x 14 inches in size. A reproduction of the advertisement reduced in size is attached hereto.

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Sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapters of

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

A. W. Mannion, Section Leader for Central Pennsylvania

Exec. Comm.: Wm. J. Grede, A.G. Heinsohn, Jr., Fred C. Koch, Clarence E. Manion, R. W. Stoddard

Always Remember Our President Was Killed by a Communist.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 1/14/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Transmitted herewith is a full page advertisement, which appeared in the Tuesday, 1/14/64, issue of the "Tampa Tribune."

It will be noted that reference is made to Director HOOVER in Paragraphs 2 and 3.

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 1-21-64

FROM : C. R. DAVIDSON

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

The Domestic Intelligence Division states that the Bureau does not have the John Birch Society under investigation and has not placed any undercover informants in the organization. As a matter of fact, the Bureau will not approve any individual for development as a confidential informant if he is a member of the John Birch Society.

No information is available to indicate membership of any Bureau employee in the John Birch Society. All employees are required to list all organizations to which they presently belong on their Personnel Status Forms which are required annually from investigative employees each February 1 and from all other employees each August 1. The organization memberships listed by all field employees must be reviewed by the Special Agents in Charge or their designees, and in the case of SOG employees, by the Administrative Division. With the exception of the Boy Scouts and certain other organizations, no lists are maintained of the names of employees belonging to specific organizations. However, it is felt that any listing by an employee of membership in the John Birch Society would have been noted when the Personnel Status Forms were reviewed and such membership brought to the attention of appropriate Bureau officials. The employees responsible for making such checks have no recollection of any listing by any Bureau employee of membership in the John Birch Society. In addition, the General Indices of the Bureau contain no references to indicate John Birch Society membership on the part of any FBI employee.

The above is submitted for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Jan. 16, 1964

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Page A154. Congressman Miller, (D) California, extended his remarks concerning an advertisement of the John Birch Society which appeared in a California newspaper. Mr. Miller included an editorial entitled "A Demonstration of Faultlessly Wretched Taste" from the Morning News of San Leandro, California, analyzing this advertisement. The editorial stated "We did not ever think for a moment that the John Birchers as a society would be willing to stoop to the point of seizing on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy as a means of raising money and increasing memberships. But that is what they have done. In a demonstration of faultlessly wretched taste the John Birch Society has taken, in a series of metropolitan papers, full page advertisements that use the tragedy which befell us all on November 22 as a means of getting people to buy, for $5 or even for $1, packets of John Bircher propaganda, and also to contribute money to pay for even more such advertisements. - - - It goes on from there to erect on a basis of tragic fact a structure of distortions, using quotations from George Washington to J. Edgar Hoover, that leaves no comparison possible other than with the Tower of Babel."

San Leandro News San Leandro, Calif

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Date: 1/27/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (94-

RE: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
RESEARCH

Enclosed is copy of full page article entitled "THE TIME HAS COME" which appeared in the January 22, 1964 edition of The Clarion Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi. REC-44

This article solicits membership and shows VERNON PACE as Coordinator, P. O. Box 269, Forest, Mississippi.

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1 - Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf
February 7, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory communication prepared by our Dallas Office dated January 28, 1964. Copies of this communication have also been furnished to the following: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy; Director of Special Investigations, The Inspector General, Department of the Air Force; Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, Department of Justice; Chief, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Chief Postal Inspector, Post Office Department.

For your assistance, "American Opinion," was incorporated January 13, 1956, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and is edited and published by Robert Welch, Belmont, Massachusetts. On December 9, 1958, Welch founded the John Birch Society in Indianapolis, Indiana. The John Birch Society was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. Welch has summarized the long-range objectives of the Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." "American Opinion," the John Birch Society and Welch have not been investigated by this Bureau.

The above is being furnished for your information.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - 62-109060 (Assassination of President John F. Kennedy)
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NOTE:

Letterhead memorandum sent as enclosure with Dallas airtel dated 1/28/64 captioned, "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning." Copies to other Governmental agencies sent by Domestic Intelligence Division. Letterhead memorandum relates to anonymous communication received by our Dallas Office and postmarked at Dallas, Texas, both on 1/23/64 enclosing 16 stickers containing the statement "Communism Killed Kennedy." It was indicated these stickers are available at a price of $1.00 for 12 sheets (912) stickers) and can be obtained from "American Opinion," Belmont, Massachusetts. It is possible these stickers might come to the attention of the President's Commission resulting in a request for Bureau investigation. Therefore, it is felt we should take the initiative and advise the Commission of the above prior to receipt of a request.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/7/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 2/5/64, Mrs. [redacted] California, presented Chief of Police AL JEWEL, Oxnard, California Police Department, with approximately 50 copies of the enclosed leaflet captioned "Support Your Local Police." On the reverse side of the leaflet is the notation that this leaflet was reproduced from the July, 1963 bulletin of the John Birch Society, Belmont, Massachusetts.

The leaflet is being furnished to the Bureau for the completion of the Bureau's files. A copy is being retained in the Los Angeles Office for future reference.

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February 14, 1964 MAILED

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

FEB 18 1964

NAME CHECK

Summary

This Bureau has not conducted an investigation of the John Birch Society (JBS) or its founder Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. However, the files of this Bureau disclose the following information.

The JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958, by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts, in order to further Welch's anticommunist campaign. It was incorporated on December 23, 1958, as a nonprofit business organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. The aims and purposes of the organization were listed as to promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and the collection and dissemination of literature for educational purposes. Welch has characterized the long-range objective of the JBS as "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

In an article "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds" by Jack Mabley in the January 30, 1961, issue of the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, Mabley comments on Welch and the Society. Mabley states Welch, by his own words, is absolute boss of the Society and quotes Welch as saying the Society must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss." Mabley sums up his article by stating the communist threat in this country is real enough, the country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract communist evil, but "the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work."

Welch authored a book entitled "The Politician," which he did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed, which he sent to friends who he believed

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Request Received - February 5, 1964

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

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would be interested in its contents. A review of this book disclosed it was a vicious attack on the political beliefs of former President Eisenhower and, by innuendo, alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist.

Welch also publishes a magazine "American Opinion," which was incorporated January 13, 1956, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and which he also uses as an outlet for his anticommunist crusade. As an example of the type of material which appears in "American Opinion" an article was published in the October, 1959, edition entitled "A Review of Reviews" written by Revilo P. Oliver, a professor at the University of Illinois. This article contained allegations that between 70 and 80 per cent of the responsible officers in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) are members or accomplices of the communist conspiracy. This appears to be a follow-up of a speech made by Oliver in March, 1959, at which time he allegedly stated that one third of the top echelon of the communist conspirators in this country are in the DHEW and stated his source was Herbert Philbrick. Philbrick, a former FBI informant, upon interview has denied giving Oliver any information concerning communist infiltration of the DHEW. Our files disclose that Philbrick never furnished such information to the FBI.

NOTE: Above information furnished State March 21, 1961, and ONI April 6, 1961.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Feb. 18, 1964

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

John Birch Society

Pages A717-A718. Congressman Senner, (D) Arizona, extended his remarks regarding a Birch Society article concerning President Kennedy's assassination written by Revilo P. Oliver, professor of classical languages, University of Illinois. Mr. Senner stated "I almost feel safe in saying that Professor Oliver, who has also participated in the activities of such groups as the Christian Crusade and We, the People, has attained an incomparable low with this latest bit of 'Communist conspiracy analysis.' Thanks be to God that the reasonableness of Americans is beginning to manifest itself through such clear expressions as the following article by Arizona's Platt Cline." Mr. Cline stated in his article "The article, 'Marxmanship in Dallas,' by Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois, a despicable and vicious attack on the late President, the Attorney General, the Chief Justice and others, is described as a 'superb commentary' by Robert Welch, founder of the Birchites. Reading this hate-laden, paranoidal, fantastic commentary on the assassination should be enough to disenchant any even slightly reasonable member with the society and its methods." Mr. Cline quoted the following from the Oliver article setting forth the functions of the Warren Commission to investigate President Kennedy's assassination: "To cover up for the Communist conspiracy as much as possible * * * to suppress permanently the report of the FBI which it has already acted to conceal from the American people - - -."

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CHAMPAIGN, ILL.--PROF. REVILO P. OLIVER, WHO WROTE AN ARTICLE IN A JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PUBLICATION CRITICIZING THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, WAS HANGED IN EFFIGY TODAY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS.

OLIVER IS A PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND HAD BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER, THE ILLINI, FOR HIS STORY.

A SIGN ATTACHED TO THE FIGURE, MADE OF PAJAMAS AND PILLOWS, SAID, "OLIVER HUNG (SIC) BY A BIRCH."

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS SAID THE FIGURE WAS PUT UP SOMETIME BEFORE 5:45 A.M. THE FIGURE WAS QUICKLY TAKEN DOWN AND IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

OLIVER'S ARTICLE, WHICH APPEARED IN "AMERICAN OPINION," SAID THE LATE MR. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED BECAUSE HE "FELL BEHIND IN A COMMUNIST TIMETABLE" FOR THE TAKEOVER OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

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SUBJECT: ACTIVITY AGAINST
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

John Birch Society

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum concerning incidents which have occurred in recent months in Santa Barbara, California, attacking Chief Justice EARL WARREN.

In his letter of February 25, 1964, Mr. [redacted] of the News-Press, Santa Barbara, California, stated that the Chief Justice WARREN and Senator THOMAS KUCHEL, being frequent visitors in the state, have some claim for protection on the part of the FBI. Mr. [redacted] letter has been acknowledged, at which time he was informed that the FBI did not have investigative jurisdiction for protection of Chief Justice WARREN or Senator KUCHEL. He was informed that the information which he furnished was being made available to the U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, for possible action and to the Santa Barbara Police Department and Sheriff's Office. In addition, Mr. [redacted] was advised that this information was being furnished to FBI headquarters in Washington, D. C., for referral to Chief Justice WARREN and Senator KUCHEL.

The Bureau is requested to inform Chief Justice WARREN and Senator KUCHEL of the apprehension of Mr. [redacted] for their safety.

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In addition, because of the nature of the information furnished by Mr. [redacted] one copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the U. S. Secret Service locally.

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UACB, no further action is being taken by the Los Angeles Office concerning this matter.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
February 27, 1964

ACTIVITY AGAINST
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

By letter dated February 25, 1964, [redacted] [redacted] News-Press, Santa Barbara, California, advised the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, in part, as follows: b6 b7C

"....From time to time, I have received vicious letters, some against the late President but mostly taking the line of the Birch Society in its campaign to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren. Some enclose posters calling the Chief Justice a traitor and otherwise inviting some screwball to attempt assassination. During the past few months the Chief Justice has been hung in effigy four times in prominent places in Santa Barbara. On one occasion I was honored to be hung with him. I enclose clippings from my newspaper giving account of these various incidents.

"These, mostly anonymous, letter writers are apparently creating a 'climate' in Santa Barbara that gives me apprehension that another 'Lee Oswald' might be brought forth and an attempt to make assault on the Chief Justice, should he come to Santa Barbara which he frequently does. I expect him early this summer.

"As you probably know, I have been active against the so-called Birchers and everything they stand for. I have seen my share of insulting letters. These do not give me particular concern, or my family, but I am deeply concerned as to what a campaign of vilification might do to a visit from the Chief Justice or Senator Tommy Kuchel, who is also a frequent visitor to Santa Barbara.

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SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

"I enclose a letter sent to the editor from one signing his name '[redacted]. If you will read the letter completely I think you will see some seed that might develop in creating another 'Lee Oswald' here in Santa Barbara. I cannot find this man's name in either the telephone or city directory.

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"These insults to the Chief Justice have been going on for some time....."

Enclosed with Mr. [redacted] letter was the following communication:

'[redacted]
Santa Barbara, California
February 17, 1964

"Editor
Santa Barbara News-Press
Santa Barbara, California

"Editor, News-Press:

"Professor Oliver's comments regarding the late President Kennedy are no doubt largely false, but there is little danger in something which is false and recognized as such. A greater danger emanates from those 'sane' men who would toss aside such accusations, professing illness and then vomit forth a barrage of emotional nonsense.

"Today, when charges of Communism are leveled at men of their party, the liberal 'intellectuals' and other well-meaning, but uninformed citizens (and no one can claim to be completely informed about a government which withholds information from the public) immediately rise with indignation and demand to know how an important public servant could possibly be a Communist.

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"I submit that if any person is in agreement with any main concept of Communist doctrine and takes action to propagate that ideology, that person is a Communist, whether or not he is actually a member of the Party, or is even aware that his thoughts and actions are aligned with those of Communist doctrine. Proof cannot be given that President Kennedy was a member of the Communist Party, but who can deny that he promoted socialistic institutions such as an expansion of social security to include medical insurance, the Housing act of 1961, and federal aid to education. Communists have often stated that socialism is the intermediate step between capitalism and Communism. A person promoting socialism is thereby promoting Communism and should be labeled appropriately.

[redacted]

In addition, Mr. [redacted] enclosed articles which appeared in the Santa Barbara News-Press on the following dates:

December 27, 1963, concerning hanging an effigy of Chief Justice Earl Warren at the Santa Barbara Courthouse on December 25, 1963.

January 8, 1964, concerning an attack in effigy against Chief Justice Warren and [redacted] and reporting the finding of a dummy hanging from a tree in the 700 block, Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, California, January 8, 1964.

February 14, 1964, concerning the finding of a white bedsheet with a red hammer and sickle drawn upon it and inscribed with the words, "U. S. Supreme Court," which was found on the Santa Barbara City Hall flagpole in De la Guerra Plaza on February 14, 1964.

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Undated clipping concerning the hanging in effigy of Chief Justice Earl Warren in Alameda Park.

The files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI contain no information identifiable with [redacted] mentioned above. b6 b7C

The Santa Barbara Police Department and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office were advised of the above information on February 27, 1964.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 2, 1964

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Rosack

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

By airtel dated 2/27/64 the Los Angeles Office requested that the Bureau inform Earl Warren, Chief Justice, U. S. Supreme Court, and Senator Thomas Kuchel (D-Calif.) regarding the concern of [redacted] of the "News-Press," Santa Barbara, California, for the safety of Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel.

By letter dated 2/25/64 Mr. [redacted] advised the Los Angeles Office that Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel had been frequent visitors to California and that he felt these individuals "have some claim for protection on the part of the FBI." Los Angeles advised Mr. [redacted] that the Bureau did not have investigative jurisdiction for the protection of the Chief Justice or the Senator. [redacted] was advised that information furnished by him was being made available to the U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, and to the Santa Barbara Police Department and Sheriff's Office for possible action. Los Angeles also advised Mr. [redacted] that the information was being referred to the Bureau for referral to Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel.

[redacted] in information furnished to the Los Angeles Office stated that he had received from time to time vicious letters which took the line of the John Birch Society in its campaign to impeach Chief Justice Warren. He indicated that during the past few months the Chief Justice has been hung in effigy four times in prominent places in Santa Barbara and added that he had also been "honored to be hung with him" on one occasion. According to [redacted] the writers of these letters are apparently creating a climate which he feels could give rise to another "Lee Oswald" and that an attempt might be made to assault the Chief Justice. Chief Justice Warren is expected to visit Santa Barbara during the early Summer of 1964.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
62-104401

The John Birch Society, which was formed in December, 1958, by candy manufacturer Robert H. Welch, Jr., has as one of its objectives the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren. It has as its long-range objective "less government, more responsibility and a better world." We have never investigated the organization but have obtained public source material concerning the group and instructions have been issued to the field to be alert for the formation of chapters and instructing that the Bureau be advised regarding efforts by subversive elements to take over the John Birch Society. Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley in April, 1961, stated that in the absence of information indicating that a Federal law or executive order has in fact been violated it would be inappropriate to undertake an investigation of the group.

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The letterhead memorandum submitted with the above-mentioned Los Angeles airtel concerning activities against Chief Justice Warren is being disseminated to the Department and Armed Forces intelligence agencies.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Mr. [redacted] it is recommended that this memorandum be referred to Mr. DeLoach's Office in order that Chief Justice Warren and Senator Kuchel be informed of the apprehension on the part of Mr. [redacted] for their safety and that they also be informed that this information has been made available to the U. S. Secret Service, the Santa Barbara Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

Handled with Admin. Asst. [redacted] & Senator Kuchel's office

Done 3/11/64 with [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 3/31/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

For information of the Bureau and completion of Bureau files, transmitted herewith for Bureau and other Florida offices is a copy of a leaflet captioned "Support Your Local Police" indicated as originating with captioned organization, which has been distributed in the Sarasota, Florida area.

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE

They need it. The Communists know, as the American people do not, that the city and community police forces now constitute one of the most important remaining obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and at first invisible, establishment of the mechanics of their Communist police state. The local working police are the best friends everywhere, of anti-Communists like ourselves, because they constantly run up against all of the dirty tactics of the Communists, and of the dupes and allies of the Communists, in their respective areas.

For this reason there has been a subtle, but now increasingly bolder and more extensive effort, to harass and discredit local police forces and their individual members, going on in the country for more than a decade. Just one illustration was the CBS television show, The Biography Of A Bookie Joint, which was designed to make all working "cops" look like grafting bums; and which has been proved by a thorough later investigation to have been basically as phony as was the "interview" with your Founder in Santa Barbara two years ago, that CBS broadcast all over the country. (We revealed the true facts about this incredibly dirty and deliberate distortion in an earlier bulletin, and reprinted those paragraphs in a thin leaflet as The Story Of A Hoax.) And we could fill this bulletin with other illustrations.

This support of their local police by all good citizens everywhere is going to become especially important now that Communist-inspired racial riots are getting to be a regular part of the American scene. The police will be "crucified" by the Liberals, in the press and over the airwaves, for practically everything they do in the line of duty. And this will be true no matter how circumspectly they handle themselves, nor with what careful restraint they use their authority, in connection with every large or small outbreak of civil disorder which the Communist plotters can produce.

Nor will the Communists nor even their Liberal dupes leave to chance the supply of grist for their mills of distortion. The police chief of Birmingham was doing a superb job of maintaining law and order in the midst of a hot situation, while letting thousand of Negroes march and hundreds of white people protest all they wished. He merely set up a line of police, protected by their police dogs, to keep the two groups apart. And peace was maintained day after day, while the level heads of the city, both white and colored, got together and tried to solve the problems underlying the turmoil. But this was the last thing that the instigators of the trouble wanted; and when incidents didn't arise, incidents had to be created. So a carefully planned tableau was enacted. While cameras were poised and ready to catch the show at the right instant, one or more hotheads or dupes among the Negroes went up to the line and deliberately kicked one or more of the dogs. The result was a

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picture, plastered in the papers all over the United States (and on the front page of the Boston Herald, of course), of a policeman barely holding onto a dog which was straining at the leash to attack a Negro among the Birmingham "civil rights" advocates in Birmingham.

There were no other results of the incident except the picture, which was the glorious piece of propaganda that the Communists wanted. But it shows you what the police will be up against everywhere in simply trying, as calmly as possible under the circumstances, to maintain law and order. The Federal Marshals, for another illustration, not only were not needed in Oxford, Mississippi for that purpose, but actually created most of the rioting -- as they obviously were intended to do. But of course the more the local police, anywhere or everywhere, can be discredited, the more willing the gullible American people will be to accept the entry of Federal troops as necessary to put down rioting.

Among the more carefully plotted schemes for harassing the police, discrediting individual policemen, and discouraging all those who might want to do their duty, has been the setting up of Police Review Boards -- to which many gullible dogooders and bleeding hearts have been giving support. Their chief function, in practice anyway if not in theory, is to make every individual police officer scared to death, as to every action he takes even in dealing with vicious criminals in emergency situations, of being called before some board weeks or months later, and condemned with loss of pay or maybe loss of job, for having been too unkind to the poor wayward unfortunates who were about to shoot him in the back, or stamp in his face, when he tried to interfere with their waywardness.

We shall return to this whole theme in later bulletins. At present we suggest simply that you

(a) Oppose the continuance or establishment of Police Review Boards.

(b) When you come across questionable criticism of your local police by some Liberal editor or nice-Nellie commentator, find out the real facts if you can. Usually the fellow officers of those being criticized will give you the unvarnished truth. Then if you find the criticism to have been unjustified, write and put the record straight.

Reproduced from the July, 1963
Bulletin of The John Birch Society.
These sheets are available, in any quantity,
at 100 for $1.00, postage paid.
The attractive blue and white emblem on the reverse
side of this sheet is also available as a 3 1/4" by 3 1/4"
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50 for $1.00, postage paid. Order from
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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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It is noted in referenced airtel that captioned case is carried in a pending status. The John Birch Society is not under investigation by this Bureau. You should advise by return letter the basis for carrying this case in a pending status. If you have no valid reason, case should be closed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning the above captioned which appeared in Austin, Texas, newspapers on March 27, 1964, and March 28, 1964. Two copies each of the letterhead memorandum are being disseminated to the Secret Service, San Antonio, one to OSI, one ONI, 1 112th INTC and two copies for each of the Texas offices.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

March 30, 1964

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

"The Austin Statesman", Austin, Texas, March 27, 1964, contained the following article:

"BIRCH CHARTER GIVEN;
TO OPEN OFFICE HERE

"The John Birch Society Friday held a Texas charter as a non-profit corporation, and will open state headquarters in Austin.

"Secretary of State Crawford Martin announced approval of the charter on application of Charles O. Mann of Odessa, who filed the statutory trust deposit of $50 as registered agent of the new corporation.

"The corporate purpose was stated 'to promote civil interest in national and international affairs by an educational program.'

"National headquarters of the John Birch Society are located in Belmont, Mass., home of its president and founder, the candy manufacturer Robert Welch.

"Membership activities of the society among Texans so far apparently have been

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carried on by representatives of the national headquarters. There was no indication in the filing of the charter papers of the extent of recruitment plans the Texas unit of the national body may undertake."

The following appeared in the "Austin American Statesman", Austin, Texas, on March 28, 1964:

"BIRCH SOCIETY
IS CHARTERED

"For what it's worth, the report comes in that the John Birch Society is now an officially chartered Texas non-profit educational corporation.

"A charter was granted by the state. The new corporation will set up shop in Houston to carry on its declared purpose of 'promoting civil interest in national and international affairs by an educational program.'"

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 4/8/64

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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ReBulet dated 4/7/64, which referred to San Antonio airtel dated 3/30/64, captioned as above, which was shown to have a pending status.

Referenced San Antonio communication should have been marked closed instead of pending, and has been closed in this office.

Bureau is requested to correct Bureau copies of this airtel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-13-64

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A1782-A1784. Congressman Harding, (D) Idaho, extended his remarks concerning John Birch Society activities in Idaho. He included two editorials from the Idaho Evening Statesman and several "Letters to the Editor" with his remarks. Mr. Harding pointed out that "my attempts to warn Idahoans of this extremist group had been ridiculed by the editorial and political writers of Idaho's largest paper until Wednesday, April 1." The April 1st editorial "The Extremists Speak" reversed an earlier editorial and came out in opposition to the John Birch Society. This editorial stated "The avowed purpose of any group to fight communism within the United States is laudable, but only when the fight waged is honest and judiciously waged. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the responsible, trained agency in this country to so wage the fight--not the John Birch Society - - -." In a letter to the editor from Mary Jane Root, reference is made to the April 1st editorial. Miss Root comments on remarks of former Congressman Rousselot on the civil rights bill. She states "Talks which I have heard by refugees from enslaved countries, as well as talks given by ex-FBI agents on the same subject, corroborate what Mr. Rousselot said about the civil right's bill's being used as a tool by the Communist conspiracy to divide and conquer us. You referred to the FBI yourself as an authority, and Mr. Rousselot quoted J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, in the documentation which he gave."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-10-64 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that pertinent portions of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-21-64

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 8207. Senator Church, (D) Idaho, spoke concerning the activities of the John Birch Society in Boise, Idaho. He stated "A chief spokesman of the Birch Society recently invaded the valley to spread their customary smear regarding the pending civil rights measure. The Idaho Daily Statesman rose to the occasion: In an editorial sparkling with the independence of the Western spirit, it debunked the fear-mongering, malignant methods of the society and its leaders." Mr. Church included the newspaper editorial with his remarks. The editorial, in commenting on the war against communism, stated "The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the responsible, trained agency in this country to so wage the fight--not the John Birch Society, which sees a Communist under 'every bed' of political activity in our realm, which splits religious groups, which divides good citizens--those who agree with Birchism and those who do not, with the latter tabbed as 'pinko' or 'red.'"

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

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TO : Mr. DeLoach DATE: 4-15-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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By letter dated 3-31-64 captioned individual wrote the Director and requested information on how she "might obtain permission to have printed copies of your reports and excerpts from 'Masters of Deceit?'" She further requested a list of extreme right-wing groups. The Chicago Division advised that one [redacted] resides at [redacted] and has a second listing reflecting he is an attorney with offices at [redacted] Chicago indices reflect [redacted] appeared at the Chicago Office on 2-26-63 and stated he had become extremely interested in communist activities and has read many books on the subject including those written by the Director. He stated he felt as an American citizen he would like to help fight communism and his purpose in going to the Chicago Office was to offer his services.

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[redacted] advised he was primarily concerned with the large number of groups and organizations which he described as having communistic tendencies in the North Shore area near Chicago. He identified one of these groups as the Human Relations Committee in Glenview. He stated that the Committee had caused a controversy by claiming a real estate "conspiracy" was discriminating against "Jews" buying homes in Glenview. It was his opinion that this Committee might have a subversive element in its membership based on the above.

On reinterview [redacted] reiterated the above claim and expressed a view that organizations like the John Birch Society were doing a good job. He stated he felt that although he was sympathetic he could not join such organizations without endangering his family and future. It is the opinion of the interviewing Agents that [redacted] had strong leanings toward the John Birch Society.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: Mrs. [redacted]

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In her letter to the Director, captioned individual made reference to a publication known as "The Wanderer." Chicago indices reflect that a publication known as "The Wanderer" is printed by the Wanderer Printing Company, 128 East 10th Street, St. Paul 1, Minnesota. A copy of this publication dated 10-19-61 was reviewed and found to contain a number of articles opposing communism.

OBSERVATION:

It appears from the above that captioned individual and her husband are at least sympathetic to the views of the John Birch Society and the possibility exists that should permission be given to reprint the Director's articles or portions of his books, such reprint material might be used in such a manner as to indicate that the Director supports the views of the John Birch Society or its membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed letter over Miss Gandy's signature declining permission for captioned individual to reprint the Director's materials be sent.

THE DIRECTOR April 17, 1964

N. P. CALLAHAN

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

The Congressional Record for Thursday, April 16, 1964, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

HOUSE

Page 7889. Congressman Waggonner, (D) Louisiana, spoke concerning an article written by Joseph Alsop entitled "An Unhappy Secret" which appeared in the Washington Post on April 15, 1964. Mr. Waggonner stated "In it, he finally admits what many of us have been saying for months and years: that Communists have infiltrated the so-called civil rights movement. He hastens to say that anyone who said so prior to yesterday's Post is a racist, but from yesterday on, it is okay to admit that Communists are in control because he, Alsop, now admits that they are." The text of the article was set forth in the Record.

Adjournment: Until Monday, April 20, 1964, at 12 noon.

SENATE

Pages 7898 - 7899. Senator Kuchel, (R) California, spoke concerning the John Birch Society. He included an article from the Washington Daily News of April 15, 1964, entitled "Birch Bark" written by George Clifford and Tom Kelly, and an editorial from the March 2, 1964, issue of the Fargo (North Dakota) Forum captioned "Birchists Crawl Into Holes; Let's Hope They Stay There." Mr. Kuchel pointed out that this article and editorial "show how low, how vile, how cruel, and how false these extremists are."

The Senate continued debate on H. R. 7152, the proposed Civil Rights Act. Pages 7963 - 7968 contain the remarks of Senator Smathers, (D) Florida.

1 - Mr. Tolson - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Belmont - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Mohr - with enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Sullivan - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Rosen - with enclosure
1 - Mr. D. C. Morrell - with enclosure
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (80-38B)

RE : [redacted]
"Sacramento Union"
Sacramento, California
RESEARCH
(CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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Re Bureau letter to [redacted] of San Francisco dated 4/20/64, copy of which was furnished this office with instructions that [redacted] be contacted and information in his possession be submitted to Bureau in LHM to reach Bureau 4/27/64.

[redacted] could not be contacted until 4/24/64. Information furnished will be forwarded to Bureau 4/27/64.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (80-385B)(C)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
The Sacramento Union
1910 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, California, 95812

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John Birch Society

Re Bureau letter to Mr. [redacted] 4/20/64, with which San Francisco was furnished copy of [redacted] letter of 4/10/64, and my airtel to Bureau, 4/24/64.

Attached is letterhead memorandum reflecting results of contact with [redacted] by SA CHARLES F. BRUSCH on 4/24/64. For the information of the Bureau the source of the information concerning the meeting in Texas is [redacted] He claimed to have learned of this meeting from [redacted] whom [redacted] described as a wealthy [redacted] and a "far-rightist" formerly "involved in the McCarthy situation, and on the same pitch ever since." Calif.

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Mr. [redacted] was informed of the Bureau's policies and procedures as set forth on the footnote on the San Francisco copy, Bureau letter to him dated 4/20/64.

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MEMO - BAUMGARDNER TO SULLIVAN 5/4/64 CAPT'ED JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, ENTER CONCERNING

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/4/64

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Basher

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

By letter dated 4/10/64 [redacted] "The Sacramento Union," 1910 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, California, expressed alarm about the progress of the John Birch Society (JBS) in influencing citizens under the possible guise of a conservative movement. [redacted] believes the time has come when the Bureau might have a basis broad enough to investigate this "dangerous plot." He offered to furnish the Bureau data in his possession. He noted that if this matter is outside the Bureau's jurisdiction, he understands our position. [redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List and has been a strong supporter of the Bureau.

[redacted] was advised a representative from our San Francisco Office would contact him and San Francisco was instructed to immediately contact him for any information he desired to volunteer and to take care not to indicate the FBI is investigating the JBS. [redacted] was interviewed and repeated substantially the same information as set out in his letter 4/10/64; alleged JBS while claiming to be conservative is actually designed to effect a radical change in our philosophy in Government; and stated the JBS operates as an autocratic group with leaders chosen from the top and those who don't agree with its leader, Robert Welch, are forced out of the Society. He discussed various activities of the Society in attempting to show that the organization and its activities should be investigated.

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[redacted] expressed the hope the activities of JBS could be completely investigated by the FBI. [redacted] was advised the FBI is strictly an investigative agency, its not an FBI function to evaluate information regarding organizations and such information is furnished to the Department of Justice for consideration.

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We have never investigated JBS but any information received deemed to be pertinent or of interest to the Department has been disseminated to the Department. In the past, the Department has advised that in the absence of information indicating the activities of JBS are in violation of any Federal statutes over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction an investigation of JBS was not desired.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

ACTION:

A copy of San Francisco's memorandum of 4/27/64 setting forth results of interview of [redacted] has been furnished the Internal Security Division of the Department.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

April 27, 1964

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[redacted] The Sacramento Union (daily newspaper in Sacramento), 1910 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, desired to furnish the following information and observations as possibly being indicative of the danger to our present form of government from the John Birch Society.

[redacted] stated that this society is capable of misleading decent conservative Americans into believing that it is conservative, whereas this society is actually designed to effect a radical change in our philosophy in government. [redacted] noted that the Birch Society operates as an autocratic group with leaders and policies selected and promulgated from the top and without regard for the wishes of the membership. Members are allegedly not allowed to repudiate statements expressed by ROBERT WELCH and if they do not indicate full accord with his pronouncements they are forced out of the society. [redacted] claims that [redacted] a representative of the John Birch Society, admitted in Sacramento that this was the case.

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[redacted] in a talk in Sacramento, also said that disarmament was a "KENNEDY plot" and that in keeping with a "3 step KRUSCHEV plan" at the time the third step was reached in disarmament, the United Nations would have control of the only armed forces in the world. [redacted] continued by alleging that the United Nations was definitely a captive of the Communists.

[redacted] reported that the Anti-Defamation League had reportedly quoted ROBERT WELCH as stating that the John Birch Society is currently operating on a budget of $2,000,000 per year and has doubled its number of full time paid organizers. [redacted] noted that this alleged budget figure probably did not include the sponsors of such radio and television programs as that run by DAN SMOOT and others of this type.

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[redacted] said that he had information from a source that he did not wish to identify, to the effect that an acquaintance of ROBERT WELCH, DAN SMOOT, and [redacted] had claimed that he had, approximately three years ago, attended a conference at SMOOT'S place in Texas when WELCH, [redacted] and [redacted] were also in attendance. The main topic for this conference was alleged to be a discussion of whether the John Birch Society would continue its activities as a third party or if they should select a new course within the framework of the Republican Party. It was allegedly decided that they should devote all of their efforts toward capture of the Republican Party. This same source further said that Birch sympathizers were instructed to vote for BROWN for Governor of California, to prevent a Republican moderate such as NIXON from getting this post.

[redacted] noted that the Birch Society "plays the Communist game either intentionally or otherwise" by sowing distrust of national leaders with its ridiculous claims that many of them are pro-Communist.

[redacted] speculated upon the possibility that the Birch Society could even be a "Communist front," and he noted the similarity of organization with cells or groups not knowing the identity of members in other cells, with leaders chosen from above and not by the membership, with policy set by the leadership and no chance of choice or opposition by the membership, with disbursement of funds also determined by the leadership. [redacted] noted that the above similarities are in addition to the undermining of faith in our democratic processes, our foreign relations, and our handling of domestic problems.

[redacted] stated that he was particularly disturbed to note the influence wielded by the John Birch Society as disclosed by an experience reported in the Ladies Home Journal of April, 1964. This magazine ran a story in a prior issue. WELCH in his Birch Society Bulletin allegedly was highly critical of the story. Thereafter, the Ladies Home Journal reported that it received a flood of letters which were analyzed in an article in the April issue. This analysis noted that many of the letter writers admitted that they had not even read the story in the prior issue, however, they frequently used quotations from WELCH'S criticism of the story and were almost all highly critical of the magazine for running

the story. [redacted] expressed the opinion that it is time to be concerned about the power of a group, such as the Birch Society, when it can arouse such a volume of pressure mail to a publication over such an insignificant matter as this. He felt that it was safe to assume that the pressure that would be exerted in a more important set of circumstances would be much greater.

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[redacted] said he was submitting the above data and observations with the hope that the activities of the John Birch Society could be completely investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a threat to overthrow our present form of government.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReNYtel to Bureau, 5/16/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting contact with Bureau of Special Services (BSS), NYCPD, on 5/16/64.

Information obtained furnished by Detective [redacted] to SA [redacted] of the NYO on the date indicated.

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New York, New York
May 18, 1964

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John Birch Society

On May 16, 1964, Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYCPD), advised that on that date, approximately one hundred individuals, identified by representatives of BSS to be members of the John Birch Society, picketed the NYCPD headquarters, 240 Centre Street, Manhattan, New York. The demonstration lasted for one hour, beginning at 3:30 PM and terminating at 4:30 PM. Detective [redacted] advised that no reason is yet known why picketing took place but from signs and placards carried by pickets, it appeared that members of Society were pro-Police Department. One sign stated "men in blue are fine" and none of other signs were critical of Police Department.

The pickets peacefully dispersed with no incidents or arrests.

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FBI NEW YORK

8-42 PM URGENT 5-16-64 JCM

TO DIRECTOR -9- 62-104401

FROM NEW YORK 100-144597 1 P

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY- INFO CONCERING

A REPRESENTATIVE OF BUREAU OF SPECIAL SERVICES PAREN BSS PAREN NYCPD ADVISED THAT FROM THREE THIRTY TO FOUR THIRTY PM INSTANT DATE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PERSONS, IDENTIFIED BY BSS TO BE MEMBER OF OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, PICKETED NYCPD HQ TWO FOUR ZERO CENTER STREET, NYC. PLACARDS CARRIED BY MEMBERS REFLECTED SOCIETY PRO- NYCPD AND ONE SIGN STATED QUOTE MEN IN BLUE ARE FINE UNQUOTE. NO REASON KNOWN WHY PICKETING TOOK PLACE. PICKETS PEACEFULLY ~~DISBURSED~~ DISPERSED WITH NO INCIDENTS OR ARRESTS. DEMONSTRATION GIVEN LOCAL PD COVERAGE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/9/64

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (100-17508) (C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC lets 59-13(F) and 60-5(C), and mylet, 8/31/62.

The aforementioned SAC lets instructed that the Bureau be advised of the formation of a branch of the John Birch Society in a field division and instructed that no active investigation of this group be conducted:

On 4/29/64, [redacted] (protect with T symbol), [redacted] an employee of [redacted] residence telephone [redacted] business telephone [redacted] called at the Buffalo Office and was interviewed by SA BIRL WILSON. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] He advised that during the lunch hour he was in the vicinity of the U.S. Court House during the picket demonstrations against the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) being carried on by various groups. [redacted] Buffalo, New York, approached him, criticized the demonstrators, and said, "This is why I joined the John Birch Society." [redacted] then gave [redacted] some literature to read and asked him if he would like to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society "to see what it is all about." [redacted] indicated mild interest whereupon [redacted] said he would call [redacted] the next time a meeting was scheduled. [redacted] said that 15 people in the organization meet once a month at different homes.

[redacted] said that [redacted] the Buffalo Bills Booster Club and that [redacted] is a member of the Club. [redacted] mentioned that he felt [redacted] could bring in a lot of other people into the John Birch Society who are affiliated with the Booster Club.

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[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] grew up in the [redacted] but he has never been closely associated with [redacted] He does not know where [redacted] is employed or anything about his activities. He described [redacted] as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Age	About 35-40
Height	5'7"
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Slight
Hair	Brown, graying
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Education	Possibly high school graduate

[redacted] turned over the following literature given him by [redacted]

"The Dan Smoot Report," 4/6/64, issue.

Poem dated 4/4/64, "The Strange Tale on Cuba," "Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Trust the State Department" by HARLAN RUPP, JR., Box 114, Hamburg, New York

Four small stickers captioned "Don't Worry, U.N. Troops Kill Peacefully"

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[redacted] advised that out of curiosity he was planning to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society if invited to do so and would report results to the Buffalo Office. [redacted] expressed himself as being a very patriotic person, but stated he is opposed to ultra-right organizations such as the John Birch Society as much as he is opposed to Communism and other isms.

Buffalo files reveal that one [redacted] signed a nominating petition of the Independent-Socialist Party in 1958. It is not known if he is identical with the [redacted] mentioned above.

According to Buffalo files, [redacted] reportedly was a member of the John Birch Society in 1962.

On 5/19/64, Mr. [redacted] telephonically advised SA [redacted] that on that date he was telephonically contacted by [redacted] who invited Mr. [redacted] to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society [redacted] at 8:00 p.m. in a [redacted] New York, at which meeting a filmed speech by ROBERT WELCH, head of the John Birch Society was to be shown. Also to appear on the program were [redacted] each of whom according to [redacted] of the John Birch Society. [redacted] said that he was planning to attend the meeting and would furnish any pertinent information obtained to the Buffalo Office.

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On 6/2/64, Mr. [redacted] advised SA WILSON that he attended the aforementioned meeting which started at 8:45 p.m. and terminated at 11:30 p.m. Following the meeting several of those in attendance had refreshments at [redacted] New York, [redacted] The scheduled filmed talk of ROBERT WELCH was not given. Two 15-minute filmed talks by DAN SMOOT were shown. [redacted] the movie projector. The talks by SMOOT were a condensation of "The Dan Smoot Report" and during his talk SMOOT read frequently from the report. He spoke of the Yalta doublecross and the U.S. Department of State policy with regard to Viet Nam.

Following the films there was a question and answer period, most of the questions being asked by [redacted] learned that [redacted] of the John Birch Society and travels about Western New York in a Volkswagon automobile giving talks and selling John Birch Society literature and records from a mobile library. [redacted] said that the John Birch Society wants only eight or ten persons in the club as a security measure to prevent infiltration. He mentioned that the Society has many groups located throughout the U.S. Membership dues are $24.00 per year and life memberships are also available. Funds for this organization are raised by the sale of literature and donations. It was mentioned that

[redacted] in the area for the John Birch Society.

[redacted] following the meeting mentioned to [redacted] In view of this [redacted] place of the John Birch Society group. [redacted] that the next meeting would be held [redacted] but did not mention the meeting place. He also mentioned that 400 persons attended the last meeting. However, [redacted] believes this is probably an exaggeration in view of the fact that attendance at the above meeting was small.

Following the discussion, [redacted] made available John Birch Society literature for sale. Mr. [redacted] purchased a paperback book captioned "None Dare Call it Treason" for 75 cents. [redacted] gave him a copy of the John Birch Society Blue Book. Mrs. [redacted] furnished him several past issues of the Dan Smoot Report and other literature.

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He advised that the following were in attendance:

Name	MARY OAKES
Age	Approximately 70
Race	White
Height	5'4"
Weight	125-130 pounds
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Fair
Build	Slender
Occupation	Retired

Name	[redacted]
Residence	Syracuse, New York
Age	Early 30's
Race	White
Height	5'10"
Weight	185 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Brown

Name	[redacted] (description set forth previously)

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Age	Late 30's
Height	5'9"
Weight	185 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Light brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Age	Late 40's
Height	5'9"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Gray
Build	Thin

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Age	Late 30's
Height	5'4"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Light, fairly attractive

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Name	[redacted]
Age	Late 30's
Race	White
Height	5'8"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark, balding
Characteristics	Wears glasses

Name	[redacted]
Age	Early 40's
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Gray
Build	Heavy

[redacted] claimed to be affiliated with the American Legion.

Name	[redacted]
Age	Early 30's
Height	5'8"
Weight	160-165 pounds
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Race	Probably Indian

Name	Unidentified male
Age	40's
Height	5'8"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Medium
Occupation	[redacted]
	New York

[redacted] advised that following the meeting he engaged in conversation with [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] and from remarks made it appears to him that they are [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that he does not plan to attend the [redacted] meeting of the John Birch Society. However, should he attend any further meetings he will notify this Office.

Buffalo indices contain no identifiable information concerning [redacted] or variations of the names. [redacted] has previously been identified as being affiliated with the John Birch Society locally.

[redacted] is believed to be identical with [redacted] who in September, 1962, was [redacted] of the United Anti-Communist Action Committee of Buffalo. According to records of the Buffalo Office, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] as of 4/15/63, were officers of the Conservative Council of the Niagara Frontier handling publicity and program. It is noted that, according to relet, 8/31/62, [redacted] advised that "The Conservative Club" is actually a local branch of the John Birch Society.

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According to an article which appeared in the 10/23/63 "Buffalo Courier Express," 4-Star Edition, Mrs. [redacted] Buffalo, and a Mrs. [redacted] along with others picketed a flag raising ceremony at Niagara Square, Buffalo, New York, 10/22/63, in commemoration of the 18th anniversary of the United Nations. Mrs. [redacted] said that the women who picketed were in sympathy with the U.S. Day Committee of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She said that 10/22/63, was U.S. Day and that the following Thursday was United Nations Day. According to the article, the U.S. Day Committee is opposed to the United Nations.

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Informants and sources have not reported any interest on the part of subversive groups in the Buffalo area in connection with the John Birch Society.

No active investigation has been conducted regarding the John Birch Society and this case is being carried in a closed status. Any information obtained by [redacted] and given this Office will be furnished the Bureau.

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One copy of this communication has been designated for Albany as it contains information of interest to that Office.

Complaint Form
[illegible]71 (10-[illegible]-55)

Note: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Subject's name and aliases	Address of subject	Character of case
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY		Info Concerning

Complainant	Complaint received
Mrs. [redacted] Harlingen, Texas	[ ] Personal [X] Telephonic Date 2/28/63 Time 1131 a

Subject's Description						
Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace	
N	[ ] Male					
Age	[ ] Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
Scars, marks or other data						

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Facts of complaint

Mrs. [redacted] described [redacted] at Harlingen for the Caller-Times of Corpus Christi. She said that she had hear-say reports of Anti-Semitic literature being put out in the Rio Grande Valley. She stated that some lecturer, who had been in a Russian concentration camp had been introduced into one of the Valley schools; and she said she understood that this lecturer had been brought into the Valley by a John Birch or other "study group".

Mrs. [redacted] was thanked for her call and was courteously advised that the FBI can furnish no information to the public. She was asked, if she found in her general newspaper inquiries, anything which she felt should be known to the Government, she would call the FBI and make it available. [illegible] said she would.

Mrs. [redacted] gave the impression that she did not know what she was talking about; and was [illegible] fishing expedition.

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7135) 11/4/63

SA JOHN M. KEMMY

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On 10/21/63, [redacted] furnished the writer an oral report which was subsequently transcribed and thereafter acknowledged by Informant on 10/24/63. This report is located in [redacted] and contains the following information: (X)

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On October 20, 1963, a meeting of the Young Democrats of Bexar County was held at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a man named BOB MOORE speak concerning the John Birch Society and also to listen to another speaker give opposing views. There were about seven members of the Young Democrat group present and about 70 other individuals who appeared to be favorable to MOORE's side of the argument. (X)

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MOORE said that he was President of the John Birch Society in San Antonio and that he was a retired sergeant from some military branch of the service. His topic was "Is the John Birch Society a Threat or a Help to America," and he talked against communism. (X)

MOORE made the statement that General HESTER, connected with the Defense Department, was a communist. He also said that PIERRE SALINGER's parents were card-carrying Communist Party members. Throughout his talk he called U. S. Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY by the name of BOOBY KENNEDY and said that the Attorney General was pro-communist and would never bring a communist to trial. MOORE also stated that the Communist Party drafted, supported, and got Senator JAVITTS from New York elected. During his talk MOORE implied that if a person is not for everything the John Birch Society stands for, he is a communist. (X)

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1-100-7135 (COULTER)
1-100-9455 (J. BIRCH)
1-100-8993 (T. CHEYNEY)
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TRENT CHEYNEY, a member of the Young Democrat group, was the speaker for the other side of the question. He talked on his ideas of the misconception of the John Birch Society theories, pointing out that group does not believe in a democratic form of government. During MOORE's talk he mentioned there were thousands of communists in the United States. To refute MOORE, CHEYNEY referred to FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER's book entitled Masters of Deceit regarding the number of communists in the United States which stated there were many less than the amount MOORE had contended. CHEYNEY said he had great respect for Director HOOVER and believed he knew more about this matter than MOORE did.

Later during the discussion a spectator referred to CHEYNEY as a communist and CHEYNEY emphatically denied that he was one.

During the discussion MOORE said that the Attorney General should see [illegible] all 10,000 communists in the United States and s[illegible] them without trial because they stand for som[illegible] repug[illegible] to him as a member of the John Birch [illegible]ty.

U. S. Representative from Texas, HENRY B. GONZALES, was present briefly at the first part of this meeting but left before MOORE got into his talk very far.

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Optional Form No. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

Date: 11/7/63

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-7631)

FROM: SA JOHN M. KEMMY

RE: CP, USA
SOUTHERN REGION
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION
(ORGANIZATION)
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On 10/24/63, [redacted] furnished the writer an oral report which was subsequently transcribed and thereafter acknowledged by Informant on 10/30/63. This report is located in [redacted] and contains the following information: (U)

On [redacted] and [redacted] and, for security purposes, left in [redacted] the [redacted] Through pre-arranged plans, [redacted] there and since [redacted] was closed, [redacted] located about [redacted] (U)

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1-100-7631 [redacted]
1-100-7232
1-100-9378
1-100-242-Sub 2 (SECURITY MEASURES)
1-100-242-Sub 17 (EDUCATION)
1-100-242-Sub 18 (BRIEF)
1-121-788 [redacted]
1-100-8137
1-100-8380
1-100-7135 (YD)
1-100-9455 (J. BIRCH SOCIETY)
1-100-new [redacted]
1-100-new
1-100-242-Sub 1 (MEMBERSHIP)
1-100-242-Sub 6 (POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
1-100-7050 (FUNDS)
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The agenda was as follows: ~~(C)~~

1. Education. [redacted] and had found some important points concerning imperialism and suggested that they all study it further. [redacted] for tending to simplify the subject matter in all of [redacted] discussion at the next meeting on the material. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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[redacted] remarked that [redacted] is presently [redacted] He further stated that [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U)

2. Personal [redacted] reported on the recent meeting of [redacted] an individual named [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U)

The group decided to move the meeting to the [redacted] that place where the meeting continued. ~~(C)~~ (U)

[redacted] related that [redacted] join the Communist Party. [redacted] said that thereafter he had [redacted] ~~(C)~~ (U)

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of them, to choose the one he thought best qualified to assist in this matter. (C) (U)

All agreed to try to go to [redacted] the recent publicity about [redacted] hearing before the Subversive Activities Control Board. (C) (U)

3. Finances. No money was exchanged. Therefore, the balance on hand in the club treasury remaining at $32. (C) (U)

It was decided the next meeting would be held on [redacted] (C) (U)

Above concludes Informant's report. (C) (U)

RECOMMENDATION: Because of the information above concerning the sympathy of [redacted] it is recommended that a case be opened on each of them at this time for complete investigation concerning their sympathies and beliefs about communism and concerning their activities. (C)

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 1/27/64

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
KERRVILLE, TEXAS.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On 1/27/64 Mr. [redacted] advised that approximately one to two weeks ago, a group of persons, approximately 75, met at the American Legion Hut, San Antonio Highway, Kerrville, to see three films on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and to listen to a lecture by its organizer, FNU WELCH. He stated that he attended this meeting and from the lecture and questions discussed from the floor, it appears to him that such a group will prbably be organized in Kerrville.

He said the speaker (probably WELCH) stated that a group now exists at Fredericksburg, Texas, and if it is decided to organize a group in Kerrville, that the leader of the Fredericksburg group will contact those interested and assist in the organization of the Kerrville group. Mr. [redacted] said he did not know the name of the leader at Fredericksburg.

He said he did not know the name of the party that initiated or headed the group that met at the American Legion Hut, but believed it was a woman who works at the Piggly Wiggly Store in Kerrville - possibly a checker or cashier. He said he also felt that probably [redacted] Attorney, Kerrville, Texas (residence [redacted] - office, [redacted] would be behind the meeting, since he is well-known as a "fighter against Communism". He said however that [redacted] was not present at the meeting, because of poor health.

He said he probably would be notified if such a group is organized in Kerrville.

(Reference is made to SA 105-2356, "MINUTEMEN" on other information furnished by [redacted], who is considered stable and reliable)

No further information obtained from [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: SAC, SAN ANTONIO

DATE: 5/3/64

: Clerk, [redacted]

: UNSUB; Book Edited by Welch, John Birch Society
Mrs. [redacted] - Complainant.

At 8:25 am. this date Mrs. [redacted] tel[illegible]ically advised that she had [illegible] recently met an unknown wom[illegible] a train from St. Louis to San Antonio. Unsub. showed [illegible] to complainant which contained newspaper clippings of Pr[illegible]s Isenhower and Kennedy, which according to Unsub would [illegible]ish that Eisenhauer and Kennedy were communists. Book wa[illegible]ibly entitled "America", had number "2" printed on it [illegible] plastic cover, bound by plastic rings, and was about 1½ [illegible] thick. The book was written by [illegible] (FNU) Welch of the John [illegible] Society.

Unsub. and a young [illegible] she identified as her husband came to see Mrs. [redacted] [illegible] a week after arriving in San Antonio. Unsub stated th[illegible] husband had just been released from Brook Army Medical [illegible] where he is possibly stationed and studying languages. Unsub [illegible] she would contact Mrs. [redacted] in the near future again [illegible] a dinner date and at that time complainant will obtain [illegible] and address of Unsub. and report same to FBI office.

Unsub. was describ[illegible] as 60 yrs. or older, white hair, and heavy set.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2909) (P)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas and other Texas offices dated 5/22/64, containing request from the President's Commission concerning certain groups or organizations.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM captioned and dated same as instant communication, which LHM sets forth required data regarding the various Cuban groups in question. Enclosed for the Dallas office are 2 copies of the LHM.

Further enclosed for the Bureau, per Bureau instructions, are one copy each of the following documents:

13 ENCLOSURE

8-Bureau (Enc. 5) (AM RM)
2-Dallas (Enc. 2) (100-10461) (AM RM)
8-San Antonio
(2-105-2909)
(1-105-2356) ("Minutemen")
(1-100-9455) (J. BIRCH SOCIETY)
(1-97-80) (FPCC)
(1-105-2954 (JURE)
(1-105-2787 (SNFE)
1-97-87 (R. B. WELCH)

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2 sets of each LHM to the Pres. Comm. by letter 6-11-64 By: [illegible]

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cc - Anderson & C & Kleinknecht
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SA 105-2909

Re: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SA file 100-9455
BU file 62-104401

1. Complaint form, FD 71, of SA [redacted] 2/28/63, captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

2. Literature of John Birch Society.

3. Memorandum of SA JOHN M. KEMMY to SAC, San Antonio, dated 11/4/63, captioned COMMUNIST - YD, IS - C.

4. Memorandum of SA JOHN M. KEMMY to SAC, San Antonio, dated 11/7/63, captioned CP, USA, SOUTHERN REGION, SAN ANTONIO DIVISION, ORGANIZATION, IS - C.
(NOTE: If information in this memorandum is disseminated the names of [redacted] should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.)

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5. Letter dated 1/23/64 signed "A Patriotic American."

6. Newspaper advertisement concerning the John Birch Society.

7. Memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC (San Antonio) dated 1/27/64 captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, KERRVILLE, TEXAS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

8. Newspaper article from 3/27/64 evening edition of the Austin American Statesman, an Austin, Texas, newspaper.

9. Newspaper article from the 3/28/64 morning edition of the Austin American Statesman, Austin, Texas.

10. Memorandum of Clerk [redacted] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/3/64, captioned UNSUB; Book Edited by ROBERT WELCH JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; Mrs. [redacted] - Complainant.

For the information of the Bureau, the following communications concerning the John Birch Society have been sent to the Bureau:

1. San Antonio LHM dated 12/[illegible] captioned [redacted]

San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 12/20/63 captioned TRAVEL OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

3. San Antonio LHM dated 3/30/64 captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

4. San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 3/30/64 captioned JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

Re: "MINUTEMEN"
SA file 105-2356
BUFILE 62-107261

1. Memorandum of SA JOHN M. KEMMY to SAC, San Antonio, dated 1/22/64.

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2. Article from the 1/16/64 home edition of the San Antonio Light, a daily San Antonio newspaper.

3. Houston letter to San Antonio dated 1/29/64.

4. Memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/7/64.

5. Memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC (San Antonio) dated 2/10/64.

6. Memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/10/64.

7. San Antonio airtel to Houston dated 2/12/64.

8. Memorandum of SA B. E. DEFFENBAUGH, JR., to SAC, San Antonio, dated 1/31/64.

9. Memorandum of SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/11/64.

10. Memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 2/12/64.

11. San Antonio airtel to Dallas dated 4/1/64.

12. San Antonio airtel to Kansas City dated 4/30/64.

13. Kansas City airtel to San Antonio dated 5/7/64.

All of the above-mentioned communications concerning the "Minutemen" are captioned "MINUTEMEN," INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

The following-listed communications have been sent to the Bureau and are all captioned "MINUTEMEN," INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY):

1. Report of SA JOHN M. KEMMY dated 2/13/64 at San Antonio.

2. San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 3/5/64.

3. Report of SA JOHN M. KEMMY dated 3/11/64 at San Antonio.

4. San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 5/26/64.

Re: FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE
SA file 97-80
BUFILE 97-4196

1. San Antonio letter to New York dated 2/28/64.

2. San Antonio letter to New York dated 4/20/64.

Both of the above-mentioned communications are captioned THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS, INC., aka, RA - CUBA, IS - CUBA, IS - C, IS - SWP.

It is to be noted that the data reflected in the two above-mentioned FPCC communications was not incorporated in enclosed LHM because of the nature of the information. This information did not reflect activity of the FPCC in the San Antonio Division, and, in fact, investigation of the original allegations failed to corroborate them.

Re: JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA
(JURE)
SA file 105-2954

1. Atlanta letter to San Juan dated 1/30/64.

2. San Antonio airtel to San Juan dated 2/12/64.

It is to be noted that San Antonio files at one time had one copy of report of SA [redacted] at San Juan dated 11/26/63 but this was sent to the Louisville Division on 2/12/64.

The above-mentioned communications are all captioned JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA, IS - CUBA, IS - RA.

Re: SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (SNFE) (OPERATION ALPHA 66)

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1. Memorandum of SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR., to SAC, San Antonio, dated 4/24/63.

2. Memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/6/63.

3. Memorandum of SA BRUNO F. DREYER to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/8/63 captioned [redacted]

4. Memorandum of SA [redacted] to SAC, San Antonio, dated 5/21/63 captioned R. B. WELCH, RA - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTER.

5. San Antonio letter to Miami dated 5/29/63.

All of the above-mentioned communications are captioned SECOND NATIONAL FRONT OF ESCAMBRAY (OPERATION ALPHA 66), IS - CUBA, unless otherwise stated.

In view of the fact that an investigation was initiated concerning R. B. WELCH due to an allegation that he may be affiliated with Alpha 66, copies of the following serials from the San Antonio file concerning R. B. WELCH (San Antonio file 97-87) are being furnished herewith to the Bureau:

San Antonio letter to Houston dated 7/31/63.

Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 8/6/63.

Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 8/12/63.

Houston letter to San Antonio dated 9/19/63.

San Antonio airtel to Houston dated 9/30/63.

Houston letter to San Antonio dated 11/29/63.

7. San Antonio letter to Houston dated 11/30/63.

8. Memorandum of SA H. T. BURK to SAC, San Antonio, dated 12/13/63.

9. Houston letter to San Antonio dated 12/19/63.

10. San Antonio letter to Dallas dated 1/22/64.

Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 2/3/64.

12. San Antonio letter to Dallas dated 2/19/64.

13. Dallas letter to San Antonio dated 3/5/64.

14. St. Louis letter to San Antonio dated 3/17/64.

15. San Antonio letter to Dallas dated 4/30/64.

It is to be noted that the San Antonio file on R. B. WELCH also contains an FD[illegible] dated 1/15/64 and the FBI Identification record dated [illegible]/64. Copies of these are not being forwarded to the Bureau in instant communication.

Regarding the 30th of November Movement and the Directorio Revolucionaria Estudiantil, San Antonio files contain no information responsive to the Commission's request.

The confidential sources mentioned in attached LHM are as follows:

[redacted]

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	File Where Located
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Antonio, Texas
May 28, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The files of the San Antonio FBI office failed to contain any information reflecting that the following groups were active in the area covered by this Division during the period January 1, 1961, to January 1, 1964:

Fair Play for Cuba Committee
Junta Revolucionaria Cubana
Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil
30th of November Movement.

Regarding the group known as the Second National Front of Escambray (Operation Alpha 66), the following is set forth:

SA T-1 (April 23, 1963, and May 23, 1963)

[redacted]

He does not know of any active membership in the [redacted] area nor any activities on their part in [redacted] SA T-1 advised that he has not been requested to collect any funds and has sent no money to Miami or any other place for the benefit of the SNFE.

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SA T-2 (April 30, 1963)

SA T-2 advised that he knew of no activity or solicitations being made for the SNFE in or about [redacted] He said he knew of no individuals who might be currently involved in this group residing in this area.

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

SA T-3 (May 8, 1963)

SA T-3 advised he does not know anything about the Alpha 66 other than what he has read about this organization in local newspapers.

SA T-3 advised that he does not know of any active participating members of this organization, stating he has not been contacted for any contributions or membership. SA T-3 advised he is well acquainted [redacted] or contributions.

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SA T-2 (May 21, 1963)

SA T-2 advised that he knew of no person or persons in the [redacted] area collecting or interested in collecting for any pro-CASTRO or anti-CASTRO causes. SA T-2 recalled that an individual [redacted] work.

SA T-2 advised that he asked WELCH no questions and WELCH volunteered nothing further. SA T-2 said that he believed WELCH came to him because of his being well [redacted] SA T-2 could furnish nothing further in detail of the above.

GUS KRAUSE, Chief of Police, Brownsville Police Department, on May 21, 1963, said he knew of no fund raising or other activity in Brownsville on behalf of pro-CASTRO or anti-CASTRO factions at that time.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Confidential sources have advised that they know of no branch of the SNFE operation in or around San Antonio, Texas, and none of them has been approached to make any donations toward the SNFE. All advised that the only person who maintains contact with the anti-CASTRO movement is SA T-1.

Regarding R. B. WELCH, to date no further information has been developed reflecting WELCH's possible affiliation with the Alpha 66 group.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Antonio, Texas
May 21, 1964

Title LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character

Reference San Antonio Memorandum, dated and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a result of my letter of March 26, 1964 with respect to background materials on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and certain other subversive groups, it was agreed that your Agency would await further instructions from this Commission.

The Commission would now appreciate your providing the following information on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, "JURE", "DRE", Alpha 66, and 30th of November Movement:

1. Copies of all reports supplied from your Dallas and Fort Worth offices during the year 1963 with respect to persons believed active in those groups.

2. Summaries of activities throughout Texas of such groups with particular reference to names and places during the period January 1, 1961 to January 1, 1964.

3. A general summary of activities of such groups outside of Texas during the year 1963 with particular reference to activities in Chicago, Michigan, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Puerto Rico and San Francisco.

The Commission would also appreciate your providing copies of all reports from your Dallas and Fort Worth offices for the year 1963 which pertain to persons believed active in the Communist Party or Socialist Workers Party.

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Finally, the Commission would like you to provide copies of all reports of investigations in Texas during 1963 arising out of activities of the John Birch Society or Minute Men or relating to members of those organizations engaged in subversive activities.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

5-22-64

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Branigan
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To: SACs, Dallas (100-10461)(Enc.)
El Paso (105-1264) (Enc.)
Houston (105-1291) (Enc.)
San Antonio (105-2909)(Enc.)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

Subject: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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BUFILE: 6-1-64

Enclosed for each office is a copy of a letter from the President's Commission which is self-explanatory. The fulle names of the 3 organizations abbreviated in the second paragraph of the Commission's letter are as follows:

"JURE" - Junta Revolucionaria Cubana;
"DRE" - Directorio Revolucionaria Estudiantil;
Alpha 66 - Second National Front of Escambray (Operation Alpha 66).

In connection with the instant Commission's request, the Dallas Office should respond to items 1 and 2 and to the request in the last paragraph of page 1 and the paragraph on page 2 as outlined in the enclosure. The El Paso, Houston and San Antonio Offices should respond to item 2 and to the request in the paragraph on page 2 of the enclosure as such requests pertain to the territory covered by each office.

Item number 3 in the enclosure is being handled at SOG.

In responding to item 2 in the enclosure, each office should prepare a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the President's Commission setting forth data in each office's files responsive to this request.

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Airtel to Dallas, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
105-82555

In responding to the Commission's requests for copies of reports pertaining to the organizations or individuals concerned, each office should check its indices and files and furnish the Bureau a complete listing of all communications that have been forwarded to the Bureau for the period involved in order that such communications can be located in Bureau files. In addition, each office should forward to the Bureau copies of all communications in its files that are responsive to the instant request of the Commission but which are not currently in the Bureau's possession. These will include inter-office communications, memoranda to the SAC of each office, and correspondence from other agencies and the public.

This matter must be given the immediate attention of each office and data responsive to the Commission's request should reach the Bureau no later than 6-1-64 and earlier if possible.

NOTE:

The Commission by letter 5-20-64 has requested it be furnished reports and summaries of data in possession of the 4 Texas offices. These requests largely pertain to Fair Play for Cuba Committee as well as anti-Castro organizations. Commission is also interested in obtaining data re members active in the Communist Party & Socialist Workers Party in Dallas and Fort Worth along with information regarding individuals active in the John Birch Society or Minutemen in the State of Texas. Inasmuch as some of the data requested may not have been furnished to the Bureau, desirable each of the offices concerned furnish Bureau a complete accounting of all data in files of each responsive to these requests.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (105-1264) (RUC)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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John Birch Society

ReBuairtel to all Texas offices dated 5/22/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above. Enclosed for the Dallas Office is one copy of the above mentioned letterhead memorandum.

With regard to the paragraph on page 2 of the letter from the President's Commission dated 5/20/64, the El Paso Office is enclosing for the Bureau one copy each of the following communications, which pertain to the organization known as the "Minutemen":

10 ENCLOSURE ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Albuquerque airtel to El Paso 12/16/63;
Memo from SA ROY C. DAHL to SAC, El Paso 1/8/64.

The attention of the Bureau is called to the report of SA [redacted] at El Paso dated 2/14/64 and the report of SA WILLIAM B. AHDERS at El Paso dated 3/3/64 in the case captioned "MINUTEMEN, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)." There are no other communications

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in the files of the El Paso Office regarding the "Minutemen" for the year 1963.

Also enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the following communications which contain references to the JOHN BIRCH Society:

Memo from SA WILLIAM B. AHDERS to SAC HERBERT E. HOXIE, El Paso, dated 12/3/63;

Memo from SA ROBERT G. ABEGGLEN to SAC, El Paso dated 12/5/63;

A newspaper article from the October 29, 1963, issue of the El Paso Herald-Post;

A newspaper article from the October 29, 1963, issue of the El Paso Times;

A newspaper article from the October 24, 1963, issue of the El Paso Herald-Post;

A newspaper article from the April 21, 1963, issue of the El Paso Times;

Letter to Mr. [redacted] dated 4/8/63;

Letter from Mr. [redacted] dated 4/4/63 with an enclosed pamphlet entitled "New Era Book News";

Letter from Mr. [redacted] dated 4/2/63.

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For the information of the Bureau, the files of the El Paso Office contain a letter addressed to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, FBI, Washington, D. C., dated 10/30/63, from Mrs. [redacted]. In addition the files of the El Paso Office contain a letter from the Director to Mrs. [redacted] dated 11/6/63. There are no further communications contained in the files of the El Paso Office regardingthe John Birch Society for the year 1963. No active investigation has been conducted by the El Paso Office at any time regarding the John Birch Society.

HOXIE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

202 U. S. Court House
El Paso, Texas 79901
May 28, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

There has been no known activity at any time in the past on the part of the below mentioned organizations in the area covered by the El Paso Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC)
Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE)
Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE)
Second National Front of Escambray (Alpha 66)
(Operation Alpha 66)
Thirtieth of November Movement

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TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: 6-13-64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: [redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] Special Investigative Division, spoke with captioned individual, who first asked to speak to the Director, at 1:20 A.M., 6-13-64.

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[redacted] stated he is a student at [redacted] and has just read a book entitled, "Inside the John Birch Society." He said in the book several people are "called communists." He said he would like the FBI's "views on these people." He was advised that this Bureau does not make any such comments.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

ACTION:

For information.

1 - Miss Holmes
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Stanley
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Connell

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739) DATE: 12/5/63

FROM : SA ROBERT G. ABEGGLEN

SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND
AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

On 11/22/63, [redacted] appeared at the El Paso Office of the FBI and advised that he has been active in the Republican Party affairs for several years, [redacted] the Young Republicans at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas and having attended several Young Republicans National Conventions. and it was his opinion that there was a conspiracy between the John Birch Society and the American Nazi Party in 1961 and early 1962 to take over control of the Republican Party and then to take over the Government of the United States by force if necessary. [redacted] stated that this "enterprise" was made up largely of retired Army personnel, but he could not furnish the identity of any of them.

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[redacted] advised that he was born [redacted] at [redacted] and graduated from the [redacted] [redacted] stated that he has received extensive [redacted] and is presently receiving [redacted] stated that he is presently unemployed, but is working on a book that he is writing.

[redacted] stated that in July or August, 1961, he witnessed a rally held in a grove of trees in Mexico across from the "Hacendia" Restaurant in which members of the John Birch Society were present, as well as persons wearing Swastika arm bands.

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[redacted] stated that in 1961 and early 1962 Mrs. [redacted] the John Birch Society in El Paso and knew of the conspiracy between the John Birch Society and the American Nazi Party.

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] of "The Investigators" in El Paso had mentioned that the American Nazi Party runs a training school in Arlington, Virginia; that three El Paso persons, names not known, had attended this school in June, 1961; that the local American Nazi Party was committed to getting restrictions on aliens holding laborer's jobs in El Paso; and that the American Nazi Party had a working agreement with four of the five leading El Paso building contractors to hire only workers approved by the American Nazi Party.

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[redacted] stated that one [redacted] who was from a [redacted] and had graduated from [redacted] and who was expelled from [redacted] was a member of the John Birch Society in El Paso in 1961.

The indices on [redacted] are negative and on [redacted].

It is felt that this information warrants no further action at this time.

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TO : Herbert Hoxie

DATE: 12-3-63

FROM : William B. Ahdere

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Information Concerning

Mr [redacted] on this date advised that it would be his desire to have the FBI record the fact that he has subscribed to the "Worker", for the purpose of being informed on what the Communists are doing.

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Mr [redacted] advised that he is and has been a chapter leader in the John Birch Society in Midland, Texas.

He further advises that he is an attorney for the [redacted]

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 19, 1964

FROM : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. J.A.Sizoo
1 - Mr. D.E.Moore

SUBJECT: [redacted]
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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[redacted] is stanch supporter of the FBI at the University of Colorado. He has defended the Bureau consistently when critical professors and students at the University have delivered attacks against us. He is a contact of the Denver Office at the University.

[redacted] was in town and came to see me Wednesday. I took him to luncheon and arranged a tour of the FBI. During the course of this tour, he commented most favorably on the work of the Director and the FBI. It is evident he is a very sincere supporter of our efforts.

[redacted] gave a lecture at the "Washington School of Anti-communism," held at the International Inn, while he was in the city. This school is connected with the Dr. Fred C. Schwartz movement. However, [redacted] is not in any way a political extremist. While he is definitely a conservative, he is a scholarly one and should not be identified with extremism. As a matter of fact, he was critical of such activities to me during our luncheon conversation.

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[redacted] did have some interesting comments to make to me about Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch movement. He told me he knew Mr. Welch when he was at Harvard University and has talked to him on different occasions in some detail. He said Welch was very embittered at the death of Joseph McCarthy and blamed ex-President Eisenhower and his policy for this. Further, Welch told [redacted] he intended to start a movement which would result in his being elected to the U. S. Senate, where he would carry on the work of Joseph McCarthy. Following this, he would expand his activities and launch a campaign for the Presidency of the U. S. Welch said to [redacted] he believed the only way communism could be stopped in this country was for himself or somebody like him to be elected President of this country, and he thought he had a good chance to be elected following a Senatorial career. [redacted] pointed out Welch was dreaming very badly on this matter and, of course, he never did get started in this direction, meeting one rebuff after another.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: [redacted]

[redacted] also told me that the Press Attache of the [redacted] Embassy (there are two) whose name he did not have, has been trying to get in touch with him. [redacted] himself was born in [redacted] and is a naturalized U. S. citizen. [redacted] told me he does have this [redacted] name at home and will send it to me. He further said he will reply to this [redacted] Press Attache, who says he will be going to Colorado this summer, and will arrange to meet him and draw him out to see what it is he desires of [redacted] will then promptly advise the Bureau of what transpires.

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[redacted] also asked me to extend his personal best wishes to the Director. He said he has always greatly admired Mr. Hoover and some day he hopes he will have a chance to at least shake hands with him and tell him so personally. I might add that if [redacted] had not been lecturing at the Schwartz-connected school of anticommunism, I would have sent through a memorandum suggesting the Director give consideration to shaking hands with him while he was in the city. However, because of this connection, I thought it would be well to pass over this matter at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director. ✓

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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[redacted] Massachusetts State Police advised 7/2/64, that the "New England Rally for God and Country" is to be held 7/4 - 5/64, at the Hotel Statler-Hilton, Boston.

Rally is a joint effort of the JOHN BIRCH Society and Young Americans for Freedom. DAN SMOOT, former agent, scheduled to speak at the rally.

[redacted] expects that this "right-wing rally" will be picketed by NAACP, CORE and Renaissance Club.

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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 87th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the RECORD.

GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury, the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

IV

We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

V

We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic. "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: 'This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way."

VI

We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

VII

We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to

be "for the greatest good of the greatest number." (Or in their power-seeking plans pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

IX

We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man has either been able to improve himself and his environment, or has allowed both to deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

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In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because they are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes. For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

John Birch Society Investigated

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study. A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.

2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.

3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.

4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.

5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.

6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.

7 All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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John Birch Society

ReBuairtel, 5/22/64, enclosing copy of a letter to the Bureau from the President's Commission dated 5/20/64.

Enclosed are the following which represent material considered responsive to the Commission's requests located in a search of Dallas files and indices:

(A) Three copies of a listing of material for the year 1963 pertaining to persons believed active in FPCC, JURE, DRE, Alpha 66, and 30th of November Movement

(B) Ten copies of a letterhead memorandum containing a summary of the activities of the above groups in the Dallas Division.

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Identity of Informants in Letterhead Memorandum

T-1 PSI [redacted] Information in [redacted]

T-2 [redacted], under consideration as PSI, by request b7D Information in [redacted]

T-3 [CIA, Miami, Florida] (S) (U) Information in 89-43-1197, Miami letter to Director, 11/27/63, [enclosing CIA memo dated 11/25/63] (S) (U)

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The letterhead memorandum enclosed herewith containing a summary of activities of JURE, DRE, Alpha 66, 30th of November Movement and FPCC is classified "Secret" as the letterhead memorandum contains information from CIA, Miami, Florida, (T-3 in letterhead memorandum) received in CIA memo as noted herein, which memo was marked ~~"Secret"~~.

(C) Three copies of a listing of material for the year 1963 pertaining to persons believed active in the Communist Party.

(D) Three copies of a listing of material for the year 1963 pertaining to persons believed active in the SWP.

The search of Dallas files and indices revealed no investigations conducted of persons residing in the Dallas Division believed active in the SWP, and nothing was located to indicate the SWP has any members or was organizationally active in the Division during 1963.

A review of the indices and files of the Dallas Office revealed no investigations conducted by Dallas in 1963 arising out of activities of the John Birch Society and there would thus appear to be no information available responsive to the request of the Commission in this regard. Similarly, the review revealed no investigations in 1963 relating to members of this organization engaged in "subversive" activities.

The review of Dallas indices and files with respect to the Minute Men revealed no investigations in the Dallas Division during 1963 arising out of the activities of this organization, or investigations relating to members of this organization engaged in "subversive" activities; however, the Bureau may wish to refer to and consider the following, all in Dallas file 105-1280, and Bureau file 62-107261:

Philadelphia letter to Bureau captioned "Minutemen, Civilian Guerilla Corps, Information Concerning (Internal Security)," dated ~~11/8/63.~~ 1/18/63.

Bureau letter to Philadelphia captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning (Internal Security)," dated 1/31/63.

Denver letter to Bureau dated 2/5/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning."

Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated 7/5/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning," with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated 8/8/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning," dated 8/8/63.

Dallas letter to Bureau dated 9/~~8~~18/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning."

Dallas letter to Bureau dated 2/14/64, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning."

Dallas report dated 5/13/64, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning (Internal Security)."

No mention is made in the enclosed listings of the following cases, initiated in 1963, since the Commission presumably already had the results of the investigations, and, further, these investigations were not conducted on the basis of a belief the subjects were active in any of the groups or organizations mentioned by the Commission and thus would not logically be responsive to its requests:

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Not included in the enclosed listings are the letterhead memoranda prepared for Secret Service under the program initiated by the Bureau following the assassination of President KENNEDY under the caption "Travel of the President in the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico" (TROPUS) since all of these have been sent to the Bureau under the TROPUS caption.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact the enclosed listings contain no information relating to informants of the Dallas Division, and they are sometimes mentioned by name in reports as being in contact with certain communist figures, or as being at some meeting. No investigative reports have, of course, been prepared on these informants. They are:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-214)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (109-new) (C)

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS -
BRITISH GUIANA
IS - BRITISH GUIANA

John Birch Society

Re Bureau airtel to New Haven 6/23/64 entitled "FELIX AUGUSTUS CUMMINGS, RA - BRITISH GUIANA, IS - BRITISH GUIANA".

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of aletterhead memorandum and for the New York Office two copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information concerning an alleged plot to assassinate British Guiana Premier CHEDDI JAGAN.

The source utilized in this memorandum is [redacted] Conn. and this letterhead memorandum is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ inasmuch as information furnished by this source could reasonably result in the identification of a security source of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

On [redacted] advised that he had received a telegram from [redacted] British Guiana requesting [redacted] to come immediately to British Guiana. [redacted] advised that he planned to leave Kennedy Airport, New York, New York, on [redacted] for British Guiana via Pan American Airlines returning on [redacted] He stated that in the event [redacted] External Affairs in the government of British Guiana on this trip, that he would not discuss with [redacted] a proposed interview of him by the FBI on his next trip to the U.S.

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[redacted] advised that he left the U.S. as scheduled and arrived in British Guiana on [redacted] when he stayed at the [redacted] Georgetown, British Guiana. He left British Guiana on [redacted] stayed overnight in Trinidad, and returned to Kennedy Airport, New York, New York on [redacted] He said that during his trip to British Guiana he saw [redacted] at the Georgetown home of [redacted] and that during his conversation with [redacted] furnished to [redacted] the information included in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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According to [redacted] told him that the information relating to the plot to assassinate JAGAN came to his attention through a communication that [redacted] External Affairs.

[redacted] further advised [redacted] informed him that the U.S. Government has promised economic support to JAGAN if JAGAN would guarantee not to align himself with FIDEL CASTRO and the Soviet bloc. [redacted] claimed that JAGAN and several British Guiana government officials [redacted] had planned to travel to the U.S. to confer with President JOHNSON during the week of 6/29/64 but that this trip was cancelled in view of the racial violence and unsettled conditions which had arisen in British Guiana. [redacted] informed [redacted] that the above trip had been arranged through the help of the American Consulate in British Guiana.

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[redacted] further informed [redacted] that his proposed trip to London, England on which he planned to stop enroute to visit with [redacted] Conn. has been cancelled and [redacted] informed [redacted] that in view of the unsettled conditions in British Guiana he was unable to estimate when, if ever, he would be in the U.S. to visit [redacted] residence.

Concerning the information contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, [redacted] advised he was furnishing this information to the FBI with the understanding that it was

being furnished on a confidential basis, that his identity would be concealed, and that the identity of [redacted] would be concealed in order to protect [redacted] in British Guiana and [redacted] Government [redacted] in British Guiana.

In order to fully protect [redacted] and inasmuch as [redacted] has previously expressed to the State Dept. and the UN his anti-JAGAN views, the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being datelined Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] added that he did not specifically question [redacted] concerning his statements contained in the letterhead memorandum inasmuch as he did not desire to appear inquisitive and create any suspicions of him by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the purpose of his trip to British Guiana was to [redacted]

The information obtained from [redacted] is being furnished the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form inasmuch as the Bureau may desire to disseminate this information to CIA and the State Dept.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington 25, D.C.

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

July 8, 1964

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RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - BRITISH GUIANA

On July 7, 1964 a source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information:

In late [redacted] an individual whom the above source considers reliable and who the above source stated is [redacted] furnish reliable and factual information concerning political matters in British Guiana informed the source that Premier CHEDDI JAGAN of the governing People's Progressive Party (PPP) in British Guiana, has sources in the United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., and through these State Department sources is immediately informed of any developments in the State Department relative to British Guiana.

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This individual in late [redacted] informed the above source that there was at that time in British Guiana three men who were there to assassinate JAGAN. According to the above source this individual's exact words were "the man sent by CIA to Vietnam to assassinate DIEM is now in British Guiana to assassinate JAGAN". This individual said the other two men were sent to British Guiana by the John Birch Society, and that the "CIA man" was operating alone and independent of them. According to this individual the "CIA man" and the two John Birch Society men were then staying at the Hotel Tower, Georgetown, British Guiana.

The individual told the above source that these three men were white Americans and that before they actually left Washington, D.C. for British Guiana, JAGAN through his State Department sources was informed of their coming to British Guiana to assassinate JAGAN. The individual did not furnish

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any information as to when the above three men left Washington, D.C. for British Guiana. This individual further informed the above source that JAGAN is heavily protected and that as soon as any of these three individuals, who are under constant surveillance, make a move to assassinate JAGAN, they will be seized and immediately thrown out of British Guiana.

According to the above source, this individual added that JAGAN would not have learned of the above assassination plot from his State Department sources if the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had not informed the State Department of this operation. This individual commented that if CIA had not notified the State Department of this development that there would not have been a leak.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 62-104401 Date: September 14, 1964

Subject: Robert H.W. Welch, Jr. Date Searched: 3/2/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

Robert H.W. Welch
Bob Welch
George Welch
Robert Welch
Robert A. Welch
Robert B. Welch
Robert H. Welch
Robert Henry Winborne Welch
Robert Welsh

Summary

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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Analyst	Coordinator	Approved
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ABBREVIATION

JBS.....John Birch Society

On 9/12/57, Walter Wuerdeman, [redacted] Williamson Heater Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, furnished the following information regarding the National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS) (105-10164).

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Wuerdeman wrote to Robert H.W. Welch of Cambridge, Mass., who was engaged in fighting communism, requesting information concerning the NTS. Welch answered that to the best of his knowledge, NTS was originally bona fide but had been infiltrated by international communists. He attributed his comments to certain publications of P.J. Huxley-Blythe, editor of "World Survey" a journal of intelligence service emanating from Lancashire, England. Welch stated that he had written to Blythe relative to Wuerdeman's inquiry. On [redacted] the Multi-Colortype Company, Cincinnati, and [redacted] the son of an old friend of [redacted] went to see Wuerdeman and informed him that Welch would be in Cincinnati for a dinner on that day and requested Wuerdeman to attend. A small selected group attended this dinner and Welch spoke on the communist issue. Subsequently on [redacted] had a private interview with Welch at his hotel room concerning the NTS and it was Welch's opinion at that time that he considered the NTS at best an opportionist organization.

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105-10164-110 p.2,3
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The "National Review," a weekly journal of opinion, with offices at 211 East 37th St., NYC, dated 1/25/58, page 79, contained an item captioned "Notes and Asides." Information therein indicated that Robert Welch was an amazing man who ran a business (Welch Candy), wrote books (The Life of John Birch), published and edited a magazine (American Opinion), and was a conservative. Data pertaining to Welch's lecture to his readers which had appeared in a recent issue of his magazine was also quoted.

Alphabetical Section
"National Review," 1/25/58
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On 3/24/59, [redacted] Williamson Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, and [redacted] the "Cincinnati Enquirer" newspaper, stated that he addressed a letter dated 3/12/59 to Robert Welch, Belmont, Mass. In this letter, [redacted] advised about a small group, including Harold Blacker, who had met for luncheon and during the course of a general discussion Harold had remarked about his recent visit with Welch and a project that Welch had developed.

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[redacted] also expressed his interest in an article entitled "The Cyrus Eaton Story" which appeared in the March issue of "American Opinion."

[redacted] further stated that he was bothered about Cyrus Eaton's (100-127094) recent activities involving relations with the Soviet Union.

[redacted] also attached with this letter a communication dated 3/9/59 which he had received from [redacted] Hill and Knowlton, Cleveland, concerning "The Cyrus Eaton Story." (Reproductions of communications quoted therein)

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Herbert A. Philbrick, Rye Beach, New Hampshire, furnished a report prepared by Philbrick regarding a John Birch Club (JBC) meeting held on [redacted] at the home of [redacted] Also included was a copy of an application for membership in the JBC and petitions urging the President of the US not to attend any "Summit Meetings." The above report indicated that Robert Welch was among those present at the [redacted] meeting and quoted an address delivered by Welch. Also enclosed was a booklet entitled, "The Life of John Birch" by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

Above material enclosed
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Bureau memo, dated 5/15/59, enclosed a publication captioned "Fidel Castro, Communist" by Robert Welch. This magazine contained a reprint from an article that appeared in the April 1959 issue of "American Opinion."

It was noted that Fidel Castro was the subject of 109-539.

Publication enclosed
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"The Radio Edition of 'The Independent American' Newspaper," P.O. Box 4223, New Orleans, La., Broadcast # 59-73, announced a New Party Rally which was sponsored by "The Independent American" on 10/23-24/59 at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, Ill. The article stated that some of the greatest conservative leaders and speakers would address the gathering which would include Robert Welch, publisher of "American Opinion."

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[redacted] (protect identity), provided a copy of a letter dated 11/27/59 signed "Hilaire," which she said was from Du Berrier. Mrs. [redacted] described Du Berrier as a correspondent who resided in Paris, France, and who had sources in the administration of France. She said the letter [redacted] Robert Welch, publisher or producer of "American Opinion," and others. Mrs. [redacted] believed that Du Berrier's letter regarding Madame Suzanne Labin [redacted] indicated that Labin may be in the US with some ulterior pro-communist purpose, although she seemingly was set up as anti-communist.

It was noted that Mrs. [redacted] the "Hilaire Du Barrier Reports," a ten-a-year "intelligence letter."

Above described letter enclosed
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In connection with the investigation to determine "Unknown Subject, aka., [redacted] the following information was developed:

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An SA of the Louisville Office checked the L & N Railroad copies of the Bills of Lading covering shipments handled between the dates of 12/9/59 through 12/11/59, and located the Bills of Lading which disclosed [redacted] Ky. Information therein revealed that printed material had been shipped to Robert H. W. Welch, Belmont, Mass.

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[redacted] (RAC) and [redacted] (RAC) had both been acquainted with Millard Grubbs for about a year and neither had received any information Grubbs was publishing material under the name "The Patriot."

On 10/14/48, Millard Dee Grubbs, 1427 South 6th St., Louisville, Ky., advised that he was National Chairman of the Citizens National Law Enforcement Commission (CNLEC) and President of the Citizens Councils of Kentucky, Inc. (CCKI)

On 8/25/59, [redacted] advised that the CNLEC was an organization created by Millard Grubbs and as of that time appeared to be a paper organization. The source stated that Grubbs had remarked on several occasions about his desire of making citizens arrests of public officials who failed to do their duty.

The purpose of the CCKI was set forth as the protection and preservation of historical Southern customs, opposing attacks on social and political institutions, protection of the American way of life and revealing to the public the true aims of communism. (County Court Clerk's Office, Jefferson County, Kentucky)

105-74075-191 p.4
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Mrs. [redacted] France, [redacted] at Los Angeles of the newsletter*, "H. Du B. Reports," advised that she travelled recently to NY to solicit more ample stipend for Hilaire Du Berrier (61-10904), whose livelihood, she stated, would hardly be maintained but for the cash contribution substantially made by George Welch, the Belmont, Mass., candy manufacturer, who was the founder-director of the JBS. Mrs. [redacted] also indicated that she had in the past approached Welch with the thought that he undertake the complete operation of the "H. Du B. Reports" but that Welch had demurred and indicated that she was best qualified.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised additionally that she was in contact with Welch on one of his recent trips on behalf of the JBS in the Los Angeles area regarding a study program for the JBS membership.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that out of her experience some years ago [redacted] Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., she felt competent [redacted] Welch in setting up a program of campus chapters of the JBS and had indicated [redacted] Welch in this regard.

Information was submitted in Los Angeles letter dated 12/21/60.

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*A Los Angeles world affairs publication.

The "Providence Journal," Providence, RI, dated 3/13/61, carried an article entitled "Public Opinion Called Answer To Extremism," subtitled "Speaker Says People Should Be Enlightened On Far Right Groups." This article stated Gordon D. Hall of Boston told an audience at the First Unitarian Church in Providence "Unless you are well informed, I don't see how you can cope with this kind of irresponsible anti-communism." Hall, who spent 15 years detailing to US audiences the workings of the far right, underscored the operation of two currently talked about groups- the JBS and George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party (105-70374) as he outlined the anatomy of extremism. The group, organized by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., who had called former President Eisenhower a dedicated communist agent, had a paid membership of at least 100,000 according to Mr. Hall. In his writings Hall told the audience of about 60 persons to Mr. Welch had branded NATO as "part of the Communist plan to enslave the world."

105-70374-A "Providence Journal"
(11) 3/13/61

[redacted] Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Washington, DC, advised that on 4/6/61, he was visited by one Martin J. Parker who inferred that he had information that could definitely tie George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party (105-70374), to Robert Welch, leader of the JBS, and that this information would make every front page in the country. b6 b7C

Parker identified himself to [redacted] with a 1960 Wisconsin driver's license, indicating that he was born 2/22/10, residence 433 W. Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, Wis.

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The "Houston Chronicle," 5/10/61, carried an article entitled "Group Welcomes Aid In Red Charge Fight." This article stated that Dr. Karl Parker, executive director of the Association of Churches of Greater Houston, stated that a committee formed to fight charges on communism in the churches would seek co-operation from nonmembers of the association. Charges discussed by the committee at the association headquarters, 9 Chelsea Place, included those by Robert Welch.

100-403529-A "Houston Chronicle,"
(7) 5/10/61

The "National Guardian," dated 8/28/61, published a letter from Clyde Robert Appleton (105-96661) which concerned the Arizona Communist Control Act of 1961. During the course of the letter, Appleton remarked that the former Supreme Court Justice Phelps, national board member of the JBS, introduced Robert Welch, the society's leader, who appeared before a large audience in Phoenix. (No further details) (Letter set out verbatim)

105-96661-8 p.3
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This reference is a copy of a letter from [redacted] (62-107021), [redacted] Pa., to Gus Hall, General Secretary, CP,USA, NYC, dated [redacted] in discussing Gus' following the Party line, stated in part "It is obvious that one Robert Welch has you fellows on the run. It would seem to me that you have finally found your match. I do not necessarily go along with all that Mr. Welch says, but this is characteristic of the free society which you would destroy."

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[redacted] Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, advised that the files of the Intelligence Section revealed Jack H. Sucke, 1300 West 9½ St., Austin, was general chairman, Austin Anti-Communism League. [redacted] stated that in November 1961, the Austin Chamber of Commerce, Austin, Texas, protested that Sucke had used the Chamber of Commerce membership list in promoting a speech by Robert Welch, founder of the JBS.

62-109060-2143 p.230
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On 11/29/61, Robert Bolivar De Pugh (62-107261), head of the "Minutemen" (62-107261), advised that one of the members of the Minutemen (an [redacted] one of the congressional committees, which he declined to identify) had informed him that a number of individuals, who were communists or communist sympathizers, [redacted] to infiltrate the news and radio media in an effort to stage a campaign to discourage conservative movements, and to embarrass the US internationally. He identified two such people as (fnu) [redacted] who were with CBS. He related that these two individuals were to be in Norborne, Missouri, [redacted] him on matters relating to the Minutemen. De Pugh stated he understood [redacted] itinerary after leaving Norborne consisted of [redacted] including one with Robert Welch, founder JBS, Boston, Mass. De Pugh stated that it was his understanding these two men, after [redacted] Welch and the others, [redacted] an article attempting to interweave the various groups picturing them as ultra rightwing, semi-Nazi.

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The Attorney General's office furnished a memorandum captioned "The Radical Right in America Today," prepared by Victor Reuther and submitted by Walter Reuther (61-9556) to the Justice Department on 12/19/61. This memorandum dealt largely with the activities of the right-wing groups and set out policies and programs to combat the radical right. Robert Welch and his society, the JBS, were mentioned among the most powerful of the extreme right-wing groups.

Memorandum enclosed
61-9556-264 p.2
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On 1/25/62, Hilaire Du Berrier (61-10904) advised that he was the author of "H. du B. Reports," a periodical published by him, as well as a free lance writer for various magazines. He stated that his last published article was in the magazine "American Opinion" in August 1959. This magazine was published by Robert Welch who from time to time, even though he did not publish Du Berrier's article, would send small financial donations to him.

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John A. Despol, Administrator of Local 2058, United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO (100-62018), prepared for distribution to the membership of Local 2058 a leaflet, primarily for the information of the members who were absent from the union membership meeting held on 1/24/62. In this bulletin Despol stated that it was important for those who were absent to be aware of the main issues discussed at this meeting. One of the issues discussed was Despol's invitation to Robert Welch, head of the JBS, to contribute to a special Defense of Freedom Fund of Local 2058. Despol stated that Welch claimed to be fighting communism and he was alleged to have been collecting money through the instrumentality of the JBS to oppose the CP. Despol stated that inasmuch as the local union had been placed in financial distress, it did not seem unreasonable to request financial aid from Welch. (Copy of leaflet furnished by Thomas E. (Ted) Nelson, 1439 Orange Ave., La Puente, Calif.)

News items from the "Los Angeles Times," 2/15/62 and 3/3/62; the Huntington Park "Daily Signal," 3/3/62 and "The Militant," 3/5/62, particularly commented concerning the invitation extended to Robert Welch to contribute to the aforementioned fund.

Photostat of leaflet and news
items enclosed
100-62018-1519 p.11,12,15,
(7) encl.p.23,24,26,27,29

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[redacted] (protect identity) furnished information regarding a meeting of approximately fifteen members of the "Minutemen" (62-107261) held [redacted] Mo. Robert De Pugh (62-107261), the national coordinator of the "Minutemen," was in charge of the meeting and was the only speaker. De Pugh told the group that he had attended a meeting at Dallas, Texas, a few weeks previously where he had met with General Walker, Robert Welch and others. De Pugh stated these leaders had agreed that a common goal must be selected and achieved. The goal selected by them as their first target was to be the American news media.

62-107261-174
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On 8/22/62, John Dunn, MD, P.O. Box 1562, Pecos, Texas, furnished a pamphlet entitled "The Billie Sol Estes Case," by Dr. Dunn. It represented a transcript of a speech delivered on 7/4/62 by Dr. Dunn, before a group of "conservative Democrats" in Baton Rouge, La. The inside of the cover page indicated the booklet was copywrited by "American Opinion," Belmont 78, Mass., which was a publication edited and directed by Robert H. W. Welch, acknowledged leader and organizer of the JBS.

Pamphlet enclosed
29-28704-4321
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By letter, dated 8/24/62, Congressman Hale Boggs (94-37804), House of Representatives, Washington, DC, forwarded a copy of a letter received by him from Robert Welch, founder of the JBS. This letter charged Congressman Boggs with using a communist tactic of alleging that anit-communist groups were actually communist controlled or directed. It demanded an apology from the Congressman and a retraction or the Society would take steps to defend itself.

Above letter enclosed
94-37804-26
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On 10/26/62, telephone directories of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Boston, Mass., identified Robert Welch, Inc., 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass., as the subscriber to telephone number 489-0600 (previously reported as IV 9-0600).

It was noted that Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., had been publicly identified in the press as the founder and leader of the JBS, with headquarters at 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass.

157-401-1398
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Correlator's Note: Serial 969 of above file set forth a number of telephone calls charged to Dallas telephone, Lakeside 1-4115 and Lakeside 1-4116, listed to Edwin A. Walker, 4011 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. Included therein was a call made on [redacted] to telephone # [redacted]. This was a person to person call to [redacted]

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The "Worker," dated 11/20/62, carried an article entitled "Walker's Outfit Helps Run Anti-Semitic Magazine," by Mike Newberry. This article stated that former General Edwin A. Walker had been revealed as one of the leaders of a group of ultra-ultras who had bought control of the anti-Semitic and racist "American Mercury." Many who were leaders of the ultra-right, including Robert Welch, appeared regularly in the magazine's anti-Semitic pages.

157-401-A "Worker" 11/20/62
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The Twelfth Report of the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, 1963, of the California Legislature included a report concerning the JBS and its founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont 78, Mass.

(Report enclosed)
100-15252-118 encl.p.1-61
(6,11)

A note postmarked March 12th enclosed a column of 3/12/63 written by Arthur Hoppe, columnist for the "San Francisco Chronicle" (94-8-447). The note stated: "Mr. Hoover - Maybe you should get Representative Walters of the HUAC - after Hoppe - Robert Welch John Birch Society."

It was noted that this did not appear to be the way a submission would be made to the Bureau by Robert Welch of the JBS and may have been sent by someone else.

Hoppe's article, while facetious, was obviously intended as criticism of the Bureau. Bufiles indicated that Hoppe was on the Bureau's "do not contact" list.

Above note and column enclosed
94-8-447-144
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On 4/9/63, [redacted] (157-1534), [redacted] Utah, advised that he recently attended a JBS meeting held at Salt Lake City. He stated that he [redacted] Ezra Taft Benson, official of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and former Secretary of Agriculture of the US Government. [redacted] stated that Robert Welch, head of the JBS, was the principal speaker.

157-1534-1 p.8
(8)
SI 105-70374-2216 p.5
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By letter, dated 7/25/63, Mrs. [redacted] Calif., indicated her concern and criticism of various "Fright Peddlers" of religious and political far right leanings such as one [redacted] and others who attacked Government officials and distorted the news on the air. She did not know if this was an organized effort with such people as Robert Welsh, [redacted] and Dan Smoot of Dallas.

62-0-64315
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The 8/3/63 edition of "The Daily Oklahoman" and the "Oklahoma City Times," daily newspapers published at Oklahoma City, Okla., carried articles captioned "Big Government Ripped by Welch" and "Birch Society Founder Talks Here" respectively. These articles indicated that Robert Welch was the keynote speaker at the Fifth Annual Christian Crusade National Convention held in Oklahoma City 8/2-4/63. In his speech, Welch stated "There's nothing as stupid as government when it comes to stupidity." (Articles set out in part)

157-970-74
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SI 100-424820-41
(7) (No source given) (Scheduled speaker)
SI 157-970-13
(8) [redacted] former [redacted] (RAC); protect identity) [redacted]

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In connection with the investigation of plans to picket Governor George Wallace, Alabama (62-102939), during his speech at Minneapolis, 2/17/64, the following information was developed:

The appearance of Governor Wallace at the University of Minnesota was for the purpose of participating in a four-day symposium on "Great Issues in Government." This would run from February 16 through February 19, 1964. Among the speakers scheduled to appear was Robert Welch, founder of the JBS.

62-102939-45
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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference on Robert Welch located in the Personnel Records Unit was not reviewed:

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
67-572938-28	(6)

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 10-13-58)

Date 9/9/64

To

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- [ ] Acknowledge
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- [ ] Call me
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- [ ] Deadline passed
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- [ ] Discontinue
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- [ ] File
- [ ] For information
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- [ ] Leads need attention
- [ ] Open Case
- [ ] Prepare lead cards
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- [ ] Recharge serials
- [ ] Return assignment card
- [ ] Return file
- [ ] Return serials
- [ ] Search and return
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- [ ] Send Serials .....
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- [ ] Submit report by .....
- [ ] Type
- [ ] Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

ATTACHED FORWARDED FOR HANDLING AT SEAT OF GOVERNMENT. NO REFERENCES IDENTIFIABLE IN NY INDICES RE: MRS. RUTH B. EVANS, 59 ACADEMY ST., CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-8-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH
APPEARANCE ON "MEET THE PRESS"
WRC-TV
9-6-64, 6 p.m.

Captioned individual, who is President and founder of the John Birch Society, appeared on "Meet the Press" and was questioned concerning his allegations that former President Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles and others were "communist agents." Although Welch refused to modify these statements, he said that they had been taken out of context and it would be necessary for him to take several minutes to fully explain the background behind his allegations. Welch said he would not comment regarding President Johnson or Senator Goldwater because his Society had never taken a position in a political campaign. He said he felt the success of the John Birch Society was assured because he and his associates had already succeeded in convincing thousands of people that the United States was a "republic" and not a "democracy."

REFERENCE TO THE DIRECTOR:

Welch said that 98 percent of all Government employees were loyal American citizens. Very few are disloyal, he said, but we must remember that the actual number of these disloyal citizens is not important. He said that "What is important is where they are placed. J. Edgar Hoover himself has said this many times."

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The program contained no other references to the Director or the FBI.

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RECOMMENDATION: 62-104401-2239

For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-14-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [redacted] NORTH CAROLINA
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On 9-14-64 [redacted] telephonically contacted the Bureau requesting to speak with the Director and was referred to SA Baker of the Crime Research Section.

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[redacted] commenced by stating he is a member of the John Birch Society and stated that he was calling in relation to a film entitled "Hollywood's Answer to Communism." He said this is a three hour film which previously has been endorsed by various outstanding people, both lay and clergy, and he desired to have an endorsement concerning this film by Mr. Hoover. He was advised that the FBI had not been involved in the preparation of the film nor in the subsequent use of it. He was further advised that it was a policy of Mr. Hoover and the FBI that no endorsements are made in material which we had no control over. At this point, [redacted] asked about the film operation abolition and in response to his inquiry he was advised that this was a film prepared by the Un-American Activities Committee, and the FBI had nothing to do with the preparation thereof, nor was it endorsed by Mr. Hoover.

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[redacted] a member of the John Birch Society, obviously was attempting to have an endorsement in order to put the Director on the spot. It is noted that [redacted] has previously corresponded with the Bureau as a John Birch Society member. One of his communications was not acknowledged due to the nature of his correspondence. The latest correspondence from [redacted] was on March 9, 1964. [redacted] requested some reprints of speeches made by the Director relating to communism. He was advised these would be forthcoming. Selected speeches concerning communism that have been made by the Director will be sent to [redacted] without any accompanying correspondence.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Miss Gandy 1 - Miss [redacted] 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Morrell

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CRIME [redacted]

FD-36 (Rev. 12-13-56)

FBI

Date: September 9, 1964

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-14613) (C)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are Xerox copies of an envelope and letter addressed to Mr. [redacted] WCKT-TV, Miami, Fla.

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[redacted] WCKT-TV, Miami, Fla., on 9/4/64, advised that WCKT had produced a documentary program called "The Patriots," which was broadcast by that station sometime during 7/64. "The Patriots" dealt with extremists of both the ultra-right and ultra-left. Following the broadcast, [redacted] advised he received a number of uncomplimentary letters, the tenor of which indicated that the authors were "Birchites," or far-right-thinking individuals.

One of these uncomplimentary letters arrived in an envelope postmarked 8/3/64 at Miami, Fla. This envelope contained a sticker which carried a printed quote of the Director. The sticker was a fluorescent orange-color, containing black print. (See enclosure.)

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The envelope contained a return address "1468 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Fla." This address is a business establishment occupied by the Economy Printing Company. [redacted] stated that the individuals associated with the

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105-55211-S 6 p1, 4, 33, 34, 35 146 PI
100-78014-2728 p36 PI
4-2329 p4 PI
105-78018-S 5 p5 PI

Approved: [redacted] Sent M Per
Special Agent in Charge

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NOTE: USE OF ALLEGED QUOTE BY DIRECTOR. No fault — Quote was accurate

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Economy Printing Company are "Birchites." [redacted] made available a letter dated 8/3/64 signed [redacted]" which, although it had been separated from the [redacted] envelope in his files, he is quite sure was contained [redacted] in the envelope that bore the sticker. He based his assumption on the date of the letter and the date of the postmark on the envelope, which were the same, and remarked that the "Birchites" had some sort of plan of harassment, since he received an uncomplimentary letter each day for a period of about two weeks.

A Dun & Bradstreet report dated 11/11/63 disclosed that the Economy Printing Company, 1468 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Fla., was engaged in job printing, and was [redacted]

[redacted] former [redacted] (RAC), a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who also has [redacted] furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated, advised on 9/4/64 that [redacted] the Economy Printing Company, 1468 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Fla. The firm [redacted] WILLIAM B. PENNY, 437 N. W. 111th Terrace, Miami, Fla., [redacted] Fla. According to the source, [redacted] PENNY, [redacted] are self-admitted members of the John Birch Society, and are [redacted] organization in the Miami area. In addition, [redacted] the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 6700 N. W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Fla., [redacted] Evangelist BILLY JAMES HARGIS since 4/64, when HARGIS came to Miami to launch the formation of the Community Adult Chapters of his Christian Crusade.

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The [redacted] issue of the "Miami Herald" contained a news story captioned, [redacted] In this article, it is stated that Mrs. [redacted] Fla.,

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and her husband, had joined ROBERT WELCH's militant John Birch Society about a year and a half ago.

The [redacted] issue of the "Miami Herald" contained a news story captioned, [redacted] In this story, it is stated that an irate John Birch Society speaker stalked out of a Miami Jaycees meeting when the group's president refused to evict a [redacted] with WCKT was over a documentary, "The Patriots," which he said attacked the Birch Society President, ROBERT WELCH, and made statements about the group that were not true. [redacted] grabbed up 50 copies of the recently-written book, "None Dare Call It Treason," and stalked out.

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The [redacted] issue of the "Miami Herald" contained a news article concerning BILLY JAMES HARGIS and his Christian Crusade. The article mentioned a two-day seminar conducted by HARGIS at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Miami, Fla. [redacted] that accompanied the article showed Dr. [redacted] BILLY JAMES HARGIS.

[redacted] Florida. [redacted] the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Miami, [redacted] the Economy Printing Company, Miami, on 7/5/63, when interviewed concerning another matter, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that [redacted] the John Birch Society in the Miami area.

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[redacted] Metropolitan Baptist Church, Miami, and [redacted] Economy Printing Company, Miami, on 7/8/64, when interviewed concerning another matter, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he is a current member of the John Birch Society.

WILLIAM B. PENNY

WILLIAM B. PENNY, 439 N. W. 111th Street, Miami, Fla., an employee of the Economy Printing Company, Miami, Fla., on 7/8/64, when interviewed concerning another matter, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he is a leader of the John Birch Society.

In accordance with current instructions, the above information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-23-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: MRS. [redacted] ALABAMA

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PURPOSE:

To recommend handling of current letter from Mrs. [redacted]

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BACKGROUND:

By letter dated August 19th, Mrs. [redacted] requested material on communism in volume to be sent to her to be used by the American Opinion Bookstore in Birmingham. Mrs. [redacted] was advised by letter dated August 26, 1964, that it would not be possible to send her material in volume due to budgetary limitations and she was advised there were no provisions whereby publications could be purchased. This reply was given inasmuch as American Opinion Libraries have been founded throughout the United States which are closely allied with the John Birch Society. It should be noted the publication of the Society is entitled "American Opinion." Because these libraries are affiliated with the Society, requests for publications in volume have been refused on budgetary limitations.

A letter dated September 17th has been received from Mrs. [redacted] stating she is deeply disappointed that she cannot get material in volume since the Freedom Educational Foundation in Birmingham "does receive this material." Since she cannot receive material in volume for the bookstore, she requests to be sent personally a few copies of "Communism And The College Student." She further states the Freedom Educational Foundation has had this publication but has none at the present time. Bufile 94-58569 reflects cordial correspondence with Mrs. [redacted] the Freedom Educational Foundation. The stated purpose of this Foundation is to educate the public in the conflict between freedom and communism. Mrs. [redacted] the Special Correspondents' List and she has been sent material in volume as well as being granted permission to reprint material.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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That this memorandum be returned to Correspondence and Tours Section so that five copies of "Communism And The College Student" can be forwarded to Mrs. [redacted] without cover letter.

sent 9-24-64

1 - Mr. DeLoach
[redacted]

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- [ ] Service Unit - Room 6524
- [ ] Forward to File Review [redacted]
- [ ] Attention [redacted]
- [x] Return to [redacted] 830 RB

Supervisor Room Ext.

Type of References Requested:

- [ ] Regular Request (Analytical Search)
- [ ] All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
- [x] Subversive References Only
- [ ] Nonsubversive References Only
- [ ] Main _____ References Only

Type of Search Requested:

- [ ] Restricted to Locality of _____
- [ ] Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
- [ ] Buildup
- [ ] Variations

Subject [redacted]

Birthdate & Place [redacted]

Address

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R# _____ Date 10/7 Searcher Initials [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9-29-64

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Page 22248. Senator McGovern, (D) South Dakota, spoke concerning the newly formed council to combat the Birch Society and related extremists. He stated "I have been pleased and proud of the courageous manner in which my distinguished South Dakotan, Dr. Arthur Larson, has spoken out against extremism in our national life. - - - He has also taken the lead in heading a group of distinguished Americans who have set out to combat the growing power of radical, rightwing groups that have been saturating the radio and TV airwaves with extremist propaganda." Mr. McGovern included an article from the New York Times of September 23 written by Martin Gansberg entitled "Civic Leaders Form Anti-Birch Council." The article states "Mr. Larson named the following organizations as being part of the major radical reactionary structure: Americans for Constitutional Action, America's Future, Christian Crusade, Christian Freedom Foundation, Church League of America, Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, Conservative Society of America, Liberty Lobby, Manion Forum, National Economic Council, Dan Smoot Reports, and We the People." (Howard D. Smoot, author of the Dan Smoot Reports, was employed by the Bureau as an Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. He resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement.)

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 9-28-64 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

SAC, Los Angeles

EX-103

October 6, 1964

Director, FBI

REC-43 62-104901-2273

HONORABLE HERMAN H. RIDDER
PUBLISHER
INDEPENDENT AND PRESS-TELEGRAM
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Enclosed is a copy of the letter directed to captioned individual by Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley for your information.

Enclosure

NOTE: Ridder is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 30 1964

[redacted]

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

For your information there is enclosed a copy of a letter sent to Mr. [redacted] in response to his letter of September 17, 1964 concerning subject.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Mailing List
Change Noted
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 10/2/64

FROM [redacted], LOS ANGELES (100-59001) ATTENTION: CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference Bureau letter dated 9/30/64 by HELEN W. GANDY to Mr. [redacted] California.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of an article entitled "The John Birch Society, a Report" which appeared as a 16-page advertising supplement to the "Los Angeles Times" issue of Sunday, September 27, 1964. NICK B. WILLIAMS is the editor of the "Los Angeles Times." b6 b7C

Los Angeles file 100-57962 reflects that in 1959, the Office of Special Investigations, District 18, Maywood, California, conducted an investigation on [redacted] the Kaynar Manufacturing Company, Inc., 7875 Telegraph Road, Rivera, California, and requested any information in the files of the Los Angeles Office. The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) records reflected that [redacted] was a member of the National Lawyers Guild in 1949 and was then living in New York. This information was originally furnished to OSI by the Bureau. The OSI investigation developed no additional subversive information and files of the Los Angeles Office contain no subversive information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] GERALDINE ROBBINS DREYFUSS, was the subject of Los Angeles file 100-63056, Bureau file 100-437952. A summary of the information in the Los Angeles files concerning GERALDINE DREYFUSS is set forth in Los Angeles letter and letterhead-memorandum captioned "GERALDINE DREYFUSS" dated July 10, 1962. Neither [redacted] have been the subjects of an active investigation by the Los Angeles Office and neither of them are on the Security Index or the Reserve Index.

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One copy of the enclosed article concerning the John Birch Society is being retained in the Los Angeles file. b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

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DATE: 10-12-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

During the last week of September and the first week of October, 1964, the Director received several letters from individuals residing in the Los Angeles, California, area regarding an advertisement appearing in the "Los Angeles Times" on 9-27-64. Most interpreted the photograph of the Director and quoted statement to be an implied endorsement of the John Birch Society by Mr. Hoover. Appropriate answers were prepared and sent to these individuals setting forth the Bureau's position. Los Angeles was instructed to obtain a copy of this advertisement for the Bureau's information. By letter dated 10-2-64 Los Angeles forwarded a copy of the sixteen page, color advertising supplement to the "Los Angeles Times" for 9-27-64.

A review of the supplement shows a color photograph of Captain John Birch of the United States Army for whom the society was named. Thereafter for several pages both statements and photographs are set forth depicting the history and nature of this organization. Action programs are described and a page is devoted to the communist attack against this group. Also a page is set out reporting the findings of the California Senate investigation. On page fourteen the theme is: National Leaders Say: and photographs of former President Eisenhower, former Agricultural Secretary Benson, Senator Thurmond, Negro minister Ward, former FBI Agent Skousen and statements attributed to them are set out. The first photograph is that of the Director and a two sentence quotation from his remarks before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 3-26-47 is accurately printed. The supplement also has an application blank to apply to become a member of this group.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: John Birch Society

OBSERVATION:

The method in which the Director's photograph is set out can be construed by individuals to be an implied clearance of this group by the Director; however, the Director does not name the John Birch Society and his statement is accurately quoted, although out of context, and properly identified as to time and place. In effect, they quoted from a statement of Mr. Hoover's which is a matter of public record. Other national leaders quoted actually used the name of the John Birch Society in their comments.

RECOMMENDATION:

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-8-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ARTICLE BY FORMER AGENT
W. CLEON SKOUSEN

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BACKGROUND:

We have received the September, 1964, issue of "American Opinion," the monthly publication by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. Inside the back cover is printed an article by W. Cleon Skousen entitled "J. Edgar Hoover." The Director's picture is carried on the front cover. Skousen's article is entirely highly favorable about the Director. It is in essence a thumbnail sketch of Mr. Hoover's 40-year career as Director of the FBI. It ends with reference to the President's order exempting the Director from the compulsory retirement rule age 70.

The Director's picture which is carried on the front cover appears to be a painting, probably based on a photograph, and bears what appears to be the name of its artist, Daniel Michael Canavan.

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The activities of Skousen are well known to the Bureau. He Entered on Duty with the FBI as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position on October, 5, 1951. In recent years he has been aligned closely with the extreme right-wing such as the John Birch Society and has been characterized as an "unprincipled racketeer in anticommunism" who is "money mad" and who is doing everything and anything to exploit the subject of anticommunism.

Bureau files reveal Skousen has always been a strong supporter of the Bureau and the Director; however, he has not hesitated to trade on his former association with the Bureau in order to achieve stature as a writer and lecturer on anticommunism. In view of this, it is not felt we should acknowledge his favorable comments about Mr. Hoover.

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

Bufiles reflect that in 1951 the Bureau conducted a Departmental applicant investigation on a [redacted] of New York City. This investigation revealed that [redacted] had been discharged from the Army in 1946 because of "schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type." A later name check form on [redacted] reflected that he was self-employed as a [redacted]

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OBSERVATION:

Though there is no indication that we gave permission to Welch to use the Director's picture on the cover of his magazine, it is felt nothing would be gained by protesting to him.

RECOMMENDATION:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/23/64

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING
OO: Butte

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Enclosed for the Bureau's information is an undated letter with the printed signature [redacted]" which is furnished the Bureau in the event similar letters are brought to the Bureau's attention.

The letter has been originally typed and reproduced with some type of duplicating machine.

Several identical letters have been mailed in Montana, including the towns of Three Forks, Bozeman, and Columbus, during the period 10/13-17/64. One was mailed to the FBI Office at Butte, Montana, and one each to the Pastors of the Catholic Churches at Bozeman and Big Timber, Montana. 20 to 25 were left on the literature table at Democratic Headquarters, Baxter Hotel, Bozeman. (Democratic Headquarters officials attribute this to efforts of the JOHN BIRCH Society.)

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URGENT 10-29-64
TO DIRECTOR
FROM HOUSTON 292240

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ALLEGED JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ACTIVITY FOR OCTOBER 31, 1964, MISC INFO CONCERNING.

AT 4:20 PM OCTOBER 29, 1964 INFO RECEIVED FROM [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), TO THE EFFECT HE HAS LEARNED THAT ALL CHAPTER LEADERS OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ALERT MEMBERS TO STAND BY FROM 12 NOON TO 6 PM ON OCTOBER 31, 1964 FOR AN "EXTRA SPECIAL ACTIVITY WHICH IS TO BE A POLITICAL BOMBSHELL."

NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN HOUSTON, ~~UACB~~.

Unless added to the contents by the Bureau

RECEIVED: 6:34 PM [redacted]

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7-21-86 [redacted]

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 10-29-64

[redacted] in the Attorney General's Office, on 10-28-64, furnished Mr. [redacted] information identical with that in attached teletype. [redacted] identified his source as [redacted] associated with the Anti-Defamation League in Washington.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, ~~RM.~~ Racial Matter

LOCAL SOURCE ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY TODAY OF ~~INFO~~ information RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BEING CIRCULATED WITHIN THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B-NAI BRITH BY ADL NATIONAL OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY.

~~QUOTE~~ "CHAPTER LEADER ~~PAREN~~ (OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY) ~~END PAREN~~ HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ALERT ALL THEIR MEMBERS TO STAND BY ON SATURDAY, OCT. THIRTYONE, FROM TWELVE NOON TO SIX P.M., FOR AN EXTRA SPECIAL JOHN BIRCH ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AS TO THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY EXCEPT THAT IT WILL BE A ~~SINGLE QUOTE~~ 'POLITICAL BOMBSHELL' ~~END SINGLE QUOTE~~, ~~END QUOTE~~.

PHILA. SOURCE ALSO CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISING PHILA. POLICE DEPT. ACCORDINGLY, PHILA. MAKING NO LOCAL DISSEMINATION SINCE PROPOSED ACTIVITY MAY BE OF VALID POLITICAL NATURE.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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10/28/64

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-1982)(P)

RE: HONORABLE HERMAN W. HANNER
Publisher Independent
Press-Telegram
Long Beach, California
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Reairtel 10/13/64 and myairtel 10/23/64.

Enclosed herewith are 6 briefs forwarded to this office by captioned individual.

One brief analyzes pertinent passages from "Mein Kampf" by ADOLPH HITLER for comparison with comments in 5 briefs on principal publications of the John Birch Society by ROBERT WELCH. Receipt of this material has been acknowledged and it is being forwarded herewith for Bureau's information.

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(OHIO)
NEW YORK--REP. ROBERT TAFT JR., R-OHIO, SAID TODAY HE WAS BACKING SEN. GOLDWATER FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND BELIEVED THE ARIZONA SENATOR WOULD CARRY OHIO IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.
TAFT MADE HIS REMARKS DURING A DEBATE WITH HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT IN THE OHIO SENATORIAL RACE, SEN. STEPHEN YOUNG, ON THE TV PROGRAM "TODAY" (WNBC-TV).
SEN. YOUNG SAID THAT GOLDWATER, WHOM HE REFERRED TO AS THE TEMPORARY SPOKESMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, "AND MY OPPONENT HAVE THE SUPPORT IN OHIO OF THE RADICAL EXTREMIST RIGHT WING FRINGE, THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, WHICH J. EDGAR HOOVER, JUST THE OTHER DAY, SAID...WERE AS DANGEROUS TO OUR NATION AS EXTREMISTS OF THE LEFT."
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They certainly are that entirely out of context my statement.

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United States Senate

October 30, 1964

Respectfully referred to

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

John Sparkman

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 11/3/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Mr. CLAUDE D. BORING of Lake Placid, Florida (telephone Homestead 5-4691), telephonically contacted me on 11/2/64 advising that he is the Florida State coordinator of the captioned society. He made reference to a document which was partly reprinted in the "St. Petersburg Times" on October 29, which article indicated that the document in question was being distributed at a John Birch Society meeting. The document in question apparently advised men, women and children to buy high-powered rifles and shotguns against the event of a GOLDWATER defeat. BORING said he was quite alarmed by the story and that he had received quite a number of calls from individuals saying that they wanted to join the John Birch Society on the strong stand shown in this document.

BORING said that the John Birch Society did not distribute such a document and that as far as he can determine from the chapter presidents in the state, none of the chapters are distributing such a document. He said that the document does not represent the policy of the John Birch Society and he resented the inference that it did. He further advised that he traced this document to the Minute Men, Box 68, Norbourne, Missouri, and that it was taken from that group's April 1, 1964, bulletin. He requested advice as to what to do in the matter. I told him I was not in any position to advise him in the matter.

In this connection, transmitted herewith are an editorial appearing in the "Tampa Tribune" 11/2/64 captioned "Looking for Doomsday" and an article appearing in the 11/3/64 issue of the "Tampa Tribune" captioned "Birch Society Disclaims 'Call to Arms' Document."

Bureau's attention is likewise directed to Tampa airtel and letterhead memorandum, both dated 11/3/64, captioned "Minute Men; Information Concerning; IS-C."

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[redacted] Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10/15/64

D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. HERMAN H. RIDDER
PUBLISHER
INDEPENDENT PRESS-TELEGRAM
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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By letter dated 10/9/64, captioned individual, who is on the Special Correspondents' List, forwarded a copy of the "American Opinion," upon which cover appears a photograph of the Director; the color advertising supplement to the "Los Angeles Times" for 9/27/64; a copy of an article appearing in the "Times" on 10/1/64 wherein General Eisenhower repudiated his statement appearing in connection with the John Birch Society (JBS) advertisement and an alleged call to FBI Headquarters wherein the FBI disclaimed any authorization for Mr. Hoover's photograph in this advertising supplement; and a circular apparently being passed around by the American Medical Association (AMA) in this area urging political awareness for their better interests.

Ridder notes that the JBS has long used Mr. Hoover in a similar capacity and wondered whether it was being employed with the Director's consent. Ridder shared the Director's concern about the menace of communism but did not believe that "Fascist-Nazi" methods are the only way to fight communism. Ridder then asked what could be considered a rhetorical question by wondering whether Mr. Hoover would do an article for his newspapers or a major national magazine which would show that Mr. Hoover believes all of the leaders of the western world in the last 30 years have been communists or fellow travelers and whether Mr. Hoover agreed the best way to fight communism is to attack our government, courts and freedoms as they exist. Ridder also refers to contacts with the California State Attorney General Stanley Mosk and his article in the "Look" magazine on extremists. Ridder also offers to furnish us data about these matters.

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The 9/27/64 advertising supplement of the JBS published by the "Los Angeles Times" has been brought to our attention previously, along with the known efforts on the part of the JBS to frequently quote the Director. The book, "None Dare Call It Treason," mentioned by the AMA is known in Bufiles as a right-wing attack on all segments of our society. All of these issues, namely the JBS, AMA and Stormer's book figure in the current presidential campaign as allegedly supporters of Senator Goldwater's views.

Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (4)

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OBSERVATIONS:

To answer Ridder's concern about authorization of the use of the Director's photo and statements by the JBS can be handled with no difficulty. However, his request for an article going right to the heart of the controversial issues raised would inject the FBI and the Director into the political campaigns and issues facing the Nation. Actually, the articles and speeches of the Director have already answered the very questions Ridder poses. In view of our cordial relations with Ridder and his paper, it is felt a declination to furnish such an article could best be handled by an Agent contact. His offer to furnish data should be accepted in general terms.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be directed to Los Angeles instructing the SAC to furnish Ridder the Bureau's position concerning the JBS and advertisements published by this group and instructing him to decline on behalf of the Director the invitation to write an article such as he mentioned. In addition, Ridder's offer to furnish data should be accepted in general terms.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 11/5/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

[redacted]

ReTPlet 11/3/64 making reference to a telephone call received from one CLAUDE D. BORING of Lake Placid, Florida, on 11/2/64.

In this connection, articles from the following newspapers are enclosed:

"Clearwater Sun," Clearwater, Florida, 10/29/64, captioned "Birchers Deny Pamphlet Link."

"St. Petersburg Times," St. Petersburg, Florida, 10/29/64 - "St. Petersburg Birchers Told To Arm Selves, Buy Guns for Children."
10/39/64 - "Bryant Against Registration of Firearms."
11/1/64 - "Birch President Disowns Guerrilla-Type Document."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 11/13/64

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-9556)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

[redacted]

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of a news item 11/11/64 from The Salt Lake Tribune, 2500 South Salt Lake City, Utah. This item reflects ROBERT W. LEE, 121 East Whitlock Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been named as Assistant to the Washington, D.C., representative of the John Birch Society.

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It was earlier announced that REED A. BENSON, 174 Alta Street, Salt Lake City, 1440 East Utah, had been appointed by the John Birch Society as its representative in Washington, D. C. BENSON is the son of EZRA TAFT BENSON, former Secretary of Agriculture in the EISENHOWER administration, who is a high-ranking official of the LDS (Mormon) Church. REED BENSON has served for the past two years as Coordinator for the John Birch Society in Utah. The Bureau has considerable correspondence concerning REED A. BENSON and speeches he has made in behalf of the John Birch Society.

Above for information purposes.

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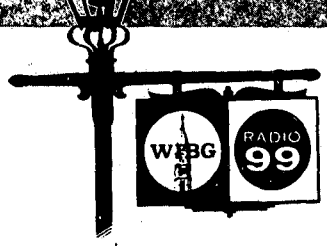

EDITORIAL

A STORER STATION

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Thursday, November 12, 1964

Edward F. Devenney
Editorial Director

IS IT A CRIME FOR POLICEMEN TO BELONG TO THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY?

The Philadelphia Inquirer yesterday revealed that the Philadelphia Police Department is investigating policemen who are members of the John Birch Society. The newspaper reports that two cells of Birch Society members, involving at least 14 policemen, have been uncovered. WIBG sees no reason at all for this investigation. The policemen have done nothing unlawful. The Birch Society has been thoroughly investigated in Washington, and has not been placed on any subversive list.

The morale of the Philadelphia police department is already too low. Such investigations will accomplish nothing except to lower morale even further.

The Inquirer story disclosed the names of four policemen who have acknowledged that they are members of the John Birch Society. Yet, when policemen were interviewed, their superiors promised that their names would not be made public. Policemen were told that there is nothing wrong with belonging to the Society as long as it does not interfer with the officer's performance of his duty.

WIBG is not interested in defending or condemning the John Birch Society, BUT we are deeply interested in seeing that the policemen involved ... and their families ... get a fair deal. It's obvious that they have not been treated fairly by the release of their names, and the resultant publicity.

Among the proudest possessions we have in America are the right of free speech and the right to hold opposing political viewpoints. Is our society now so perfect that we can afford to withdraw those rights?

Let's drop this investigation now. Let's turn the Police Department's undercover investigators loose on other more important matters...such as halting the serious and mounting crime wave in Philadelphia.

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WIBG offers a reasonable opportunity to reply to the views expressed in this editorial to a responsible person or group representing a significant opposing viewpoint, provided request for reply time is submitted to WIBG within one week of this broadcast.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 19, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JOHN H. ROUSSELOT,
ROBERT WELCH,
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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For record purposes, John H. Rousselot in California, called the Director's Office at 10:30 a.m. today. He was transferred to Special Agent Adcock in my office. He is the former California Congressman who is now the public relations director for the John Birch Society.

Rousselot told Mr. Adcock, he had heard a television commentator announce the Director had stated yesterday he has no respect for Robert Welch, President of the Birch Society. He asked for comment. Adcock told him, it would not be possible to comment on his question. Rousselot then asked if he could speak with the Director. He was told that Mr. Hoover was not in his office. b6 b7C

Mr. Rousselot said he wanted to get confirmation of this report so that the Birch people would know where they stand with the Director. He then asked if Mr. Hoover would see a telegram if one was sent in. On being told that the Director would see it, Rousselot said he would send one. Has been received.

Mr. Rousselot specifically stated that he did not really care whether the Director did or did not like Welch, but he was merely interested in finding out just what opinion, if any, Mr. Hoover had expressed concerning Welch.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information. Suggest we continue "no comment"

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-20-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: JOHN H. ROUSSELOT
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

At 10:30 a.m., 11-19-64, John H. Rousselot called the Director's office from California. He was transferred to Special Agent H. H. Adcock in your office. As you know, Rousselot is the former California Congressman who is now the public relations director for the John Birch Society.

Rousselot told Adcock he had heard a television commentator announce the Director had stated on 11-18-64 he had no respect for Robert Welch, President of the Birch Society, and Rousselot asked for comments. Adcock told him he had no comment to make and Rousselot then asked if he could speak to Mr. Hoover. He was told the Director was not in his office.

Rousselot said he wanted to get confirmation of the report so that the Birch people would know where they stand with the Director. He asked if Mr. Hoover would see a telegram if one was sent in and upon being told the Director would see it, Rousselot said he would send one. Rousselot specifically stated he did not really care whether the Director did or did not like Welch; he was merely interested in finding out just what opinion, if any, Mr. Hoover had expressed concerning Welch.

Rousselot's telegram of 11-19-64 has been received. He stated a television news commentator in Los Angeles reported that Mr. Hoover said he had absolutely no use for Mr. Robert Welch; that Rousselot called Director's office to have the statement confirmed or denied; that Mr. Adcock asked Rousselot to make inquiry by telegram and that Director's response would be greatly appreciated.

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OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Mr. Rousselot is not quite accurate in indicating Special Agent Adcock asked for telegram as Adcock only stated in answer to response that if Rousselot sent telegram in Mr. Hoover would see it. The Director has seen the telegram, Rousselot has heard the news report of the Director's statement and there is nothing to be gained by making any additional comment to him.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Rousselot's telegram be ignored.

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November 18, 1964

Hon. James H. J. Tate
Mayor, City of Philadelphia
City Hall
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Tate:

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia commends you for your forthright condemnation of the John Birch Society, and Police Commissioner Leary for his investigation which resulted in the disclosure of John Birch Society cells in the Police Department. The investigation and your statement take on added meaning because of the sensitive nature and key role of the Police Department in city government.

Our deep concern about the John Birch Society is rooted in the commitment of the JCRC to American constitutional government; to the fostering, through democratic means, of equality of rights and opportunities without regard to race, religion, ethnic origin or nativity; of freedom of religious thought and practice, of freedom of opinion, expression and association; and of amicable relationships among groups on a basis of mutual acceptance with respect for difference.

The John Birch Society is a monolithically structured, semi-secret, authoritarian organization, which is avowedly anti-democratic and which, in the name of anti-Communism, organizes itself by cells and emulates the entire gamut of Communist techniques of economic pressures, infiltration and domination of organizations.

The Society has demonstrated its capacity for organizing campaigns of social action. It has produced a heavy volume of demand from many parts of the nation for the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court. It has conducted organized attacks on schools, church associations and libraries in many communities. It has waged an intensive campaign of pressure against desegregation. The Society is an ultra-reactionary group and there is disturbing evidence of a coalescence of extremist groups around it, including professional hate-mongers and bigots.

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B'nai B'rith Women's Council
Board of Rabbis of Greater Phila.
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Jewish Labor Committee
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.
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Philadelphia Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations
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The organization has insidious appeal because it offers scapegoats for vast world problems in a time of frustration, uncertainty, fear and tension resulting from the international situation. The Society is dangerous because it threatens the American political pattern. Like Communism, it is totalitarian in philosophy and its solutions to our problems lie in curtailment of individual liberty - economic, social and political.

The Society has attracted a growing membership, including past members of Congress, industrial leaders and military officers of high rank. Many have joined under the mistaken impression that the John Birch Society effectively attacks Communism.

The threat of Communism is real. Americans must ever remain alert against subversion in our land. But, the real threat of Communism is from abroad. While we must guard against internal threats, too great a preoccupation with that aspect of Communism diverts us from the essential menace having its centers in the Kremlin and in Peking.

The John Birch Society is a confusing and divisive force. The program of the Society constitutes a disservice to the true interests of the nation. The policies and methods of the organization are antithetical to the principles of freedom and justice to which the JCRC and its member agencies are committed.

Constitutional civil liberties are the best safeguards for the security of all religious, racial and ethnic groups. These freedoms and the Constitution itself are under attack by the John Birch Society.

We urge the Police Department, for as long as may be necessary, to continue with its investigation and exposure of the number of police officers who are members of the John Birch Society; to review frequently and periodically the records of such police officers to insure that their activities as members of the Society do not conflict with their responsibilities as members of the police force. Prompt and appropriate action should be taken against any such police officers who fail properly to perform their duties in all respects. The administrators of the Philadelphia Police Department are charged with the duty of providing the City with a police force that can effectively and, at all times, enforce the law. They must not permit membership in the John Birch Society of police personnel to threaten or undermine the effectiveness of the Police Department.

Sincerely,

ROBERT K. GREENFIELD,
President

I. DAVID PINCUS, Chairman
JCRC Committee on Civil Liberties,
Defamation and Violence

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cc: Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary

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Director F.B.I.
Washington DC

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Dear Sir

A rabid bircher here claims that the J Birch Society was cleared by the F.B.I. and Congress as a patriotic organization.

Please let me know if this is true and oblege

Cordially yours

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Pomona, California 91767

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 23rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Further, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why this Bureau has not "cleared" the John Birch Society and it is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to it. You may be interested in knowing, however, that the FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
4-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely

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January 22, 1965
Columbia, S. C.

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

Dear Sir:

I am a Chapter Leader of The John Birch Society. In order to more accurately assess and attempt to combat the propaganda and current party line of the Communists, I am planning to subscribe to their mouthpiece, "The Worker".

This letter is for your information in the event that there is any question as to the reason for the subscription.

Sincerely yours,

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Columbia, S. C.

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cc: Agent in Charge
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January 30, 1965

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Columbia, South Carolina 29206

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 22nd has been received and you may be assured it will be made a matter of record in the files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

M. Edgar Hoover

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North Hampton, New Hampshire

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I received your letter of January 29th and want to thank you for your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit," and for your expression of confidence in me. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to the John Birch Society, we do not have any material available for distribution on this organization and it is not possible for me, as a matter of policy, to furnish you data along the lines you desire. In this regard, I want to point out that the FBI, being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. You may be assured, however, the FBI has not investigated this group.

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January 29, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all, let me say how much I admire and respect you. I've read your book, "Masters of Deceit", and recommend it to all Patriotic Americans.

In this day and age of the "liberal press" so as to speak, I don't know what to believe and what not to believe as the printed word. I feel that a great many of our leading representatives of the "4th. Estate", would rather be "on the winning side", than stand by their less-popular, truthful, inner-most convictions, I know they must really feel way down deep inside.

Much has been written about the John Birch Society, discrediting it, enough so that I don't know what to believe about it. I recall in your book, above mentioned, that you said that Communism just thrives on "causes". The John Birch Society, as attractive as it sounds and as Conservative at it espouses to be, still causes me to wonder if it is infiltrated with any so-called "front organizations", communistic or otherwise. In other words, I might very well be influenced to join the John Birch Society, but rather than ~~inadvertently~~ innocently get "caught up" in something which is subversive, or any way, shape or manner undesirable, I thought that I would inquire of the only person I truly believe, ~~namely~~ namely you, if there was anything truly to be "uncovered" about the John Birch Society? To read the "liberal", "great society" presses accounts of the John Birch Society, it would scare you. But, I don't believe all that I read, so that is why I am asking you.

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I consider myself a Patriotic American, who is Conservative, who believes in living up to the Constitution of the United States. Thank you for your wise counsel.

Very truly yours,

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Graham, Texas

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter to the President was referred to this Bureau on February 3rd, and it was indeed thoughtful of you to bring this matter to the attention of the Federal Government.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Dallas - Enclosures (2)

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[redacted]

Bayville, New York 11709
Jan. 30, 1965

Dear Sir -

I am a loyal American citizen, but just being a loyal citizen is not enough these days.

I realize we are losing the war against communism throughout the world and in this country. There are many mysterious things happening in our government and country which I don't fully understand. Men who are in high positions in government don't seem to be projecting themselves to the best interests of our country b6

There is a society called "The John Birch Society" b7C which appears to be rallying around the flag, could you give me some information on this organization? Do you feel it is a good and loyal to America, for with all the subversive organizations and literature one is exposed to these days I must be sure. They claim it is too far right, this I don't know but I am not to the left so would this make me by thier (liberal & cummunist) standards to the right? If it does it makes me nothing more than a loyal American and then I don't understand it for they seem to make you ashamed to be loyal to your country. I would also like your opinion on the difference between liberalism and communism in this country.

If you could help me in these matters and instruct me on communism and how to learn more about them, who and how they operate, as an American I will be eternally grateful to you. I am willing and have the time and patience to learn to help keep this country free. I look up to you with all respect as the keeper of this country and a great American.

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Sincerely --

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 30th has been received, and I want to thank you for your complimentary comments concerning my work.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment as you suggested.

On page 97 in my book, "Masters of Deceit," to which you may wish to refer, I state that communism is the very opposite of liberalism. Liberalism means increased rights for the citizen; a curb on the powers of the central government; freedom of speech, religion, and the press. Communism means fewer and fewer rights for the private citizen and the absolute reverse of the American tradition. I also state that the liberals do not want revolution but social changes and that is why the communists detest them. This book and my latest book, "A Study of Communism," may be available in your local library. These were written to help Americans gain an insight into communist strategy and tactics both in this country and abroad.

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Sincerely yours,

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Your letter of February 3rd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish data on the John Birch Society. I am, however, enclosing some material on the general subject of communism I hope you will find of interest.

For your information, I have written two books on communism entitled "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. If they are not available in your school or local library, they can be obtained from the publisher, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

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D. Other:

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Furnish this office with a copy of your reply. Yes x No .....

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Arthur C. Perry
Assistant

By direction of the President:

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To The Honorable Lyndon Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Lyndon:

Tuesday I took my daughter to Dallas to enroll her for the second semester at Southern Methodist University. While parked just off the campus, I found the enclosed pamphlet in my car.

I felt you should know that this Hate Campaign still exists in Dallas. I do not know if this is illegal, but I felt you might want the F. B. I. to check the source of this literature. This could certainly breed another Oswald.

It was a privilege to have the short visit with you while you were attending the funeral of Glen Stegall in Graham.

I wish for you the very best in health and happiness during the next four years as President.

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1964: The communist Borodin Quartet from Russia descended on Dallas Oct. 21 at the invitation of the dreamers who run the Dallas Chamber Music Society--place, Hockaday Sch'l. This is the 3rd communist quartet embraced by these music-lovers in 2 years. The Chamber board chooses to ignore warnings from the Senate and House committees that all groups from Red countries (musicians, dancers, farmers, scientists, etc) contain spies who connive to turn all Americans into slaves in a Red empire. Dallas' music-lovers evidently place their own desires above the sovereignty of our nation. See "None Dare Call It Treason," by J. Stormer--available at patriotic bookstores.

If treason (internationalism) disturbs you, let these Chamber people know your sentiments: Mrs. Bartram Kelley, program director; Clarence Bragert, Pres.; Lione Brown, Masha Porte, Lewis Iefkowitz, Jas. Lee, Sam Adler, J. Howard Payne, Zelman Brounoff, Mrs. Walter Brudno, Mrs. Chester Cook, Mrs. Robt. L. Dillard, Jr., John Fulda, Mrs. Daniel Rosenthal, Isadore Segal, Jos. Tallal, Jas. Youngblood, Leonard Posner, Alex Fielder, Lev Aronson, F. Washburn, Morris Ziff, Jerome Frank, Sol Sanders, Paul M. Wolff.

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You too can train your child to marry a negro --by copying Sterling Wheeler, Meth. preacher, former SMU V.P. His young daughter just wed an unemployed NY negro of Her mother is reported to be in a sanitar m.

The negro revolution is Red: haters of Christ rejoice over LBJ's Civil-Riots act. They have planned race chaos for decades, so Christian Americans will give up and let the Reds take this country. Race-rioters are paid and pushed by Nat'l and World Councils of Churches, NAACP, Black Muslims, CORE, Student Non-Violent Coord. Comm., American Jewish Congress, Amer. Civil Liberties Union, Oswald's Fair-Play-for-Cuba Comm., Southern Conf. Educational Fund, etc. Many NAACP officers have Red-front records, inc. M. L. King and Roy Wilkins. At least 658 officials of Nat'l Council of Churches have records. If you belong to a big denomination--Meth., Episc., Presb., Christian, Luth., etc., your church donations pay for the negro revolution. Your church lit. stresses the Red ideologies of R. Niebuhr, Jas. A. Pike, Harry Ward, Eugene C. Blake, Benj. Mays, negro with 32 Red citations who harangued a Bishop College class in May. (Then Student Ted Armstrong of CORE led picketers against Piccadilly Cafeteria.) Your money pays for the NCC lobby before Congress. Even Southern Baptists pay for NCC outlines for Sunday School literature.

Know about the Muslims' plans to slaughter the white race? Send for article by Dr. Oliver and the civil-riots packet-- American Opinion, Belmont 78, Mass. 02. (over

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Honorable Arthur C. Perry
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Perry:

I received your communication of February 3rd enclosing a letter and circular from [redacted] of Graham, Texas.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to [redacted] along with the original correspondence. As you may know, American Opinion is affiliated with the John Birch Society and similar material has been brought to our attention previously.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 2 5 6

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages 1981-1982. Senator Young, (D) Ohio, spoke concerning rightwing extremism. He states "It is my conviction that the John Birch Society, so called, with its secret cells and false propaganda, is the most dangerous organization in America. If the Communist leaders had hired helpers in their announced task of burying us, of creating disunity, distrust, and undermining our institutions from within, they could not have chosen a better vehicle than the Birchites or Birch saps, or sons of Birches, as the distinguished minority whip (Mr. Kuchel) terms them, and their fellow traveling radical crackbrain followers. Among these is a particularly scurrilous group termed 'The Minutemen.' - - - The demagogs of the lunatic fringe extreme right sell their followers the diagnosis that internal communism is the disease that causes all ills and then prescribe local vigilante action as the cure. - - - We cannot disregard them for their purposes are at odds with our Nation's freedom. In my judgment, officials of the Department of Justice should take action against the Minutemen, so called."

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2 5 6 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/12/65

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-45661)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; INFO CONCERNING

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two Xerox copies of the following items:

1. Blank petition to Mayor TATE and City Council to abolish the Police Advisory Board.

2. Throwaway entitled "Support Your Local Police," which asks for contributions to aid the committee.

3. Throwaway entitled "What To Do" to help the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police.

4. Letter, dated 12/1964, from Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, signed PAUL CORBETT, urging support of Philadelphia Police Department.

These items were received 1/28/65 in the Philadelphia Office by mail.

Philadelphia indices contain no identifiable information with the following-listed officers of the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, Box 11602, Philadelphia, Pa.:

ROBERT CONTINO, Treasurer

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H. A. (CAPPY) THOMSON
ARDEN S. TURNER, M. D.
} Executive Board Member of Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police

Paul PAUL D. CORBETT, Chairman of the Committee, is known to the Philadelphia Office as an active member in promoting the causes of the John Birch Society.

The enclosures are submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM PHILADELPHIA

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This program constitutes enormous effort, but the impact in the Philadelphia area will be terrific. Thanks to your initial support, we now have the dedicated members--in number--to carry this program to a successful conclusion IF each member accepts a responsibility in membership and decides to put forth the MAXIMUM.

The Committee is currently $50 in debt (excluding this mailing). All contributions will be graciously accepted. Records of income and expenses are available to members.

If, as it has been said, each generation must earn its own freedom, certainly, the time for this generation is now!

Sincerely,

Paul Corbett

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This program constitutes enormous effort, but the impact in the Philadelphia area will be terrific. Thanks to your initial support, we now have the dedicated members--in number--to carry this program to a successful conclusion IF each member accepts a responsibility in membership and decides to put forth the MAXIMUM.

The Committee is currently $50 in debt (excluding this mailing). All contributions will be graciously accepted. Records of income and expenses are available to members.

If, as it has been said, each generation must earn its own freedom, certainly, the time for this generation is now!

Sincerely,

Paul Corbett

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WHAT TO DO

PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE
Box 11602, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19116

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P.O. Box 11602 Philadelphia, Pa. 11916

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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

First, may I say I am a member of the John Birch Society. I have become more and more concerned with the number and quality of people who have become staunch critics through such articles as I am enclosing, or should I say through the distortions which appear in such articles.

I realize many people make statements that are distorted in all sincerety, but I do feel even those sincere critics must, on occasion and where possiblebe held responsible. For instance, Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, who, in the article states instructions were issued to Society members to infiltrate the PTA. In a previous article she states these instructions were in a late 1960 American Opinion magazine. As you probably already know sir, American Opinion is a conservative magazine published by Robert Welch, Inc. with many contributing authors who are not connected with the Society. This magazine is available on newstands etc., and is not used to "instruct" Society members. The only John Birch Society manual is the Monthly Bulletin of the John Birch Society, mailed to ALL members, or anyone (friend or foe) who wishes to subscribe to it. Therefore, Mrs. Moorhead's entire concern is based on a falsehood to begin with. I do not know if she is aware of this or not, but I shall do my best to contact her and set the matter straight.

But there is something in the article which concerns me more. This is the marked paragraph quoting FBI Director William C. Sullivan. There are actually only a few words in quotes: "generally more sophisticated and subtle than those on the right", but as you can see by the adept use of words it leaves the impression that Mr. Sullivan concurs with statements of the conference. I have read Mr. Sullivan's "Do's and Don'ts for Anti-Communists" in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and was in total agreement with his advise and logic, therefore I feel very strongly that his quote was used to distort the article.

Is it at all possible to obtain either a copy of Mr. Sullivan's talk, or at least the paragraph from which this quote was taken? This reminds me of a recent textbook "Problems in Democray" by Dinwiddie and Kidger, published by Ginn which States: "J. Edgar Hoover says that Communism is buidling it's influence with the young people and on campuses. However, evidence, shows that the numbers and influenceof the Communist Party is waning." I am sure this leaves the student in a quandry since no evidence is given to show why a great man like yourself should be refuted on such a statement.

Sincerely,
Mrs Felicia Goeken
Mrs. Felicia Goeken-412 Langdon-Alton, Ill.

1 Enclosure

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TODAY'S SCHOOLS

Extremists Step Up Attacks On Nation's Schools, PTA Units

By ERWIN KNOLL
Globe Democrat National Service

WASHINGTON — Right-wing extremists are stepping up their attacks on the nation's schools and their attempts to infiltrate and disrupt Parent-Teacher Associations and other civic groups.

That was the consensus among representatives of some 70 educational and civic organizations who met in Washington a few days ago under auspices of the National Education Association (NEA) to discuss "Extremism on the American scene."

GROUP TOLD

Conference participants told of recent instances involving:

Students who bring tape recorders to class to monitor lessons so that adults can determine whether teachers are "100 per cent Americans."

Harrassment of teachers or school officials by middle-of-the night telephone calls, threatening letters or vandalism.

Local vigilante committees which screen textbooks, counting the lines devoted to Woodrow Wilson and Warren Harding to determine whether books are "prejudiced."

The radical left also retains its interest in influencing and infiltrating American education, assistant FBI Director William C. Sullivan told the conference, but leftist efforts are "generally more sophisticated and subtle than those of the right."

Except for leftist participation in college campus "revolts," the visible political pressure on the schools seems to come entirely from the far right, educators reported.

LAST FALL

Paraphrasing a statement that figured prominently in the national presidential campaign last fall, NEA president-elect Richard Batchelder, a high school teacher in Newtonville, Mass., declared:

"Extremism in the attack on education is no virtue—it puts teaching in a vise."

Harrassment of teachers by local vigilant groups can create "silent, subtle subversion of academic freedom," Batchelder said: the beginning of the school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over . . . when you and your friends get the local PTA group straightened out, move up the ladder as soon as you can to assert a wider influence."

"Totalitarian personalities and groups cannot tolerate differences of opinion or Democratic ways of resolving conflicts — whether the differences concern mental health or fluoridation or the United Nations," Mrs. Moorhead said.

"They seek to impose their minority views on the majority by calling it disloyal to express disagreement with them. No tactic could be more subversive of the Democratic process."

Extremist harrassment of the schools succeeds where there is public apathy or a lack of information about the local education system the educators stressed.

Barnard Joy, a former officer of the National School Boards Association, warned that "failure to provide a full accounting for school expenses may encourage citizens to join far-right coalitions."

Frustrations and misunderstandings about the instruction program also help build a climate of opinion that can be exploited by extremist groups.

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"There are too many places where teachers try to teach with one eye on the classroom and the other on the marketplace to be sure that what is taught is popular," he added.

"Too many teachers would rather be safe than sorry."

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, charged that the John Birch Society and other right-wing groups have subjected local PTA organizations to "growing disruptive actics."

TAKE OVER PTA

PTA chapters have come under attack in 35 states, she said, and 100 units — most of them in the West and Southwest—have withdrawn from the national organization after infiltration by right-wing elements. In some instances, she said, membership rosters have been forged to bring about withdrawal actions.

She attributed these incidents to instructions issued by the John Birch Society to its members: "Join your local PTA at

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Dear [redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of February 4th, with enclosure, and asked me to thank you for bringing your views to his attention.

With respect to your inquiry, Mr. Hoover explained that Assistant Director William C. Sullivan spoke extemporaneously before the group mentioned in the article you forwarded and therefore, he is not in a position to furnish you a copy of Mr. Sullivan's remarks.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The issues she poses about quoting Assistant Director Sullivan involve the delicate balance between legitimate right-wing organizations and the fanatical right, along with, of course, the threat of the communist menace. To attempt to refute or explain in detail the proposition as served up by her letter and the quote attributed to Mr. Sullivan would be too complex for a reply to the correspondent, an admitted member of the John Birch Society. Therefore, the above answer is deemed appropriate.

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There are 12 adults in our family and 13 grand children. All of us are in agreement with you one hundred percent.

We hate to see the day when it will be necessary for you to retire.

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May we wish you many more happy birthdays and the best of health.

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Yours truly,

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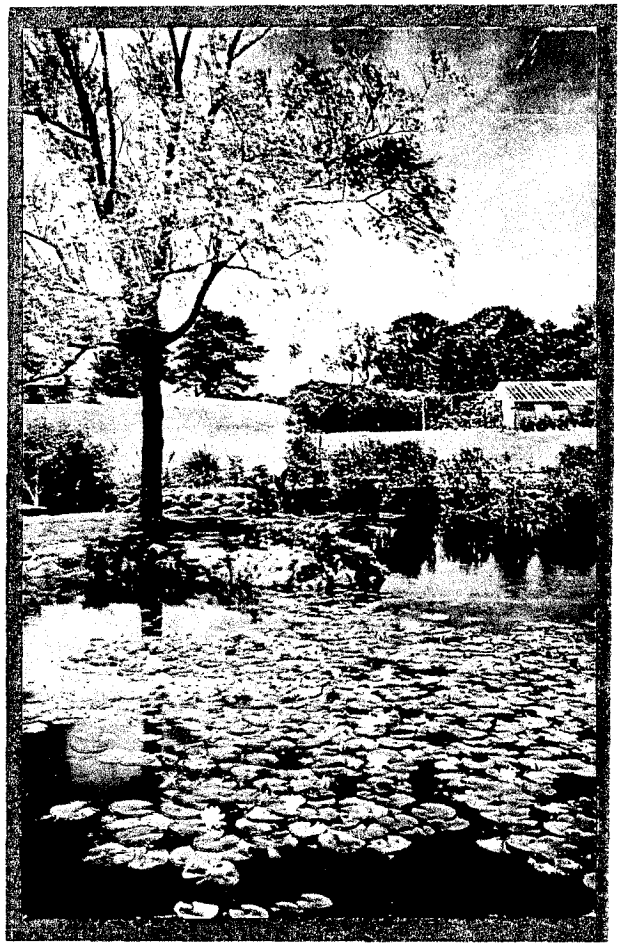

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Hope your birthday
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From the start until
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For only one that's
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Would be good enough
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Farmland, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

I received your attractive birthday card and letter of February 10th and want to thank you for your kind wishes for my health and birthday greetings. For your information, it is my desire to remain in my present capacity as long as I may be of service to our Nation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the John Birch Society. You may be assured, however, that the FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington DC

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Att. Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Sir:

No doubt you have seen samples of this kind of literature before. It raises a question by me. Since some members of our churches are connected with the John Birch Society which is distributing these and other inflammable material

1. What importance does your Bureau give to these pictures as to Dr. King's association, past or present, with Communist organizations

2. What do you know about Bayard Rustin? Is he connected in any way with Dr King's program. Is he affiliated with the Communist Party.

3. Do you of the Citizens Anti-Communist Committee of Conn. in Bridgeport, Conn

Thank you

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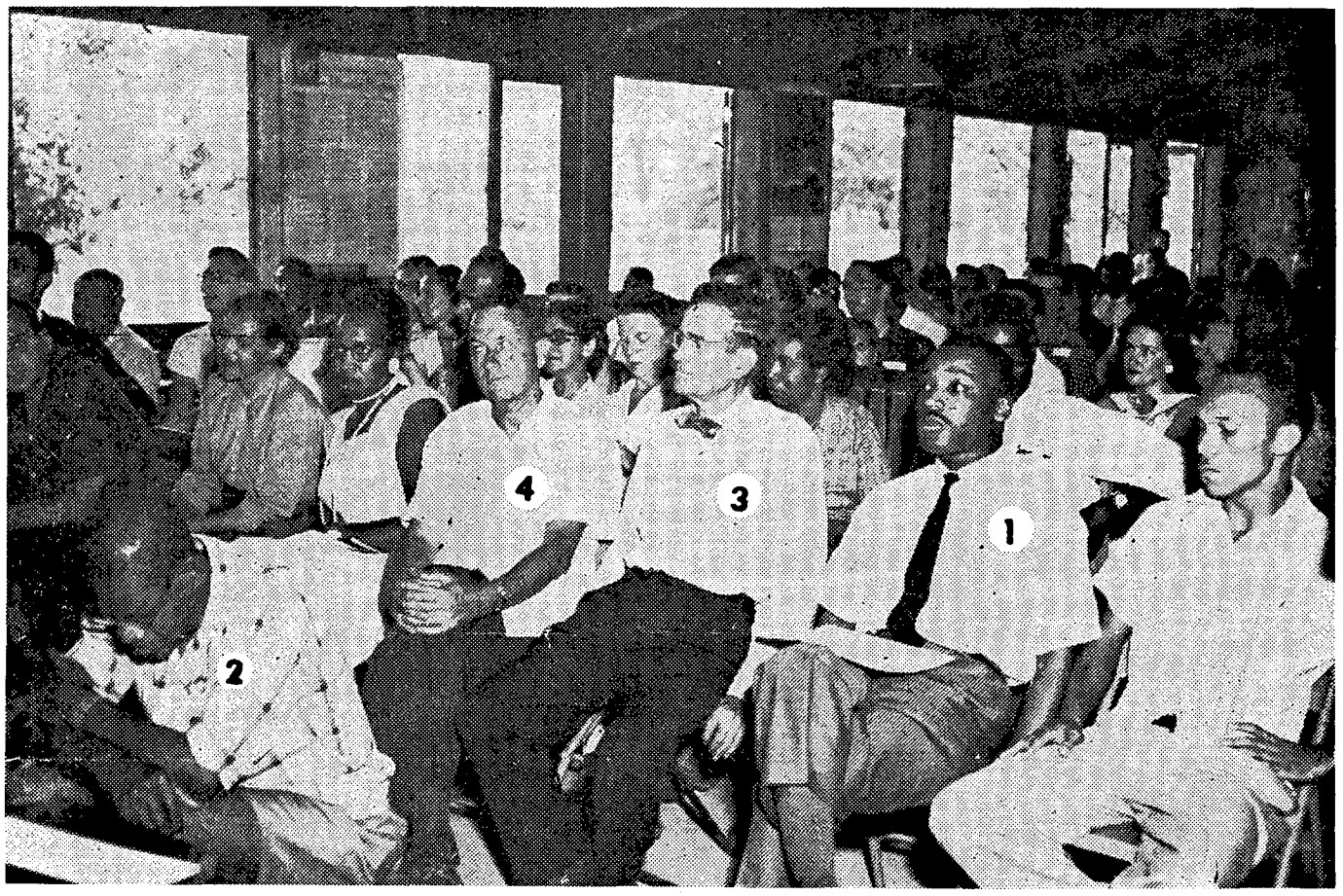
MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. **Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.**
2. **Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.**
3. **Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.**
4. **Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.**

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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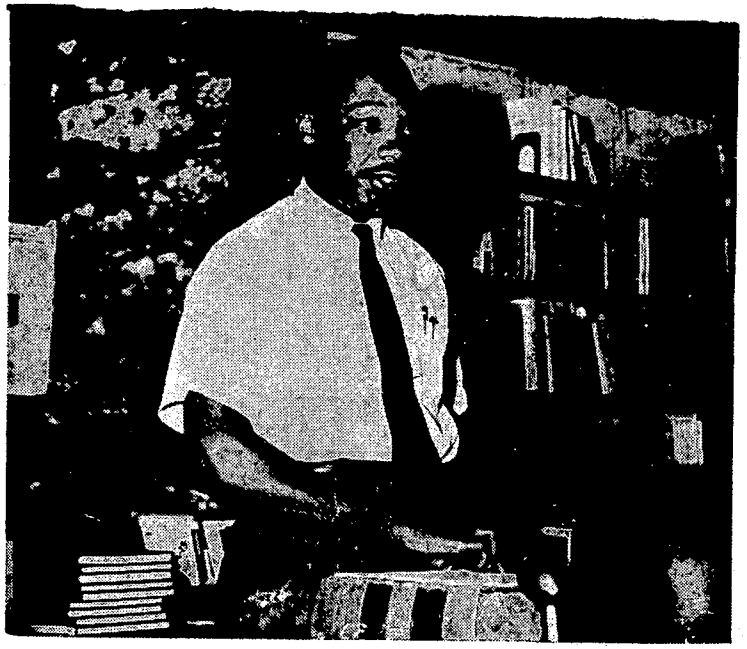
Communist Training School

LABOR DAY WEEKEND HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL MONTEAGLE TENN.



REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING addresses the assemblage. Reverend King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is best known for his activities in the Montgomery Boycott, Montgomery Improvement Association and the March on Washington which he conducted with Bayard Rustin. The *Daily Worker* lists Bayard Rustin as one who attended the 1957 convention of the Communist Party USA. Bayard Rustin is identified in the *Daily Worker* as secretary to Reverend Martin Luther King.

The activities of Reverend Martin Luther King represent the ultimate in "civil disobedience." It is doubtful that Reverend King could have carried on such a program without outside leadership and financing; Bayard Rustin is perhaps the leading expert on "civil disobedience" in this country.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is a new organization founded by Reverend King for region-wide agitation of racial violence and strife.

Every American Has the Right to Know the Truth

For further details on how to fight Communism
Citizens Anti-Communist Committee of Conn.
805 Housatonic Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut

PICTURED HERE (foreground) is Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. On the first row are Reverend Martin Luther King (2nd from right) of the Montgomery Boycott, Aubrey Williams (3rd from right) president of the Southern Conference Education Fund Inc. and Myles Horton (4th from Right) the director of Highlander Folk School.
These "four horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism".

For literature and information about fighting the menace of Communist infiltration in all fields contact us. We do not disagree with the sincere people who are anxious to have a better understanding and equality among all minorities. We feel that this must be done through education and understanding within a man's heart and not by force, violence and illegal methods as displayed by the Freedom Riders The Communist motive is to divide and conquer, as they have so cleverly done by pitting Chinese against Chinese, Indonesians fighting Indonesians, Laotians fighting Laotians, etc.

C O R E AND IT'S COMMUNIST FRONT ACTIVITIES

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - - SENATE MAY 25th, 1961

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Committee of the Judiciary United States Senate, Subcommittee Mr. President, the agent provacateurs who have descended upon the southern States in the name of "freedom riders" were sent for the sole purpose of stirring up discord, strife and violence. "Freedom riders" is a reversed Communist term, an old Communist technique. The movement was masterminded and directed by an organization known as the Congress of Racial Equality, called CORE. This organization is the war department of those who sell hate, collect donations and sow the seeds of discord in this country. Since its inception, its creed has been lawlessness and its tactics have followed the pattern set by Communist agitators the world over.

Such people as Roger N. Baldwin, A. J. Muste, Algernon D. Black, Earl B. Dickerson, Lilliam Smith, Charles Zimmerman, GoodwinWatson, Allan Knight Chalmers and Ronald B. Gittelsohn are or have been on the advisory board of CORE. Albert Bigelow is an active member in CORE. An inspection of their backgrounds will be enlightening.

Roger N. Baldwin - connected with over 50 Communist front organizations or activities.
National Committee - American League for Peace and Democracy. Sponsor of the Mass Celebration in honor of "Mother" Bloor (Will Gerr's grand-mother-in law)
Signed a statement calling for the Freedom of Earl Browder.

A. J. Muste - connected with over 30 Communist fronts or activities.
Some activities: signed the appeal for Amnesty for Eleven Communist leaders.
Appealed to President Truman for a Christmas Amnesty for Communist leaders indicted under the Smith Act.
Member National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Earl B. Dickerson - over 20 connections with Communist front or activities.
Member - National Negro Congress.
Signed an open letter to President Truman appealing for clemency for the Rosenbergs.

Algernon D. Black - over 30 affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Some activities: Sponsor of Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace.
Signed statements for the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship.
Member of interchurch committee of American Russian Institute.

Charles S. Zimmerman - over 12 affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Governing Commission, Keep American Out of War Congress.
Protested proposal to outlaw Communist Party.

Lillian Smith - the leading white Southern integrationist, a member of the advisory committee of CORE, and author of the book "Strange Fruit".
Lillian Smith has also been associated with numerous organizations and activities cited as being Communist or Communist fronts. Some activities: American Peace Mobilization - signer of petition to free Browder.

Goodwin Watson - over 12 affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Some activities: Sponsor, Committee of One Thousand To Abolish House Committee on Un-American Activities.
Member - Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

Roland B. Gittelsohn - several affiliations with Communist fronts or activities.
Some Activities: Sponsor - Refugee Scholarship and Peace Campaign.
American League for Peace and Democracy.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, MAY 25, 1961 beginning p. 8349.

These are the facts about some of the members of the Advisory Board of CORE.

LET YOUR OPINION BE KNOWN. STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

For additional copies contact:

CITIZENS ANTI-COMMUNIST COMMITTEE OF CONNECTICUT
805 Housatonic Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut

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February 18, 1965

REC-3 62-104401-2429

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 15th, with enclosures, has been received.

While I certainly would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Our Heritage of Greatness
U.S. News & World Report - 12-7-64
U.S. News & World Report - 12-21-64
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning [redacted]

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-17-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: ED DIECKMANN, JR.

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By letter of 2-11-65, captioned individual requested any information the FBI would have on civilian review boards. He stated he planned to do an article on this subject for "American Opinion."

Bufiles reflect no information relating to Dieckmann; however, there has been prior cordial correspondence with his father, Edward A. Dieckmann, Sr., who is a retired detective lieutenant of the San Diego Police Department. "American Opinion" is the official publication of the John Birch Society.

Inasmuch as the Director's Introduction on civilian review boards, January, 1965, and the riot report of 9-18-64, are in effect material of public domain, we cannot prevent the correspondent from using the information. Therefore, it is believed it should be sent with a noncommittal reply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached in-absence letter to Ed Dieckmann, Jr., be approved and sent.

Enclosure

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February 11, 1965

Editor,
FBI Bulletin, Law Enforcement.
Wash, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I am doing research for an article assigned to me by Scott Stanley, Jr., Managing Editor of American Opinion, on Feb 8th.

(The current issue has one of my pieces: FROM LONDON, page 79.)

Stanley is interested in an article to further bolster the movement SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE.

For this purpose he wants a definitive job on the Civil Rights proposals to create Police Review Boards.

Being an ex-police officer (San Diego) and at present a parole agent, I am of course violently opposed to such boards.

But in addition to the interviews and material I now have, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me such issues of your bulletin as pertain to the question.

Also, of course, the Director's own feelings on the matter (quotes).

The resulting ms will received wide circulation.

Sincerely,

Ed Dieckmann, Jr.

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P.S: Payment via return mail will be gladly sent.

- Excuse awful typing. My wife usually does it.

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M.A. Jones to DeLoach Memo
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TELEPHONE: LUDLOW 3-3941

E. A. DIECKMANN
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PAROLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

7143 SEVILLE AVENUE
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.

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February 18, 1965

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EX-117 Mr. Ed Dieckmann, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Dieckmann:

Your letter of February 11th, with enclosure, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence. In response to your request, enclosed is material on civilian review boards which this Bureau has available for distribution. There is no charge for this service.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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Enclosures (2) Director's LEB Introduction 1-65
Riot Report to President of 9-18-64

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NOTE: See cover memorandum M. A. Jones to DeLoach dated 2-17-65, captioned "Ed Dieckmann, Jr., [redacted]

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F. B. I.
Washington, DC

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Gentlmen:-

Please advise me where I may get copies of the F. B. I. report on the John Birch society - and the cost of same.

Thanks

/s/ [redacted]

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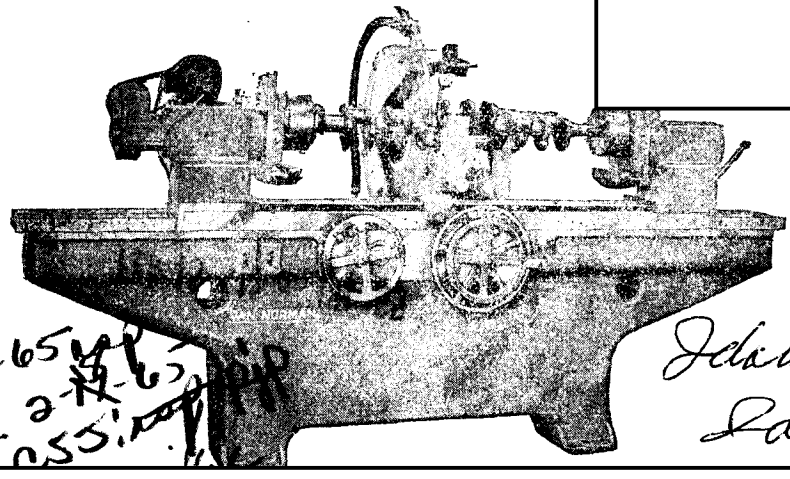

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of February 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the type of report you mentioned. We have not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent.
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16 February 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr Hoover,

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To supplement the above I have been reading the Dan Smoot Reports, the Christian Crusade and Dr. Fred Schwarz Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. I also just finished reading a very interesting "The Martin Dies Story." (Awful right wing isn't it?)

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Sincerely yours,

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Seattle, Washington 98118

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 16th was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city.

In response to your request, he asked me to send you the enclosed article containing his views with regard to police review boards which he trusts will be of help.

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Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosure
LEB Introduction, 1-65

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning [redacted] and we have had one prior outgoing to him dated 11-23-64. "The Politician" was reviewed by the Bureau in January, 1960. It was a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of former President Eisenhower.

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Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read with deep interest your comments concerning extremists of both the left and the right in your testimony before the Warren Commission. I believe they were as follows:

> "I think the extreme right is just as much danger to the freedom of this country as the extreme left. There are groups, organizations, and individuals on the extreme right who make these very violent statements, allegations that General Eisenhower was a Communist, disparaging references to the Chief Justice and at the other end of the spectrum you have these leftists who make wild statements charging almost anybody with being a Fascist or belonging to some of these so-called extreme right societies. Now, I have felt, and I have said publicly in speeches, that they are just as much danger, at either end of the spectrum. They don't deal with facts. Anybody who will alege that General Eisenhower was a Communist agent, has something wrong with him."

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As you well know, you are frequently quoted by many organizations wich have as a basic premise for existance the fight against the communist conspiracy. I personally know, that Mr. Robert Welch, founder and still president of the John Birch Society has made some of these statements - statements concerning the loyality of President Eisenhower and Chief Justice Warren which I agree are violent.

John H. Rousselot, director of public relations for the John Birch Society, recently delievered a lecture on the United Nations in our area. At the meeting, he was asked what he felt of your statement which seems to point to the John Birch Society as a right-wing organization. His answer was that he personally did not consider his organization to be right-wing. My question sir, is - Do you consider the John Birch Society to be one of these right-wing organizations?

I appreciate your taking time from your busy day to read and answer this letter. I send to you my best personal regards for a happy future and commend you for an outstanding job well done.

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God be with you

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Ack. 2/25/65
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Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of February 18th and want to thank you for your kind wishes and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

In response to your inquiry, my position concerning the extremes, either right or left, is that any individual or groups of individuals who would disregard the laws of the United States in their efforts to achieve their ends are dangerous to our national security. I want it clearly understood, however, that I am not in a position to name any specific individual or group as the FBI being the general investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines you have suggested.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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C. R. NICHOLS
893 BEAVERBROOK DRIVE, N. W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30318

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would consider it a great honor if you would autograph the article which appears on the inside back cover of the enclosed issue of AMERICAN OPINION. A first class, stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in returning the magazine.

Sincerely,

C. R. Nichols

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[redacted]

Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear [redacted]

Mr. Hoover has received your letter of February 23, 1965, with enclosure, and appreciates your interest in writing.

He asked me to advise you that the large number of similar requests has forced him to decline as a matter of policy. Your magazine is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that [redacted] is connected with an American Legion Post in Atlanta. He has been involved in a controversy over the Foreign Policy Association and has attacked the Overstreets who have written several books on communism. He has, on several occasions, forwarded correspondence in this connection to the Bureau, and his latest letters have not been acknowledged. The "American Opinion" is the publication of the John Birch Society and is edited by Robert Welch. It is felt that it would be unwise for the Director to autograph this publication. A self-addressed stamped envelope is being used in reply.

JVA:sa[redacted]
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I owe you a very sincere word of thanks for teaching Americans the truth of the Communistic conspiracy in America. I was one of the average apathetic Americans who sat back and "hoped" blindly that our government was staffed with the purest American citizens in the land. After reading your books I sought out every piece of material I could possibly find, and am now quite informed as to the Communistic infiltration in our land. Thank you so very much for awakening my curiosity on such an important matter.

Most of the people in America and in governmental circles as well, feel that the John Birch Society is a wild group of idiots, but I am so very proud to have recently sent in my application for membership in this Society. I do not know how you feel about the organization, but I feel we must do something about Communistic infiltration or turn the country over to Russia in the near future. If their plans are continuing on the proper time-table, it isn't far off. I feel that the John Birch Society offers me the opportunity to inform others and help save America from the hands of slavery. Why is the Communist movement trying to smear the Birch Society so regularly? This, to me, is a good indication of the amount of truth the Society is circulating.

You are one of the true "lights" left in a darkened sky and I am so proud that you have remained firm and honest. As long as there are men in America like you, we can yet find hope. May God give you the strength and courage which you daily use for the betterment of our fine country. Many thanks to you, Mr. Hoover, a loyal American.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Eldridge, Iowa

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[redacted]

Eldridge, Iowa 52748

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 5th and want to thank you for your interest in my books on communism and for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
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March 3, 1965

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

I want first of all to thank you for offering to the American people your book "Masters of Deceit". On the basis of it and other factors a community study group was formed. I suppose as groups go this one is just as inexperienced and disorganized as any other just starting to learn. I have attended each meeting and it was at one such endeavor that the John Birch Society gave its presentation program. I could honestly find no fault with this presentation. The facts as outlined were grim and realistic.

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However, because of this Birch presentation, the facilities which had been allowed the group now, in effect, have been denied it.

I am in no way representing this group, or any group, but I do very much need enlightenment. Is the "stigma" which the John Birch Society seem to carry deserved or undeserved? If it were illegal I am sure that it would have been long since disbanded by your bureau. But is it skirting and staying just within the law as so many say? Does it smear unjustly? What little I have seen of it seems otherwise. I am vitally concerned as I feel every Churchman and American should be. I can think of no one who can answer my problem more fully, sincerely, and honestly than yourself. If in your position you find you cannot come to my aid in this matter, I would appreciate a recommended reading list by you, if possible.

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Again I thank you for writing your book and may God bless you.

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Truly yours,

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 3rd and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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Internal Security Statement 4-17-62
Our Heritage of Greatness

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

Re: John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The above-captioned society is quite a controversial issue among my group of friends. I would deeply appreciate knowing if this organization has been checked by your department and if you found it to be a Communist organization. I would also greatly appreciate any literature that is available and can be furnished me regarding this organization.

My personal thanks along with those of my family are extended you for the many years of fine service which you have rendered this country and we sincerely trust that politics will be removed from your department so that it can function for the best interest of the majority of the people in this country.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Duncan, Oklahoma

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Duncan, Oklahoma

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of March 9th has been received, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your kind comments concerning my work. My associates and I hope that our future efforts will continue to merit your support.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment on the John Birch Society. For your information, the FBI has not investigated this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

After reading your book intitled MASTERS OF DECEIT I have become most concerned and anxious to do what I can to become a more informed citizen; to inform others; and to become offensive in our fight against communism.

Consequently, I am desirous of becoming associated with an anti-communist organization. In my search I have become acquainted with the John Birch Society, and thus far, I have found nothing in their reading material which would offend me. Yet the Democratic Party Platform has mentioned the John Birch Society along with the Klu Klux Klan and the Communist Party as being undesirable. I certainly do not see the connection between the John Birch Society and the two above mentioned organizations. Perhaps you can clarify this for me. I would appreciate any information you could supply me with that would correct my thinking regarding the Society.

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It is also my understanding that the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee has made a thorough investigation on the John Birch Society and has found nothing offensive about the Society. Is this true, and if so would you please tell me where I can get a copy of this report. Also, what is your recommendation regarding the John Birch Society?

One final question; are the Minute Men legal and pro-American or not?

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Your letter of March 9th has been received, and I am glad you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the matters you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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"Our Heritage of Greatness"
4-1-61 LEB Intro
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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Carbon Copy mailed to

Banning Cali
March 7 '65

World Week
Scholastic Magazine
50 West 44th St.
New York N. Y.

Dear Editor: Robert Welch

In your magazine of Dec 2, 1964

I noticed your magazine follows the smear tactic against anti Communists by associating a mans reputation, without any facts given, with Nazis + Ku Klux Klan in the "7 B.I. Speaks up". In no way do you explain who Robert Welch is or what he does but the youth will read your article and get the impression he is a Nazi, when we know Mr Welch is not connected with Rockwell's Nazi. We know the Nazis are on the left in a totalitarian stream with the Socialists + Reds of all forms. Mayhe Honorable J. E. Hoover did remark, not "he had no respect for Robert Welch", but we know from all of Welchs writings he has allway quoted J. E. Hoover with high regard and accuracy to inform his B Society of Hoover's warnings that we are at War with the Reds!

I resent your misrepresentation of facts to American Youth.

Respectfully,

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Washington, D. C.

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I know nothing more than the others so decided to appeal to you to bring me up to date on this matter. Any personal information and printed matter would certainly be appreciated by myself and my friends.

I told many of them I was writing to you, and they are anxiously waiting to see if you answer, as I am also.

I enclose a self addressed envelope and I hope you can grant my request.

Thanking you I am

Yours truly

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Mailing Address [redacted] Bradford Mass

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My home is in [redacted]

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March, 1965

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

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Bradford, Massachusetts

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Dea[redacted]

Your letter of March 9th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance. You may be interested in knowing that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Envelope sent by correspondent
LEB Introduction 4/1/61
Internal Security 4/17/62
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
Our Heritage of Greatness
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I would appreciate very much having your personal or the F.B.I. official opinion of the John Birch Society. If you are unwilling to extend this information, could you advise merely if you concur with the conclusion of the committee of the California State Senate which investigated the Society?

Sincerely yours

[redacted]

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R.D.2, Elizabeth, Pa.

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Elizabeth, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 12th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment in the manner you desire concerning the organization about which you inquired. You might be interested in knowing, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Mr. Hoover

0 I am writing to you in regard to the John Birch "Society As a foremost authority on Communism. I know you can help. I am very interested in joining this society strictly because it is anti-Communist. I read your book "masters of Deceit" and know there is always a danger from Communism I want to do the right thing to help your book says join anti-Red groups; But the one I am tring to join is under such heavy attack about its being red or anti-red, that I thought it wise to ask your advice first. along with your answer I would like any information on communism that you have that can help me help my country. thank you Very Much.

Cordialy

[redacted]

Lodi, N.J.

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Cordially

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Lodi, New Jersey 07644

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Your letter of March 15th has been received, and I am glad to know of your interest in my book.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I trust will be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
One Nation's Response to Communism

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MARCH 1, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Congratulations on the grand job you are doing as Director of the F.B.I., especially in the standards of integrity, which you set by your own example.

I was so very happy to read your article in the Law Enforcement Bulletin, Jan. 1965. This article is proving an excellent aid in our campaign to abolish the "Police Advisory Board" in Philadelphia.

Would you please send me 300 copies of the reprint, if possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/12/65

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (94-788)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
PHILADELPHIA, PA.:
RESEARCH
(CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

BUDED 3/12/65.

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Re Bureau airtel dated 3/5/65.

The files of the Philadelphia Division fail to reflect any information concerning subject. b6 b7C

For the information of the Bureau, it appears that subject is connected with the same organization as referred to in Bureau file 94-60807, Philadelphia file 94-777, entitled: [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.; RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS).

It would appear that there is a concerted effort being made by different members of this group who are undoubtedly affiliated with the John Birch Society to obtain copies of Bureau publications to use in their campaign.

[redacted] In view of this, it is recommended that subject be advised that due to the great demand for our publications and our budgetary limitations, this would not allow the Bureau to comply with this request.

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March 1, 1965

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111

Dear [redacted] NAME OF SUBJECT OMITTED

I read your letter of March 1st upon my return to the city, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your complimentary remarks and staunch support.

While I would like to be of assistance, budgetary limitations preclude me from complying with your request.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contained no information identifiable with correspondent and due to his request for 300 copies of LEB Intro of January , 1965, a field check was requested. By letter dated 3-12-65, Philadelphia advised that the correspondent is affiliated with a John Birch Society group who are attempting to obtain copies of Bureau publications to use in their campaign. SAC Philadelphia recommended [redacted] not be furnished the material he requested.

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February 2, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After reading about and watching a television program concerning the John Birch Society I have become interested in exactly what this organization stands for.

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Certain articles point out that the Birch Society is a patriotic organization concerned mainly with battling communism while others say that members of this Society are themselves communists.

I would appreciate some information telling the true purposes of the Society. All I can gather from other available information is a distorted picture and therefore I need some truthful information concerning the John Birch Society. Thankyou!

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 11th has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization.

Enclosed are publications which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)
Our Heritage of Greatness
U. S. News and World Report
NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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March 10 1965

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

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DATE 06-09-2005 BY 60309 AUC/TAM/MLT/EHL

Dear Sir;

I am attaching a newspaper clipping to this letter which contains an article about Mr Robert Welch and his plans for building Conservative support for political Candidates. My primary reason for sending you the article is to ask you for a verification of statements made by the L.A. Times Political Editor, Mr Carl Greenberg in the last 2 paragraphs of the article, which I have encircled in red pencil. He makes reference to "authoritative sources" and "general FBI policy". Is it true, Mr Hoover, that if an FBI agent was found to be a member of the John Birch Society, he would lose his job? Is it also true that the FBI considers the John Birch Society an organization with whom, if its agents became associated, would tend to bring disrepute upon the FBI??

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To the Birch Society

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Enclosures (4)
"Our Heritage Of Greatness"
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning correspondent. There is nothing derogatory in Bufiles concerning Carl Greenberg and he has been cooperative with the Los Angeles Office. This Bureau is aware of the incident referred to by correspondent regarding the arrest of two individuals who were allegedly negotiating a sale of guns to the John Birch Society.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: RESEARCH AND CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-)(RUC)

SUBJECT [redacted]
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Re Bureau telephone call, 3/11/65, of Supervisor [redacted] stating that [redacted] had written to the Bureau and quoted from an article in the "Los Angeles Times" by CARL GREENBERG, dated 3/7/65. A copy of this article is enclosed. b6 b7C

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A review of Los Angeles files contains the following information concerning [redacted]

On 5/1/62 [redacted] Los Angeles, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office. He advised that the purpose of his call was to be put on record that he was opposed to all communist type organizations. He advised that he had received information in the mail from the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (see appendix). [redacted] advised that he feared he was on this mailing list and wished this office to know that he did not support the communist movement.

The "Los Angeles Mirror" dated 12/13/61, a former Los Angeles local newspaper, in its Letters to the Editor column contained an article captioned [redacted] in his letter was critical

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of an article published in this newspaper and advised that all opponents to communism are not fascists. He continues that the FBI is equipped and qualified to handle communist intrigue, but that the John Birch Society endeavors to wake the public on the dangers of communism. b6 b7C

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

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(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 259 on the Southern California District of the Communist Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8.)

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Macon, Georgia

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 14th has been received and I can appreciate the concern prompting you to write. It was thoughtful of you to let me know of your subscription plans.

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I am particularly interested, Mr. Hoover, in knowing if the latter quoted paragraph is true, and if this information was issued with your knowledge?

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March 12, 1965

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Just a long over-due note to thank you for the many years of dedicated work you have done for the American people. You truly represent the American citizen in his finest form. We hope you will be able to continue as head of our F. B. I. for many years to come.

I have read your books and many of your articles, and have become quite concerned about communism in our churches. Does the Justice Dept. have any pamphlets available concerning this matter? If so, I would be very interested in obtaining them.

Also, I have just finished reading The Blue Book of The John Birch Society and I'm very interested in receiving ~~any information~~ you may have pertaining to that organization. Contrary to what I expected, I found Robert Welch's book highly intelligent, extremely timely, and very worthwhile. I fully approved of it's content, and feel the author fully understands the communist problem.

Thank you again for your many years of fine service.

Most sincerely,

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J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover,

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I realize that in your position controversial groups and issues may put you in an unfavorable light, but if possible I would like you opinion on the Society. If this in not possible could you direct me to a reference that I might draw a conclusion from?

Sincerely

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McKeesport, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 12th has been received, and it was indeed thoughtful of you to write as you did. I want you to know that your complimentary remarks and staunch support mean a great deal to me. I am glad you have found my books and articles to be of interest.

Information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the John Birch Society other than to inform you that it has not been investigated by this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance, we do not have available for distribution any material specifically on the topic of "communism in our churches"; however, I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"
Time of Testing
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
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San Francisco, California 94109

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While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, I am unable to direct you to a source from which you can obtain the information you desire. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and it is hoped you understand. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25 D. C.

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/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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I received your letter of March 16th.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, the FBI, being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing, I trust you will understand why I am unable to comment along the lines you suggested. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand.

Enclosed is some literature which contains suggestions all of us can use in combating communism I hope you will find informative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
LEB Introduction, 4-61
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
One Nation's Response to Communism

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Ypsilanti, Mich.
Mar. 5th, 1964

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

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Thank you,
Yours truly,
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P.S.

I have an invitation to a meeting, & I need your advice.
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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter on March 22nd.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may wish to know that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society, and I can assure you that I have never written articles for that organization.

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

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My husband and I have been asked to give our time & money to the "John Birch Society." Would you please tell me something about it and what you personally think of it. There have been so many conflicting reports.

We would like to be sure we are doing the right thing before we join.

We want this country to be a decent place for our grand children and will do every thing we can to achieve this

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Please help us with any information you may have.

Thanking you in advance for help in this matter

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Jamestown, N. Dak.
March 17, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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A critic of the society commented that the various spokesmen claiming long years employment with the FBI actually were dismissed and/or are held in ill repute by your organization. I would appreciate, therefore, any comments you could give, on the careers of W. Cleon Skousen and Dan Smoot. I would also like to have you comment on the character of Robert Welch, head of the "John Birch Society."

It certainly is my wish, and I'm sure that of the ~~most~~ majority of this country, for you to enjoy many more years of good health and will be able to continue your fine, courageous leadership of the FBI. By the way I believe its a tribute to you after your long career, that your critics can find nothing more substantive to attack you with than (Eric Severing) you belong in the same category with the grad old men such as McArthur; or Loudon Wainwright-"Life") he resents your impeccable character & the respect with which you are held by your organization!

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Jamestown, North Dakota

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Dan Smoot was employed as a Special Agent from March, 1942, to June, 1951, at which time he voluntarily resigned. Mr. W. Cleon Skousen entered on duty with this Bureau as a clerk on October 24, 1935, in which capacity he served until June 17, 1940, when he became a Special Agent. He voluntarily resigned the latter position October 5, 1951. Their personal ventures and their opinions and comments are strictly their own and this Bureau is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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This is a request for information on the John Birch Society. Do you feel this group is fighting Communism in the proper way? Do you feel the best way to fight Communism in America would be as a member of this controversial group?

The reason I am directing this letter to your office is because I feel I will receive a fair and unbiased appraisal.

May I have your comments on the best ways to recognize and fight the presence of Communism.

This is a matter of great importance to me and I would therefore greatly appreciate your advice on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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KansasCity, Kansas

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Yours truly,

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Ramseur, North Carolina

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 23rd has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments. I am glad you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines of your inquiry.

It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism. It has always been my belief that it is through a thorough understanding of the evil philosophy of communism that one can best protect our Nation from this menace. I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Time of Testing
Communism--The Incredible Swindle
"Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism"

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Due to some of the wild statements made by the John Birch Society member to whom the correspondent refers, particularly with respect to the United Nations, the usual sentence stating that this Society has not been investigated by the Bureau is being omitted. This is to insure that the correspondent does not infer that we may be in sympathy with the views of this one individual with whom she came in contact.

March 9, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover: John Birch Society

This is to thank you very much for sending the copies of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletins.

In this period of turmoil, involving communist infiltration, and subversion, increased crime, domestic rioting and other manifestations of increasing moral deterioration, my husband and I, in common with many other Americans, have come to consider more directly and personally the importance and the problems of the FBI and of the other law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

In this connection, we have found the Bulletins highly interesting and informative, and both of us appreciate your courtesy in sending them.

Sincerely yours,

Marion H. Beebe

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(Mrs. Murray C. Beebe, jr.)

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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United States Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

If it is your policy to state your position in this matter, I should appreciate knowing whether the official attitude of the FBI toward the John Birch Society is that which is implied in an article by Carl ~~Greenberg in the~~ Los Angeles Times for March 7.

Enclosed is a Thermofax copy of the article in which Mr. Greenberg states:

> "From authoritative sources in Washington, it was learned that no FBI agents are known members of JBS and that, if one did join, it would cost him his job.
>
> "General FBI policy is to ban association of its employes with any organization that would tend to bring the bureau into disrepute, and the sources said JBS is considered such a group."

In the past there have been flagrant attempts by those wishing to disparage the Birch Society, to capitalize upon the recognized integrity of the FBI by implying that you or your organization have criticized the Society. Although Mr. Greenberg relies upon the "authoritative sources" gimmick, and does not state that the source is the FBI, many uncritical readers will assume that the authoritative source speaks for the FBI. This is especially true since Mr. Greenberg states unequivocally that the FBI considers that membership of its personnel in the Society would tend to bring the Bureau into disrepute.

I have been a member of the Society for five years, and have yet to meet a member who is not a decent, reputable and patriotic citizen, dedicated to Americanism in its highest sense. However, humans being what they are, there are undoubtedly members of the Society whose zeal leads to untoward actions. And, more likely, there are imposters with malicious intent who join the Society briefly, until discovered, in order to foster disrepute.

I should appreciate any comments you may be willing to make on this subject, and if the official attitude of the FBI as you express it is not as stated by Mr. Greenberg, I shall ask him and his paper to print a correction.

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Sincerely,

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Birch Society Founder Calls King 'Hypocrite'

Nobel Prize Winner Labeled Red-Trained Troublemaker in Conservative Pamphlet

Los Angeles Times
3-7-65

BY CARL GREENBERG
Times Political Writer

Robert Welch, John Birch Society founder, accuses Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King Jr. of being a "hypocritical troublemaker . . . who has been trained by the Communists" in a pamphlet outlining his plans to build conservative support for political candidates.

In the same pamphlet, Welch, who will be here Monday to begin a series of speeches, also says that:

1—Secretary of State Dean Rusk "was one of the chief architects of American foreign policy that betrayed Chiang Kai-shek and placed China in the hands of Mao Tze-tung," after which Rusk "became for years one of Nelson Rockefeller's stable of liberals . . ."

2 — Rusk "fought every step of the way on every occasion for those decisions which were bound to bring about" the "defeat and betrayal" of the Bay of Pigs invaders of Cuba.

3—The "real purpose" of the "Washington machine, as dominated by our State Department," is to have South Vietnam "fall into Communist hands, without letting it appear that we pushed it."

Topics of Talks

The society's March bulletin, just released, also provides a preview of some of the things Welch plans to talk about in his speeches in this area to show "the near-idiocy of so much that the American people calmly accept today as making sense." Among these:

1—The United States is giving millions of dollars to "Communist Poland, which Poland in turn gives to Ho Chi Minh's Communist regime in North Vietnam, whom we are now fighting in South Vietnam."

2—"We contend that for Protestant clergymen to give public parties for known homosexuals borders on insanity."

3—"We contend that for the federal government to set up an organization and spend tax money to relieve poverty in such cities as Ber-

4—"We contend that for high schools to promote pornography under the guise of sex education; that for great church organizations to recommend some of the most blasphemous books in print, under the pretense of supporting academic freedom; that for a judge to turn loose at once, on probation, an armed burglar caught in the act, and then when the same man is again caught in the same act in less than three weeks time, to turn him loose again . . . border on insanity."

Plans 50 Chapters

Welch last week outlined plans to form at least 50 chapters of 20 members each in 325 congressional districts, but the ultimate goal envisions such chapters in all of the nation's 435 districts.

The pamphlet, which stated that the society now has 800 "section leaders" around the country, assailed Dr. King, now leading Negro voter-registration drives in the South, as one who:

"Regularly employs and associates with Communists, and whose every action for years has followed the Communist blueprint for subversion of our country."

Welch asserted that Dr. King invites himself to the White House "whenever a 'meeting of the minds' between himself and the President is called for by his strategy."

The pamphlet said its contents, announcing the program for membership drives in congressional districts, "ought to dispel now for all time the falsehood, so carefully nurtured by the liberal press, that the John Birch Society is a secret or 'semi-secret' organization."

Members' Decision

However, John H. Rousselot, JBS national public relations director, told The Times that JBS policy still is "to leave it to the individual to name himself (as a Birch member) if he so desires."

The same policy he de-

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how many JBS members there are.

Rousselot said the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union follow the same policy, "but this has never been pointed out." He stated:

"This has been an overdrawn issue. We're really no different than many other organizations. I think probably as time goes on the policy may change on the number of members."

The March bulletin, listing the "agenda for the month," included a spotlight on "the about

movement to impeach Warren," "The United States—Get US out", the Liberty Amendment — which, among other things, would abolish the income tax — and the drive to "support your local police."

Mentioned in connection with the latter campaign was a statement by Dominick Spina, director of police, Newark, N.J., that membership in JBS by policemen "does not conflict with police regulations" there.

Spina's statement was attacked, it was indicated, because of the fuss that the liberals have tried to raise from authorities in Washington. It was pointed out that the police officers there

selves being members of the John Birch Society."

The bulletin contains a two-page reproduction of a statement by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, in the January issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, saying a drive to establish civilian review boards to hear complaints against police officers is a "questionable move and an ill-advised maneuver."

Inserted in the reproduction was a message "to all conservatives" from the Philadelphia Committee to Support Your Local Police, asking financial aid in getting Hoover's statement to every citizen of that city.

(He said the copper still would be of little use, however, since it was punched full of holes as required by law.

Confiscated Still Stolen From Sheriff

BLOUNTVIEW, Tenn. (UPI)—Sheriff Kyle Weaver said that a confiscated 60-gallon liquor still was stolen from the porch of his office.

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March 16, 1965

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[redacted]
Rolling Hills, California 90274

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of March 9th, with enclosure, and the letter from Mrs. Beebe of the same date. I am pleased to know that both of you find the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin of interest.

With respect to your inquiry concerning the John Birch Society, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In view of this, I am sure you understand why I cannot comment along the lines you suggested, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to this organization. In connection with the article you enclosed, I can assure you that neither I nor any member of my staff has made a statement concerning FBI Agents' joining the John Birch Society. In view of my long-standing policy of not commenting publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau, I regret I am unable to respond along the lines you have requested.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Callahan (sent with cover memo)
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Mr.J.Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr.Hoover;

Will you do me a favor and help me to clarify my thinking on a matter which is becoming more and more controversial? Tell me, please, is the John Birch Society a Communist oriented organization or is it, as Ezra Taft Benson's son said here in Eau Claire the other evening, a Right Wing, patriotic organization?

Answers to these questions and any other pertinent information on the Society you can give me will be sincerely appreciated.

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Cordially,

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[redacted]
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 22nd has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed are some publications which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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"Our Heritage of Greatness"
U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
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Aberdeen, Maryland

March 17, 1965

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department Of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed is an article which discribes an interview with yourself andsome reporters. I am very much concerned over your statement that you have no respect for Mr. Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. If the claim is true I would like to know why you feel that way. If you were misquoted please inform me of your real opinion of Mr. Robert Welch.

Also enlighten me on your opinion of the type restrictions you would advocate on the sale of firearms if you don't mine.

This article was brought to my attention by a person whom I am attempting to recruit into the John Birch Society and I would like to set the record straight if its needed.

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Warren Commission Views On FBI Rapped By Hoover

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juvenile record if the New York courts had not kept it secret.

Hoover said he included justices of the Supreme Court in the "bleeding-hearts" class for ruling that a prisoner must be arraigned within 24 hours after arrest and cannot be hedl for days on suspicion of crime.

Refers To D.C. Crime

Hoover also bestowed the "bleeding-heart" tag on judges who he said are to blame for the "disgrace" of urban crime.

"You can't safel6 walk the streets of Washington, D.C., even in the daylight," Hoover said.

And, in New York city's Central Park, Hoover said, "no one dares walk there even in the daytime, and there are hold-ups on Fifth avenue at 9.30 or 10 at night."

Hoover emphasized again and again that it is not his agency's business to guard anyone.

He said this includes the President of the United States and those "who go down to reform the South."

Denies Any Jealousy

Hoover said there is "not a scintilla" of jealously between the FBI and the Secret Service, which is charged by law with protecting the President.

"The Secret Service," Hoover added, "is hopelessly ill equipped and undermanned to do the job it is expected to do, but I have enough headaches of my own."

In New York city alone, he said, 7,000 persons would have to be taken out of circulation every time the President made a public appearance there if it were deemed necessary to remove "every individual who might threaten the safety of the President."

Other Observations

Hoover made these other observations:

1. Lie detectors: "I have always taken the position that there is no such thing as a lie detector. It has to be operated by a human being. Whenever a human being reaches conclusions, he is apt to make an error."

2. Gun carrying: "Sales of weapons should be restricted. There are licenses for automobiles and dogs; why not guns?"

3. John Birch Society: "We have never investigated the society . . . I have no respect for the head of the society, Robert Welch."

4. Minutemen: "We are looking into the activities of the Minutemen. There is nothing more like the Ku Klux Klan and we have done a job on them (the Ku Klux Klan)."

The FBI director said his agency is watching the activities of the Black Muslims. And of George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi party, Hoover said:

"He is bigoted and biased, and I wouldn't pay much attention to anything he said."

An FBI spokesman said the interview was held with the women reporters at their request. He said they had had similar chats with other Government officials and indicated the session with Hoover would be along those lines. Hoover then set this morning for the interview.

FBI Head Since 1924

Hoover, 69, and head of the FBI since 1924, has been told by President Johnson his tenure will be extended "for as long as I am in the White House."

This is the second time Hoover's comments on the Warren Commission have stirred controversy.

Shortly after the commission's report was made public September 27, the Washington *Evening Star* published a copyrighted partial transcript of the FBI director's testimony, some of which was critical of the State Department.

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[redacted]
Aberdeen, Maryland

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 17th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the conference to which you have referred was oral in its entirety and notes were taken by those reporters present. As a result, this Bureau does not have a full transcript of my remarks available for distribution.

You may be interested in knowing that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I was not in a position to give these reporters any data concerning the John Birch Society. I did tell them that the FBI has not investigated this group and that I personally had little respect for its head. I said this because he had linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles, and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

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Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest, along with a copy of my message to law enforcement officials for June, 1963, which sets forth my views regarding the accessibility of firearms.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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"Heritage of Greatness"
LEB Intro, 4-1-61
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
Lets Fight Communism Sanely!

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March 22, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from the U. S. Department of Justice regarding an inquiry concerning the John Birch Society. In the last paragraph of this letter reference is made to a comment of yours at a press conference in Washington on November 18, 1964 and also to a statement to the effect that you "have no respect for Mr. Robert Welch, the head of the Society".

The John Birch Society is a strong supporter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and often uses your statements regarding the dangers of Communism in its efforts to educate the American people on this subject. I have yet to read anything written by Mr. Robert Welch that is in any way derogatory to the FBI or yourself, or even critical of you or your organization.

Therefore, you will readily understand how puzzling this is to many of us, especially our young people. I sincerely trust that you will not think this letter is presumptuous when I respectfully ask, "Why have you no respect for Mr. Robert Welch?"

Thank you for your great service to our nation. May you continue in this position for many years since so much depends upon men of strength and courage.

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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Glendale, Arizona

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 5, 1965 to the President concerning the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society has been referred to this Department for consideration and reply.

The only authority under which the Attorney General may designate organizations is Executive Order No. 10450, relating to the Federal employee security program. Membership in or affiliation with a designated organization is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service. The Ku Klux Klan has been so designated. Apart from this Executive Order we have no authority to characterize or evaluate organizations.

The wide public coverage which has been given to the John Birch Society during the past several years indicates that while it has been highly critical and even slanderous of many government officials and in strong disagreement with several governmental policies, it does not seek to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means, but rather it favors our constitutional form of government. Neither does the organization advocate or approve the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States. There has been no information indicating that it is dominated, financed or controlled by a foreign power or foreign political party or even subject to any foreign influence.

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Regarding the Blue Book, American Opinion and other publications of Mr. Welch and the Society, the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees to everyone the right to speak and put in print his views on a subject even though critical of our form of government or of our public officials. It grants to each person the right to associate and meet with persons of his own choosing. Despite the reprehensible nature of some publications, unless there is evidence of violation of a specific Federal statute, there is no action the Federal Government through the Department of Justice can take.

On the basis of the information which has thus far come to the Department's attention, there would appear to be no factual or legal grounds upon which the John Birch Society could be designated by the Attorney General under Executive Order No. 10450 even though we may have strong disagreement with its views.

In this connection, you may be interested to know that at a press conference at his office in Washington on November 18, 1964, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was reported by the press to have stated, "We have never investigated the Society. Our investigations are limited to subversive activities." Mr. Hoover was also reported to have commented that he had no respect for Mr. Robert Welch, the head of the Society.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By: Francis X. Worthington

FRANCIS X. WORTHINGTON
Chief, Civil Section

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Glendale, Arizona

Dear [redacted]

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I received your letter of March 22nd, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to your inquiry, the conference to which you have referred was oral in its entirety and notes were taken by those reporters present. Therefore, I regret this Bureau is not in a position to furnish you a full account of my remarks made at that time. You may be interested in knowing that information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

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As a result, I told the reporters present that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society, and that personally I had little respect for its head. I said this because he had linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-1-61 LEB Introduction
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Our Heritage of Greatness

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Her enclosure was a copy of a letter sent by the Justice Department to an apparent friend or associate of the correspondent in which the Department expressed why the John Birch Society is not on the subversive list and made brief reference to Mr. Hoover's remarks at the press conference on 11-18-64.

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

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Palmdale Calif.
March 22, 1965

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I only hope this is our slanted news as usual reporting these facts. However, it certainly puts "the John Birch Society" in even a worse light

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God Bless You, Mr Hoover, you have and are doing such a wonderful job.

Sincerely

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Palmdale, Calif

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March 29, 1965

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Palmdale, California

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 22nd and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your observations, it has been my long-standing policy not to comment publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau. Therefore, I trust you will understand why this Bureau has not released a statement such as you indicated.

For your information, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, you should not use our position in this matter for inferring either that we do or do not approve the John Birch Society. The FBI has not investigated this group.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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VIA SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Room 5633
Constitution Avenue between 9th and 10th
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a photostatic copy of an article appearing in THE FARGO FORUM of Fargo, North Dakota, under date of Tuesday, March 16.

You will note this story quotes Reed Benson, an official of the John Birch Society, as saying:

> ".....the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have both said that the society is the only organization that is strictly anti-communist and the enemies its members make are those contrary to Americanism and the friends they make are those who believe in Americanism."

I wish you would advise me if Mr. Benson is quoting you correctly in this and other parts of the news story. It would be appreciated if you would send me any statements that you may have made with reference to the John Birch Society from which Mr. Reed Benson may be quoting.

Sincerely yours,

MILTON R. YOUNG

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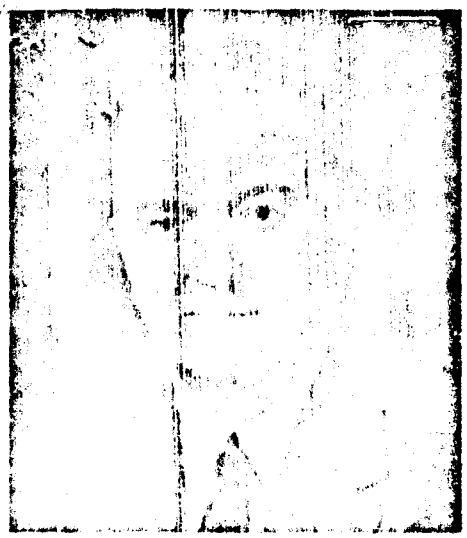

J. EDGAR HOOVER, *Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation*

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about the menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who have been hoodwinked and duped into joining with the Communists."

Statement before Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 26, 1947

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ENCLOSURE

Son of Ezra Taft Benson

John Birch Coordinator Gives Three Reasons Why He Joined

BISMARCK, N. D. (Special)—Reed Benson, 37, oldest son of former U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and Utah and southern Idaho coordinator for the John Birch Society, told why he joined the society at a public meeting here Monday evening.

Benson spoke to a packed Patterson Hotel Convention Hall crowd estimated at over 300 persons, both men and women, and representing every major city in North Dakota. Many prominent businessmen were among those present.

Benson said he joined the John Birch Society in 1962 with the blessings of his father, who he quoted as saying "When Reed joined (the society) I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that the John Birch Society was the most important and effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless communism."

The younger Benson, an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) stated his reasons for joining the society as threefold, first because of the friends the organization gathers, second because of the enemies the group makes and thirdly because of their program and their structure.

Enlarging on his three reasons for joining, Benson told his audience that in regard to his first reason the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency have both said that the society is the only organization that is strictly anti-communist and the enemies its members make are those contrary to Americanism and the friends they make are those who believe in Americanism.

On reason number two he said that the enemies of the society have openly stated that the group is the most aggressive organization opposed to Communism and is more so than any other organization in the United States.

On his third point Benson stated that J. Edgar Hoover has said the society is one of the best groups fighting Communism in our country and on that basis no group can even compare with the society in the violence of Red attacks on them, and that the Birch group believes in legal and moral means to save our constitutional republic.

Benson said that a good part of the Birch Society program is basically working for our government and for more individual responsibilities and a better world.

He again cited words of FBI Director Hoover who has said "I would have no fears if more Americans posessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistance and the industry to learn about this menace of Red Facism," in speaking of the Birch Society.

One group of women present at the early evening session indicated that they thought that it would be best for the society to strive to correct the opinion of many people that is currently opposed to the society, emphasizing that the organization is in accord with everything that is American but strongly against any outside influences.

Another group of those present suggested that the society bring up the 'giveaway' program to Communist countries, particularly in regard to Indonesia and one woman commented, in regard to the Viet Nam conflict, "I wish we could get this thing cleared up and use our resources to stop it!"

Benson's Bismarck appearance was sponsored by the Central North Dakota Chapter of the John Birch Society.

Birch Official Says Reds Have Joined Rights Movement

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—The Negro civil rights movement is infiltrated by Communists, an official of the John Birch Society declared here Monday.

Reed Benson, national coordinator of the society, told a news conference that Communists have joined the civil rights movement to divide the nation and create disrespect for law and order.

Benson, son of former Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson, said he did not think the Rev. Martin Luther King is a Communist. But he asserted known Reds are among advisers to the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Asked to comment on recent violence in Alabama, Benson said he is cautious about making any judgments because news reports often are biased.

He said reporters usually concentrate on police trying to stop disorders but ignore provocations that caused the disorder in the first place.

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Benson asserted the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson administrations all have been guilty of treason by sending aid to Communist countries.

He claimed the John Birch Society is growing rapidly, because "we are getting to be known for what we are, rather than for what our enemies say we are."

Aims of the society, said Benson, are to reduce powers of the federal government, encourage moral responsibility and help create a better world.

Benson said his group operates in two ways, by education and by action.

"Action without education breeds fanaticism, and education without action leads to frustration," he said.

Benson is on a tour of North Dakota and South Dakota. He is scheduled for an appearance Friday in Minneapolis.

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March 22, 1965

Honorable Milton R. Young
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

I received your letter of March 18th enclosing a copy of an article which appeared in "The Fargo Forum" for March 16th.

With respect to your inquiry, neither I nor any member of our staff has made statements in relation to the John Birch Society as indicated in this article. As you may know, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Further, data appearing in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why this Bureau has not released such specific statements.

In 1947, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I included the sentence concerning Americans possessing zeal; however, this was made in connection with a general warning and was not made in support of any specific group.

You may be interested in knowing the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had cordial relations with Senator Young. Mr. Benson is on the Special Correspondents' List and we have enjoyed cordial relations with "The Fargo Forum" and its editor is on the Special Correspondents' List. The attached statement of Mr. Hoover in 1947 has been circulated widely by supporters of the John Birch Society.
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Chamberlain, S. Dak. b7C
March 26, 1965

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

Dear Sirs,

Will you please tell me the opinion of the F.B.I. in regard to the John Birch Society and it's activities. I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely

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Chamberlain, S. Dak.

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Washington D.C.

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Sincerely
Mrs. F. Hoster

Chamberlain, S. Dak.

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Chamberlain, South Dakota

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 26th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may wish to know that this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Langdale, Alabama
March 25, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I have been concern with the organization of the John Birch Society. I would like to know if this organization has any connection with the Communist Party or any other organizations that oppose the United States' government? Please send me any information that would aid me on the history and beliefs of this organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Langdale, Alabama

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 25th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the John Birch Society; however, I want to inform you that it has not been investigated by this Bureau.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Counterintelligence Activities
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Faith in God -- Our Answer to Communism
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Dear Sirs;

Could you send me or tell me where I could possible get some information about the John Birch Society? Could you also tell me where their headquarters is located? b6 b7C

Thank-You.

Sincerely Yours,

[redacted]
Blandinsville, Ill.

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[redacted]
Blandinsville, Illinois

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 29th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire. In this regard, you may want to know that this Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 28, 1965

The Worker
Box 28 Madison Square Station
New York 10, New York

Dear Sirs:

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For the enclosed money order in the amount of (seven Dollars)($7.00) please send to the address below, a one year subscription of The Worker

[redacted]
Newport News, Va.

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

Dear Sir:

The above is an exact copy of a letter sent to The Worker. I am a member of The John Birch Society and need the views of the C. P. U. S. A. if I am to be effective against Communism.

CC to F. B. I. office, Norfolk, Va.
and postmaster, Newport News, Va.

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Newport News, Va.

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Newport News, Virginia

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 28th has been received, and the information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-144597)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted]

Attached are 8 copies of a LHM setting forth information concerning the captioned matter.

Information from [redacted] was obtained by SA [redacted].

The source mentioned is [redacted] whose identity was concealed at her request.

This is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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New York, New York
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John Birch Society
Suffolk County, New York

On April 1, 1965, [redacted] Criminal Intelligence Squad, Suffolk County Police Department, advised that on March 29, 1965, the John Birch Society held its first rally in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, at the Thatched Cottage Restaurant.

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There were approximately 400 persons in attendance who paid $1.50 each in admission. Among the speakers was Scott Stanley, Jr., Managing Editor of the Birch monthly magazine "American Opinion", and Gregory Bittner, the Society's local coordinator.

[redacted] advised that Stanley's speech was titled "Red Heads of State", and spoke of the "International Communist conspiracy" that had engulfed Cuba, Venezuela, Algeria, Bolivia and Indonesia since World War II and said that not one of these takeovers would have been possible "without the direct or indirect aid of the United States State Department". He ended his speech by urging all his listeners "to go out and become right-wing extremists". He said a loyal and moral American can be nothing else.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 1, 1965, that [redacted]

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March 27, 1965

To the Director of the F.B.I J. Edgar Hoover;

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Dear Sir,

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I would appreciate very much a reply

Yours very truly

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18 APR 7 1965

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[redacted]
Brooklyn 30, N.Y.

EX-103

March 27, 1965

To the Director of The F.B.I J. EDGAR HOOVER;

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EX-103

April 2, 1965

[redacted]
Brooklyn 30, New York

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 27th, and I want to thank you for your congratulations on the investigation conducted by this Bureau in connection with the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-61 LEB Introduction

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March 31, 1965

[redacted]

Bridgeport, Pa.

Dear Sir:

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YOU CAN HELP DEFEAT COMMUNISM

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Are you concerned about the Communist conspiracy in the United States and how it is following the pattern preceding the take-over of countries in Europe and Asia? Knowledge of this "master plan" of the Soviets is vital to our survival. Don't be "apathetic"! Your God and your Constitution need your support.

Will you put aside social events for five Fridays and attend these film showings? Experts who can answer all questions will conduct the sessions. Please feel free to bring any friends or acquaintances. These are not political meetings, but a means of education for patriotic Americans to help save our country.

Since the sessions are conducted at our home, attendance must, of necessity, be somewhat limited.

Following is the film schedule, to begin at 8 P. M. each evening:

Friday, February 26 - "Communist Encirclement"
" March 5 - "Operation Abolition"(student riots California,1961)
" March 12 - "Blueprint for Conquest", "My Latvia"
" March 19 - "Katanga" (UN troop massacres)
" March 26 - "Walter Dodd Report" (subversion in the schools).

There is no obligation. Please telephone 265-4654 for reservations.

Walter and Elisabeth Fohr

218 S. Garfield Rd.
King of Prussia, Pa.

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April 6, 1965

EX-103

[redacted]

Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 31st, with enclosure, was received in Mr. Hoover's absence. I know he would want me to thank you for sending him this material. You may be certain that your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

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COMM-FBI

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent was sent the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin on 3-23-65 as a result of a direct request. He was not identifiable in Bufiles at that time. Due to the controversial nature of his letter and the fact that he has called our attention to matters which may be associated with the John Birch Society, he is simply being thanked for bringing this material to our attention, over Miss Gandy's signature. The enclosure is entitled "You Can Help Defeat Communism" and is a series of films which are anticommunist in nature and are scheduled to be shown in a private home.

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March 28, 1965
Clarksville, Indiana

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Dear Sirs:

I was shocked this week when my wife told me that our family doctor had extended an invitation to us to a John Birch Society meeting 4-1-65 at another doctor's residence in the next sub-division.

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I need to know how our Government feels about this group, officially. I'm not informed enough to tell the man why, exactly, that I'm not interested except I've always heard labels such as extremist, rightist etc;. I do remember a bill-board advocating the impeachment of Earl Warren that was sponsored by The John Birch Society.

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My first thought was to attend the meeting to see who else was affiliated but then realized that other people might have the same idea.

I talked to F.B.I. in Louisville and they referred me to you for complete information.

Please rush this info to me.

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Respectfully,

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Clarksville, Indiana

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March 28, 1965
Clarksville, Indiana

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By the Department on .....
The writer has not yet received an answer.

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CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted]
Clarksville, Indiana

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Clarksville, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 28th was referred to me by the Department of State.

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I am enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Time for Decision
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Internal Security 4-17-62
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
Counterintelligence Activities
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March 31st 1965

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As head of the Fedral Bureau of Investigation I feel

you would know more about these three and would tell me as I like to know the truth about these. I do not want to help any organization that is against us.

So I would greatly appreciate it, if you reply to this letter. as I know Communists in this country form organizations in this country and give them patriotic names to fool U.S. citizens into joining them.

Sincerely

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Wentzville
Missouri 63385

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Wentzville, Missouri 63385

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Enclosures (5)
"Time for Decision"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
The FBI--Guardian of Civil Rights

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Little Neck 62, New York
April 4, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover: John Birch Society

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Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Sincerely

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[redacted]
Little Neck 62, New York

Dear [redacted]

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March 30, 1965

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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

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My dear Sir:

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I am asking your office to read the enclosed material and give me your views. I'm sure you can get some idea of what the matter is all about.

For sometime now the John Birch Society through the Anti-Communist Book Store here has been active in "The Support Your Local Police" Campaign. John Birch Society Bullitin July, 1965. The support your Local Police material was circulated at a public meeting here not only ago.

This seems to me to be a Right Wing Move to discupt the police Dept. I think it as serious and needs looking into.

Very Truly Yours,

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April 1st 1965

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Will look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

[redacted]
Vista, California

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Dear Mr Hoover

You dont know me and I unfortunately don't know you.

But I am an American citizen and thank God for it continually.

You are the only man in our nations capitol whom I trust.

At one time shortly after the war I belonged to Technocracy Inc. Since then and down through the years I have read Un American activities reports and a few books one called none dare call it Treason. Which you are in all probability familiar with.

I stopped at our field office (F. B. I.) in Flint to find out if and what I as a citizen could do. I asked such questions as would I be in trouble by joining the John Birch society. b6 b7C

The agent in charge must have strict orders on giving out any information becuase he only told me that joining them (J. B. S.) wouldnt cause me any trouble from the F. B. I.. He probably thought of me as being a crackpot and maybe I am. I know Im confused.

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Any answer you send make sure no politician could use to get you in trouble. As far as I know the Un American activities committee and the F. B. I. are the only people even attempting to stop them I sure hate to think what could happen if they could get you fired. I believe a few year ago if you had been given a free hand here at home and MCArthur a free hand in Korea those commies would have ended up on the short end. I sincerely believe you are a true patriot I for one am for you 100% May the good Lord bless and keep you strong.

Respectfully

Mt Morris Michigan

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Mount Morris, Michigan

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 1st has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your complimentary remarks and kind sentiments.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines of your inquiry.

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It is always reassuring to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the evils of communism and who desire to combat this threat to our freedoms. It has always been my belief that it is through a thorough understanding of the evil philosophy of communism that one can best protect our Nation from this menace.

I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I hope you will find of interest. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study

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of Communism." The former was written with the hope that it would help readers gain an insight into the true nature of the communist conspiracy in this country. The latter contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. These books may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (5)
Counterintelligence Activities
The U.S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
Time For Decision 11/24/64
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Internal Security Statement 4/17/62

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Maria, Texas 79843

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 4th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 3rd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
Our Heritage of Greatness
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4-17 Internal Security
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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Patchogue, New York
April 6, 1965

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been approached by a member of the John Birch Society who is seeking to recruit me as a member of that organization. I would appreciate any information you can give me concerning that organization and any personal comment you might wish to make.

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As an American deeply concerned with the future of our nation, I want to do all I can to preserve it. However, I also want to do the right thing for all our citizens.

It is for this reason that I am addressing this request to you as well as other leading men of our government representing both sides of our political spectrum.

I am aware, of course, that you cannot endorse any organization but any advice you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Patchogue, New York

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 6th has been received, and the thought prompting you to write is appreciated.

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With respect to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy. You may be interested to know that this Bureau has not investigated this organization and I am not in a position to comment in any manner along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest. I am returning your self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (6)
Our Heritage of Greatness
Communism the Incredible Swindle
Faith in God Our Answer to Communism
Let's fight Communism Sanely!
U. S. News & World Report 12-21-64
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The Director,
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I would like to know if your Bureau has ever had reason to investigate the John Birch Society, and the results of such investigation if any. I would also like to have a list of the subversive organizations as compiled by the F.B.I. which act as fronts for the communist conspiracy, and also a list of such other organizations as may be regarded as Un-American by the F.B.I.

I would very much like to know if membership in the John Birch Society would prevent a security clearance being granted to an individual, or if this is just a restriction towards getting an army security clearance?

Yours Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Denver, Colorado 80215

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 5th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

This Bureau does not have a list such as you mentioned available for distribution. I am, however, sending you a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450, along with other material I trust will be of interest.

You may also be interested in securing a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This booklet lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and this can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures:

Our Heritage of Greatness, 12-12-64
LEB Introduction, 4-61
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
List Organizations Designed under Executive Order No. 10450

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Fedral Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Knowing that you are an extremely busy man, I will make this as brief as possible.

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Sincerely, [redacted]

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West Richland, Washington

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 5th, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments. I am glad you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," to be of interest.

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I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest, as well as the envelope which you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Stamford, Connecticut

Mar. 31, 1965

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

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Stamford, Connecticut

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of March 31st has been received and I am glad that you found our literature to be of interest.

With respect to your inquiry, in a recent press interview, I stated I have little respect for Robert Welch in view of his absurd statement linking former President Eisenhower, former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Allen Dulles, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, with the Communist Party.

While, as a matter of policy, I do not make recommendations regarding any specific organization with which individuals may desire to become affiliated, I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in combating the evil communist conspiracy.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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Director J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a patriotic American who loves his Country dearly, let me take this opportunity to tell you how much respect and admiration this Country feels for you.

We back you 100% on any stand you take, because we know from past experience, you always had our Country's interest at heart. There aren't too many public officials who we can count on these days to denounce the communist menace. I guess they need all the votes they can get.

You are doing a great job (not according to the communists). Keep up the good work. You are our Number 1 force against Communism, and every time they scream about you and the F.B.I., you must feel you are doing an A-1 job.

Would you please give me some information regarding the John Birch Society? Is it a patriotic, anti-communist organization? Is it true that the Society was investigated thoroughly and found to be O.K? There are so many things said about it that I thought your opinion would clear up all the confusion concerning the Society. I would appreciate any comments on the above.

In addition to the above, please send me the "Report of Harlem Riots."

Sincerely

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Bronx 65, New York

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 7th expressing approval of our work as well as kind sentiments in my behalf. It was thoughtful of you to make your views known and your support is a source of encouragement to all of us in the FBI.

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In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment as you desire. For your information, this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing, as you requested, a copy of a report concerning riot situations which occurred within the United States last summer.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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J. E. Hoover
Washington, D.C.

April 8/65

Dear Sir:

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Thankyou very much

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Thank you very much.

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Cape Coral, Florida

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 8th has been received, and I was glad to learn that you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," of interest.

With regard to the John Birch Society, I am unable to comment in the manner you have indicated since the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Also, information contained in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret it is not possible to be of help to you in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for the above policy. You may be interested to know that this Bureau has never investigated this group.

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

Enclosed is some literature I hope you will find helpful.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Sir:

Please send to me any information available on the John Birch Society. I realize how busy you must be so any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

/s/ [redacted]

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In response to your inquiry, I must advise that information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and available only for official use, pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. We have not, however, investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

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Federal Bureau of Education
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am working on an objective presentation of the John Birch Society.

Will you kindly send me pertinent material on this Society as a social and political influence in our American system.

Thank you for any material you may send me.

Sincerely yours

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Mankato Campus
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Good Counsel Hill
Mankato, Minnesota

My dear Sister:

Your letter of April 10th has been received, and it was thoughtful of you to write.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. For your information, this Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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TWO REVOLUTIONS AT ONCE

by

Robert Welch

The farmer had seen many pictures of a giraffe. But he simply refused to believe them. His insistence that the giraffe was purely a product of somebody's mischievous imagination was repeated until it became an obsession with him. Then one day, while the circus was in town, a giraffe slipped his moorings and eventually wound up out in the country, hungrily grazing the top leaves of a tree in this farmer's front yard. Just as several attendants from the circus, and a number of excited neighbors, were closing in on the scene, one such neighbor dashed into the house through the back door. In urgent tones he explained what was happening. Reluctantly, the farmer came out of his front door and took a good look at the whole tableau, including the browsing giraffe only ten feet away. "Pfui," said the farmer, turning on his heels and going back into the house, "what a lot of nonsense over nothing. I still say that there ain't no such animal."

Unlike the farmer in the above fable, a preponderant majority of the American people will not even take a good look at the beast known as Communism; not even when that beast has gone on a vicious and dangerous rampage right in their own yard. When we begin these pages with two or three statements of simple and historical truth, many good people whose minds we would like to reach will immediately drop the pamphlet in the wastebasket. They have now acquired such a vested interest in the error that "there ain't no such animal," as to shy away at once from any chance of being confused by the facts.

For those who are honest enough, however, and reasonable enough, to be willing to listen, let's review very briefly the whole story now known as "civil rights." To the informed we shall offer nothing new. To the uninformed we shall offer nothing doubtful. We shall simply try to repeat, summarize, and synthesize some of the known facts that are necessary for an understanding of the horror that is now upon us.

The action could plausibly be said to have begun on the Pacific coast of Asia, some forty-five years ago. But the thinking and planning behind this action go much further back. The whole concept was rooted in one of the original and biggest of all the Communist "big lies." This lie is that Communism is an uprising of the downtrodden masses against bosses who exploit them. The record is absolutely clear that precisely the opposite is true. Communism is always imposed from the top down, never achieved from the bottom up. The idea that Communism is sought by the masses, who are prevented from having it by reactionary upper classes, is one of those exact reversals of the truth which are so customary and so useful in Communist strategy.

In its now completely visible reality, Communism is simply and wholly a conspiracy of ruthless and powerful crimi-

nals, in the very top social, economic, educational, and political circles of their respective countries and of the whole world. The objective of these conspirators is to increase their power and extend it downward until their international Communist hierarchy has established a rigid and absolute tyranny over the total population of our planet. The condition of the masses, as these "masters of deceit" are fully aware, will always and everywhere actually be made worse by Communist success, in every country which they subjugate and add to their empire of slaves. And if you do not think that this reversal of the truth has anything to do with American "civil rights," you are badly mistaken.

For out of this Basic Big Lie evolved the strategy of "anti-colonialism"—sometimes known by such other names as "national liberation" and "anti-imperialism" and "self-determination." The supposedly oppressed native populations of other continents, ruled or dominated and "exploited" by the "imperialistic" nations of Europe, were to be stirred into demands for their freedom and independence. This derivative of the Big Lie involved, in itself, two lies of immense importance. In the first place, with regard to the premise: By 1920, the French in Indochina or in Algeria, the Dutch in Indonesia, the Belgians in the Congo, and other "imperialistic" powers, were giving their colonial subjects a very enlightened and benevolent rule indeed. They were gradually raising the standard of living, the level of education, the exercise of individual freedom and responsibility, and the participation of the natives in their own local governments, as rapidly as these advances of civilization could be absorbed.

This process was not necessarily nor primarily the result of any noble or altruistic forces at work. It was developing automatically from an enlightened self-interest; and from the commercial progress in colonial areas which was being promoted by pioneers from the mother countries, to the advantage of the native populations as well as of themselves. As a consequence of the total influences which were prevalent, the natives were coming more and more to regard themselves as actual or potential citizens of, and certainly as loyal parts and members of, those great empires of which London or Paris or Lisbon or the Hague might be the capital. There was no more spontaneous demand or natural desire for "independence" among any of these colonial peoples in 1920 than there was among the French-speaking Canadians in 1950 or the American Negroes in 1955. The whole appearance of these "separatist" movements had to be artificially created.

In the second place, with regard to the pretended objective: The "independence" to be achieved was intended to be, and in fact always became, merely a temporary transition stage between an enlightened Western European "colonialism" and the infinitely brutal Soviet colonialism. Each new emerging nation, like Indonesia or Algeria, was allowed to go through the motions and to carry on the pretense of being independent, merely as a step on the way to becoming a recognized part of the Soviet *colonial* empire. And again, both the material and spiritual living conditions of these "colonial" peoples have always been made drastically worse than before the Communists began interfering in their affairs.

Just imagine, for instance, how wonderful it would seem today to the inhabitants of Ghana under Kwame Nkrumah, or to those of North Vietnam under Ho Chi Minh, if they could be back under the peaceful and benign colonial rule, respectively, of England and of France.

Communism has brought horror and misery and slavery to all such peoples before whom it held up the lure of "freedom and independence." Yet, as already indicated, it was as early as 1920 —two years before the U.S.S.R. itself was even established — that the Communists were sending their agents up and down eastern Asia, from Mukden to Singapore, to begin agitation among the "colonial" peoples for "freedom and independence." And by 1927 the first worldwide Communist front, The League Against Imperialism, was founded in Brussels, Belgium to promote this same theme. Among the leaders who established this Communist propaganda agency were Albert Einstein from Germany, Romain Rolland from France, J. Nehru from India, and Mohammed Hatta from Indonesia. The whole concern of the "League," of course, was with the horrid imperialism practiced by the Western European nations (and by the United States!!). You can be sure that this League and these men had no slightest worry about Soviet imperialism.

II

Let us reassure you once again that we really are still dealing with the immediate background to, and even important elements of, the American "civil rights" movement. As will become clear in due course. But first we need to show how this "anti-colonialism" strategy has worked in actual operation. And Algeria offers an excellent case history for that purpose.

In 1954 there were in Algeria approximately 8,000,000 native Moslems; 1,250,000 French settlers or descendants of French settlers; and 250,000 Jews—many of whom, or whose ancestors, had also come from France. (This last fact proved eventually to be of considerable value to the anti-Communist cause. For few developments have served more effectively to wake up intelligent Jews in other countries to the realities of Communism, as against the falsehoods being fed to them, than what happened to their co-religionists in Algeria.) French citizens with pioneer instincts had been moving across the Mediterranean into Algeria since 1830. They had carried with them the purposes, knowledge, and methods needed to convert this northern edge of the Sahara Desert into a great commercial and civilized part of the French empire. And they were rapidly integrating the native Moslems into every phase of this happy development.

Algeria was not even, technically, a colony — as were Tunisia or Guinea — but consisted legally of several additional "departments" of France itself. The Moslem natives had come to regard themselves as "French," and were increasingly proud of being a part of the French nation. And as late as 1954 there were not five percent of the total population of Algeria who had the slightest interest in forming an "independent" country of their own —any more than there are five percent of the American Negroes with any such interest today.

But the time had come when it fitted into over-all Communist plans to apply the anti-colonialism strategy to this area. So a murderous guerrilla band was formed under a Communist criminal named Ben Bella, and was given the high-sounding title of the "Federation for National Liberation" — or FLN. Then the standard formula which lies at the center of this Communist strategy was put to work. Enough natives had to be persuaded by propaganda, or terrorized by atrocities, or impelled by the combination, into supporting this "national liberation" movement, or into appearing to do so, to give some semblance of a "civil war." And the FLN campaign for that purpose developed into guerrilla

activities averaging some twenty atrocities per day for the next seven years.

Of course the French Government, under fully as much Communist influence as ours is under now, was in many ways a clandestine partner to the actions and purposes of the FLN. So the people of France were told, by *government and press,* about atrocities being perpetrated by the FLN in Algeria *on the French settlers there and on French Army personnel.* These would seem to be the actions of a revolutionary people almost fanatically fighting for their independence. Neither the French people, nor the American people and the rest of the world, were allowed to learn that practically the total effort of the FLN guerrillas was spent in afflicting atrocities on their fellow Moslems, who wanted no part of any such revolution. For this would have given the show away.

In time, these pro-Communist forces in France made their one big mistake of sending Jacques Soustelle to Algeria as Governor General. Because of his extremely Liberal and pro-de Gaulle background, it was assumed that Soustelle would be entirely sympathetic to the FLN. As he clearly was, when he first took up his new duties. His attitude seems to have been about as follows: Well, it is certainly too bad that these revolutionary troops are killing French army officers. But after all, they are seeking the independence of their country, and the French army is the force preventing that independence. So what can you expect? And it is too bad that these revolutionary troops should be killing some French settlers. But these settlers undoubtedly have a feudal attitude that stands in the way of independence, so who can blame the FLN? You cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs, nor achieve the independence of a nation without shedding blood.

But Jacques Soustelle happened to be intellectually honest. And in the course of a very few months he discovered, to his amazement, certain incontrovertible truths about the whole situation, that had been unknown to him and to most of the people in France. These included the following.

(1) There *was* no revolutionary force in Algeria that amounted to anything in a military sense. The FLN could be completely wiped out by the French army there, at any time the army was instructed or even allowed to do so. In fact, the FLN *was* practically wiped out on several occasions, but was promptly restored as a guerrilla force through reinforcements kept in Morocco or Tunisia for that purpose.

(2) The atrocities which the FLN were able to inflict on French army personnel were relatively few and far between. They consisted primarily of the occasional capture of some detached individual officer, who would then be deliberately crippled and maimed, and carted around the country side in a slatted cage too small for his body. This was to show the natives the supposed contempt of the FLN for the French army, and what might happen to anybody who opposed the FLN.

(3) The atrocities which the FLN perpetrated on the French settlers were also comparatively few, because the FLN did not have the force to get at these victims through the protection provided by the French army and the loyal natives. The FLN was primarily capable of sudden hit-and-run attacks on isolated native villages.

(4) The numerous and cruel atrocities of the FLN "revolutionaries," which constituted almost their whole occupation, were inflicted on their fellow native Moslems — for the purpose we have indicated above.

(5) There was no real sentiment for revolution, nor for independence, nor for separation from France, among the native population at all — except as the Communists were able to coerce and simulate such sentiment through their threats, pressures, and cruelties.

(6) The opposition to the FLN and loyalty to France amid the native Moslems, wherever they had the opportunity to show that loyalty or the strength to stand in opposition — as among the thirty thousand tightly knit followers of one famous Moslem leader, the Bachaga Boualam — were overwhelming.

(7) But the pretense that this was honestly a civil war for "freedom and independence"; the maintenance of a "provisional revolutionary government" of Algeria under Nasser's wing in Cairo; these and all other parts of the great deception were being maintained in order to support the propaganda and diplomatic pressures throughout the world — and especially in and through the United Nations — for Algerian "independence." This independence — meaning the turning of Algeria over to the Communist rule of the FLN regime under Ben Bella — was to be won, as it eventually was won, by *negotiations.* And these negotiations were to be made plausible, or at least possible, through these spurious claims given substance only by terror.

As a result of these discoveries and revelations, Soustelle soon became the most determined and powerful fighter for keeping Algeria French, and against the Communist capture of this "colony." But it was too late, and the total forces against him were too strong. Members of the international Communist conspiracy, in the United Nations, in Moscow, in the French government, and in our government, all working in smooth concert and each one knowing exactly what he was doing — while confusing everybody else by deception within deception and pretense on top of pretense — had all resistance too completely stymied and under control.

Eventually tens of thousands of the finest officers and men in the French army, seeing themselves being deliberately betrayed by de Gaulle, took the desperate step of forming the OAS (Secret Army Organization), to try to save Algeria from Communist hands. But their leader, General Salan, was too patriotic to carry this struggle to metropolitan France itself. De Gaulle used that major part of the French army which, however reluctantly and bitterly, still followed the "route of discipline," to help the FLN to destroy the OAS. Just as the Administration in Washington is visibly planning to use the U. S. Army, to whatever extent necessary, to suppress opposition to the leaders of the Negro Revolutionary Movement in the South. And de Gaulle and his fellow Communists finally carried out their aim, at Evian, of *negotiating* all of Algeria into the Communist hands of Ben Bella's FLN, as a supposedly "free and independent" nation.

Then began those continuous tortures and cruel massacres of tens of thousands of the Harkis. These were the native Algerian Moslems, including members of the local police forces, who had been most faithful to France—of which terror, incidentally, you have read practically nothing in your American press. This is simply a preview of what the NRM — the Negro Revolutionary Movement — will do to the people of the South, both white and black but especially the blacks, who oppose their treasonous movement, if and when they succeed in setting up their "free and independent" Negro Soviet Republic out of our southern states.

Also to be noted, as of great importance in the parallel which we are attempting to foreshadow, is another Communist

accomplishment. The various steps and developments over several years, by which this complete betrayal of a part of France was ultimately accomplished, were such that the final result served as a terrific demoralization to the anti-Communist leadership, and boost to the Communist forces, in Metropolitan France itself. The specific "revolution" in Algeria was made to serve as a vital part of the broader "proletarian" revolution being conducted by the French Communists at home. The anti-colonialism *racket,* in and with regard to Algeria, had not only made a Communist colony out of this former French "colony," but had tremendously undermined the mother country as well. And this should be kept vividly in mind, in connection with the *two simultaneous revolutions* which the Communists actually boast that they are now carrying on within the United States.

III

Now, with this highly condensed introduction, we must come to the application of identically the same Communist formula to a part of the United States — as Algeria was a part of France. Remember that the Communists always use every possible difference in language, color, race, or religion out of which to create bitterness, turmoil, civil disorders, and as much semblance of civil war as they can. In Algeria they had a slight color difference, a stronger racial difference, and a complete religious difference, on which to build their evil machinations. In the United States they have a complete color and racial difference; and at times have probably been behind the attempt, through the Black Muslim movement, to bring a religious difference into play if they can.

There are many other correspondences in the two situations. And without grasping the parallel, or the more important fact that a general formula, utilized by the Communists over and over in other parts of the world with only such adaptations as local circumstances make necessary, has been applied to an area of France and is now being applied to an area of the United States — without understanding this background there is no chance of understanding what is really taking place in our southern states today.

The League Against Imperialism, you will recall, was put together by the Communists in 1927. And by the next year the Soviets were ready to make clear to the comrades in America that exactly the same theme of "anti-colonialism" was to be applied in this country, with respect to the Negro population in the southeastern quarter. The Negroes were to be regarded as an oppressed and exploited *colony,* who should be stirred and agitated — and eventually terrorized — into an appearance of seeking their "freedom and independence."

The official line was laid down in the booklet, *American Negro Problems,* by John Pepper, published in 1928. Pepper was one of the many aliases used by Moscow's agent, Joseph Pogany, who had been one of the top men in the incredibly cruel but short-lived Bela Kun Communist regime in Hungary. He was now sent by Stalin to the United States, specifically to lay the groundwork for the agitation which would eventually develop into a Negro Revolutionary Movement in America. In his booklet you will find such passages as the following.

> "The Workers (Communist) Party of America, in its fight against imperialism, must recognize clearly the tremendous revolutionary possibilities of the liberation movement of the Negro people."

The word Communist, in parentheses, to identify clearly The Workers Party, appears as above in the original. Also, note the key words "against imperialism," and "liberation," of the world-wide Communist program and propaganda.

> "The 'black belt' of the south . . . *constitutes virtually a colony within the body of the United States of America.*"

The italics are in the original, because this sentence sets forth the core of the Communist strategy.

> "The Communist Party of America must recognize the right of national self-determination for the Negroes and must respect their own decision about the form of the realization of this self-determination. The *Negro* Communists should emphasize in their propaganda *the establishment of a Negro Soviet Republic.*"

Here, handed down in permanent form by one of the most vicious Communist murderers Moscow has ever employed (but also one of the most brilliant), was the directive for the long range program in our country which is still being carried out today. And despite a certain hedging by the Communists at present about their ultimate aims—exactly as Mao Tse-tung and Sukarno and Castro hedged for a considerable period, at one point in their careers, about being Soviet agents—the final terroristic stage of that program is right now getting under way in what the Communists call the "black-belt states."

The hedging became strategically advisable for a number of reasons. One was that as a whole the Negroes in America, even in the South, have so much higher living standards and are so much more literate than were the "oppressed natives" in any other so-called "colony" anywhere else in the world. So that the means of communication among them, and between them and the remainder of their country, were so much greater and more pervasive than had been the case for the natives of Indonesia or the savages of Ghana.

Another reason was that the percentage of their supposed "oppressors"—namely, the white people of the South—was so much larger than had been, for instance, the percentage of Frenchmen in Algeria to the Moslem population. And still another was that there were millions of Negroes in Harlem and Chicago and other northern cities, whom the Communists wanted to agitate, and embitter over supposed grievances, and utilize their general plans for subversion of the country as a whole. Because of these and various other circumstances, the idea of converting the Dixie states into a Negro Soviet Republic was harder to promote, and had more embarrassing ramifications and disadvantages, than did the fraudulent theme of "self-determination" for the Moslems in Algeria or the "colonial" peoples anywhere else.

So this hedging was begun, and this problem for the Communists of what they at first called "the two aspects of the revolution which is developing in this country," was given an official solution in another booklet, published in 1934. It bore the very carefully chosen title of *The Negroes In A Soviet America,* and was written by the Communists James W. Ford and James S. Allen. The latter part of the booklet discusses "The Combination of Two Revolutions," and contains such passages as the following.

> "The revolution for land and freedom in the South and the proletarian revolution in the country as a whole will develop hand in hand. Each will lend strength and support to the

other. The working class—both white and Negro—will lead both."

Here a touch of the old Communist formula of "agrarian reform" is being added to the brew.

"Revolution is not a matter of our own choosing. It is forced upon us by capitalism itself, which degrades us, grinds us down into the dust, makes life unbearable."

The twenty million Negroes in America undoubtedly own more automobiles, more bathtubs, and more television sets —and more freedom and more opportunity—than all of the Negroes on the continent of Africa and all of the two hundred million residents of Soviet Russia put together. But the Communists never allow such facts to interfere with their propaganda.

"The Negro Communist is first and foremost the exponent of the proletarian revolution, for he realizes that this alone will guarantee not only freedom for the Negro but also emancipation of all toilers."

Exactly the way they have been "emancipated," of course, in Soviet Russia.

"*The Communists fight for the right of the Black Belt territory to self-determination. This means not only that the Negro people shall no longer be oppressed but also shall come into their rightful position as the majority of the population in the Black Belt. It means equally the right of the Black Belt republic freely to determine its relations to the United States.* (Our italics.)

"One cannot tell in advance under what circumstances the question of the right of self-determination for the Negro people in the Black Belt will arise for definite solution. There are two distinct possibilities.

"First: The revolution in the plantation country might mature sooner than the proletarian revolution in the country as a whole. . . . Under these circumstances the Communists in the Black Belt would favor, and would do everything in their power to win the laboring people of the Black Belt to favor, complete independence from the capitalist-ruled republic of the North.

"Second: The proletarian revolution may overthrow capitalism and establish a Soviet Government for the country as a whole before the revolution comes to a head in the Black Belt. However it must be kept in mind that the two phases of the revolution will not develop separately. . . . One of the first steps of the central Soviet government will be to grant the right of self-determination to the Negro people in the Black Belt.

"This would mean that the Negro people of the Black Belt will have the right to choose for themselves between federation with or separation from the United States as a whole."

Whichever the Communists can bring about first, a total Soviet America, or a separate Soviet Negro Republic, and whether the Soviet Negro Republic chooses to remain entirely separate from or affiliated with the Soviet United States —when both have been established—

". . . the actual extent of this new Republic . . . would be certain to include such cities as Richmond and Norfolk, Va., Columbus and Charleston, S.C., Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah and Macon, Georgia, Montgomery, Alabama, New Orleans and Shreveport, La., Little Rock, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee."

The new government of this Soviet Negro Republic will arise in the form of local "Soviets" (that is, committees), to be formed while the revolution to establish "freedom and independence" is in process.

"The Soviets which will arise in the old South will be somewhat as follows: They will arise locally, here and there, as the revolution starts, and spread as it develops further. Let us try to picture the composition of one of these Soviets, which will hold power in a certain locality. On this Soviet there will be representatives of the sharecroppers, tenants and wage-workers of the plantation; then representatives, let us say, of the workers in a local sawmill or of a fertilizer plant, cotton gin, cotton-seed oil factory, or nearby textile mill; there might be one or two poor and small landowners. This Soviet will represent the interests of the workers from the mills and plantations and the poor farmers. It will embody the alliance between the worker and the poor farmers. It will be a dictatorship of these classes, using its power to defend the gains of the revolution and defeat all attempts of the former plantation masters and capitalists at counter-revolution. . . . As the gains of the revolution are consolidated these Soviet territories will unite to form the new Soviet Negro Republic."

And there, my friends, is both an explanation of the present turmoil and a preview of the future horror in our Dixie States. Identically the same formula of coercion by terror will be used, gradually and increasingly, to create some semblance of support for this "revolution" among the Negroes themselves, as was used on the Moslems in Algeria—even though at least ninety-five percent of those southern Negroes will have wanted no part in any such "separatist" or "liberation" movement. Exactly the same diet of lies about what is really taking place in the South will be fed—and is already being fed—to the people of the rest of the United States, as was given them for years about the Communist FLN activities in Algeria, so as to gain "bleeding heart" public-opinion support of all kinds of fantastic governmental and "diplomatic" moves on behalf of these noble seekers of "freedom and independence."

The same horror is deliberately planned, and will be systematically developed, in the South, as took place in Algeria and in dozens of other "colonial" areas of the world. A government in Washington dominated by Communist influences as completely as was the French government under de Gaulle and his predecessors will be doing everything it can and dares to help this "revolutionary movement" and these Communist purposes, always while pretending to be trying to prevent them — exactly as did de Gaulle. And despite all of the murders and vandalism which will be perpetrated on the white landowners and community leaders of every kind in the South, the Negroes themselves will be by far the greatest sufferers — both during the "revolution" and after it is successful — exactly as was the case for the Moslems in Algeria.

In due course, however, and at the proper point, the hedging and the pretense of change had to go even further. The time came for the Communists to bring about overt steps of national importance, such as the Supreme Court school-segregation decision of 1954 and the sending of federal troops into Arkansas, by Eisenhower in 1958, which were designed to make the Negroes in the South feel that they were an oppressed colony and to create militant sympathy for the downtrodden colonial subjects throughout the rest of the nation. And the backlash from demands for a separate and "independent"

Negro Soviet Republic were going to be too much of a load for their propaganda to carry. It was obviously wise for the Communists to wait until they had built up a suitable basis of turmoil in the South, and of confused Liberal sentiment elsewhere in the nation, and until the Communist influence over our Federal Government was complete enough, before they could or should begin the FLN type of operation here. Otherwise, while the Negro Revolutionary Movement in the South itself might proceed all right by forced-draft propulsion according to formula, too much damage might be done to the broader "proletarian" national revolution, where great delicacy and deception were still needed.

So, while the Communists had reiterated their demand and support for a Negro Soviet Republic in 1951, in a mimeographed broadside of which they themselves claimed to have distributed a million copies, in 1959 it was felt that a sharp repudiation of this position was imperative. And thus, at the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party USA, December 10 to 13, 1959, in the midst of gloating over the way Eisenhower's invitation to Khrushchev and Khrushchev's resulting state visit to our country had made it possible for the comrades to gain more influence in America, the Convention passed a resolution discarding the Party's historic position in advocacy of "self-determination" for Negroes.

This resolution was discussed by J. Edgar Hoover, in a ten-page printed statement issued on January 26, 1960 by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. In this statement Mr. Hoover made the comment: "Time itself has shown that the [Communist] party is not interested in the welfare of the Negro, but only in using him as a tool to advance party interests." Then the Communist "theoretical and political magazine," *Political Affairs,* devoted an article of fifteen pages in its February 1960 issue to a new look "On The Negro Question in the United States," as a result of, and to explain, this ostensible about-face in Communist policy. This article insisted that the role of the Negroes in the total proletarian revolution in the United States had to be given primary consideration and emphasis. With regard to "this particular program" [namely, the demand for a Black Belt Soviet Republic], *Political Affairs* said that "Life experience and greater knowledge of the question have exposed its deficiencies and for this reason the 'self-determination' projection and program for the solution of the Negro question in the United States is hereby discarded."

But do not jump to any conclusions regarding this maneuver. In our opinion it was a brilliant temporary expedient, but only that. Even in this very article in *Political Affairs,* the Communists laid the groundwork for future doubling back with such *italicized* passages as the following: *"The question of Negro freedom is the crucial domestic issue of the day and a factor of international consequence."* Even more important is the fact that, as recently as June of 1964, the Executive Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., had a quiet new distribution made of the Ford and Allen opus of 1934. Obviously this was a way of emphasizing to the most important and most alert comrades that this booklet still set forth the strategy and the tactics of the future. And you might refresh your mind about the significance of that gesture, as to what to expect from the NRM (Negro Revolutionary Movement) in the years ahead, by going back and reading our quotations above from the booklet in question — especially those that we have italicized.

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For convenience, let's refer to the total "proletarian" drive for subversion of the United States as Revolution A, and to the Negro Revolutionary Movement as Revolution N. As the Communists shift emphasis back and forth from one revolution to the other, there is no basic change indicated — by the article in *Political Affairs* or anywhere else — in the action program itself with regard to the American Negro. The change is only in the *slogan* under which that action program is to be carried forward. To promote primarily Revolution N, the slogan had been, and we feel sure in time will be again, "self-determination," or "national liberation," or the demand for a Negro Soviet Republic; all of which, in Communist semantics, mean the same thing. To utilize agitation among Negroes, and propaganda about the oppression of Negroes, primarily in support of Revolution A, the slogan long has been "Civil Rights."

Since the early 1950's, or quite a while before the 1959 Communist Convention repudiating "self-determination," the "civil rights" theme has been predominant. This may mean either that the Communists found the going for Revolution N tougher than they had expected, or the successful progress of Revolution A even more rapid than they had hoped. But in any event the Communist design, control, and uses of the "civil rights" movement remain equally clear. The program is as phony, in both premise and purpose, as was Mao Tse-tung's program under the slogan of "agrarian reform" — which supplied the Communist formula applicable to the present situation. The atrocities perpetrated by Mao Tse-tung on hundreds of thousands of Chinese peasants were just as cruel, whether he was trying to terrorize them into supporting "agrarian reform" or "self-determination." And the Communist propaganda in any case is just as deceptive, and just as effective in rallying the support of uninformed and gullible idealists outside the reach of these atrocities, whether it is based on "self-determination" or "agrarian reform" or "civil rights."

It does not really matter too much, therefore, which of the two concurrent "revolutions" the Communists are pushing harder at any given moment or how many times they reverse their lines — as they did with regard to being an enemy, then a bosom friend, and then again an enemy, of Adolph Hitler, all in a period of a few months. It does not really matter whether or not, as we believe to be the case, the steps now taken under the slogan of "civil rights" can be made to fit into the progress of the NRM towards a Black Belt Soviet Republic. The important point is that the whole present "civil rights" drive, in both action and propaganda, consists of the most deceptive, fantastic, and incredible hypocrisy that has ever been put on display in American history.

The whole matrix of agitation, turmoil, rioting, and propaganda, which is currently designated by the phrase "civil rights," was never more accurately described than by the man who is now President of the United States. In a speech delivered in Austin, Texas, on May 22, 1948, Lyndon B. Johnson, obviously seeking to build up the Southern backing which would eventually land him in the White House, made this statement: "The civil rights program, about which you have heard so much, is a farce and a sham — an effort to set up a police state in the guise of liberty. I am opposed to that program. I fought it in the Congress. It is the province of the state to run its own elections."

This analysis was eminently correct in

every particular. It is still entirely correct. There has been no change since then, in either the so-called civil rights program itself, nor in the Constitutionally guaranteed rights of the states to run their own elections. The change lies solely in Lyndon B. Johnson; or, more specifically, in the political course and pronouncements which now seem to him to serve best his present political purposes and ambitions.

As to the condition of the American Negro, which the Communists have been shouting that they were going to improve so much by applying on this continent the *successful* (*!!*) Soviet principles and procedures, it is well to ponder a statement written on January 24, 1948, by a famous New Orleans Liberal, Edgar B. Stern. This good citizen was himself favorably disposed towards much of the civil rights program, if it could be kept from Communist domination. Mr. Stern simply did not realize that the whole program was a product and tool of Communist strategy, into the support of which gullible idealists like himself had been pulled by Communist planning, propaganda, and deception. But being intellectually honest, Mr. Stern saw and stated an important truth: "I would say without hesitation that the most humble Negro in America has greater security of life and person than any citizen of Russia or of its satellite countries." And Mr. Stern could also have added correctly that in 1948 the average American Negro had both a great deal more personal freedom, and a far higher material standard of living, than the average Russian, after a generation of all that glorious progress the Communists were claiming.

Since 1948 there have been some important changes with regard to the conditions of the American Negro.

(1) The educational opportunities of the Negroes in our southern states have been tremendously improved. Some of these states have been spending as much as fifty percent of their total school budget on Negro schools, while deriving only fifteen percent of the money for that purpose from taxes paid by the Negro population. And this pattern was started long before, not because of, the 1954 Supreme Court school decision, and the agitation which surrounded and followed that decision.

(2) The job opportunities for Negroes, and the progress of Negroes in the business and professional fields, have markedly increased. This has been despite a determined undercover effort by the Communists to prevent this trend. For, as Manning Johnson pointed out, from his own knowledge and experience as a former high official of the Party, the Communists did not want to improve the lot of the Negroes, but actually just the opposite, in order to maintain as much basis as possible for their agitation and propaganda.

(3) The "separate but equal" theory, which still applied to educational and other public facilities in about twenty percent of our states, had been rapidly gaining substance in the matter of equality, and losing rigidity in the matter of separateness. The net effect was, as pointed out a few years ago by America's leading Negro magazine, *Ebony,* that the United States had made and was making more headway in the honorable solution of a difficult racial problem, than had ever been made by any other country.

But by 1954 the Communists were ready to start coming out into the open with activities that stimulated the Negro Revoluntionary Movement, or that made "civil rights" agitation a substantial component of the total revolution, or did both. As to the real Communist purposes, instead of the pretended purposes of these activities; as to the small measure of local injustices which can be found, compared with the incredible turmoil and bitterness created over them throughout a whole nation; as to the role of the Federal Government in grossly violating the "civil rights" of all of its citizens, when the guarantee of those rights is supposed to be what the "revolution" is all about; as to every aspect of the agitation and activities and propaganda, the whole "civil rights" movement is simply a gigantic fraud — or, as Lyndon Johnson put it in 1948, a sham and a farce. But it is a fraud which is leading, and has been designed to lead, through chaos and suffering and horror, through misunderstanding on the part of the deluded and paralysis of the will to resist on the part of the terrorized victims, to the police state of Communist tyranny.

There are those who believe that the simplest way to end the "movement," to prevent the ultimate tragedy, is for the people of the South — white and black — simply to concede at once every demand of the Communist inspired agitators. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Chiang Kai-shek tried this solution, in about 1946, with regard to the demands of the Chinese Reds under Mao Tse-tung. It was a fatal mistake. It is true that nobody could be more frustrated and disappointed, for a brief period, than would be the Communists behind the incitements to violence and bitterness in the South, if their front men were suddenly given every single thing they are rioting and shouting for with so much clamor. Just as Mao was almost thrown off *his* stride of terror when this unexpected tragedy happened to him in China. But the respite here, as it was there, would be too short-lived. In such cases the Communists immediately think up even more impractical and preposterous "reforms"—to be enforced immediately by law and guns, instead of gradually by good will and education—which new "reforms" they push with even more ruthlessness and violence while they are flush with their visible success as to earlier demands.

We have had many examples of how far afield from justice or common sense the Communists will go, to proclaim oppression where none exists and to demand "reforms" where none are needed. Boston offers an excellent illustration. As far back as forty-six years ago, when this writer first came to Massachusetts, every single privilege and right of our Negro citizens, for which these marches in the South are presently being organized, were already commonplace. I sat beside a Negro in one class in Harvard Law School. I frequently found a Negro student sitting beside me at lunch. There were no handicaps of any kind on Negro voting; no segregated schools; no segregated public facilities; and no legal or formal segregation of any kind. Today even the informal integration — social, political, and economic—has been carried so much further that a Negro politician, who is married to a white woman, was elected and is at present serving as Attorney General of the Commonwealth. You certainly would not think the "civil rights" agitators could find anything to complain about in Boston.

But does that stop them from demanding "reforms," or threatening riots to enforce such demands? Not at all. Where no reasons for complaint exist, such reasons have to be invented. In Boston, the chief of these inventions has been the complaint that the schools are racially unbalanced; and strident demands are made that pupils be regularly and daily hauled by buses to and from schools, in parts of the city distant from their homes, instead of going to the schools built to serve their neighborhoods—so as to remedy this "racial unbalance." And when agitators

incite or coerce Negroes in Boston to parade and picket and clamor for "freedom," the whole sham and farce—as Lyndon Johnson called it—is both nefarious and idiotic, but no more so than the march from Selma to Montgomery led by Martin Luther King. In neither case are the real instigators of these parades or marches interested at all in the ostensible objectives, but only in the by products along the route of "reform."

As to handicaps to Negro voting in a few southern states, or other less specific injustices in many states, there undoubtedly still remain some examples. These should be corrected. But they could be and were being corrected without creating any mountains to bring forth a mouse. To tear a whole great nation to pieces, and to try to plunge a large part of it into civil war, over the few such injustices as do exist, is on a par with sinking a mighty ship in order to get a rat out of the scupper. Except in this case the Communists behind the operation do not even care about getting rid of the rat. Sinking the ship is their real purpose all the way.

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The only way to solve the problem at hand and prevent the horror ahead is, in our opinion, the only way to deal with all other aspects of the Communist conspiracy and the conspiracy as a whole. And that is, simply to bring about enough understanding on the part of enough people of what the Communists are trying to do, and how they are trying to do it, and how much progress they have already made. It still takes the Communists quite a while to build up in the public mind an acceptance as truth of their falsehoods, deceptions, and propaganda. But they must have this acceptance, in order to forestall the opposition which they would otherwise meet, as Communist terror becomes more extensive and pro-Communist political moves more brazen.

The deliberate manufacture of falsehoods and false impressions about what is actually taking place in the South is now reaching the same level that was maintained by Communist propaganda about Algeria for years. And none of these falsehoods and distortions could be accepted or believed by even the most gullible and idealistic citizens of other states, if enough people in those states realized that the whole show was being stage-managed by Communists behind the scenes. And especially if these good people realized that the tactics used are all exactly in accordance with plans the Communists have been laying out in writing for their own agents ever since the 1920's, and which they have repeatedly utilized, without any significant changes, in other areas all over the world.

The truth is that the infamous picture of a dog attacking a Negro, while the dog was held in leash by a Birmingham police officer, was so carefully rehearsed until the "civil rights" agitators got exactly the picture they wanted, that the leg of the Negro victim's trousers had even been cut with a razor in advance, so that it would fall apart more readily at the first touch by the dog. Yet this picture was shown on the front pages of newspapers all over the United States — most of which did not know it was a contrived phony — and became an extremely important part of the Communist propaganda about "civil rights."

Actually, it is not even necessary to cite specific instances of such mischievous misreporting or fabrication, if the American people will only stop to think, and use the common sense God has given them. No matter what state you are in, for instance, ask yourself how you would like to have a huge flood of trouble-

making outsiders, from all over the country, shipped into your state for the specific purpose of breaking its laws — all under the pretense of correcting some fault of your state, while crime and immorality and injustice were rampant in their own. When you add to that situation the fact that a large number of the trouble-making leaders in the forefront of this invasion are known to be Communists, fellow travelers, or Communist fronters, you certainly would not be happy about a similar development around you. And you have no more reason to be happy about it, or to give these actions your moral support — even through tacit lack of protest—than do the good people to whom it is actually happening in the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

As to the pro-Communist personnel among these invaders, we call your attention to a recent speech by Senator Eastland, on the floor of the Senate, which was printed in the *Congressional Record* for February 3, 1965. He needed many pages of fine print to give the detailed record and documentation on the Communist affiliations of just the leading lawyers, in the group organized in New York and California to go to Mississippi and obtain hundreds of depositions in an effort to unseat the five Congressmen now serving in our House of Representatives from that state. The same would be true with regard to similar groups of invaders who have gone to Alabama and Mississippi for parallel purposes in connection with the whole synthetic turmoil which has been created there.

We contend that if enough people come to know these facts, and to understand the Communist influences at work in the total picture, the whole "civil rights" agitation and Negro Revolutionary Movement will all collapse as did the defense of Alger Hiss when the truth at long last became obvious to the court and the jury. And we hope that every patriotic reader will help us, as far as he is able, to reach other readers with this truth. The stakes in this struggle of truth against falsehood are as high as they have ever been in history.

Wake up yourself, and wake up your friends and neighbors and associates to the part being played by the Federal Government, by the National Council of Churches, and by much of the press—although in general more unwittingly—in advancing Communist purposes, in demoralizing opposition to Communism, and in tearing to pieces the safeguards and framework of our Constitution. And since a single illustrative example frequently brings the beginning of understanding better than a general survey, you might want to use Martin Luther King as an introductory exhibit.

For few private citizens have wielded more influence in shaping the domestic policies of our Federal government than has King, and few have deserved this power and prestige less. Even Joseph Alsop says that King "has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice." And this was putting the matter very mildly indeed.

For an illustration, King employed one Jack O'Dell as a top level aide from 1960 to 1963, even though O'Dell was a known member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and was officially so listed on their letterhead of November, 1961. For another, Martin Luther King himself attended the Highlander Folk School, in Monteagle, Tennessee, over Labor Day weekend in 1957. The record is clear that this institution was a "Communist training school." That same school now operates as the Highlander Center, in Knoxville, Tennessee; and as recently as May, 1963,

the letterhead of Highlander Center listed Martin Luther King as one of its official sponsors.

Among other close associates of King are James Dombrowski, and Carl and Anne Braden, all three identified under oath as Communists; and Bayard Rustin, who joined the Young Communist League in 1936, and whose pro-Communist activities and criminal career are all a matter of record. Rustin served as King's secretary for five years, and accompanied King to Norway in December, 1964, when King was given the Nobel Peace Prize. A full listing and documentation of King's connection with Communists would take many pages. And in the face of this record King simply revealed his own character by his recent claim that "there are as many Communists in the freedom movement as there are Eskimos in Florida." This brazen statement itself follows the Communist technique: "L'audace, toujours l'audace!"

The tremendous "honors" heaped upon King reveal two things: (1) How far King has gone in establishing himself as the favorite of the Communists, or as the Ben Bella of the Negro Revolutionary Movement; and (2), how far Communist influences have gone in subverting great prize committees and universities to the service of Communist propaganda and purposes. The fact that Yale University once gave Martin Luther King an honorary degree does not make King any less the "notorious liar" which J. Edgar Hoover called him, nor any less of a trouble maker pushing pro-Communist programs than his record proves him to be. It merely shows the utterly disgraceful level to which Yale University—along with many other institutions of higher *leaning*—has been brought by the influences which now control it. As for the real significance of the Nobel Peace Prize, we published nearly ten years ago the plain fact that, even then, for all practical purposes, the Nobel Prize Committees had become simply propaganda agencies of the Soviet Government.

A more detailed study of "the life and lies" of Martin Luther King, from plenty of materials which are available, will convince any reasonable American that this man is not working for, *but against,* the real welfare and best interests of either the Negroes in the United States, or of the United States as a whole. And the same thing is true of many of the other leaders in the "two revolutions at once" which now beset our nation.

Finally, let us repeat once again: The fundamentally decent American mind simply refuses to recognize the nature of the beasts with whom we are now engaged in the most completely all-out struggle that the human race has ever known. But it had better be recognizing these realities soon, or all decency will be deliberately wiped off the face of our planet. For if and when the United States goes the way of Czechoslovakia and China and Cuba and the Congo, not only will our own freedom, our lives, and our country be lost, but our whole civilization will be destroyed.

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Dear [redacted]

The material you sent Mr. Hoover on April 12th has been received in his absence from Washington. Please be assured it will be brought to his attention when he returns.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Since [redacted] forwarded a tract entitled "Two Revolutions at Once" by Robert Welch of the John Birch Society and since we do not know if correspondent agrees or criticizes ~~with~~ this material, an in-absence reply is being forwarded.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

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BACKGROUND:

[redacted] the American Opinion Library addressed a letter dated April 13th to the Director, in which she requested 100 copies of "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals," as well as copies of the Director's speeches and other information concerning civil rights. She also inquired whether or not the Director's speeches were available and whether they are in bound form.

Bufiles contain no reference identical with [redacted] however, the American Opinion Library is closely affiliated with the John Birch Society. They advertise a complete selection of conservative literature and present the works of Robert Welch.

OBSERVATIONS:

Although it is recognized that the American Opinion Library is closely aligned with the John Birch Society, they do represent a segment of contemporary society and should be aware of our reprint material. It could become more embarrassing to the Bureau to deny them this literature because of their association with Robert Welch than it would be to supply them with information for their Library. As far as supplying them with material in bulk is concerned, this would not seem advisable as it would undoubtedly be distributed and might cause some individuals to believe the Director is associated in some way with the John Birch Society. One copy of the material requested should be delivered by an Agent for their Library and it should be tactfully explained that we would prefer the American Opinion Library not reproduce this material.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We would like very much to obtain 100 copies of "THE COMMUNIST MENACE: RED GOALS AND CHRISTIAN IDEALS" by yourself. Christianity Today had reprinted this in their issues of Oct. 10 & 24 and Nov. 7,1960, but they advise us that reprints are no longer available from them.

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REQUEST NO. 2: Could you send copies of speeches you have made or any other information you could furnish regarding the "Civil Rights" issue. It would be most helpful at this time. Please advise if it is permissible for us to reproduce your speeches or any other materials you may send us.

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Please bill us for the materials requested above. Thank you for taking time to consider our special requests.

Sincerely,

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The American Opinion Library is closely aligned with the John Birch Society and advertises a complete selection of conservative literature as well as presenting the work of Robert Welch.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach - (sent with cover memo)
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation: The Protector of Civil Liberties
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The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals
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Follow-up made for 4-26-65.

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RE: AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY

NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memo dated 4-19-65 captioned "American Opinion Library, St. Louis Missouri." Bufiles contain a news clipping dated 4-9-62 from the "Publishers' Weekly" which stated that there were several American Opinion Libraries being founded throughout the United States which are closely allied with the John Birch Society. One is located at 41 Church Street (formerly 63 Main Street), Freeport, New York, one at 69 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut, and ones located in Syracuse, New York, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. These libraries, as shown by other references in Bufiles present the works of Robert Welch, President of the John Birch Society, and his publication, "American Opinion." Because of these Libraries being affiliated with the John Birch Society, requests for publications in volume from them are refused on budgetary limitations.

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Dear Sir:

Would you please inform me as to whether the John Birch Society is a subversive organization. My father is a member of the American Legion, but he is also beginning to think that the John Birch Society is a good organization, and he won't think otherwise unless he gets your word that it isn't.

I have done some research on Subversive Organizations and seem to remember coming across the John Birch Society as one of these organizations, and a friend of mine that is in Air Force R.O.T.C. at Akron University says that all candidates for advanced positions must sign an oath not to join the known subversive organizations on a certain list. The John Birch Society was so new on the list that it was hand written in.

Would you please inform me as to the status of this organization.?

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

[redacted]
Doylestown, Ohio 44230

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[redacted]
Doylestown, Ohio 44230

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 15th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I cannot comment concerning the John Birch Society other than to advise you that it has not been investigated by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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I eagerly anticipate your response.

Respectfully yours,

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Highland, Michigan 48031

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 16th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I am unable to comment along the lines you suggested. I have, however, made the statement that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Lee Hall, Virginia
15 April 1965

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that pamphlets of the nature of the inclosed are being sent regularly through the U. S. Postal Department mail. Although I am also using the mail to forward this copy to you, I wonder if use of the mail for distribution of this kind of literature is authorized....it seems scurrilous and defamatory in the language used in regard to our government and its officials. b6 b7C

If in order and convenient I should appreciate a reply at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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Lee Hall, Virginia

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 15th, with enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted you to forward this data to us is indeed appreciated.

The determination of what is disseminated through the U. S. mails does not come within our authority; therefore, I am forwarding a copy of your letter, together with your original enclosure, to the Chief Postal Inspector, Washington, D. C., for any information he can furnish you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He forwarded a copy of the March, 1965, issue of "American Opinion" which is the official publication of the John Birch Society. A copy was not made for retention in Bufiles. A copy of incoming referred to Postal Inspector by form.
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Englewood, Ohio
April 16, 1965

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

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Honorable Sir:

For many years your name has meant much to me where the welfare of the United States government is at stake. My admiration and respect for you is very great. Because of this I would like to know what your opinion is of the John Birch Society. I hear so many pros + cons that I am as confused as I know many other people are confused. I am willing to pursue this on my own and would appreciate any literature that you can recommend but a personal reply from you would be appreciated.

Sincerely

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Director of Federal
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Englewood, Ohio 45322

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 16th has been received and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated. I want to thank you for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI and it is hoped that our future endeavors will continue to meet with your approval.

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While I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of further help in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be interested to know that this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find informative.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
4-1-61 LEB Introduction

NOTE: [redacted] cannot be identified in Bureau files.
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Santa Maria, California
April 16, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Because I hold you and your office in the highest esteem I hope that I may impose on you for the answer to one question.

I am married, have three young children, employed in law enforcement, the past 7 years as a California Highway Patrolman, am 34 years of age and am dismayed at the peril in which we now find our Country. My parents raised me in the love of God, Country and family.

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Based solely on the information given, is there any valid reason why I should not join The John Birch Society?

Your comment will be sincerely appreciated.

Most respectfully,

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April 21, 1965

[redacted]

Santa Maria, California 93455

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 16th has been received, and I want to thank you very much for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped that our future endeavors continue to meet with your approval.

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With regard to your inquiry concerning the John Birch Society, I would like to point out that the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Furthermore, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to help you in this instance but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment along the lines you have suggested. You may be interested to know that we have never investigated the organization.

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [redacted] is a California Highway Patrolman who is on the LEB mailing list and we have had no prior correspondence with him.

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Ocala, Fla.
April 22, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have long been an admirer of you and your department.

I have been reading some John Birch Society literature and have attended a couple of meetings. I believe it is a patriotic group and one which opposes Communism. It seems to be for individual responsibility against socialism and centralized government.

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I am considering joining the organization. Will you please advise me, in your opinion, if it is good or bad.

Sincerely,

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Ocala, Florida

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 22nd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files preclude my commenting as you suggested. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy; however, you may wish to know that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

April 23, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Following is an inquiry from a constituent of mine, [redacted] of Coos Bay, Oregon:

"We have been informed that the F.B.I. has investigated the John Birch Society and found nothing wrong in it. Can you give us any information to corroborate or refute this statement?"

Any information that you can send me for transmittal to my constituent will be appreciated.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Wayne Morse

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Honorable Wayne Morse
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator:

I received your letter of April 23rd concerning a request made by [redacted] of Coos Bay, Oregon.

In response to [redacted] inquiry, this Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of assistance to him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
LEE Intro, 4-1-61
Internal Security Statement, 4/17/62
Our Heritage of Greatness

1 - Portland - Enclosure
NOTE: [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. We have enjoyed cordial relations with Senator Morse.
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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

We are confused over the validity of certain persons claims that they have been under cover agents in the F. B. I."

One such person is a Mrs. Julia Brown, Negro lecturer, that is being sponsored by the American Opinion Speaker's Bureau. If her claims are untrue, then she is bearing a false witness and her testimony of Communist infiltration is also to be distrusted.

If such be the case, is the American Opinion Speaker's Bureau sponsoring more speakers with false claims?

Is the John Birch Society also a bearer of false witness thru its printed material such as Color, Communism and Comomsense by Manning Johnson.

We joined the John Birch Society believing it to be a truth bearing organization. We are beginning to question this too?

I sincerely thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

/s/ [redacted]
Ypsilanti,
North Dakota

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Appleton, No. Dak.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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April 28, 1965

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[redacted] MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
Ypsilanti, North Dakota

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 24th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I cannot be of further help in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you desire.

Concerning Mrs. Julia Brown, she furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. Her current views are strictly her own and do not represent the FBI in any way.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Julia Brown was a confidential informant of the Cleveland Office and has publicly testified concerning her experiences. We still maintain cordial relations with her. Manning Johnson and "Color, Communism and Common Sense" are well known to the Bureau.
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Date: 4/27/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (94-184)(RUC)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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ReBuairtel 4/19/65 and St. Louis tel 4/26/65.

[redacted] American Opinion Library, 241 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, Mo., was provided the materials enclosed in reBuairtel. During this contact on 4/27/65, [redacted] was advised that the material is for their Library and that budgetary limitations preclude our supplying literature in volume. She was further advised that we would prefer this literature not be reproduced for additional distribution. In addition, she was also told that the Director's speeches are available, but not in bound form. In response to her question re cost, she was told that there is never a charge for material which we furnish.

The interview was cordial and [redacted] stated she understood our position. She expressed her gratitude for the material provided and stated it would be used in the Library for reference purposes only. In accordance with our desire, she said it would not be reproduced.

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No further action necessary
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/28/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT

PARADE SPONSORED BY BREAKTHROUGH
AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN, 5/1/65
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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter. Two copies being furnished Secret Service and one being furnished G-2, both Detroit, Michigan.

Since this is not a racial matter, a teletype will not be submitted on Saturday, 5/1/65, unless an incident occurs during the course of this affair, UACB.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Detroit, Michigan
April 28, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Re: Parade Sponsored by Breakthrough at Detroit, Michigan, May 1, 1965

ORGANIZATION

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On April 27, 1965, [redacted] Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, advised as follows:

A parade sponsored by a local organization known as Breakthrough, under the leadership of Edward A. Kelly and Donald Lobsinger is scheduled to be held at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 1, 1965. Kelly and Lobsinger have been identified in the past with the John Birch Society.

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The parade is scheduled to consist of approximately 300 cars and four floats. The parade is to commence at Woodward and Antoinette Streets in Detroit, and proceed from that location south to the Veterans Memorial Building, located at the foot of Woodward and East Jefferson Avenues, Detroit, at which location a flag raising ceremony and brief speeches are to be held.

The purpose of the parade is to demonstrate that the organization, Breakthrough, supports the policy of the United States in Viet Nam, and that the group is composed of young Americans who are opposed to Communism.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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[redacted]
Davenport, Iowa
April 28, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

I was just award a scholarship by the Christian Interacial Councial of Davenport and I am curious to know whether this organization is not ~~an off spring~~ DAVENPORT, IOWA of the John Birch Society. I would appreciate it very much if you could give me this information. I shall be out of town for the next five days and would be highly grateful if this infomation could be supplied to me by the time I return before I accept this gift.

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Yours truly,

[redacted]

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With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I am unable to comment along the lines you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent and Christian Interracial Council of Davenport are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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FBI ST LOUIS JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS

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Winthrop, Wash.
April 27, 1965

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Dear Sir,

There are two things that are uppermost in my mind. The first and most important is the Security of the United States and the safety and security of the people therein.

There is a current trend toward departure from a form of Government we have known from 1776 until recent years. I do beleive that it should be a cause of grave concern, by any radical departure from Governmental procedure provided for in the United States Constitution. I view this movement with much apprehension.

Second, I wish to be advised on the John Birch Society.

1. Is the J. B. S. subversive and in any way detrimental to the security of the United States?

2. By becomeing a member (after the above question #1 is answered) will it be of any value or have any significant purpose toward helping the cause of preservation of the Constitution and security of the United States.

During my lifetime I will probably not contribute much to my country. Simply because I am not trained and do not know all the proper steps to take. However, I assure you that my loyalty is dedicated to the preservation and welfare of the United States.

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1 To 4-30-65

Ack 5-3-65

I have heard about and read about the John Birch Society at various times. Recently I attended a meeting by invitation. I must confess, too, that at that time, on impulse, I signed an application to join. Now, before carrying this any further I shall wait for your answer.

Sincerely Yours

/s/ [redacted] b6

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Winthrop, Washington

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 27th has been received, and I want to thank you for giving me your observations.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

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FREMONT, CALIFORNIA 94538

April 23, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C., 20530

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DATE 06-03-2005 BY 60309 AUC/TAM/MLT/EHL

Dear Sir:

I have written to you before on this matter but, evidently, I'm not making myself clear. The following quotation comes from the Blue Book of the John Birch Society: (pp. 23-24)

> "...The best informed authorities say that there are at least thirty huge Communist espionage rings operating in this country against the only two or three that have been only partially exposed."
>
> The Blue Book then goes on to say that "all really effective exposure of these espionage rings and agents has now been stopped."...

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PLEASE, -- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I OBTAIN AS PRECISE AND ACCURATE ASSESSMENT AS POSSIBLE:

(1) Is it true that there are "at least thirty huge Communist espionage rings operating in this country. " ?

(2) Has exposure of these or any espionage rings or agents been halted, delayed, or impeded?

(3) Does the FBI think that the Birch Society offers an accurate and/or authoritative assessment of the current problems communism and Communists pose?

(4) Exactly, how does the FBI determine who is or what is Communist?

(5) Finally, is there any information available to you which shows that the Communist Party of the U.S. encourages, supports, or finances any private armies, guerrilla forces, etc.? That is, have they at any time within the last 25 years actually implemented or made plans to implement their desire to overthrow the existing society and government of the United States?

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I WILL BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANY AND ALL ASSISTANCE!!

Very sincerely yours

ack 4-29-65 WAM:cms

April 30, 1965

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[redacted]
Fremont, California 94538

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 23rd has been received.

In response to your request information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] Files were checked and rechecked; however, no information was found of previous communications.
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Date: 5/4/65

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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL
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TO : Director, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100=12376)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING
MAY 8, 1965, SALEM, INDIANA
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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ReButel, 5/3/65.

For the information of the Bureau and Louisville, the Indianapolis Office on 5/3/65 wrote [redacted] Salem, Indiana, advising him as the Bureau directed in referenced Bureau teletype.

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1 - Louisville (157-63)
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Approved: MAY 10 1965 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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J. M. J.

[redacted]
Tonawanda, New York 14151
April 27, 1965

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

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Dear Sir:

Political ideology and philosophy has always carried a great amount of interest for me, and that is why I am presently writing to a source I can firmly count on.

At 16 1/2, I hold very deeply entrenched feelings of a strongly conservative, anti-communist nature. Of late I have become increasingly interested in joining the John Birch Society but have encountered serious misgivings on the part of both my parents. They hold it to be extreme, authoritarian, un-American and generally of little value. I have written in hopes that you might settle the question. Is there any concrete evidence against the J. B. S. or any substantial reason for avoiding it?

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Also----is it against the law to request material from parties or organizations definitely listed as subversive e.g. the Communist Party & American Nazi Party? Would communication with them out of pure curiosity jeopardize my future career legally? Thank you for your time & consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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APRIL 27, 1965

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUSTICE DEPT.
WASHINGTON D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Political ideology and philosophy has always caused a great amount of interest for me, and that is why I am presently writing to a source I can fully question.

At 16½, I hold very deeply entrenched feelings of a strongly conservative, anti-communist nature. Of late I have became increasingly interested in young John Birch Society but have encountered serious misgivings on the part of both my parents. They hold it to be extreme, ultra-conservative, war-mongering and generally of little value. I have written and hope that you might settle the question. Is there any concrete evidence against the J.B.S. or any substantial reason for avoiding it?

Also... is it against the law to request material from parties or organizations listed as subversive by the Communist Party or Guiseppe Zangara? Would communication with them put a person in jeopardy with the law?

Thank you for your time & answer, Sincerely.

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Yours sincerely,

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[redacted]

Tonawanda, New York 14151

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of April 27th and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

There is no law prohibiting an individual requesting material from organizations which may be listed as subversive by the Federal Government; however, the effects of such requests on your future career are a matter for your judgment. You may be sure your letter will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Buffalo - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.
~~905 JOHN STREET~~ P.O. BOX 465
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN 53186

30 April 1965

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

John Birch Society

Dear Sir:

At the recommendation of Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, we are writing you to present certain information which our Committee has obtained regarding a Conspiracy which threatens the welfare of this whole nation.

This conspiracy necessarily involves many people and is quite complex, therefore we will try, as much as possible, through this medium of communication, to expose the salient features and ask that you remember that we are not detailing the plot at the present time only because of the difficulty of properly presenting information in a letter.

Although the organization of the conspiracy in terms of its mental conception occurred many years prior to its onset of operation, we would date the actual beginning of the physical activities in the years 1954-1955.

The motivation of the Conspiracy is to overthrow the U.S. government by force and establish a tyranny. The tyranny would be in the form of a monarchy. The monarchy would serve to enrich those members of the conspiracy who would then become the top level members of the established hiarchy.

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Their justification of the conspiracy is to be found in the writings of John Stuart Mill and Machiavelli. The conspirators use their philosophers to justify their point of view. Pointing out the following statement from Mill's Representative Government..."Again, representative institutions are of little value, and may be a mere instrument of tyranny or intrigue, when

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the generality of electors are not sufficiently interested in their own government to give their vote, or, if they vote at all, do not bestow their suffrages on public grounds, but sell them for money, or vote at the beck of some one who has control over them, or whom for private reasons they desire to propitiate. Popular election thus practised, instead of a security against misgovernment, is but an additional wheel in its machinery." They sell the idea that the people have reached this state of complacency and therefore cannot be trusted to vote properly. Then they very energetically and in great detail point out the impending doom that this country faces at the hands of the international Communist Conspiracy. When they feel that the people are sufficiently hysterical as a result of the fear of communist invasion, they point to Machiavelli's philosophy that "the end justifies the means". The next step is to teach the people the methods of the Communist party and point to the great success achieved by that party. After the steps have been understood by the people the conspirators propose to "fight fire with fire" and suggest adoption of the communistic methods. Finally, they return to the writings of Mill and quote the following passage. "I am far from condemning, in case of extreme exigency, the assumption of absolute power in the form of a temporary dictatorship." The stage is then set to cause, as Mill explains, "panic" (from fear of being invaded by foreign force i.e. Communism as the Roman Empire was overrun by the foreign force of the Barbarians), which panic can serve to induce the people "to lay their liberties at the feet" of the conspirators. For those who do not conform; assasination either by "physical force" or "moral coercion of public opinion". In either instance a negation of Constitutional Rights of individuals as known today occurs.

It becomes perfectly obvious that the first step involves "brain-

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washing" or "education". Including the elimination of the "undesirables" who will not submit to the brain washing also is a part of the first step (usually by character assasination because the first step must remain non violent for fear that the true purpose of the conspiracy will be exposed prior to the first step being completed). The second step includes violence and forceful overthrow if peaceful overthrow (which would represent partial failure of the first step) cannot be accomplished. A separate scheme has been developed for this purpose and membership of that conspiracy is overlapping with the membership of the first group.

The Conspiracy of which we speak centers around the John Birch Society.

This organization has already developed a "strangle hold" over the State of Wisconsin. Examples of the Conspiracy in operation are numerous. Violations committed by the Conspiracy are numerous.

In Wisconsin, the members of the Conspiracy have infiltrated and to a very great and increasing degree control the Banks, industry, professions, unions and their funds, some Churches and especially the Courts and legal professions. This control is often accomplished by convincing members of these institutions that their aim corresponds to the aims of the John Birch Society whose aims are "obviously patriotic". The Society admits it uses the techniques of the Communist Party but claims there is a difference. Our Committee can find no such difference. (We have and are studying all of their literature). There are numerous examples of victims of the Wisconsin operation. The U.S. Constitution seems to be of little consequence in this State.

We have identified many of the members of the Wisconsin Section of this Society and knowing the relationship between its members and Chicago Underworld, we find that there is a startling interrelationship between the two..

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Because of the wide control that this Chapter of the John Birch Society exercises over the State of Wisconsin, we have decided to write to the Federal Bureau rather than the local Bureau.

Our Committee stands ready to detail the information we now present in this preliminary letter. We ask only that you keep this source of information confidential. At any appropriate time we will be happy to have an opportunity to testify regarding our knowledge in this matter..

sincerely

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May 7, 1965

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Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.
Post Office Box 465
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter signed by you and [redacted]

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I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In addition, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reasons for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment in any manner. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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If you feel that you have information coming within the purview of this Bureau's jurisdiction, please feel free to contact a representative of our office located at 735 United States Post Office, Customs and Court House Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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ATTENTION SAC: There is no record in Bufiles of [redacted] or Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc. You are requested to furnish the Bureau the results of indices check of these individuals and the organization. The results of this check should be under this caption adding Research (Correspondence and Tours) and should reach the Bureau no later than 5-13-65.

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NOTE: The letter signed by [redacted] on the letterhead of the "Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.," in which they ask to keep the source of inform confidential is in brief an analysis of the objectives of right-wing groups such as the John Birch Society. In substance, it is their belief that "right-wing" organizations perpetuate the communist fear in the same motive as communists, that is, to break the will of the people to resist its influence, they will then step in and establish a "monarchy" and assume control of the Nation and its institutions, both private and Governmental.

[redacted]

Seattle, Washington 98102
April 26, 1965

John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 06-03-2005 BY 60309 AUC/TAM/MLT/EHL

Dear Sir:

I am interested in the John Birch Society because I have many friends who are members. I am not a member myself, but I believe what the Society generally stands for There was an article in the Seattle Times dated 19 November 1964 reporting an interview with you, in which you stated: "We have never investigated the Society.... I have no respect for the head of the Society, Robert Welch." (Washington, November 18, 1964 A.P.)

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Since I have always respected your position, and your opinion, I would like to ask you a few questions:

1. Is this statement in the Seattle Times a misstatement or is it correct?

2. If it is correct may I ask why you do not respect Mr. Robert Welch? Please send me more information as to why

3. Has the F. B. I. investigated the John Birch Society since the article in the Seattle Times was published or does the F. B. I. ever intend to investigate the Society? Please send me any available information concerning the Society.

I would appreciate your reply to these questions very much, because I am quite interested in doing my part in the fight against Communism. The John Birch Society is the only national organization I can see actively fighting Communism/Socialism through education.

Thank-you.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

cc: Mr. Robert Welch

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CORRESPONDENCE

May 5, 1965

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[redacted]

Seattle, Washington 98102

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 26th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of further help in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The John Birch Society has never been investigated by the FBI.

Personally, I have had little respect for the head of the John Birch Society since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Seattle - Enclosure

NOTE: There is no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

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Glenn Raddick
709 East First St South
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Carlinville, Illinois
May 2. 1965.

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

Dear Sir:

We are exceedingly fortunate in having you as a director of the F.B.I. I hope that you continue in your office for many years.

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I am writing you for information. My curiosity has been aroused by the antics and attitudes of the John Birch Society. They imply that they are the only real Americans. They attack church leaders and seem to imply that clergymen are misguided

Will you please answer this question? "Is there any connection between the KKK and the John Birchers"? Another is Have the Birchers been under investigation and what are your findings?

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Your reply will be kept strictly secret if you wish it so. Please state if you wish it thus in your reply.

I think I am an American having served in two world wars. The real Americans are now in Viet Nam fighting for American ideals and not those meeting in Birch Societies condemning everyone.

I am sorry to trouble you. You may ignor this letter if you wish. I shall still hold you in high esteen as one of our greatest Americans.

Yours respectfully

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

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 2nd has been received, and I am indeed encouraged to know of your support and I want to thank you for the generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI.

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Although I would like to be of service, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Our Heritage of Greatness
U.S. News & World Report, 12-21-64
FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

NOTE: On the basis of information available [redacted] not be identified in Bureau files.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI LOUISVLE

1214PM EST U R G E N T 4/30/65 JAH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM LOUISVILLE (157-63)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING MAY EIGHT NEXT, SALEM, INDIANA.

RE LETTER TO THIS OFFICE WITH COPIES TO BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS DATED APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST FROM [redacted] SALEM, INDIANA.

IN THE LETTER [redacted] IDENTIFIES SELF AS ~~QUOTE~~ "A RADIO NEWS REPORTER" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND DEPLORES THE FACT AN ADMITTANCE TICKET TO CAPTIONED MEETING IDENTIFIES THE SPEAKER, "JULIE BROWN", AS "FBI UNDERCOVER OPERATIVE". [redacted] FEELS THE TICKET IMPLIES JULIA BROWN HAS CURRENT FBI CONNECTION AND ASKED WHY FBI IS PROVIDING SPEAKERS FOR JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. HE REQUESTS HE BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF TRUE FACTS SO AS A NEWS REPORTER HE MAY QUOTE CLARIFY THIS MATTER FOR ALL UNQUOTE.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE ON [redacted] AND [redacted]

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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[redacted] AS LOUISVILLE DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT DATA TO HANDLE THIS REQUEST, BUREAU REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO [redacted] OR INSTRUCT LOUISVILLE OR INDIANAPOLIS.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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2:35 PM EST URGENT 4-30-65 JCW

TO DIRECTOR

FROM INDIANAPOLIS

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING, MAY EIGHT NEXT, SALEM, IND.

RE LOUISVILLE TEL. TO BUREAU ON APR. THIRTY, LAST.

[redacted] IS ASSOCIATED WITH RADIO STATION WSLM, SALEM, INDIANA [redacted]

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/30/65

John Birch Society is not under investigation.

Julia Brown is former security informant of Cleveland Office who has testified concerning Communist Party activities in Cleveland area before the House Committee on un-American Activities.

Indianapolis being instructed to advise [redacted] that Brown was never an employee of the Bureau but did furnish information concerning communist activities.

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TO INDIANAPOLIS LOUISVILLE

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY MEETING, MAY EIGHT NEXT, SALEM, INDIANA, INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY).

RE INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE TELETYPES APRIL THIRTY LAST.

SAC INDIANAPOLIS IMMEDIATELY ACKNOWLEDGE [redacted] LETTER OVER SAC'S SIGNATURE. ADVISE HIM BUREAU NOT SUPPLYING SPEAKERS FOR JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY; THAT JULIA BROWN NEVER EMPLOYEE OF BUREAU BUT DID FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, AND BUREAU HAS NO CONTROL OVER HER PRESENT ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENTS.

END

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (62-104401) -2512

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

NOTE: Referenced teletypes advised [redacted] Indiana, directed letter to Louisville with copies to Bureau and Indianapolis dated 4-28-65 in which he identified himself as a radio news reporter and deplored fact that an admittance ticket to captioned meeting identifies speaker "Julie" Brown as FBI undercover operative. [redacted] feels ticket implies current FBI connection and asks why FBI is providing speakers for John Birch Society. [redacted] requested he be immediately advised of these facts so he could clarify this matter for all. Julia Brown is a former security informant of the Cleveland Office who has publicly testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Bureau [redacted] Referenced IPtel advised [redacted] Above instructions to SAC, Indianapolis are in line with matter in which we currently answer any inquiries concerning Brown's connections with Bureau. In view of [redacted] attitude and [redacted] it is felt his inquiry should not be dignified by a letter from the Director but should be answered by SAC, Indianapolis. In view of nature of inquiry and approaching date of meeting an urgent teletype is deemed warranted.

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First Methodist Church
121 East Seventh Street
Michigan City, Indiana

Ministers. Hilton Whitaker
C Kenneth Powell
Mr. and Mrs Joseph Navgiri
(Poona, India)

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May 4, 1965

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

Dear Sir;

In a few weeks now I will be speaking to our local Rotary Club relative to the menace of communism and the role the church is playing as a deterrent to communism. I find that in our area, as in many areas of the country, there are those persons of such right-wing groups as the John Birch Society who are constantly harassing our churches and making claims that certain of our leaders are "commie-symps". I know that the F. B. I. does keep a record of all organizations within our nation which are considered communist fronts and communist sympathizers. I would appreciate it very much if I may have this list provided it is available to private citizens or organizations.

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I appreciate very much the work that our F. B. I. is doing to help keep America strong and free and I also appreciate the precautions that it has made so that it does not infringe upon the rights of our people. I find that the church is in the same position in many ways - we want, if we can, to help people think and we also want them to be honest. We do not want to condemn persons or organizations simply because they disagree with us nor do we want to tack labels on people which will make others doubt them when they are loyal citizens. For this reason as I prepare my message, I would appreciate any other pertinent information that is available on this subject of Communism as a Menace to America. I would also appreciate any information that the F. B. I. has regarding the danger of right-wing groups within America.

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Sincerely yours,

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121 East Seventh Street
Michigan City Indiana 46360

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of May 4th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Your concern about the threat of communism is understandable and your desire to learn more about the nature of this menace is reassuring. I have repeatedly emphasized it is imperative for Americans to study the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy if we are to effectively resist its eroding influence. I am enclosing literature on the general topic of communism which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

I regret this Bureau does not have lists or data about groups such as you mentioned available for distribution. I am, however, sending you a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450. You

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

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

Domestic Intelligence
Our Heritage of Greatness
Communism -- The Incredible Swindle
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
List of Subversive Organizations.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[redacted]
Metairie, La.

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

April 30, 1965

Dear Sir,

For many years I have been a great admirer of yours and have a deep regard for your opinion on matters.

Recently, one of my business associates and I were discussing the John Birch Society and its founder, Mr. Robert Welch. He referred to this group as an extremist organization which, under the guise of patriotism, commits many questionable acts. Prior to this discussion, another friend of mine gave me a copy of "Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society" taken from a page of the Congressional Record for the 87th Congress, Second Session. This statement of beliefs and principles, if truly representative of the society, appears to me to be very strong pro-American in essence.

Continuing, the business associate mentioned earlier, said that the John Birch Society didn't even have a clean 'bill of health' from your agency and that since he had a good deal of respect for you and the FBI, he was not going to be receptive to any ideas emerging from that society.

In light of this discussion Mr. Hoover, I would be deeply grateful if you would give me the official opinion of your agency regarding the John Birch Society as well as your own personal opinion about it should there be any variation.

I hope that I will one day have the opportunity of meeting you and thanking you for your truly great service to our country.

Very sincerely,

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Metairie, La.

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Metairie, Louisiana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 30th has been received, and I want to thank you for your interest in writing as well as your complimentary comments regarding my work. I can assure you I will strive to merit your continued approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. You may wish to know, however, that this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,
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April 28, 1965 - Salem, Ind.

See Indianapolis teletypes (2) dated 4/30/65

District Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
543 South Third St.
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a ticket to a talk to be sponsored by the John Birch Society in Salem on May 8. As you can see, it identifies the speaker, Julia Brown as an "FBI undercover operative." What is an FBI undercover operative and why is the FBI providing speakers for the John Birch Society?

Surely the FBI, which I have always thought was a very unique, highly particular organization, does not have among its agents members of the controversial John Birch Society, or even its proponents.

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I send this ticket for only one reason. I have serious doubts that "JULIA BROWN" is in any way connected with the FBI. I believe if "she" is, she is grossly misusing her connections with that honorable organization by linking its name with the John Birch Society. Several persons here are concerned because they have the mistaken (I hope) impression that she is a spokesman for the John Birch Society with the full sanction of the FBI.

As a radio news reporter, please rush me the true facts so that we might clarify this matter for all. I am taking the liberty of mailing a copy of this letter to the FBI office in Indianapolis and to J. Edgar Hoover.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Salem, Indiana

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Presents
JULIA BROWN
FBI Undercover Operative
LYON HALL
Saturday May 8, 1965
8:00 P.M. $1.00

CORRESPONDENCE

58 MAY 21 1965

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[redacted]
Ft Walton Bch. Fla.
4 May 1965

Dear Mr Hoover,

I would like some information about "The John Birch Society." I hear so many pros and cons about it that I don't know whom to believe. So I'm appealing to you to enlighten me. I would like to know what they stand for and their purpose.

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Thanking you in advance I remain,

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

Address per envelope:

[redacted]
Ft. Walton Bch Fla 32548

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Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32548

Dear [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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From [redacted]

Dunellen, N.J.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to know if there is any information or congressional record on the John Birch Society that you can send me. I would appreciate it very much.

I also would like to say that I think you are doing an excellent job and deserve the support of every good American.

Sincerely Yours,

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From: [redacted]

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Dunellen, New Jersey

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 6th has been received, and I want to thank you for your complimentary comments concerning my work. I can assure you I will strive to merit your continued approbation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance but trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may wish to know, however, that this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/11/65

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (94-438)-C

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SUBJECT: [redacted] JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

WAUKESHA CITIZEN ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS) POST OFFICE BOX 465, WAUKESHA, WIS

Re Bulet, 5/7/65, requesting result of indices check on the above captioned individuals, who made certain allegations concerning the John Birch Society.

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No further action.

2-Bureau
1-Milwaukee (94-438)
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No further action is being taken by the Milwaukee Office.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 11, 1965

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN KEN W. DYAL
(D. - CALIFORNIA)

Congressman Dyal was contacted on 5-5-65 by SA [redacted] in connection with our program to call on newly elected members of Congress. The Congressman [redacted] was very friendly. He exhibited and expressed a high regard and respect for the FBI and the Director.

During the conversation with the Congressman, he stated he represents San Bernardino County in California which he classed as about the third worst county in the Nation from the standpoint of "kooks" of the far right. He said San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside and San Diego Counties, all located in Southern California, contain large numbers of fanatical adherents to extreme right and paramilitary organizations. The Congressman related that recently [redacted] has been extremely active for the John Birch Society in this territory. He said [redacted] recently had made the statement that the Birch Society plans to spend millions of dollars in certain counties in California in an effort to gain control of them.

Congressman Dyal related that [redacted]

Congressman Dyal stated his purpose in mentioning this information was to be sure the FBI is alert to the "dangerous" activities of these individuals and others like them. He stated he feels we are aware of the situation, since he knows our Agents in the area are in close contact with local authorities who have very good knowledge of the activities of the far right element. The Congressman was thanked for the information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach
RE: CONGRESSMAN KEN W. DYAL

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Davenport, Iowa
May 6, 1965

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

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Sir:

I recieved you letter of mMay 3rd and understand your position but though my curiousity I have learned certain fact and I am scare. Enclosed is the article that was written about me. You see at the present moment I am very much afraid. Tomorrow Ishall refuse the award. I hate to bother you with the problem but I just don't know what to do. I am aware of some of the things that Mrs Julia Brown has said. I am just not sure whether I should accept the gift or not.

EARL MAURER

Sincerely,

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Reply to Bulet of 5/3
no further action, jrk.
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Gentlemen:

Being thoroughly confused, I am turning to the FBI in hopes that they can settle a question that remains unresolved in my mind.

Can you tell, pure and simple, whether or not the John Birch Society is subversive or has any un-American taint about it?

My personal investigation indicates a group based on very sound principles yet the hullabaloo raised against them has left me on the fence with regard to the organization. As a result I am turning to the FBI since I do trust it to give me an honest answer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Streamwood, Illinois 60123

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Streamwood, Illinois 60123

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of May 7th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain numerous references to the name [redacted] however, they were not searched for the purpose of acknowledging this communication.

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FBI

Date: 5/3/65

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-32917) (C)

PARADE SPONSORED BY BREAKTHROUGH
AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN, 5/1/65
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter. Two copies being furnished Secret Service, and one being furnished G-2, both Detroit, Mich.

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Approved: PHS Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Detroit, Michigan
May 3, 1965

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Parade Sponsored by
Breakthrough at Detroit,
Michigan, May 1, 1965

Reference is made to Detroit Letterhead Memorandum, dated April 28, 1965, captioned as above.

On May 3, 1965, [redacted] Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan Police Department, advised as follows:

A parade sponsored by Breakthrough was held as scheduled at Detroit, Michigan, on May 1, 1965. The parade started at approximately 1:10 PM and ended at 2:45 PM on May 1, 1965.

The parade consisted of approximately 208 cars in a motorcade, which motorcade proceeded from Woodward and Antoinette Streets in Detroit, Michigan, to the Veterans Memorial Building located at the foot of Woodward and East Jefferson Avenues, Detroit.

There were four floats in the parade, one depicted the necessity for religion, another victory over Communism, and a third showed a Russian soldier holding his rifle over the head of a peasant girl.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Flag raising ceremonies led by an unidentified Congressional Metal of Honor Winner were held at the Veterans Memorial Building. In addition, Edward A. Kelly and Donald Lobsinger, both of whom have in the past been identified with the John Birch Society, gave brief speeches. Both in the speeches talked primarily against the Communistic form of government and indicated the necessity for a revival of religion and patriotism in the United States.

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Re: Parade Sponsored by
Breakthrough at Detroit,
Michigan, May 1, 1965

The parade was brief and there was no necessity for action on the part of the Detroit Police Department.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

[redacted]

Balto., Md. 21222
May 9,1965

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

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Dear Sir;

I would like to know if it would be possiable to ger the inclosed flier in large numbers? Would it be possiable for me to get permission tohave reprints made ? The members of my chapter of the John Birch Society feel that these fliers would be of great help in alerting the people to the danger of communism.

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Sincerly Yours

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

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AND PRESERVE

Alert yourself--learn the true nature and tactics of communism.

Make civic programs for social improvement your business.

Exercise your right to vote; elect representatives of integrity.

Respect human dignity--communism and individual rights cannot coexist.

Inform yourself; know your country--its history, traditions, and heritage.

Combat public apathy toward communism--indifference can be fatal when national survival is at stake.

Attack bigotry and prejudice wherever they appear; justice for all is the bulwark of democracy.

J. Edgar Hoover

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

PATRIOTISM IS EVERYBODY'S JOB!

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62-104401-2522

[redacted]
Baltimore, Maryland 21222

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 9th, with enclosure, was received as Mr. Hoover was preparing to leave the city.

He asked me to advise you that budgetary limitations preclude his furnishing the material you requested. He regrets he cannot be of help in this instance but trusts you understand.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 10
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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Inasmuch as the material she requested is for use by a chapter of the John Birch Society, it is felt that the above letter over Miss Gandy's signature is warranted.

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[redacted]
Harrison, New York

May 8, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am contemplating joining the John Birch Society but before doing so, I would appreciate you forwarding me any information you have available on said Society.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to the above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Harrison, New York
May 8, 1965

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United States Department of Justice
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Very truly yours,

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Harrison, New York

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 8th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Prior to 8-14-63, our files contained no record of correspondent. On that date we sent reprint material in response to her inquiry regarding how to combat communism.

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Oakland Baptist Church

1001 35th, Ensley
Birmingham 8, Alabama
May 11, 1965

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

Dear Sir:

I am very much in need of your help. Several times recently the John Birch Society has come up in our church. Whenever it does, there are always those who are for the Society and those who are opposed. I has caused somewhat of a disturbance in the church.

I am not as much aware of what the organization stands for and actually does as perhaps I should be. Will you please help me?

Why do the government applications have the question on them "Are you a member or have you ever been a member of the John Birch Society?" If the organization is a good one, does this mean that we have been infiltrated to the extent that our government applications now seek to eliminate the people who would fight communism? Or is the organization something other that it claims.

I am on your mailing list but I have not received a list of the communist front organizations. I wonder if I might have a list of them?

You are the only one I felt could help me. I understand that you are a Christian. Do you think a Christian should be a member of the Birch Society? Please answer.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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May 14, 1965

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Post Office Box 8100, Ensley
Birmingham, Alabama 35218

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of May 11th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice pursuant to Executive Order 10450. You may also wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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May 9, 1965

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have heard alot about the John Birch Society in newspapers, but I do not understand what they stand for. I thought that you may know as much about the Society as anyone that works for the Government.

I wondered if you consider it a good organization or not. I read an article put out by them, that said that an F. B. I. agent says that Martin Luther King is a communist. In the article it also said that King was promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys. I wondered when I read this if they are just a bunch of trouble makers.?

I would like to hear from you if you have time to write.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
Media, Ill. 61460

EX 110

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Very truly yours,

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Media, Illinois 61460

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Dear Mr. Kane:

Your letter of May 9th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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U. S. Dept of Justice
Subversive Organization Section
Washington 25, D. C.
Attn Attorney General -

Sir:

Would you please send me the attorney Generals list of Subversive Organizations. I am especially interested in any reports on the John Birch Society. Please mail all lists or reports to Jack Yohanna 11443 Danube Ave. Granada Hills, Calif. Thanking you in advance.

Cordially

/s/ [redacted]

Address on envelope:

[redacted]
Granada Hills, Calif.

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U.S. Dept of Justice
Subversive Organization Section
Washington 25 D.C.
attn Attorney General

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GRANADA HILLS, CALIF.

Sir:

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Cordially

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Granada Hills, California

Dear [redacted]

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Enclosures (5)
Time for Decision
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith of God
List of Subversive Organizations
Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62
U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

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May 15/65

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

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Dear Sir:

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I would like your personal opinion or any brochure you may be distributing on the "John Birch" society.

Reason: I am a member of the American Legion, Jos. Loeffles Post # 1006, Brentwood, L. I., N.Y. and our new 3rd Vice Commander in charge of Americanism is a "John Bircher".

I am hoping for a speedy reply before any one is influenced by this man.

Very truly yours

/s/ An Interested American
[redacted]
Bay Shore, N. Y.

Two statements he made last evening at our meeting:

Alger Hiss is being rehired by our government.

Judy Coplan is working for suburban renewal in Nassau County.

True or not??

If so - why ??

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Bay Shore, New York

Dear [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Time for Decision
Heritage of Greatness
U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
Counterintelligence Activities.

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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

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May 12, 1965

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Bronx 53, New York

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

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Dear Sir;

I have just finished you book, "Masters of Deceit" and was profoundly interested with the information expressed about the communist party inter-national.

I have always been amazed how books such as "Candy," "Fanny Hill" etc. could be bought on the book stands so readily & yet a book like your's was never put on the rack where I or someone else could easily see them. To say I enjoyed your book is an under-statement.

What comes next, has perhaps, no bearing on the above, but I would like to hear your views on the subject.

During the last presidential campaign Sen. B. Goldwater stated that some of his best friends were John Birsh Society members, while on the other side Sen. H. Humphery stated they were a bunch of nuts or to put it in its right sense extremist. As in all campaigns words were used by statesmen that ordinarily would be saved for private chats. So I don't hold much in what was said.

The tone of the words is what bothered me most.

I have now been approached by a member of the Society, whom I know to be a very responsible & religious man. Although I can speak for this man I know nothing about the Society. He has told me their aims & beliefs, but as he is a member I wanted to find out for myself just how dedicated these people are & how other people outside their Society feel about them.

EX 110 REC-32 62-104401-2528

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I have heard his side & I have seen debates on the television opposing his view. So I'm up in the air as to who to believe, his organization or the debators. Hense my writing to you.

Are organizations such as his, wrong in American society? Is this man a tool being used by them? Has any organized investergation been made of the John Birsh Society & if so what was the finding? Has Mr. Welsh been wrong more times than right? In order to be a good American citizen, who am I to believe?

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I think I could go on for page after page asking who, what, when & where. But I think you know the point I trying to get accross.

That the F. B. I. nor yourself as a public servant has never backed one organization or another I know. However if you could find time to answer part or all of this letter I would be deeply grateful.

Thank you for even considering this letter.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

P. S. I hope you are with us for many years to come.

SAK

ADDRESS PER ENVELOPE:

[redacted]
Bronx 53, N. Y. 10453

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Casper
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May 12, 1965

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Bronx 53, New York

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

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DATE 06-03-2005 BY 60309 AUC/TAM/MLT/EHL

Dear Sir;

I have just finished you book "Masters of Deceit" and was profoundly interested with the information expressed about the communist party international.

I have always been amazed how books such as "Candy", "Fanny Hill" etc. could be bought on the book stands so readily & yet a book like your's was never put on the rack where I or some one else could easily see them. To say I enjoyed you book is an understatement.

What comes next, has perhaps, no bearing on the above, but I would like to hear your views on the subject.

During the last presidential campaign Sen. B. Goldwater stated that some of his best friends were John Birch society members; while on the other side Sen. H. Humphrey stated they were a bunch of nuts or to put it in its right sense extremist he in all campaign words

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were used by statesmen that ordinarily would be ~~say~~ saved for private chats. So I don't hold much in what was said.

The tone of the words is what bothered me most.

I have now been approached by a member of the Society, whom I know to be a very responsible & religious man. Although I can speak for this man I know nothing about the Society. He has told me their aims & beliefs, but as he is a member I wanted to find out for myself just how dedicated these people are & how other people outside their Society feel about them.

I have heard his pitch & I have seen debates on the television opposing his view. So I'm up in the air as to who to believe, his organization or the debators.

Hence my writing to you.

Are organizations such as his, wrong in American society? Is this man a tool being used by them? Has any organized investigation been made of the John Birch Society & if so what was the finding?

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Has Mr. Welch been ~~at~~ wrong more times than right? In order to be a good American citizen, who am I to believe?

I think I could go on for page after page asking who, what, when & where. But I think you know the point I trying to get across.

That the F.B.I. nor yourself as a public servant has never backed one organization or another I know. However if you could find time to answer part or all of this letter I would be duply grateful.

Thank you for even considering this letter.

Sincerely

[redacted]

P.S. I hope you are with us for many years to come.

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May 18, 1965

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[redacted]

Bronx, New York 10453

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of May 12th has been received, and I appreciate your generous remarks on my behalf. You may be sure it is my desire to remain in my present capacity as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

It is a pleasure to learn you enjoyed reading my book, "Masters of Deceit." Perhaps you might wish to read another of my books, "A Study of Communism," which contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some material on the general subject of communism which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MAY 18 1965
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Enclosures (5)
(See page 2 for ENCLOSURES & NOTE.)

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Deadly Duel
Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
LEB Intro, 4-61
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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TRUE COPY

5-14-65

Dear Sir.

A few months ago I joined the John Birch Society and so far attended two chapter meetings. ~~Everyone that I have~~ met seems to be a good American and there is nothing un american or wrong with the Society that I can see.

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People that I have talked to, that is some of them say that the F.B.I. does not approve of the Society. I would like to know if there is anything about the Society that a good loyal american should not belong. I was in the U. S. Army three yrs in WW 2 and I don't want to do anything to hurt our country. I would appreciate what you have to say in this matter. God bless you and your good work.

Sincerely Yours

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19142

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 14th has been received, and I appreciate the kind sentiments you expressed on my behalf.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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

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MAY 19 1965
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent previously requested information regarding communist front organizations and was furnished reprint material by outgoing dated 4-14-65. He is further not identified in Bufiles.

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Evergreen Park, Illinois 60642

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Federal Bureau Of Investigation

Dear Sir:

I am a chapter member of the John Birch Society, and as such have undertaken leading work for a study in support of Local Police.

We plan to try for a SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE WEEK in several suburbs around the city of Chicago, Illinois, and attempt to aquaint local citizens in the importance of better relationship with local police.

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I would appreciate any assistance you could give me in the form of program guidance through your yearly report or available literature pertaining to this subject.

Sincerely,

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May 19, 1965

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[redacted]
Evergreen Park, Illinois 60642

Dear [redacted]

Your recent letter was received on May 17th. In response to your inquiry, this Bureau does not have any material available for distribution concerning the kind of program guidance which you requested. I am enclosing some literature relating to the need for public support of law enforcement which I hope you find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
The Role of the Citizen in Law Enforcement
Cooperation The Backbone of Effective Law Enforcement
LEB Intros 5/63, 5/64 and 5/65

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/11/65

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6119) (C)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS

OO: Los Angeles

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Re Houston letter to Los Angeles dated 4/20/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above. One copy of this letterhead memorandum is furnished Houston for information purposes.

The original information was furnished Los Angeles by referenced letter which reflects that PCI [redacted] (Conceal) who is involved in [redacted]

The 7.62 caliber ammunition is apparently for use in the NATO weapon or Russian weapons of the same caliber. The .223 caliber ammunition is utilized in the Colt AR 15.

ENCLOSURE

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2 - Bureau (Encls. 8)
1 - Houston (62-0) (Encl. 1) (Info)
3 - Los Angeles
(1 - 62-6119)
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(1 - 100-) (JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)

MAY 18 1965

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1 - cc of LHM & Form Secret Service
1 - cc of LHM ATTU
1 - cc of LHM DEFENSE
1 - cc of LHM Customs

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Copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum are being furnished Region II, 115th INTC, Pasadena, California; Office of Special Investigations, District 18, Maywood; Field Intelligence Office, Los Angeles; Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Los Angeles; and Secret Service, Los Angeles.

[redacted] Indio Station, Riverside County Sheriff's Office (covers La Quinta and Rancho Mirage, California) [redacted] Indio Police Department and [redacted] California Highway Patrol, Indio, were furnished this information 4/30/65. b6 b7C

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

May 11, 1965

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MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

member of subject organization

Information was received by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the following persons ordered large amounts of ammunition on the dates indicated:

[redacted] b6

California, 4,800 rounds of 7.62 ammunition on March 24, 1965. b7C

Jerry T. Rouse

B. APPROX. 1922 [redacted] b7D

California, 2,880 rounds of 7.62 ammunition on March 26, 1965.

[redacted]

California, 2,400 rounds of 7.62 ammunition and 2,000 rounds of .223 ammunition on March 29, 1965.

[redacted] Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Indio, California, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation May 3, 1965, that he had received information from another source that [redacted] California, had recently purchased about 10,000 rounds of ammunition for about $125.00. [redacted] claims to be a member of the John Birch Society and is described as an enthusiastic collector of guns. He reportedly obtained the ammunition for "target practice", according to the information received by [redacted]

ENCLOSURE 62-104401-2531

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☑ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, **Los Angeles**

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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Files of the India Police Department contain a reference to [redacted]

The above is being furnished for information purposes in view of the large amount of ammunition involved.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAY 22 1965

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Mr. Tolson
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (100-NEW) 1P

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

PICKETING BY BREAKTHROUGH OF CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, DETROIT, MAY TWENTYTWO, INSTANT; SM DASH C

CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, AN AFFILIATE OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, PICKETED ABOVE CHURCH FROM ONE FIFTEEN P.M. TO THREE P.M., TODAY IN PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGED COMMUNIST MEETINGS AT CHURCH. APPROXIMATELY FORTY PARTICIPATED, PICKETING WAS PEACEFUL, AND NO ARRESTS MADE.

G-TWO ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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May 18, 1965

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Selma, Alabama

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

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have become very interested in joining the John Birch Society. Before joining I would like to be sure that it is in no way being used by the Communist Party as a front.

I would appreciate any information you could send me on the John Birch Society, as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

s/ [redacted]

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May 18, 1965

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Selma, Alabama

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[redacted]
Selma, Alabama

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 18th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. You may wish to know that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Beloit Wis.

[redacted]

Sept 21 1965

To - Federal Bureau of Investigation

To clear up a question concerning the John Birch Society - please let me know if membership in above mentioned society is used in any way against clearance for government positions.

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Yours truly

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Beloit - Wis.

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May 25, 1965

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[redacted]

Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 21st has been received.

Inasmuch as the files of the FBI are maintained as confidential pursuant to a regulation of the Department of Justice, I am unable to be of service in connection with your specific inquiry. I would like to point out that we do not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. At the request of certain Government agencies the FBI conducts investigations of individuals who are being considered for employment in sensitive positions. Results of these investigations are furnished without evaluation. The question of whether or not these individuals are employed is a matter determined solely by the employing agency concerned. You may be interested in knowing that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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June 9th, 1964

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

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Dear Sir

I read in a recent editorial that you would continue to remain in active service in the F.B.I. This made me very happy to say the least, as I have been an admirer of you for about 15 of my 17 years. I am very grateful for the fine job you have done over the years, and was pleased to hear that you will continue to carry on with it in the future.

I am a member of the John Birch Society, perhaps one of the youngest in the country. I am proud to say that your books on Communist subversion in America played a great part in influencing me to join. As with nearly everything else in my life, I am not completely satisfied with the Society, but it is the only one that has any real nation-wide organization and strength.

I would appreciate a photograph of you very much, along with any historical material concerning the F.B.I. that you have on hand. Thanks very much for your time.

Respectfully

[redacted]

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Greenwood, Indiana

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June 16, 1964

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Greenwood, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 9th has been received, and I want to thank you for your very kind remarks concerning our work. President Johnson's Executive Order waiving mandatory retirement in my behalf was indeed an honor, and I will do everything in my power to merit the trust he has placed in me.

In response to your request, it is a pleasure to enclose some material on the FBI as well as one of my photographs.

MAILED 4
JUN 16 1964
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
Small Mounted photograph of Director
Know Your FBI
Story of the FBI
Fingerprint Identification
FBI Laboratory

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[redacted]
Selma, Alabama
May 17, 1965

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

Dear Sir:

Recently I have become interested in the John Birch Society as a means for the individual to fight communism. If your office has any information that shows this organization in support of any "Un-American Activities," I would appreciate such information.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly:

/s/ [redacted]

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Selma, Alabama
May 17, 1965

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May 26, 1965

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Selma, Alabama

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[redacted]
Peoria, Illinois
May 19, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am not in the habit of writing letters to people, but feel the need in this case to have a question answered. Perhaps you won't mind.

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There are many remarks made in this area concerning what you have advocated in fighting Communism. Since there is an area of disagreement pertaining to what you have said, would you please tell me what a patriotic citizen should do to fight Communism in our country? Members of the John Birch Society (they say they are) flagrantly (this is the best word I can think of for it) call anyone who doesn't agree with their opinion on the subject, Communist. This is nothing short of insulting to those of us who are patriotic citizens, but we just don't happen to agree with the John Birch Society's theory. May I hear from you on this subject please?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Peoria, Illinois 61604

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 19th has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry, I have consistently emphasized that it is imperative that patriotic Americans make a determined effort to gain a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of communism if we are to effectively resist its eroding influence. I have also stressed that we should combat this conspiracy wherever possible, making certain, however, that our opposition is careful, constructive and positive and that it is kept within due process of law. I am certain you will agree this is fundamental to liberty. Indiscriminately labeling as communists those who merely dissent or advocate unpopular or unorthodox views is divisive and unintelligent, and only makes the task of the professional investigator more difficult. This is not the time for name calling or publicity-seeking charges designed to confuse, divide and weaken our Nation. Such activity is especially dangerous when it is done by self-styled experts who are without valid credentials and without any access whatsoever to classified factual data regarding the inner workings of communism.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

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Enclosures
Our Heritage of Greatness
4/17/62 Internal Security Statement
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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[redacted]
Abilene, Texas
May 23, 1965

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

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Dear Sir:
A few days ago, Mr. Robert Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, made a speach here in Abilene. A lot of people critisized Mr. Welch, but most "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" were for the Society. Would you please enlighten me on this group. Is it subversive; what do they stand for?
Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours truly,
[redacted]

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Abilene, Texas

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 23rd with enclosure has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Your stamped, self-addressed envelope is being returned, and I am sending some material which I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Stamped, self-addressed envelope
Communism - The Incredible Swindle
America -- Soviet Espionage Target #1
America's Ideals - Its Mark of Greatness
FBI Jurisdiction Does Not Cover Making Evaluations

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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1st May 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I know your time is well taken and you have other things to worry about besides receiving and answering letters, but I have been chosen by a groupe of my friends to write in regards of the John Birch Society.

I have attended two meetings of the Society and was real impressed with it. I had a good feeling in my bosom that what they present is the truth, and I joined it. I would like to call myself a patriot and I know you are by reading many of your statements and writings.

I would like to have your honest opinion, whether good or bad, of the John Birch Society, if you would be kind enough to give it. Because of the prejudice and heated arguments concerning the scruples of the Society, some of my friends say we are communists and bigots trying to over throw the government. I would sincerely like to hear what you have to say. If you haven't been to a inductory meeting as yet, I don't believe you would be wasting your time to go to one.

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I have enclosed a self addressed envelope with a stamp. If you are too busy it is alright.

Sincerely,

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18 May 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I know your time is well taken and you have other things to worry about besides recieving and answering letters, but I have been chosen by a groupe of my friends to write in regards of the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely,

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San Manuel, Arizona
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San Manuel, Arizona 85631

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of May 18th, with enclosure, has been received, and it was thoughtful of you to write.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy; however, I can tell you that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Your concern about the subject of communism is reassuring and I am enclosing material, some of which contains suggestions all of us can consider in fighting this menace. Your stamped, self-addressed envelope is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (6)
Communism -- The Incredible Swindle
America--Soviet Espionage Target #1
Deadly Duel
America's Ideals-Its Mark of Greatness
The Communist Party Line
Correspondent's envelope
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John Birch Society

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-New)

PICKETING BY BREAKTHROUGH OF CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, DETROIT, MICH., 5/22/65
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Re Detroit teletype to Bureau, dated 5/22/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

One copy of LHM furnished G-2 and two copies of LHM furnished U. S. Secret Service, both Detroit, Mich.

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2 - Detroit
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Detroit, Michigan
May 24, 1965

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Re: Picketing by Breakthrough of
Central Methodist Church,
Detroit, Michigan, May 22, 1965

[redacted] Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, advised that a local group known as Breakthrough, under the direction of [redacted] picketed in front of the Central Methodist Church, 23 West Adams, Detroit, from 1:15 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on May 22, 1965. Approximately 40 individuals participated in this picketing, the picketing was peaceful, and no arrests were made.

[redacted] advised that the group Breakthrough, [redacted] have been identified in the past with the John Birch Society.

According to [redacted], the picketing at the church was to protest alleged use of the church for Communist Party meetings and related subversive activities in the past.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
900 MONTGOMERY STREET
LAUREL, MARYLAND

PArkway 5-3000

ROBERT M. KAISER
CHIEF OF POLICE

MERRILL L. HARRISON
MAYOR

May 25, 1965

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that we are in receipt of numerous excerpts of literature from the John Birch Society which were unsolicited and which we have formally replied that the Laurel Police Department, its associates and the Chief, do not wish such correspondence to be mailed to them. We feel that the nature and contents of this literature is of highly controvsial nature and do not desire our members or department to be associated in any manner, shape or form.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Kaiser
Chief of Police

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Mr. Robert M. Kaiser
Chief of Police
900 Montgomery Street
Laurel, Maryland

My dear Chief:

Your letter of May 25th, with enclosures, has been received.

I can assure you your interest in communicating with me is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning correspondent or [redacted] and no correspondence with either.

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May 26, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I, the undersigned, know that you are one of the most busiest men in America. However, I have a problem of most urgency which I would like to discuss with you.

Would you please help me in answering a question of mine? That question is "Are you now or have you ever investigated the John Birch Society"? If you haven't please tell me why, and if you have please tell me what your findings were. Also could you please give me you own personal opinion of this John Birch Society?

I would like to take this time to thank you for all the great things your Bureau has done for all Americans.

Respectfully yours

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[redacted]

Brooklyn, New York 11208

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 26th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Counterintelligence Activities
"Time for Decision"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
NOTE: Correspondent is possibly identical with [redacted] Brooklyn, New York who, in the early 1950s, was listed as a subscriber to the publication, "Northern Neighbors."
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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TELEGRAM ADDRESS:
QUICKMERE FRANKFURT/M.

May 17, 1965

TELEPHONE

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Personal - Confidential
The Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Word has come to be, not yet fully confirmed, that some of our liberal "soft-on-communist" groups are planning to put pressure on you to come out with a statement against the John Birch Society. Although not a member of J.B.S. I have had a close association with the organization and its leaders and have read much of their literature. I have no doubt but what you are well acquainted with the organization also, and its objectives aimed at greater personal responsibility, less government and a better world.

I am however, enclosing a few items of literature which you may find time to scan. It is my conviction that this organization is the most effective non-church group in America in the fight against creeping socialism and godless communism.

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Assuring you of my admiration and loyalty and with prayerful good wishes.

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Sincerely yours,

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[redacted] Abilene Texas
26 May 65

Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sirs.

The enclosed leaflet~~s~~ ~~are~~ is being distributed by the John Birch Society, and since their claims here in seem so logical, I am at lost to know how to answer them wisely to others. In my own mind I know that extrem views are not always so stable, so am not influenced by their claims, and I certainly do not believe our government is appeasing communism, nor is the United Nations, although some like Frane seem to be on the fence. But I sure would like to have a definite answer for those who are being encouraged to join this society, through what they really believe is their patriotic duty, because they are so ready to believe words like those stated in the enclosed pamphlet.

Well you instruct me on the best way to answer them?

May I have the enclosed pamphlet back, so I may answer each claim, if you are able to help me.

Sincerely,

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s/ [redacted] 2-104401-2516

P.S. Can you also enlighten me on a proper opinion of the K.K.K. I was born in the North and have never favored it, and do not now. But the opinion of Southerners seems to be they must have it to protect themselves from something and they consider it justified and patriotic. How can you reason with them? Is the "negro problem" really to be feared.

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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 87th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the RECORD.

GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury, the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

IV

We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

V

We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic. "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse, without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: "This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way."

VI

We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

VII

We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to

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be "for the greatest good of the [illegible]test number." (Or in their power-seeking plans pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

IX

We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man has either been able to improve himself [illegible] his environment, or has allowed both [illegible] deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

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In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because they are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes.—For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

John Birch Society Investigated

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study. A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.

2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.

3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.

4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.

5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.

6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.

7 All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of May 26th, with enclosure, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me.

In response to the issues raised by your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of value. I am returning the enclosure which you furnished.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Ed Dieckmann, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Mrs. Helen W. Gandy was kind enough to help me by sending certain information for an article on police review boards.

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The article is on page 9.

It will be used, as part of the drive to SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE, to spearhead the battles in Philadelphia and New York this summer. I'm afraid they'll need it.

I hope the article is as hard-hitting as I meant it to be.

Cordially,

Ed Dieckmann

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Ed Dieckmann, Jr.
[redacted]
Long Beach 3, Calif.

P.S: Incidentally, I sometimes work with your Agent [redacted] of your Whittier Office. He's a good guy, and helped me a lot with one of my parolees, [redacted] now under prosecution for the Dyer Act.

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May 17, 1965

Dear Reader:

As we go to press, it is with the knowledge that American men are at this very moment fighting and dying in action against the Communist enemy, while our government and certain of our college professors, students, clergymen, and Leftists generally, contrive to tell us here at home that there *is* no enemy.

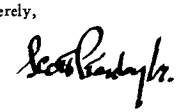
There is something about casualty lists of American soldiers which seems to destroy the well-manufactured arguments of the Left. There is something about row upon row of white crosses that seems to bring even the most carefully camouflaged Communist propaganda into clear focus.

The point is that our brothers are already in the field; the fighting and dying is going on. Honorable men must now recognize what every soldier in Vietnam and Santo Domingo has known from the start: The Communists are our enemy, our mortal enemy.

Let us remind each of our friends that the Communists who now kill our young men are the very ones to whose comrades our government sends grain, and aid, and the wealth of America in trade. Let us remind them that this enemy, this enemy which now kills American soldiers, is the very one with which our Ambassadors sit down to talk and to sip champagne and to chat about cultural exchanges, and mutual nuclear projects, and coexistence.

Yes, there *is* something about those flag-draped caskets which makes all that the "Liberals" have been telling us about their friends, the Communists, seem pretty much what we have said it was all along: A well designed and terribly dangerous lie. For more about that, we suggest that you begin reading this issue on the very next page.

Sincerely,



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Another Sellout In The Hemisphere

Harold Lord Varney is President and founder of the Committee on Pan American Policy. As such, he has been in the forefront of the fight to induce Washington to wage an all-out battle against Communism in Latin America. Formerly the Political Editor of American Mercury, *he was also adviser to the Republic of China between 1947 and 1948.*

■ AFTER ENDURING the near-cretin policy of a State Department which backed Communist Juan Bosch in the Dominican Republic, clear-thinking Americans believed that the masterminds at State had touched bottom. They were mistaken. The Whiz Kids have now found someone worse than Bosch.

Apparently concluding that Bosch is washed up, the State Department has now picked out a professional thug and murderer to be the new Dominican ruler. He is Antonio Imbert Barreras. The Leftist newspaper claque which reflects State Department policies has put on a build-up campaign to sell Imbert to the American people as a "democratic" hope, stressing the fact that he was one of the assassins of General Rafael Trujillo. (Imbert boasts that he was the one who fired the fatal bullet.) The *New York Times* has as expected joined the amen chorus, publishing an Imbert portrait on May fourteenth which pictures him as a sort of Noble Brutus, a "Liberal" who killed Trujillo to avenge the execution of his kindly brother and to wipe out un-named Trujillo outrages against liberty.

Unfortunately, the whole picture is a barefaced invention.

Imbert did not turn against Trujillo years ago when his brother was executed, as suggested by the *Times*. As a matter of fact, up until Trujillo's death, Imbert *worked for General Trujillo* as a hired killer, or *"executionaer,"* as the Dominicans call it.

Trujillo had earlier appointed Imbert as Governor of Puerto Plata province after the Horacio Ornes invasion attempt. With Imbert's brother, Segundo, as head of the army in the province, the two brothers instituted a bloodbath which has become a Marquis de Sade legend on the island, with countless murders and brutalities too terrible to be recounted in a civilized journal.

After Segundo's execution for this bestiality, in 1956, Antonio continued to work enthusiastically for General Trujillo, enriching himself with easy-money opportunities. He was available to Trujillo at all times as one of a group of thugs on call for political executions. In 1960, he was one of the band which seized the anti-Trujillo Miravel sisters, subjected them to rape, and then hurled their mutilated bodies over a cliff. The outrage aroused great American horror and indignation at the time. However, the *New York Times* seems to have conveniently overlooked it, in recalling Imbert's past.

Up to the very day of the assassination, Imbert worked closely with Trujillo, and was generously rewarded. He

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held an important position in the Trujillo-owned cement plant. At the very time he assassinated the General, he was an employee of Arismendi Trujillo, brother of the Generalissimo. Why he joined the forty-man conspiracy is not known, but it was obviously inspired by some devious hope of gain. The Imberts of the world don't take risks for idealism.

Who is responsible for this incredible American effort to turn over the Dominicans to such a master? All indications point to John Bartlow Martin, who is the personal envoy of President Johnson to the Dominican Republic.

Martin, a writer and biographer of Adlai Stevenson, was President Kennedy's Ambassador to the Dominican Republic during the rule of Communist Juan Bosch. A blatant and notorious Leftist, Martin was such an open partisan of Communist Juan Bosch that he had to be recalled from his post after Bosch was expelled. He then dropped into obscurity until he was resurrected through some Leftist Washington in-

Communist Caamano Deno.

He walks and broods of fallen buddy.

fluence, at the outbreak of the current Bosch revolution. Of all the men available, President Johnson selected John Martin as his envoy. At the time, Washington had not yet openly decided whether or not it would make a deal with Bosch, despite the fact that Bosch had, as far back as December 9, 1963, openly called upon his followers in the Dominican Republic to join a "self-confessed pro-Castro, bitterly anti-American and extreme leftist group of guerillas" so as to return him to power in the Dominican Republic (*San Juan Star,* December 11, 1963).

Certainly there was no doubt from the very beginning but what John Martin favored returning Bosch to the Dominican Republic. This, despite the fact that Martin was fully familiar with Bosch's background: how he helped Romulo Betancourt to organize the Caribbean Communist movement in the 1920's; how Bosch helped Jacobo Arbenz and Jose Arevalo to establish a Communist regime in Guatemala; how Bosch was a leader in the Communist-

This American Marine was killed fighting Communists in Santo Domingo.

dominated Caribbean Legion, along with Betancourt, Jose Figueres, and Louis Munoz-Marin.

Martin tried desperately to prevent the Marine landing in Santo Domingo, but he failed. President Johnson heeded the appeal of General Wessin y Wessin and Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett, and gave the order sending in the Marines. However Martin, by careful maneuvering, was still able to save the Communist rebels from extermination. He ordered the Marine commander not to unite his American forces in support of General Wessin y Wessin's anti-Communist air force and army, which would have meant a united attack and the certain destruction of the Communist rebels.

Martin next went to Puerto Rico where, with the help of Chancellor Jaime Benitez, and Abe Fortas (President Johnson's intimate Leftist friend in Washington), he tried to work out a strategy to get Bosch back into power. But Martin found Bosch demoralized and fearful, and stubbornly unwilling to make the gesture to repudiate his Communist allies in Santo Domingo. Realizing sadly that Bosch had deteriorated, Martin returned to the Dominican Republic and switched to the Imbert strategy. Obviously, Imbert had himself already contacted the Americans and offered to be useful in the maneuvers to destroy Wessin.

That the selection of Imbert as chief of a new junta was planned by our State Department is shown by the furtive sequence of events which followed.

On April twenty-ninth, Imbert was flown to the *U.S. Carrier Boxer,* which was hovering offshore, and went into secret and protracted conferences with Americans purportedly representing Washington. Imbert then disappeared for a few days while frantic moves were made to strong-arm Wessin into disbanding the three-man junta of army officers which he had appointed to succeed Reid Cabral. Of course, Washington also demanded that Wessin accept Imbert as the new head of the Dominican government. Apparently, these

pressures were partially successful and Wessin dissolved his junta.

But this concession was obviously not enough for the Americans who were taking their lead from John Bartlow Martin. Wessin, they argued, must be deprived of the command of the army and of the San Isidro stronghold. On May seventh, Imbert reappeared with the announcement that he had formed a five-man military-civilian "Government of National Reconstruction," including at least one pro-Communist. Open American support of Imbert was indicated when the United States granted him $750,000 to pay the initial expenses of his junta.

To fortify his position, Imbert next executed an army purge. Again, representatives of the United States openly assisted him.

Eight top army officers, some of whom were suspected of being friendly to former anti-Communist President Joaquin Balaguer — who is the Presidential candidate of the powerful Reformista Party — were discharged from

Anti-Communist General Wessin.

Imbert was a professional murderer.

the army. The way it was done was nearly incredible to those who recognize the wide popular support enjoyed by former President Balaguer. The eight were simply spirited onto the *Boxer* for a "conference." They were then put on planes and flown to Puerto Rico.

But the prime target of Imbert and the Martin-American faction was General Wessin y Wessin, still Commander-in-Chief of the Dominican anti-Communist army and commander of the powerful San Isidro base. It was recognized that if Wessin could be eliminated, the United States might make a deal with the Communist-controlled rebel force. Increasing talk of a "coalition" under Imbert was heard. From the date of Imbert's assumption of power, repeated U.S. pressure was put upon Wessin to resign and to leave the country.

Wessin stuck to his guns. An apparent victory for Imbert and Martin was seen on May twelfth when it was announced that Wessin had resigned. The following day General Wessin repudi-

Leftists picket the UN as American Marines die in Santo Domingo.

ated the untruthful announcement. As long as he holds his strategic post, a compromise with the Communists will be difficult. Recognizing this fact, the Communist regime of Colonel Francisco Caamano Deno has made the expulsion of Wessin its first demand.

With a shifty, unprincipled criminal like Imbert heading the government, with President Johnson's envoy, John Martin, conferring privately with Caamano's Communist-Bosch rebels, with an Organization of American States (OAS) team [containing friends of Communist Juan Bosch] exercising peace-making authority in Santo Domingo, the air in Santo Domingo smells foully of another shabby deal with the Communists such as followed the Cuba Missile Crisis in 1962. Communist Bosch himself may not be called back, in view of his demonstrated inability to lead, but a Boschite Communist may emerge from the evil brew as Imbert's successor.

Probably the most dangerous hazard in the Dominican situation is the presence of the OAS. In every recent Latin American crisis—Cuba, Panama, etc.—where the OAS has been called in, the United States has been negotiated into defeat. Only in those rare situations where we have acted unilaterally, as in Guatemala, have we defeated the Communists in their efforts against Latin America.

In the present situation, after making what appeared to be a realistic start, President Johnson yielded to the Internationalists by inviting the OAS to come in and share authority with the United States. Worse, the Administration has established a dangerous precedent by calling for an OAS police force. The setting up of a permanent OAS police force has long been urged by the Leftists in Washington. It would, the Left knows, permanently handcuff effective United States action in future Communist emergencies within the Hemisphere — opening the door even wider to the Communists.

That the OAS is now under the domination of the Aprista Communists is indicated by the present talk that

This Marine came to fight for freedom; children are a part of it.

Caribbean Legion comrades Romulo Betancourt, Luis Munoz-Marin, and Jose Figueres will be chosen to supervise the establishment of a new Dominican government. All three are bound by the closest revolutionary ties to Juan Bosch. Once they are admitted to the picture, the two remaining hopes of the Dominican anti-Communists — Wessin y Wessin's military power, and Joaquin Balaguer's powerful Reformista Party—will be immobilized and perhaps destroyed. The skids will be greased for a Communist future for the Dominican Republic.

President Johnson, who won the overnight acclaim of all non-Leftist Americans by his April twenty-eighth unilateral decision, has been betrayed by his chronic habit of playing both sides. For a few days a clean-cut pro-American decision, which would have barred Communism from the Dominican Republic for the foreseeable future, was in his hands. He refused to exercise this opportunity to defeat the Communists when he brought such gravediggers as John Bartlow Martin, Luis Munoz-Marin, Teodoro Moscoso, and all the faceless intriguers of the OAS, into the picture to make decisions for the United States. Their decisions have led to the ghastly selection of Imbert Barreras.

A Washington which was too righteous to endure the firm anti-Communist and solid pro-American rule of General Trujillo, and which—if we can believe the convincing evidence given in the recent book by General Espaillat —was cognizant in advance of the Trujillo assassination, now unhesitatingly hands the Dominican rule to a professional killer and thug. Where is American "Liberal" idealism now?

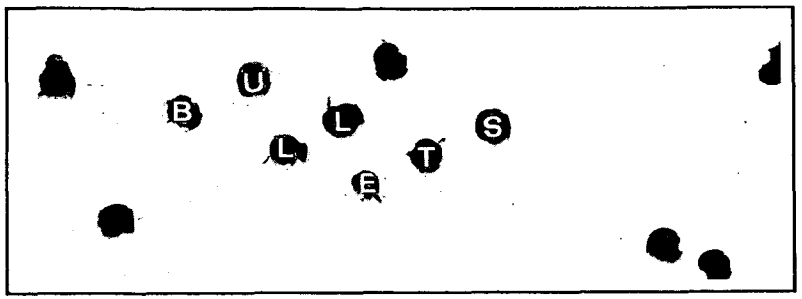
The Dominican mess is another shocking demonstration of the danger of the coexist-with-Communism mentality. Coexistence can always be depended upon to prevent any possible United States victory in a crises with the Communists. From Yalta, through Panmunjom, to today's unfolding episodes in Santo Domingo, this has been the bitter chronicle of America's confrontation with Communism. Again, it is not the foreign might of Communism which defeats us, it is the bushwhackers in Leftist Washington.

How often we have seen this play before! American men are again being sent to fight and die against Communists while their own State Department prepares for the eventual sellout to the Enemy. Just as in Korea, Americans are being asked to die to preserve liberty from the onslaught of Communist forces; just as in Korea, men in "our" State Department are meanwhile preparing the surrender which will mean that American blood was spilled in vain. Honorable Americans are beginning to wonder why the United States Department of State always turns up on the Enemy side to surrender the gains bought with the blood of our courageous young men. Whether in Korea or Vietnam or Santo Domingo, it is always the same: Young men die while diplomats surrender. If it is necessary to die, American military men deserve to make that sacrifice, if they must, knowing that their efforts will not be washed out by civilian subversion. As citizens, "Liberal" or Conservative, we owe it to them to see that they can have the confidence that they are not fighting and dying only to be sold-out later. It is a confidence which can never be justified until our State Department is forced to realize what every man in Santo Domingo and Vietnam now knows—that the Communists are our Enemy.

Anti-Communist Joaquin Balaguer

Communist Juan Bosch.

Walter Lippmann, the docent of the Leftist tribe, revealed the first intent of the "Liberals"-around-Johnson on May fourth. Lippmann remarked brightly in his column that "if President Johnson, working with the OAS . . . can restore President Bosch and shore him up . . . it will be a bright day for the American republics." When this plan was shipwrecked by Bosch's own timidity and revealed incapacity in San Juan, the "Liberals" had to come up with another plan. They now seem to believe that Imbert, the hired thug and murderer, is their man. He probably is. ■ ■



Bull fighting is the most popular sport in Latin America. You may think that's revolting, but revolting is actually the second most popular sport.

Jack Moffitt

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Artist Pablo Picasso surprised a burglar at work in his chateau. The intruder got away, but Picasso told the police he could do a rough sketch of what the intruder looked like. On the basis of his drawing the police arrested a Mother Superior, the Minister of Finance, a washing machine, and the Eiffel Tower.

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I have known a vast quantity of nonsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don't trust that conventional idea. Dishonesty will stare honesty out of countenance, any day in the week, if there is anything to be got by it.

Charles Dickens

* * *

So live that you would not mind giving the family parrot to the village gossip.

Irish Digest

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Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one less rascal in the world.

Thomas Carlyle

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The young sow wild oats. The old grow sage.

Winston Churchill

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

General Douglas MacArthur

* * *

Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it every day—and at last we cannot break it.

Ben Marley

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Revealed prejudice is the result of the influence of experience over courtesy, and is often more reasonable.

Ole' Scott

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Despite the vast number of recent Supreme Court cases which have been decided in favor of "Civil-Rights" groups, it is absolutely untrue that the Court is now giving away free watermelons with every decision.

S. S. Winfield

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Communism is the product of the apathy of many and the audacity of the few.

Jose Chiriboga

* * *

A man could retire comfortably in his old age if he only could dispose of his experience for what it cost him.

Benjiman Warren

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It has been suggested that the trouble with each generation is that it hasn't read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Crusader

OUR POLICE!

And Civilian Review Boards

Ed Dieckmann, Jr. *was for eight years a police officer in the San Diego Police Department, and was for two years with the Marshal's Office. Mr. Dieckmann is a journalist of considerable experience, having written for magazines as varied as* Esquire, Coronet, Argosy, The California Highway Patrolman, Tradition, Civil War Times, *and* The Mark Twain Review.

■ "No, I DON'T say they are — but they darned soon would be!"

The Police Chief stood outlined against the window of his office and the power and conditioning that had helped make him an All-American fullback twenty-five years before were still evident. The man displayed an incisive mind. Chief in a small city of less than 100,000, just east of Los Angeles, he's rightly proud of the splendid national reputation which he and his department have earned.

But that was little comfort now, as he said, "Oh, I know; my colleagues in the Association tell me the Civilian Review Boards are mostly staffed with female impersonators. But wait — just let the public and police be conditioned to accept Review Boards — and you'd soon feel the knuckles of steel under the lace glove. That lace-glove set can gradually be replaced . . . and then, brother, look out!"

Outside, an old man in khaki turned on the water sprinklers and the Chief turned to watch the water flashing in the early spring sun.

He smiled ruefully.

"Have you ever thought, Ed, what it would be like to be a gardener and just turn water on and off? Well — that's what I'd want to do if those idiots saddle us with a Civilian Review Board!"

As he spoke, I thought of what his Chief of Detectives had told me moments before: "They put a Review Board on our back and I'll resign. They might as well board this whole place up and paint it with red lead, the way they used to do the Navy ships in the mothball fleet. Just close it up!"

I

LATER, AS I drank a cup of coffee at the corner drugstore, I wondered if Americans will ever realize the danger we are in — and be roused to action. Sure, Vietnam is bad, and disarmament, and Communist-led riots in the South; but on top of all the other blows the shuddering body of this Republic has absorbed there is now added another clear and present danger: *the attack on our police*—on the men who, as J. Edgar Hoover put it, "stand literally on the front line of battle."

It is not enough that, in 1963, 16,793 policemen were assaulted in the performance of their duty, and that no less than fifty-five were murdered, or that eleven out of every hundred officers have been the victims of brutal attacks. There is a yet more vicious assault under way — the drive by the Communist Party, U.S.A., extending even into

Canada, to emasculate our local police.

In his address before the Police Chiefs Section of the California League of Cities (October 23, 1962), Los Angeles Police Inspector Edward M. Davis spoke about this very matter:

> *Move over, Chief — make room in your swivel chair for the Executive Director of the Police Practice Review Board that can be established in your city. . . . If you cooperate with him, you will probably get the full support of at least one vocal element of our press —* The People's World.

Inspector Davis told how the American Civil Liberties Union in Los Angeles, in 1960, was effectively opposed in its attempt to set up a Review Board; not only by all the major metropolitan newspapers, but by the Press in the suburban areas as well. Only one paper supported the plan and bitterly attacked its opponents: the Communist newspaper, *The People's World* [May 14, 1960]. It was only logical that the Communist Press would support the ACLU in this matter; for the Los Angeles branch of the American Civil Liberties Union had actually proposed to grant an award of up to five hundred dollars to each and any person found "to be injured by the alleged misconduct of a policeman."

In other words, there would be a bounty on the heads of police officers!

Unknown to many citizens, such Leftist attacks on our police are not a new thing. Nor is the natural Leftist hostility to law itself, which has been reflected by the Leftwing Press as an "instrument of class coercion" ever since the publication of *The Communist Manifesto*. For example, the recent and authoritative Communist Party Manual, *Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism*, states that since law and its enforcers represent one of the "coercive manifestations of capitalistic society," that law and its enforcers must be discredited and destroyed.

That's the idea, but it's a new as well as an old story — the Communist *Worker*, of July 26, 1964, gives nearly a full page to it.

Yes, the Communist attack on our police has been of long duration. But the major reason it has recently been accelerated and pushed so hard by the Communists was explained, as late as February 12, 1965, by George W. O'Connor, Assistant Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, before the Seminar on the Administration of Criminal Justice:

> *Because police processes are today more than ever visible and dramatic, charges designed to bring sympathetic attention to the side of the Civil Rights crusader are best directed against law enforcement.*

In other words, the catalyst has been the "Civil-Rights" movement. With all its excesses and militancy it has continued to successfully storm city and community police forces, those important obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and merciless establishment of the Communist state. One Leftist weapon in this Leftist war on our police, potentially the most dangerous, is the creation of Civilian Police Review Boards made up of outsiders with no police experience, but pulsating with the urge to "do good," and to protect "individual rights," and to spread "love."

The Far Left knows, however, that the real function of such Boards would, in the long run, be to force every police officer into occupational impotence.

In addition to being administratively unsound, the Review Board thesis also tends to place each Force at the mercy of special-interest groups.

As Los Angeles Police Chief William H. Parker put it, in his address to the

National Conference of Police Associations, last July twentieth:

> *The policeman today is probably more the man in the middle than he has ever been in the history of this nation. The tendency of both the public and the news media is to treat the police officer exactly on the same level as the criminal.*

Pointing up the present pressure from Leftist and extremist "Civil-Rights" groups to set up Civilian Boards, Chief Parker concluded:

> *If this happens — the City of Los Angeles can expect to end up with a police force of people who haven't been able to make it anywhere else, and who need a job in order to pay the rent and feed the kids.*

From the sounding board of my own experience of ten years as a police officer, plus that of my father, retired San Diego Homicide Chief, Lt. Ed Dieckmann, *Sr.*, I must say Amen! My father, who was also Chief of Civilian Defense in San Diego during World War II, as well as Commander of the Subversive Activities Squad, remembers that since as far back as the early Thirties there has been a demand by Leftists and Communists to set up Civilian Review Boards. The only difference is that now the assault has been given a focus and force unlike anything in the past. The establishment of Review Boards to intimidate our police, that front line of defense, has now been given A-1 priority by the Communist Party, U.S.A.

J. Edgar Hoover explained why Civilian Review Boards have been given this special priority in a talk [February, 1962] before the American Bar Association:

> *The Communists have long recognized the irreconcilability of law and their ultimate aims of violent revolution. They cannot tolerate . . . the existence . . . of independent law enforcement agencies.*

A policeman shot making an arrest.

And as recently as January of this year, in the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, Hoover again met the challenge head-on:

> *A questionable move currently being championed is the establishment of civilian review boards to hear complaints against police officers. These panels would consist of appointed individuals who are . . . inexperienced and uninformed in law enforcement and police administration. . . . This drive for external boards is an ill-advised maneuver.* It amounts to the usurpation of authority rightfully belonging to the police commander!

In words that leave no doubt as to his meaning, F.B.I. Director Hoover

Officer beaten by "Civil-Rights" agitators.

then went on to show how Review Boards would render the death blow to effective law enforcement and reduce "the orderly processes of community life to petty bickering, suspicion, and hatred." For, as the Director says, no police executive deserves to become the tool of bureaucratic committees. But even worse, Hoover also made clear that, besides being a backward step toward mediocrity and ineptitude, the Review Boards would have, *could not help but have,* political overtones!! If there is one thing that police executives have learned over the years," he said, "it is that politics has no place in effective law enforcement."

Again we are back at the heart of the danger: the *Commissar-Concept.*

J. Edgar Hoover is certainly the man to give what should be, in any reasonable society, the coup de grace:

> *The average law enforcement officer today is already saddled with greater responsibilities than he can fully comprehend and discharge. . . . He should not be subjected to public ridicule and penalized in salary, promotion, and personal career based on decisions reached by outside overseers to whom professional law enforcement and public protection may be of secondary interest.*

The coup de grace, yes; but that would be, as I indicated, in a reasonable society.

II

PERHAPS a swift plunge into the abyss is called for.

Shock treatment.

All the more shocking, because it is true and has been proved by events in what was once an independent country, is the actual record of a Communist move against the police. I refer to what happened in Latvia, when the Communists took that country.

In "Growth of the Communist Conspiracy," included in *Anthology of Conservative Writing in the United States,* Dr. Revilo P. Oliver etched an indelible portrait. Dr. Oliver asks if anyone has thought to investigate:

> *. . . the possible connections between . . . the Communist Conspiracy . . . and the robbers, rapists, and murderers of our ordinary underworld. Given the uniformity of Communist methods throughout the world, the question is worth asking. I note that when the pro-Communist government came to power in Latvia, the civil service was reorganized and new chiefs of police were appointed. The interesting thing is that every one of those new chiefs of police had a prison record of one or more convictions for burglary, armed robbery, rape, or homicide. The national director of police services was, of course, the most distinguished of the lot: he had, as I recall, served eleven prison sentences and was serving the twelfth when he was released to assume his duties.*

Dr. Oliver has the knack of portraying future horror that is all the more terrible because it mirrors the recent past. For you see, what the Communists are really after is a planet of Latvias — at least in the transitional stage before the frightful emergence of their version of *Animal Farm.* To do that they need to first destroy the independence of our local police. That requires, as in Latvia, the establishment of politically controlled Review Boards.

III

PERHAPS we should not be too surprised to learn that the first full-dress "Liberal" apologia for the use of Civilian Review Boards in America saw the light in the *Harvard Law Review* [January, 1964] almost immediately after the assassination of President Kennedy and the resultant attacks on the Dallas police. Called "The Administration of Complaints by Civilians Against the Police," it was written by two third-year law students, Harold Beral and Marcus Sisk.*

In all honesty it must be said that Beral and Sisk do a number that can only be called "The Liberal Twist." They are without doubt the hardest working, most painstaking, naive, and credulous researchers one might encounter. Perhaps it is unimportant to say that they are also men of the Left.

Now I do not say that Beral and Sisk, or their mentors, either are or were Communists. Of course not.

I merely point out that their logic follows the reconciliation of opposites common to the tortuous methods of

The result of a CORE picket line.

dialectical logic. For instance, they base their conclusions, favorable to Civilian Review Boards, on the 1962 public relations releases of but one Review Board, that of the Philadelphia Department — ignoring all other examples. From the press releases of the Philadelphia Board itself, these youngsters are led to conclude that Civilian Boards are more likely to encourage citizens to complain without "fear of retaliation or intimidation" than are Boards manned by the police themselves! Of course, with the data they had available, Beral and Sisk could have stated that during that same year the Chicago Police Department, with slightly less than twice the number of personnel as Philadelphia, recorded more than thirteen times the number of complaints. You see, Sisk and Beral forgot to mention that Chicago has its own Departmental Board, made up of police officers only! As Mr. O'Connor says in his critique:

> *No reasonable person would attribute this difference to any in-*

* The entire piece by Messrs. Beral and Sisk was reprinted with a critique by George W. O'Connor in *The Police Chief* (February, 1964), official organ of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

herent defects in the Chicago officer as compared with the Philadelphia officer. Such a marked difference may come from the confidence the Chicago citizen places in the police department's ability to clean its own house.

The Harvard students' study stresses, again and again, that civilian harassment of the police is necessary and must be maintained. Again and again the Philadelphia Department, burdened with a Review Board since October of 1958, is held up as an example of where such Boards have not hurt morale or impaired the ability of the law enforcement officials to do their job.

Sisk and Beral even cite a new set of rules established by the Philadelphia Board, governing the use of handcuffs, "with the view that the judicious use of manacles could prevent injuries and unnecessary embarrassment." Any policeman, or ex-policeman, can spot the Leftist play here: The concern for the criminal; the lack of concern for injuries to the police or the public. Because, after all, the tender wrists and feelings of the criminal come first, don't they? And we mustn't embarrass lawbreakers by letting them be seen in handcuffs. After all, what would their friends think?

Officer fatally shot in line of duty.

Finally, as a perfect example of the Sisk-Beral thinking, there is the contradictory conclusion that: (1.) As a disciplinary device the Review Board is desirable since "it can provide satisfaction to those civilians who think they are adversely affected by police behavior," and (2.) "In serving this end, complaint administrators must not impair the effectiveness of the police as a law enforcement organ."

A sheer impossibility!

How do I know?

In the course of the occupation with which I make my living, I have contact with many police officers, like that Chief in the small city east of Los Angeles. Three officers of my acquaintance, detectives from two different municipalities, have had occasion to visit the "City of Brotherly Love" — both before and after the recent race riots there. These officers go back to pick up wanted men who have been arrested in the Quaker City, to return them to California for prosecution.

"It's murder," one of them told me. "The guys in Philly talk about it only in the privacy of their homes. They're scared. Scared of losing a day off, losing their job, or even losing their pension."

And another: "At first I couldn't believe it. I had two men tell me they pass up a lot of arrests — not serious offenses, but borderline rough-stuff with Review Board written all over it."

"Most of the men are afraid to talk at all," the third officer told me. "They are afraid it'll get back to the Board."

Detective Gerry Elam, of the Cincinnati Police Department, did not find Philadelphia Officers so reticent. In his recent article in the law enforcement magazine, *Law and Order*, Elam reported: "A commissioned officer said, 'It stinks!' A patrolman on the beat said, 'if I make an arrest in the minority groups, I know I'll be hauled before the Board to explain why, and it does not matter what the circumstances were.'"

A veteran officer told Detective Elam, "I've got 17 years on and can retire in 20. I'm going to coast the rest of the way." And a detective replied, "I'll only make an arrest in that section of town if there is no way out of it."

But let Thomas J. Gibbons, former Police Commissioner of Philadelphia, tell you how the Review Board has changed that once proud Force. In his article in the *Saturday Evening Post*, July 9, 1960, Gibbons wrote:

> *In 1953 we had 2000 applicants for police recruits and accepted 1000. In 1960, things have changed. Hardly anybody wants to be a policeman in my city. Instead of giving one exam for 4000 to 5000 men each year, we give the test twice a week for a mere handful.*

This in the city that initiated the first Police Review Board!

Far more damning, however, is the F.B.I.'s Official Report of September 18, 1964, on the seven major riots of last summer.

These took place, as you remember, in Rochester, New York City, Jersey City; Elizabeth, New Jersey; Paterson, New Jersey; Dixmoor, Illinois; Philadelphia; Seaside, Oregon; and Hampton Beach, New Hampshire.

Several of these cities, including Philadelphia and Rochester, have Civilian Police Review Boards.

Here's what the F.B.I. investigators found:

Referring to the unusual restraint of the police in the face of barrages of rocks, insults, bottles, Molotov Cocktails, and firebombs, it is noted that, "where there is an outside civilian review board the restraint of the police was so great that effective action against the rioters appeared to be impossible."

Overcome by smoke, he led 20 from flames.

In short, the police had to be so careful to avoid accusations of improper conduct that "they were virtually paralyzed." But, the F.B.I. report went on:

> *In one city with such an outside review board, police action was so ineffective that the police were finally ordered to withdraw . . . and limit themselves to attempting to prevent the riot from spreading. In another such city the police frankly admitted the making of arrests was "unfeasible" and mob action continued without deterrence.*

In both these communities the riots were fed by the rioters' knowledge that the police were afraid to do their jobs.

Not only that, but interviews with policemen, from patrolmen to high-ranking officers, revealed that they

knew that if they had taken action they would have been punished by civilians ignorant of mob control, or even of simple arrests for drunkenness, and subject to losing not only their jobs but their hard-won pensions.

These men live in almost daily fear and anxiety.

That in itself is a crime.

And the crime is increasing.

The following cities are now under pressure to establish Civilian Review Boards: Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus, Denver, Detroit, Houston; Kansas City, Missouri; Los Angeles; Louisville; Providence, Rhode Island; St. Louis; San Diego; Schenectady; Toronto, Ontario; Washington, D.C.; and Wilmington, Delaware.

Assistant Director O'Connor, of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, has warned of an even greater danger:

> *While the contest at the present time involves only the police, it must be borne in mind that the basic concepts of external control over organizational control and discipline may well be applied in future years to* every form of governmental endeavor!
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> . . . *Judges, public defenders, district attorneys, probation officers, school teachers, nurses, public health officers, and others,* may look to the day when the outside review system may be employed in their field!

The Commissar-Concept with a vengeance!

It makes one shudder.

And, shuddering, want to do something about it.

But what?

Simply this: Eliminate the Civilian Review Boards by revealing, and thus invalidating, the entire Commissar-Concept. For no free society, knowing this concept for what it is, will ever tolerate it.

And then?

An act of creation is best. Mr. O'Connor has again provided the key. He says that every police department, in cities having a total population of more than 100,000—or non-white population of more than five percent—must have a *Police Community Relations Program!*

At this date, less than one-third of the 165 cities in this category have a Police Community Relations Program. One city that does, Los Angeles, has had outstanding success with the work done by a Negro Policewoman, Sgt. Vivian Strange. Sergeant Strange is a twenty-five-year veteran who is a living example of the good will that can be generated by Police Community Relations Programs.

Such programs can be very valuable, since they absorb the shock of Leftist attacks by returning their constant chant for "education." Community Relations does just that—educates. Such programs give our citizens a chance to see things from the police side. And that side is a strange one to the uninitiated. Gilbert and Sullivan had the insight to see this and put it very nicely:

> *When Constabulary duty's to be done,*
> *A policeman's lot is not a happy one.*

Maybe not.

But it will be far happier when the policeman's fellow citizens really answer the call to SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE, refusing to permit the Left to establish Civilian Review Boards—Boards which are, as Honolulu Police Chief Dan Liu has wisely said:

> . . . *a secret weapon of a foreign ideology whose first objective in a bid to gain control of a nation is to disrupt, corrupt, and, in general, to destroy the police.* ■ ■

CIVIL RITES

Who Should Vote?

Jim Lucier, who holds his Doctoral degree from the University of Michigan, is a former college professor who has become one of America's most quoted young journalists. He is a recent winner of the coveted Freedom Award, of the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, for his outstanding editorial work. Dr. Lucier makes his home in Richmond, Virginia.

■ WHO SHOULD vote? Not everybody, although everybody agrees that there must be some limitations on the right to vote. The most perfervid democrat will at least agree that minors, criminals, and the mentally incompetent ought not to vote. It is only afterwards that he defines a minor as anyone, say, under sixteen, denies that most crimes are committed by criminals, and numbers the mentally incompetent at 27 million. Even the most perfervid democrat is not perfect.

The problem lies with political science. It just ain't no science. True, men have always theorized about the perfect state, the perfect set of rules to govern the unavoidable business of men with men—but few confused the utopia with reality. After all, the literal translation of *Utopia* is *Nowhere*. Ever since Aristotle wrote his *Politics* there has been little added to the knowledge of human nature.

But in modern times, the clap-trap of science has been added to political discussion. The work of the sociologist, the psychologist, and the statistician has supplanted the moralist. And so the modern political scientist studies man much as the chickenologist studies chickens. His interest is to purify the breed, and to control the strain. He looks forward to the day, with however much regret, when it will be necessary to wring the neck of his pretty little capons.

And that is why "Liberals" discuss civil rights as though these rights were completely divorced from civil affairs. Or to put it another way, somewhat paradoxically, "Liberals" do not recognize any separate category of civil rights—that is, the action of the state, as distinguished from the free actions of individual men in society. For them the state is an omnipotent judge who must set out to dispense justice to every citizen.

The very notion of justice is perverted; justice is thus determined by statistical patterns and supposed "need" rather than uniform law. To this peculiar quirk of mind, voting is the symbolic act of the citizen: A referendum is a self-propelled statistical study. The citizen who does not participate is a virtual traitor to scientific method, because he squews the curve. Through voting, the individual citizen throws himself into the mass of statistics, and surrenders whatever personal human rights he may have as an individual to the "Rights of Man."

This is why "Civil Rights" has become the new religion, preached in our pulpits as a substitute for Christianity. These "Civil Rights" arrogate to them-

selves a false importance transcending the simple little duties that a citizen owes to the state. They are the religion of collectivism, the heresy of the social gospel. "Freedom Now," "Brotherhood," and "One Man, One Vote," are literal translations of the bloody ghosts of Liberté, Fraternité, Égalité. And just as the French Revolution celebrated its Feast of Reason on the high altar of Notre Dame in an orgy of inverted passion and satanic worship, so too our Feast of Selma was a spectacle of *dementia democratia* organized by the International Conspiracy of Evil. If Hell is Heaven gone sour, then we must not be surprised at the weird parody of these civil rites.

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To CLEAR the air, we must remind ourselves of some very simple and sane propositions:

(1.) Voting is not one of the basic rights of a human being.

(2.) There is no direct relationship between voting and freedom.

(3.) The doctrine of majority rule is alien to American political tradition and ideals.

(4.) The U. S. Constitution was designed with the intention of thwarting democratic rule.

(5.) The Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Nineteenth, and Twenty-Fourth Amendments to the Constitution run counter to the spirit of the body of the document and to the Bill of Rights.

(6.) The Fourteenth Amendment, the source of many of today's problems and confusions, may not have been legally adopted.

(7.) An inefficient government, based on disunion and dissention, is the best safeguard against internal tyranny.

(8.) Efficiency is the first refuge of scoundrels.

To speak these hard sayings is to run the risk of giving ammunition to "Liberals" and other totalitarians. The propaganda machine, like a pair of giant lips in the wall, has been sedulously whispering that the opposite is true, while sleeping citizens toss fitfully in the American Dream. The concept is Orwellian: Peace is War, Love is Hate, Tyranny is Freedom. Yet if we are going to return to a situation where individual responsibility is more pervasive than the collective action of the state, then we must consider each of these propositions until the artificially induced strangeness goes away.

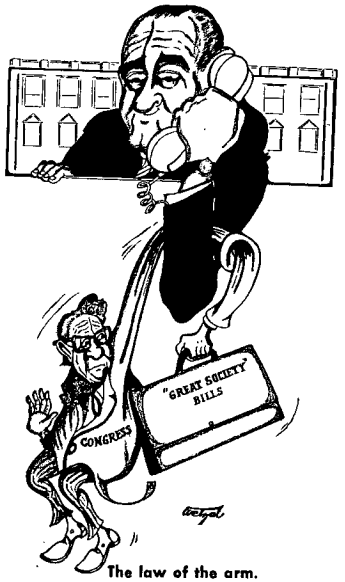
For let us say the truth. The "Liberal" doctrine has attacked the dignity of all men, of every race. Through inversion it has claimed that the most ordinary moral foundations are monstrous sins. In the name of legalism it destroys law. In the name of brotherhood, it proclaims genocide.

In the United States today, most people do not vote. Even of those who are of voting age, only forty-six percent go to the polls for Congressional elections.[1] That is the way it should be. The quality of government and the amount of freedom maintained is almost in inverse proportion to the number of citizens who cast a ballot. The most highly socialized countries of Europe have the greatest number going to the polls. The dictatorships of Latin America generally set fines for those who stay away from the ballot box, even the illiterate. And the Soviet Union, of course, always boasts about its 99.99 percent turnout.

And apply another test: It is always the "Liberals" who have the most contempt for the electorate. Men like Senator Clark and Senator Fulbright scorn the capacity for representative government and have said so for the public record.[2] The Supreme Court, in saddling the American people with perverse reapportionment schemes based on the decandent concept of "One Man, One Vote," has expressly rejected contrary methods even when approved by popular referendum. The position is a logical one, for if you make all votes statistically equal — the informed with the uninformed, the wise with the greedy, the rich with the poor — then the whole process is a meaningless ritual. It is a collectivist process of appointing an elite to rule the serfs. Because, as we have all been told by no less than an Adviser to the President of the United States, the public is just too damned dumb to understand.

Isn't it strange? Those who are most insistent on "democracy" are the ones who are most scornful of the people and their individual rights. But it isn't strange at all; they know perfectly well what they are doing. The fiction that every man's vote is of equal value necessarily makes "democracy" a meaningless process. When a minority is consistently outvoted by an immovable majority, that minority might as well not exist. Or when elections are decided by fifty-one percent of the vote, the real decision is made by a fraction of the electorate. Democratic Britain found out what this means when the House of Commons voted to accept Prime Minister Harold Wilson's White Paper on the nationalization of the steel industry. (This invasion of private property was sanctioned by a vote of 310-306, when four invalids were wheeled into Commons from ambulances.)

The alternative to the ritual of democractic voting is not hard to find; the best system is *undemocratic* voting, the sort that has prevailed to this moment in the United States. Now no one can argue that any citizen should be denied the rights that are his under law. But the essence of undemocratic voting is the principle of natural selection, combined with safeguards to prevent the coalition of hardened majorities.



The law of the arm.

Natural selection means that no one should be *encouraged* to vote. Those who have studied the issues and the candidates and are aware of the workings of government will be interested in voting; by the same token it must be recognized that these same people have the right not to vote. As for the rest, there is no particular advantage, and much disadvantage, in *encouraging* the votes of those moved by herd instinct and political bosses. The American record of forty-six percent voting in Congressional elections is a fine one, although it may reasonably be argued that the percentage is too high. The ignorant and the indolent ought not to be stimulated beyond their capacities.

The danger of coalitions is more difficult to understand. The American system is an organic growth; some parts are naturally subordinated to others.

1. The average vote cast for U. S. Representatives in the years 1942-62, was 46.2 percent of those of voting age. Source: *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1964.*

2. See their contributions to *The Elite and the Electorate*, published by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 1963: "I have no hesitation in stating my deep convictions that the legislatures of America, local, state, and national, are presently the greatest menace to the successful operation of the democratic process," says Senator Clark.

Its native genius lies in its capacity to outstrip the status quo without upsetting the living, breathing organism that is the structure of our Republic. The constitution of the United States is far more than the written Constitution. Our political system includes many political devices that are not written down in law; and indeed, the everyday actions of life are ruled by a thousand years of English precedent.

That is why the people of Maine do not vote on the traffic laws of California, and the people of New York do not choose the suffrage laws of Alabama; why the national consensus is deliberately thwarted by the American system; why the citizens of Dubuque do not vote on the construction of fire halls in Denver; why the State Legislators of northern Michigan may represent more pine trees and acreage than people; why we have not two major political Parties, but one hundred — two for each State — and none of them are provided for by law; why property owners may vote on property tax increases or bond issues, but tenants may not. All these things are terribly undemocratic, and we would certainly not have it any other way.

The simple notion of "checks and balances" is inadequate to explain the phenomenal complexity of the American system. What you have is a country where the majority does not rule because the issues are so distributed among the various social customs and mechanisms of government that neither the majority nor their representatives ever get a chance to vote on the issues as a bloc.

Moreover, the historical pattern has been that the opportunity of voting has never been extended to citizens until they have some stake in maintaining the social, legal, and economic patterns then prevailing. Primarily this has meant that suffrage has been extended in proportion to the growth of the economy. But it has also meant the enfranchisement of women, when the independent status of women became a social fact. It has meant the regulation of immigration to ward off a disrupting flood of cultures ignorant of the intricacies of the American brand of freedom.

But already the objections are arising: Ethnic bloc voting is an unfortunate fact in our cities; woman suffrage has merely doubled the potential for irresponsible voting; the vote is being pushed into Negro hands which, in some areas, have every reason from ignorance to avarice to destroy the Republic. Moreover, the Representatives from Maine have taken on the responsibility of building roads in California and regulating the traffic on them, New York is very dogmatic about who should vote in Alabama, and Dubuque is paying for fire halls all over the country (in urban renewal areas), and building libraries as well.

Very simply, the United States is on the downhill road to democracy, the system in which the majority rules, and is in turn ruled by its chosen masters. Every precaution which freedom-loving Americans have taken to prevent the imposition by national consensus of a statist-organized and regulated society is now under attack. Much has already been dismantled in the past year; and the Eighty-Ninth Congress of the Consensus is busily extending that monolithic concept with revolutionary fervor.

The Great Charter

King John did not *look* like a tyrant. If we may judge by the portraits made hundreds of years after his death—he had the profile of John Barrymore, with a rakish mustache. Today a political career may be made or broken by a TV make-up artist, but the Barons of England were smart enough. They had grievances, and that day in Runnymede they had John where they wanted him.

It was, in short, not the profile which made all the difference.

When the Barons drew up the Great Charter, they had no intention of setting up a Great Society. One has only to read through the Magna Carta to see how little the cornerstone of the British Constitution is concerned with the general welfare of the King's subjects. The Barons were fed up with the central regime. They wanted less government and more individual responsibility.

They hadn't minded it when King Richard bled them white to pay for the foreign wars, but King John merely bled them white to enrich his bureaucrats. John's power-hungry grab to take over the functions of the Church enraged the Barons because it resulted in a papal interdict suspending church services; the Barons wanted prayer back in the churches. No sooner was that accomplished than John took off on a no-win campaign in France, and returned in 1214 after ignominious defeat. That did it. By May of 1215, the Barons formally met to consider withdrawing allegiance to the King, the closest thing they had to impeachment. On June fifteenth, while the stream purled gently through the meadow, King John affixed his seal to the Charter.

That document today sounds like a modern cry. Despite the obvious medieval terminology and circumstances, the grievances are not impossible to understand. Most important are taxes—taxes, taxes, taxes. Taxes are too high, they must be limited, they must be agreed to by the Barons in common counsel; inheritance taxes are destroying estates at the whim of the King, and farmers and merchants are being ruined by the arbitrary exactions of the King's representatives.

Moreover, the courts are corrupt. Judges have been appointed who have no knowledge of or experience in the law. Local affairs must be settled in local courts, justice will not be denied or delayed, and there will be no prosecution except by lawful judgment of a man's peers, and by the "law of the land." The towns and boroughs shall retain all their ancient rights, without interferences. And above all, the Church shall be free and enjoy her rights in their integrity and her liberties untouched.

The striking thing about the Magna Carta is that it is an entirely negative view of government; its whole purpose is to prevent the King from interfering with the affairs and rights of all citizens —not just the Barons, but all citizens. And most of these rights are property rights, in some fashion or other. For property rights are the basic human rights protecting the dignity of man.

The Barons do not demand voting rights. Of course, in feudal times, such a concept was unintelligible. They demand the right to be consulted on taxes, because liberty and property are so inextricably commingled. But the Magna Carta sets up no abstract theory of government. It is an intensely practical document that recognizes the realities of power. King and Barons meet in confrontation, and the division of power prevents either from becoming absolute. Nevertheless, they are not equal. Their power is of different kinds and is exercised in different ways and in different extent.

Then, as chance would have it, the Magna Carta became the instrument by which the rights of Englishmen were stabilized through uncertain times. In 1216, King John died, "by a surfeit of peaches and new cider." His nine-year-old son, Henry III, took the throne. But a nine-year-old has no power. His backers won the support of powerful factions by promising to respect the charter. Down through the century, any king who wanted to survive had to do the same. Finally, in 1297, Edward I entered the Magna Carta on the statute books of the realm. Freedom was now

the law of the land. But voting did not seem necessary to secure it.

The Colonial Charters

Through the Magna Carta, the rights of Englishmen became in some way superior even to the will of the sovereign. This principle became paramount, eventually, in the American system. The rights of the people may not be abridged either by a king, *or by themselves.* From the very beginnings, these "liberties, franchises, and immunities" were carried into America. They were planted first by the Virginia Charter of 1606. They were reinforced by the succeeding charters of Massachusetts Bay (1629), Maryland (1632), Rhode Island (1663), Carolina (1663), and Georgia (1732).

To understand the extraordinary importance of the precedence of the Great Charter one must remember that Virginia was governed under its provisions (with succeeding laws) for a longer period than it has been governed by the U.S. Constitution. The Revolution of 1776 was a schism, rather than a social revolution. The rights of Englishmen were re-christened the rights of Virginians and continued unabated. When the Constitution went into effect in 1789, only a few dour patriots like Patrick Henry—extremists, really, of the lunatic fringe—imagined that a significant alteration in individual rights had taken place. Not until 1972 will we have an equal 183-year period of U.S. Constitutionalism to compare with the 183 years of Virginia law that Patrick Henry looked back upon.

The Magna Carta was not a democratic document, but a feudal one. Its success lay in the fact that it was a practical expression of the realities of power. In the successive years, the meetings of the Barons developed into the meetings of Parliament—which met not for the passing of laws, but for the approval of taxes. The evolution of the three estates—the Lords, the Bishops, and the Commons, represented not people, but the separate interests responsible for the well-being of the realm. Even in the Fourteenth Century, legislation was still presented as petitions of grievances. Parliament met and was dismissed at the will of the Crown. The knights of the shire who made up the Commons were in turn elected only by freeholders, and usually freeholders of considerable property. This was not representative government, but rather a kind of expression of the hierarchies of responsible power—an attempt at an effective, practical mechanism of state, which left no one absolute. At various times the king, the lords, and the people all asserted themselves to be superior to the rule of law. But whenever they did so, they generally found that they had some strong opponent with which to contend.

In 1619, the practical concept of freedom was transferred to America when the Virginia Assembly met at Jamestown from July thirtieth to August fourth. (The Virginia Assembly has continued to meet ever since, and is the oldest continuous legislature, as Churchill remarked, in the world.) In Colonial times, the Assembly was divided into the Governor and his Council sitting as an upper house, and the House of Burgesses, composed of representatives elected by the freeholders of the various counties.

Although the New England town meeting is frequently pointed out as the beginning of the American system, the influence of the Virginia Assembly was much more dominant. For two hundred years, Virginia was first in population. It was also the leader in wealth, culture, and education. The territory governed by the Assembly included most of the land east of the Mississippi, including the present states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois. Its power threatened to upset the delicate sensibilities of the other states.

So when the General Assembly passed the resolutions for the cession of the Northwest Territory in 1781, the members carefully provided that the rights of Virginians, that is the rights of Englishmen, would be safeguarded in the new states. The resolutions stipulated that the ceded territory should be admitted to the union on the same basis as the original thirteen. Every state which has since been admitted to the union owes its liberty to that precedent.

The Constitution

On Monday, September 17, 1787, George Washington wrote off the letter of transmittal. Under order of the Convention, the Constitution was submitted to "the United States in Congress assembled." The grammar sounds strange to modern ears accustomed to the singular. It is even more strange to those who would expect such a document to be submitted "to the people." The protocol of the action sent the document, instead, to the Continental Congress. And the Congress was to recommend whether it be submitted to state conventions, assembled for the purpose under direction of the divers state legislatures.

General Washington foresaw that there would be objections to the work of the Convention:

> *It is obviously impracticable in the federal government of these states, to secure all rights of independent sovereignty to each, and yet provide for the interest and safety of all—Individuals entering into society, must give up a share of liberty to preserve the rest. The magnitude of the sacrifice must depend as well on situation and circumstance, as on the object to be obtained. It is at all times difficult to draw with precision the line between those rights which must be surrendered, and those which may be reserved; and on the present occasion this difficulty was increased by a difference among the several states as to their situation, extent, habits, and particular interests.*

The Nobel Price is rite.

The document that was transmitted is amazingly brief, considering that it was intended to set up an entire nation. But of course it was not a plan for setting up an entire society. The society already existed. No one questioned its organization or justice, except in the fruitless debate on the slave issue. The issues of the Constitution devolve on the mechanism of the national government, and where to draw that precise line that would secure the blessings of liberty. Despite the high-blown rhetoric of the Preamble, nowhere in the text is there any notion or suggestion that henceforth some new, improved brand of liberty, with added constitutionalism for extra freeing power, would be available to the citizens. The concern throughout the document is that the liberty presently existing might be taken away. The ever-present danger of foreign domina-

tion had motivated the calling of the Convention, but the threat of losing this same liberty by internal tyranny is the foremost concern of the framers. The perplexity expressed by Washington is evident in the kind of governmental mechanism set up.

Political scientists, like politicians, frequently point with pride to the well-known system of internal checks and balances in the three branches of the Federal government. But they view with alarm certain features which are essentially undemocratic, and are now held to be out of date. The fathers of the Constitution, however, having just lately extricated themselves from the marauding of one central government, were acutely aware of the dangers of yet another. Much attention was devoted to the problem of providing checks and balances between the Federal and State systems, and to prevent the dominance of powerful states or coalitions of states. More important, the election machinery was carefully designed to prevent national elections, in which an appeal could be made to a national electorate beyond the reach of state constitutions.

The difference in representation between the House and the Senate is perfectly obvious. Yet this plan is not just a compromise between large and small states. The House is more closely responsible—not to "the people," but to the individual constituencies of the members. Every two years, the Representative faces not some abstract convulsion of the General Will, but presumably the irate cries of knowable, identifiable taxpayers. And since, from the time of the Magna Carta, the power to tax was known as the most profligate destroyer of liberties, the Constitution provides that all appropriation bills must originate in the House. This striking reservation is the only one of its kind.

Now within the elective offices of government, a hierarchy of qualifications was established. For instead of believing that every citizen was equally eligible for every office, the founding fathers set up a caste system. Representatives shall be at least twenty-five years old, and seven years a citizen. Senators shall be at least thirty years old, and nine years a citizen. Presidents shall be at least thirty-five years old, *a natural-born citizen,* and a resident of the nation for fourteen years. The most representative office is the least valued, has the least consequence, and loosest qualifications. The most important office, the President, values age as a sign of wisdom and experience. It provides that he have ties of family and patriotism to moderate the thirst for power. More interesting, it provides that someone who meets the minimum qualifications have spent his entire adult life as a resident, so that he will understand the needs and traditions of the nation.

There is also an ascending hierarchy in the manner in which these men are elected to office. Not even the Representative is given office by universal suffrage: Only those who are eligible to vote for candidates to "the most numerous branch of the State legislature" can elect Representatives. It was assumed, and as a matter of fact was true, that voter eligibility in this category would differ among the states.

The Senate was originally held in higher esteem, because of the greater power of each member. The staggered terms, which make the Senate a "continuing body" provide a continuity of thought and introduce a stabilizing influence not subject to rapid shifts in "the will of the people." The title "Senator" recalled the aristocratic body of Rome, instead of the directness of representative government.

And in the Constitution written at Philadelphia, the Senators were not representative of the people at all. They were chosen by the legislators who were chosen by that part of the electors of

each state who qualified to vote. Thus the Senators were intended to be aloof from the irate cries of the people, and able to judge legislation on its merits. At the same time, the Constitution gave the state legislatures a voice in the Federal legislature. The repeal of this device by the Seventeenth Amendment, in 1913, marked the beginning of the decline of the states' power to protect their citizens from the Federal government, and the rise of democracy.

The restrictive qualifications of the President's office were of a kind, we have seen, designed to counteract the effects of demagoguery. And if the Presidential electoral college had worked as planned, today's Presidential campaigns, with their fantastic expense, superficial debate, and irrelevant appeals to popularity, would not threaten the workings of free government. "Liberals" frequently rationalize the electoral college as a make-shift attempt to overcome the Eighteenth Century problems of communication and transportation; the irony is that distorted TV coverage and quick air transport have instead made the problems of communication and demagoguery almost insurmountable.

The electoral college is twice removed from the people, once removed from the state legislature. The electors from each state are appointed "in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct." It is simply because by custom the legislatures have directed that the college be appointed by popular vote that the Presidency has degenerated into a race for mob appeal. This is the great flaw in the Constitution; the Convention carefully provided that the President and Vice President could not come from the same state, so as to avoid an undue combination of power.

In 1803, a subtle shift in the construction of the college was approved by the Eleventh Amendment. The original plan chose as President the man who had the highest number of votes, and as Vice President, the runner-up. But the Eleventh Amendment revealed how greatly that plan had failed in practice. The Constitution did not contemplate the formation of political Parties. Americans of the period were well aware that the Parties in England had become a source of greed and opprobrious combinations of power, unchecked.

Parties formed, nevertheless—an extra-Constitutional expedient which short-circuited the ban on democratic procedure. The Eleventh Amendment requires the separate election of President and Vice President on separate ballots in the electoral college. For otherwise, the inevitable and intolerable situation was that the runner-up, the Vice President, would be of the opposing Party.

Now all of this drawing of the line, this careful reservation of separate powers to separate bodies, this careful and specific enumeration of such and such powers delegated to Congress no more, was a plan to stabilize freedom. Liberty was not predicated on the right of every man to vote, but on the theory that no man, or combination of men, should wield unlimited power. The Constitution recognizes that rights cannot be founded upon the chance contingency of rulers being good or bad. The Constitution scorns equality in its system of political operation, and creates a hierarchy of excellencies, in which popular suffrage plays a limited and fragmented role. The "just consent of the governed" praised in the Declaration of Independence is determined not solely by referenda or even representatives with a mandate. It is a system in which age, responsibility, knowledge, wisdom, and judgment are given greater weight than the franchise.

These wise precautions were taken so that liberty might endure. Nowhere in the Constitution is the Federal Government authorized to legislate for the common concerns of life in the States;

on the contrary, such legislation is expressly prohibited. The only duty of the Federal government is Article Four, Section Four:

> *The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the executive . . . against domestic violence.*

This is what a *republican* form of government means: To maintain the balance of power, whether aggression comes from abroad, or from the people themselves.

The Objections

As clear as the logic of the Constitution's construction was, it was immediately attacked — and by American patriots. The document was far too optimistic. From the Magna Carta to the Declaration of Independence, the tradition of a bill of grievances against despotic power was too strong. These early documents were agonizingly specific about their violated rights, yet their ideological content was practically nil. The Constitution was a practical document too, concerned with the distribution of power. Yet it was weakened by the rhetorical abstraction that power came from the people, and that the people were sovereign.

The most devastating attack on the proposed Constitution was raised by Patrick Henry. After all, it was Henry who had begun the attack on the British Sovereign, and he had no more respect for the new sovereign. Henry's legal education, we are told, was laid almost wholly on the commentaries of the great English jurist Sir Edmund Coke, and on Virginia law. Coke was the great champion of the Magna Carta, the man responsible for giving it its great prestige in modern law. By chance, Coke was also the author of the first Virginia Charter. And when Henry wrote out the rough draft of the Stamp Act resolutions of 1765, he wrote them out on the fly leaf of the book he happened to have handy — Coke's commentaries.

Patrick Henry perceived the enormous change that the Constitution would make in the basis of sovereignty. In the great Virginia Convention of 1788, Henry's prophetic cry was a bolt of anguish:

> *What right had they to say,* we, the people? *My political curiosity, exclusive of my anxious solicitude for the public welfare, leads me to ask, who authorized them to speak the language of,* we, the people, *instead of* we, the states? States *are the characteristics and the soul of a confederation. If the* states *be not the agents of this compact, it must be one* great, consolidated, national, government of the people of all the states . . . . *The people gave them no power to use their name. That they exceeded their power is perfectly clear . . . . The Federal convention ought to have amended the old system — for this purpose they were* solely *delegated; the object of their mission extended to no other consideration.*

It was, said Mr. Henry, "a revolution as radical as that which separated us from Great Britain." In his mind, no government which was born through usurpation of powers not delegated could exist without further usurpation of liberty. Despite all the safeguards in the Constitution, the "consolidated government" had the power to become oppressive. Henry's analysis is known to us in its fulfillment:

(1.) The clause which authorized Congress to pass all laws necessary to carry the given powers into effect rendered the State-Federal division of powers an illusion.

(2.) The unlimited power of taxation authorized Congress "to go directly to the pockets of the people, and sweep from them, *en masse,* from north to south, whatever portion of the earnings of the industrious poor the rapacity of the general government, or their schemes of ambitious grandeur, might suggest . . . a swarm of federal tax gatherers were to cover this land, to blight every blade of grass, and every leaf of vegetation, and consume its productions for the enrichment of themselves and their masters . . . the state legislatures, also, might impose taxes for their own internal purposes, and between the state sheriffs and the federal sheriffs to be ground to dust."

(3.) The power of raising armies was "a pretext for increased taxes, and an augmented public debt, and finally to subvert the liberties of her people: her militia too, her last remaining defence, was gone." Congress, he said, with control of the militia, had "the sword in one hand and the purse in the other." And, said Henry, "Unless a miracle in human affairs shall interpose, no nation ever did or ever can retain liberty, after the loss of the sword and the purse."

(4.) Congress could multiply the Federal court system so that the President could reward devotion to his views.

(5.) Trial by jury was nullified in civil cases by the appellate power of the Supreme Court, enabling the justices to decide as they pleased: In criminal cases, said Henry, the traditional common law, free from bias, would not be in effect in Federal courts.

(6.) The President, as Commander-in-Chief, might engage the armies without the consent of the Congress.

(7.) The cession of the whole treaty-making power to the President and two-thirds of the Senate might enable a small clique to enter the nation into the most ruinous foreign engagements, and even to cede away by treaty any portion of the territory of the larger states.

Patrick Henry addresses House of Burgesses.

(8.) The patronage of the President would distribute "throughout the society, a band of retainers in the shape of judges, revenue officers, and tax gatherers, which would render him irresistible in any scheme of ambition that he might meditate against the liberties of his country."

(9.) Those he called "the whole gang of Federal officers" would be irresponsible; instead of impeachment by a separate tribunal, they were to try each other for offenses "in which, probably, they were all mutually implicated."

(10.) The Northern majority in Congress would involve the South in all the horrors of emancipation, with no heed or provision for the consequences.

These were the principal objections of Patrick Henry. It must be remembered that he had no occult powers, nor had he read the books of Barry Goldwater; but he did foresee everything that would be advocated on the

authority of democracy, from the private armies of the war on poverty to the not so private armies at Oxford, Mississippi, to the agitation to cede through treaty the whole territory (sovereignty) of the nation to the command of a UN peace force.

The Constitution was approved by the Virginia Convention on June 25, 1788, in the mistaken belief that Virginia was the ninth state to ratify, the requisite majority. But New Hampshire, so far away, had ratified four days earlier. The Virginia ratification won by so narrow a margin (ten votes, 79-89) that a Bill of Rights — the traditional rights descended from the Magna Carta — was resolved upon to be added in the form of amendments. The Virginia resolutions also embodied the prevailing view of suffrage: "All men having sufficient evidence of permanent common interest with and attachment to the Community ought to have the right of suffrage."

A month later, New York ratified, with a similar list of specific rights to be enumerated. New York also offered qualifications, such as "Nothing contained in the said Constitution is to be construed to prevent the Legislature of any State from passing Laws at its discretion from time to time to divide such State into convenient Districts, and to apportion its Representatives to and amongst such Districts." Nearly anyone, it seems, could have foreseen the Warren Court.

The Egalitarians

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights are both silent on the question of equality. If equality had any meaning at all in 1789—on the American side of the Atlantic—it was simply the right to equal justice under the law, for freemen. This notion, too, goes back to the Magna Carta with its prohibition of justice being bought and sold, or of hearings delayed or denied. The common law of the states was protection for the limited view of equality.

Slaves and bondmen were obviously not considered citizens. Their inferiority was not necessarily a racial stigma, but a description of their legal status. They were not part of "the Community," especially the Negro slaves who had not even the common bond of a civilized culture. Even before the revolution, attempts were made in the Virginia Assembly to stop the slave trade for the precise reason that the proportion of slaves threatened to swamp civilization; but the London financiers and merchants who controlled the King and the slave trade turned back the colonial attempts.

The Constitutional compromise was to stop the slave trade in 1808, and to count each slave as three-fifths of a person when determining the representation of each state. The three-fifths compromise is not as cynical as it sounds, for it was impossible to give the vote to men who did not have a permanent stake in the interests of the community. Nevertheless, their welfare was directly affected by taxes and excises which fell heavily on the agricultural South, and they would suffer if the apportionment of Southern Representatives did not take their existence into account. Indians not taxed were also not part of the civilized community, and were excluded entirely from the basis of apportionment.

It is difficult, then, to maintain that "American ideals" include the notion of racial or social equality. At best, it was a moot question among the founding fathers. Social equality was non-existent, as it is today; the Constitution speaks only to forbid superfluous titles and decorations. The doctrine of racism and racial hatred did not exist, because there were no large, competing, and antagonistic racial cultures. When the Eighteenth Century man spoke of "the people," he had in mind other Eighteenth Century men of Western culture. His frame of reference simply did not include savages or primitives. And if he thought of the Negro as "a problem," it was because he knew or soon discovered that his slaves were in no position to cope with civilization unaided.

When the Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery, was proposed in 1865, most of the legislatures of the Confederate states approved it immediately; the issue was obviously closed. But in December of 1865, when the radicals convened in Congress, they refused to recognize the duly constituted governments of those states, or seat the Representatives and Senators who had been elected by those who had taken the required oath of amnesty. This rump Congress then proposed the Fourteenth Amendment, which made freedmen citizens, forbade discrimination by state action, and granted equal protection of the laws. In the second section it based apportionment for the House on a formula which granted the states the right to deny the vote in state and Federal elections to freedmen over twenty-one, if the state's representation be proportionally reduced.[3] The third clause, strictly punitive, forbade anyone to hold state or Federal office who had aided or fought in the Confederate forces. This provision interdicted nearly every person of experience or capability.

The Fourteenth Amendment was not intended to touch on voting rights at all. Senator Howard, who was Chairman of the Senate Reconstruction Committee, explained it to the Senate this way:

> *The right of suffrage is not, in law, one of the privileges or immunities thus secured by the Constitution. It is merely the creature of law. It has always been regarded in this country as the result of positive local law, not regarded as one of those fundamental rights lying at the basis of all society and without which a people cannot exist except as slaves, subject to despotism.*[4]

The resolution proposing the Fourteenth Amendment did not have the requisite two-thirds majority in the House, yet it was considered passed. When ten Confederate states rejected the Amendment, Congress passed "An Act to Provide for the More Efficient Government of the Rebel States"—the Reconstruction Act of 1867—and established governments of military occupation which quickly complied. When Ohio and New Jersey rescinded their approval of the Amendment, the rump Congress passed a resolution to direct Secretary of State William H. Seward to declare the resolution a valid part of the Constitution.Today it is probably futile to question the *de facto* acceptance of the Amendment, since the Supreme Court has consistently refused to review its validity.

Thus the Amendment which the Warren Court used to force the alien doctrine of "One Man, One Vote" into our state legislatures and into apportionment for the House of Representatives is of questionable validity, and certainly contrary to the fabric and spirit of the Constitution. The Fifteenth Amendment, adopted in 1870, provides that the right to vote shall not be abridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. This radical measure is contrary not only to the division of powers in the body of the Constitution, but to the intent of the Fourteenth Amendment. And while no doubt of legality attaches to its adoption, it is a clear reversal of the original structure of government. Similarly, the Nineteenth Amendment, giving the vote to women,

3. The clause is so interpreted in the dissent of Mr. Justice Harlan, *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533.

4. *Congressional Globe*, Thirty-Ninth Congress, First Session, p. 2766. As quoted by Harlan, *Reynolds v. Sims*.

is no business of the Federal government; whether women are competent to vote ought to be a matter of State decision—and Heaven help the states.

The iniquities of Reconstruction and the ideologically motivated hatred spewed out by the radicals bred a contempt for liberty and justice which has plagued the United States ever since. Southerners who saw the breakdown of government under the law reacted with violence. Eventually, a kind of rough compromise was worked out, in which the law was applied unequally, for the abstract egalitarianism of the radicals simply didn't fit the realities. The tragedy is that a law applied unequally is no law at all. Such is the fruit of "Liberalism."

The poll tax is a device that can be, or ought to be, applied equally to all races, if a state decides that the lower economic groups should be discouraged from voting. It is a reasonable restriction, and in practice a modest one. But what is often more significant than the dollar value is the requirement that the tax be paid six months before the election, when passions are cool, and only the most responsible citizens are thinking of coming opportunities. If such tests of maturity cut most deeply against Negroes, it is merely an objective indication that more individual Negroes have not yet earned the stake in the community necessary for responsible citizenship. If irresponsible white men are voting, it means that the requirement for everybody should be raised.

The Twenty-Fourth Amendment, forbidding the poll tax in Federal elections, is a pernicious invasion of state prerogative, although its effects are negligible. "Liberals" talk now as though the enactment of state poll taxes were an "evasion" of the Amendment, rather than an attempt to salvage what is left after a robbery. The Constitution today forbids legal discrimination against race and sex, but does not forbid other kinds of class discrimination. To argue that class restrictions create *de facto discrimination* is to move beyond governmental action and attempt to legislate the social structure of the people.

If social structure is determined by individual choice and cultural patterns, no one's rights are violated. But to remake the pattern of society by governmental action is an act of despotism. To preserve liberty, it is necessary to have a government without the power to take it away. It is necessary to have a government of limited effectiveness. A government that is efficient enough to enforce equality is efficient enough to enslave everyone equally. Not everyone should vote, if voting is to be an intelligent act and a worthy responsibility of citizenship. The right to vote is not a ritual. ■ ■

CRACKER BARREL

■ EAGLE ROCK—Maybe you'd better plan to be a tightwad if you're going to Europe this summer. The Paris press reports that a waiter on the Champs-Elysees hit a customer on the nose, busting both his schnoz and his glasses because the guy had given him a 5 franc tip for serving a franc-and-a-half bottle of beer. Hauled off to court, the waiter said such over-tipping humiliated him. The waiter's lawyer said that the waiter was "sensitive". This so enraged the waiter that he tried to bust the lawyer's nose.

It's enough to make a Frenchman drink water.

■ EAGLE ROCK—A science professor asked a girl: "What happens when a body is immersed in water?"

"The telephone rings!" she answered promptly.

■ EAGLE ROCK—I feel like telling Vice President Hubert Humphrey off again. I felt like telling him off yesterday too.

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WORLD COURT

And The Connolly Reservation

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■ IN THE NEXT few pages I propose to offer an outline of the International Court of Justice, or the World Court, as it is popularly called, and to ask the reader to project this picture against the screen of the current international situation, with its planned crises threatening the peace of the world; with organized displays of violence and hatred of the United States; with evidence of enemy missiles ninety miles off American shores; with the grave situation in Asia; with the turmoil in Africa, and organized subversion in Latin America; and with the United Nations now falling apart due to built-in cracks in its foundation. We will also look closely at the vital Connally Reservation and see why it is a necessary safeguard to our national sovereignty, and then we will consider whether we should not now proceed to terminate the present United States acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court.

The Court

The International Court of Justice is the creature of the United Nations. It was established by the provisions of the Court Statute which is an integral part of the UN Charter. The Court was designed to be the "principal judicial organ" of the UN,[1] and the UN Charter therefore specifically provides that "Each member of the United Nations undertakes to comply with the decision of the International Court of Justice in any case in which it is a party."[2] But there is no obligation *imposed by the Charter* on any nation to bring disputes to the Court or to submit to the Jurisdiction of the Court in any way. To accept the Court's jurisdiction in a dispute was intended to be

1. UN Charter, Article Ninety-Two.
2. UN Charter, Article Ninety-Four.

entirely a matter of consent.

The Court consists of fifteen judges,[3] of whom nine make a quorum,[4] and a majority of five may render a binding and unappealable judgement.[5] It is important to note that the Court Statue specifically provides that "The judgement is final and without appeal."[6]

Election Of Judges

To be elected a judge of the World Court, a candidate must receive the vote of an absolute majority of the UN General Assembly and also of the UN Security Council, voting separately.[7] The famous veto power does not apply to elections,[8] and World Court judges are elected for nine-year terms, spaced so that one-third of the terms expire every three years. Thus, five new judges will go on the Court on February 6, 1967, five more in 1970, and in 1973 the present personnel of the Court will have been completely renewed.

The candidates for judgeships are nominated by the *"national groups* in the Permanent Court of Arbitration." (That is the original Court at the Hague, founded under the Peace Conventions of 1897 and 1906, and now practically defunct except for maintaining a list of available judges or arbitrators.) The United States' "national group" consists of four citizens appointed by our President, without the necessity of so much as the approval or consent of the Senate.

There is no requirement that there be a judge on the Court from the United States or from any particular nation. The Statute says instead that the electors shall bear in mind ". . . that in the body as a whole the representation of the main forms of civilization and of the principal legal systems of the world should be assured."[9] It also provides that no two judges may be nationals of the same state,[10] and so there could never be more than one U.S. judge at any time. No limit is, however, prescribed for the number of judges from behind the Iron Curtain, and there now are two such judges on the court. One of these, Judge Winiarski (Poland), was elected President Judge in 1961 for a three-year term — which gave him the unique privilege of casting a second and deciding vote in cases where the court is evenly divided.[11]

Acceptance Of Compulsory Jurisdiction

In order to afford an opportunity for nations to bind themselves voluntarily to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court, the curious "optional" clause was included in the Court Statute. This clause was carried over from the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, which had been established in accordance with Article Fourteen of the Covenant of the League of Nations. Indeed, the present Court Statute is in many respects quite like that of the predecessor court. The "optional" clause reads as follows:

> *(2) The states parties to the present Statute may at any time declare that they recognize as compulsory* ipso facto *and without special agreement, in relation to any other state accepting the same obligation, the jurisdiction of the Court in all legal disputes concerning: a. the interpretation of a treaty; b. any question of international law; c. the existence of any fact which, if established, would constitute a breach of an international obligation; d. the nature or extent of the reparation to be made for the breach of an international obligation.*[12]

Now, the United Nations Charter became effective October 24, 1945, the ratifications of the five great powers and of a majority of the balance of the UN's fifty-one original nations having by then been deposited. Shortly thereafter, November 28, 1945, Senator Wayne Morse introduced Senate Resolution 196, advising and consenting to the deposit by the United States of a declaration that we *"recognize as compulsory"* the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, in the matters set forth in the "optional clause" above. S.R. 196 did, however, include a proviso that the court's jurisdiction should not apply to disputes concerning matters essentially within the *domestic jurisdiction* (which it did not define) of the United States. Otherwise we were to accept the World Court's jurisdiction for a period of five years and thereafter until terminated by the United States *upon giving six-months notice.*[13]

The Morse Resolution remained in the Foreign Relations Committee where it was extensively debated. Finally, it was reported favorably to the Senate on July 25, 1946. But Senator Thomas Connally of Texas, who was then Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, fortunately raised the question as to who would determine whether a dispute was domestic or international; after all, the Court Statute itself provided: "In the event of a dispute as to whether the Court has jurisdiction, the matter will be settled by the Court."[14] Senator Connally pointed out that this might prove harmful to American interests with regard to such matters as immigration, tariffs, the Panama Canal, and Guantanamo — matters over which we should certainly reserve the right to specify as within our domestic jurisdiction.

The Connally Reservation

Senator Thomas Connally, seeing the possible danger of the World Court interfering in matters of a purely domestic nature, moved to amend the Morse Resolution by adding (after the proviso that court jurisdiction should not apply to disputes with regard to matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of the United States) the words *"as determined by the United States."* These six words are the "Connally Reservation," or "Connally Amendment." After debate, the Amendment was adopted by a vote of fifty-one to twelve and the amended Resolution was approved by a vote of sixty to two on August 2, 1946. The American declaration recognizing the World Court's compulsory jurisdiction over the United States in accordance with the amended resolution (sometimes called "acceptance of jurisdiction," or "declaration of adherence") was promptly signed by President Truman and filed with the Secretary General of the United Nations on August 14, 1946.

Acceptance Of Other Nations

There are thirty-nine nations which have acceptances of compulsory jurisdiction on file with the United Nations. They, however, for the greater part, had the wisdom not to establish a time requirement for termination of their acceptances, thus keeping their "escape hatch" clear for action at any time they might see trouble ahead.

The acceptances of the following seventeen nations are expressly terminable upon *notice given*: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, France, India, Israel, Japan, Liberia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Sudan,

3. Court Statute, Article Three.
4. Court Statute, Article Twenty-Five (Three).
5. Court Statute, Article Fifty-Five (One).
6. Court Statute, Article Sixty (One).
7. Court Statute, Article Eight and Article Ten (One).
8. Court Statute, Article Ten (Two).
9. Court Statute, Article Nine.
10. Court Statute, Article Three.
11. Court Statute, Article Fifty-Five.
12. Court Statute, Article Thirty-Six (Two).
13. Another proviso in our acceptance of jurisdiction, with which we are now concerned in this article, excludes disputes under multilateral treaties unless all parties to such a treaty accepted jurisdiction in the dispute.
14. Court Statute, Article Thirty-Six (Six).

South Africa, United Arab Republic, and the United Kingdom.

Acceptances of the following nine do not specify any term or time requirement for termination and therefore must be terminable at will: Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Uganda, and Uruguay.

Only the following thirteen nations are bound by a specified term or time requirement for termination, such as our six-month period: Cambodia, Nationalist China, Denmark, Lichtenstein, Finland, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States. Lichtenstein and Switzerland are not UN members, so we are one of *only eleven* members of the United Nations that have bound themselves to World Court jurisdiction by a time requirement for termination.

Under our declaration, we have accepted jurisdiction with respect to *any other state accepting the same obligation*. This means that if we are engaged in a dispute in the court then the equivalent of our Connally Reservation will automatically be applied to "reciprocity" in favor of our opponent nation; and, therefore, the latter could presume to determine what is its own domestic jurisdiction.

Reservations In Acceptances

The United Kingdom excludes itself from World Court jurisdiction in disputes having reference to any hostilities, state of war, or belligerent or military occupation in which the United Kingdom is or has been involved; and disputes where the other party has accepted jurisdiction only in relation to or for the purpose of the dispute, or less than twelve months prior to filing the application with the Court. It also reserves the right at any time, effective "from the moment" of notification to the Secretary General of the United Nations, *to add to, amend, or withdraw any of the reservations.*[15] The United States has the benefit of no such restrictions.

France excludes itself from World Court jurisdiction in matters of disputes arising out of any war or hostilities, or out of a crisis affecting the national security, and disputes with any state which had not accepted compulsory jurisdiction at the time of the occurrence of the facts giving rise to the dispute. The United States has the benefit of no such restrictions.

Portugal reserves the right to exclude, at any time, any category or categories of disputes, by notifying the Secretary General of the United Nations and with effect from the moment of such notification. The United States has the benefit of no such restriction.

India excludes disputes arising out of belligerent or military occupation; disputes where the acceptance of compulsory jurisdiction of the other party to the dispute was ratified less than twelves months prior to the application bringing the dispute to the Court; and disputes with a nation with which it has no diplomatic relations on the date of the application. The United States has the benefit of no such restrictions.

Israel has a broad exclusion of disputes arising out of any hostilities, war, breach of the peace, and belligerent or military occupation. Also, Israel excludes disputes with any state which does not recognize Israel. The United States has the benefit of no such restrictions.

Australia has a number of reservations as to the continental shelf, natural resources, the sea bed and sub-soil fisheries. The United States has the benefit of no such restrictions.

15. These reservations mean more to the United Kingdom, with its ability to take quick action through the Prime Minister, than they would to us with our slower procedure through the President acting with advice and consent of the Senate.

The United Arab Republic expressly limits its acceptance to disputes concerning the Suez Canal. Again, the United States has the benefit of no such restrictions with regard to our own Panama Canal.

Nations Represented On The Court

The judges now (1965) on the Court are from Australia, Nationalist China, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Senegal, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom, U.S.S.R., and the United States.

Six of these nations do not accept compulsory jurisdiction: Greece, Italy, Peru, Poland, Senegal, and the U.S.S.R. Six can terminate their acceptances of jurisdiction without being bound to give advance notice: Australia, France, Japan, Pakistan, United Arab Republic, and the United Kingdom. Only three of these nations are bound by a time limit for termination of their acceptance of World Court jurisdiction: Nationalist China, Mexico, and the United States.

Ad Hoc Judges

The Court Statute provides that if there is no judge on the court from a nation party to a dispute, and if there is one from the opponent nation, then the former may appoint an *ad hoc* judge of its own selection.[16] Reasonable men must naturally question whether such *ad hoc* judges can be impartial. In this connection it is interesting to note that Edward P. Deutsch, writing in the *American Bar Association Journal,*[17] refers to a study presented in 1933 by the then Professor Hersch Lauterpacht (Judge of the International Court of Justice from 1955 to 1960). Mr. Deutsch, quoting this study, says:

> *". . . in no case have national (ad hoc) judges voted against their state," a circumstance which "cannot be regarded as a mere coincidence," but is on the contrary "profoundly disturbing," particularly in light of the fact that in several cases the dissenting opinions of national judges were delivered against the unanimous or practically unanimous view of the court.*

Principal Legal Systems

What are the principal legal systems of the world that might be represented on the court? In addition to some representation of Anglo-Saxon legal principles, we would expect the principal systems to include those based on European law, which is largely derived from Roman civil law; systems reflecting the legal positivism that supports totalitarian governments; Moslem and Buddhist systems where religion and law are inextricably blended; some elements, perhaps, of African tribal law; Fabian Socialism; and of course the Marxist-Leninist system in which law is used only as a means of advancing the Communist plan for world domination.

It is important to note that there exists no world consensus even on the nature and purpose of law, or on the fundamental rules of conduct that ought to be observed by nations. Reasonable men will recognize that the world's diverse legal systems can hardly be poured into a World Court mixing pot, as called for in the Court Statute, to combine in some soothing mixture that will ease international tensions.

Debate On The Reservation

During the last few years there have been vigorous attacks upon the important Connally Reservation which protects our domestic liberties from possible usurpation by the World Court. The weapons of the Reservation's opponents have been largely slogans, catchwords, and emotional appeal. We

16. Court Statute, Article Thirty-One (Two).
17. Edward P. Deutsch, *American Bar Association Journal*, Volume 49, pp. 537-539.

were told that by keeping the Connally Reservation we were "impeding world law" and that repeal would be a "magnificent gesture of generosity"—as if we were playing a game before an imaginary cheering section of unidentified nations. The Reservation was derided as a veto power, which it is not, and as "self-judging," which it is not.

In defense of the Reservation, conservatives and patriotic citizens who would preserve our national life and free institutions from foreign jurisdiction maintain that repeal would jeopardize American authority over our own domestic matters. Tariff policies, immigration laws, laws on education, labor and social welfare legislation, and foreign aid programs, might without the Connally Reservation become the subject of World Court litigation. The status and control of the Panama Canal might be adjudicated by the court, as well as our rights in Guantanamo, Guam, and in all of our overseas bases. Even our Bill of Rights could be reviewed and negatived by the court. All these matters might be said by the court to have "international repercussions," and to be, therefore, no longer within our domestic jurisdiction. (After all, the Court Statute does provide: "In the event of a dispute as to whether the Court has jurisdiction, the matter will be settled by the Court.") Only the Connally Reservation now protects us from the possibility of the manifestation of these dangers.

The Definition Of Domestic Jurisdiction

It is important to note that the predecessor of the present World Court, the Permanent Court of International Justice, stated in its opinion in *Tunis and Morocco Nationality Case, P.C.I.J., Ser. Bl., No. 4:*

> *The words "solely within the domestic jurisdiction" seem rather to contemplate certain matters, which though they may very closely concern the interests of more than one State, are not, in principle, regulated by international law. As regards such matters, each State is sole judge.*
>
> *The question whether a certain matter is or is not within the jurisdiction of a State is an essentially relative question; it depends upon the development of international relations . . . .*

The Institute of International Law in 1954 adopted the following definition of the domain reserved to domestic jurisdiction:

> *The "reserved domain" is the domain of State activities where the jurisdiction of the State is not bound by International Law.*
>
> *The extent of this domain depends on International Law and varies according to its development.*

The well-known authority on international law, C. Wilfred Jenks, states with regard to domestic jurisdiction that: "For the statesman, diplomat or administrator, the political scientist or the economist, the test, and the only test, of whether a matter has ceased to be domestic is the extent of its international repercussions." He further states that the obligation to promote and maintain full employment under Article Fifty-Five of the Charter "is a legal obligation from which legal consequences can be drawn; in this sense employment policy has ceased to be a matter 'especially within domestic jurisdiction'."[18] We ask, if "employment policy" is no longer a matter of domestic jurisdiction, what is?

And speaking of basic civil liberties, Jenks says:

> *In the United States the current view is that all such matters lie outside the proper sphere of international obligation and are essentially domestic matters within the exclusive jurisdiction of each state. This view implies that international law has no part to play in restraining tyranny and misgovernment by embodying firm obligations to promote and maintain civil liberties under international guarantee; it is difficult to believe that it can or will be permanently maintained.*[19]

Even U.S. citizen Dr. Philip C. Jessup, now Judge of the World Court, after commenting on the "slow but steady development of majority rule in international organizations," states:

> *Notable also are those numerous provisions in the Charter which recognize that the treatment of the individual citizen is no longer a matter solely of domestic concern and that the denial of fundamental human rights to a citizen can no longer be shrouded behind the impenetrable cloak of national sovereignty.*[20]

Dr. Jessup, well-known for his Leftist postures, has been highly critical of the Connally Reservation. (See *Thomas M. Cooley Lectures, University of Michigan Law School,* 1958, pp. 50-54.) If Dr. Jessup is correct, the World Court would—without the Connally Reservation—have jurisdiction over even such matters as "Civil Rights."

John P. Humphrey, the First Director of the Commission on Human Rights, would agree with Judge Jessup. He wrote in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science,* in 1948:

> *What the United Nations is trying to do is revolutionary in character. Human rights are largely a matter of relationship between the state and individuals and, therefore, a matter which has been traditionally regarded as being within the domestic jurisdiction of states. What is now being proposed is, in effect, the creation of some kind of supernational supervision of this relationship between the state and its citizens.*

Now all of these writers would be considered by the court as "most highly qualified publicists" and therefore acceptable as sources of international law.[21] Thus, the matter of the grave danger to America in the elasticity of the definitions of "domestic jurisdiction" becomes all too clear. Very significant is the statement of an official pamphlet of our State Department published in 1950, with a foreword by President Truman, which states:

> *There is no longer any real distinction between "domestic" and "foreign" affairs.*[22]

The grave potential consequences of this widely accepted view, recognizing our current acceptance of World Court sovereignty in matters of our foreign affairs, should not be beyond the imagination of reasonable men.

What Should We Do Now?

So far we have been successful in retaining the vital Connally Reservation. But Secretary of State Dean Rusk has stated that the Administration would support a move for repeal; and, of course, the World Peace through

18. C. Wilfred Jenks, *The Common Law of Mankind,* p. 287. Dr. Jenks is Assistant Director of the International Labor Office.

19. *Ibid,* p. 166.

20. Philip C. Jessup, *The Modern Law of Nations,* p. 41.

21. Court Statute, Article Thirty-Eight.

22. *State Department Publication 3792,* Foreign Affairs Policy Series 26 (1950).

Law Center at Duke University will continue its pressure for repeal, as will the United World Federalists, the Americans for Democratic Action, the Communist Party, U.S.A., and other organizations that have often declared their dedication to further submission to the court. Let us remember, too, that Vice President (then Senator) Hubert Humphrey spoke against the Reservation at a Hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as short a time ago as 1960. We should therefore certainly be prepared for the coming attack on the Connally Reservation if we are to protect American sovereignty from invasion by the World Court.

Now, I submit, is the time for all who have been defending the Reservation to reorganize forces and to draw our own line of battle. We should meet future attacks on the Connally Reservation not only by insisting on its retention, but also by urging that the United States now terminate its acceptance of compulsory jurisdiction by immediately serving the requisite six months notice and abandoning the court. Let us remember that the strongest defense is a strong attack. Of course, of the foregoing arguments for retention of the Reservation, all are also valid arguments for termination of our acceptance of jurisdiction.

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LET US NOW pass to further considerations which, while supporting our position on the Reservation, have application also to the matter of completely terminating the court's compulsory jurisdiction over any of the sovereignty of the United States.

The Changing United Nations

We were one of fifty-one members of the United Nations when we accepted compulsory jurisdiction in 1946. Now there are 114 members of the UN. Each of these has the same one vote in the UN General Assembly that we have. Secretary Dean Rusk pointed out that a two-thirds vote of the Assembly could now be had by nations constituting only ten percent of the population of the entire membership of the UN. If we take New York City as a comparison, with a population of 7,800,000, we find that 65 of the 114 member nations are each smaller in population than New York City; yet, those nations represent a UN voting majority of fifty-seven percent. So it is obvious that the future elections of judges of the World Court have become an increasingly hazardous affair for the United States.

Suggested Invalidity Of The Connally Reservation

In the Interhandel case, decided by the World Court, Judge Lauterpacht (England) expressed the view that our Connally Reservation is incompatible with the provision in the Court Statute, which states that "In the event of a dispute as to whether the Court has jurisdiction, the matter shall be settled by the decision of the Court."[23] Therefore, reasoned the judge, the Connally Reservation "deprives the Declaration of Acceptance of the character of a legal instrument, cognizable before a judicial tribunal, expressing rights and obligations." He concluded that the entire acceptance of jurisdiction on the part of the United States was invalid.

Another view was expressed in the opinion of Judge Spender (Australia, now President Judge) and Judges Klaestad and Armand-Ugon (Norway and Uruguay, respectively). They also would hold that our Connally Reservation is invalid, as contrary to the abovementioned provision of the Court Statute; but they concluded that our acceptance of jurisdiction was not void *in toto* and that we were bound to compulsory jurisdiction *without benefit of our Reservation*. To hold otherwise, they thought, would be contrary to the *clear intent* [*sic*] of the United States! A similar view was taken by Judge Clarry (Swiss *ad hoc* judge) in the Interhandel case and Judge Guerro (El Salvador) in the Norwegian Loans case. (See *I.C.J. Reports*, 1957 and 1959.)

We cannot concede any merit whatever in such strange opinions, but they come from judges on the International Court of Justice and should be a warning to us of the exotic reasoning to which our acceptance of jurisdiction could subject us.

Misinterpretation Of The Reservation

In a recent article in the *Virginia Law Review*,[24] a supposed question is stated as to whether the Connally Reservation gives the United States the power of absolutely precluding the court from acting after we have made the determination that a dispute is essentially within our domestic jurisdiction. (This is called the "absolute interpretation," and, we submit, it is the correct one. The alleged alternative is called the "reasonable interpretation.") Under this interpretation our determination of the court's sovereignty over American domestic affairs *would be subject to review by the court as to its reasonableness*. The World Court would still have the final and "absolute" determination of the question, and so the effectiveness of the Reservation would be seriously reduced. This sounds a note of alarm.

We must insist on the real meaning of the Reservation and oppose emasculating it by interpretation, and we can take the many suggested misinterpretations as an additional reason for withdrawal from the compulsory jurisdiction of the court.

Our Increasing Involvement In International Affairs

Our participation in world affairs is now so extended and complex—through trade, finance, tariffs, foreign aid, armament, treaties, and conventions of various sorts—that the uncertain area of domestic domain has been diminished in the last few years. It is incredibly difficult to say when matters traditionally regarded as domestic may be considered international, and it is consequently impossible to predict under what circumstances our State Department would plead the Connally Reservation as a bar to a dispute, even when it concerned matters that have traditionally been regarded as domestic. This is further cause for reasonable Americans to insist on the retention of the Connally Reservation, and to at the same time take the position that America should fully terminate her submission to the court's jurisdiction.

Furthermore, under Articles Fifty-Five and Fifty-Six of the United Nations Charter, we are even now pledged to take action in cooperation with the UN for the promotion of standards of living, full employment, economic conditions, social progress, health problems, cultural and educational cooperation, and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. The UN Charter is a treaty. Then too, we should note that draft treaties are pending and others are proposed to implement the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These are surely international matters — but, without the Connally Reservation, they could provide an invitation for World Court interference in nearly every phase of American domestic life.

Now, since Article Thirty-Eight of the Court Statute names "international conventions" as the first category to be applied by the Court in determining international law, it is apparent that the area of our "reserved domain" could be greatly reduced by misinterpretation by

23. Court Statute, Article Thirty-Six (Six).

24. Paul Schlesinger, *48 Virginia Law Review*, p. 585, 1962.

the Court unless we retain the protection of the Connally Reservation. The expansion of our commerce clause, in our own Constitution by our own Supreme Court's interpretation, suggests the unlimited possibilities for interpretation by the World Court of the idea of what is and is not "international," and thus emphasizes the consequent importance of the Connally Reservation. Again, we should by all means oppose repeal of the Reservation, recognizing at the same time that we cannot rest our security on it as to international matters, and that we should now urge termination of our acceptance of the World Court compulsory jurisdiction.

Our Senators should never have committed us to the jurisdiction of the World Court in the first place, even with the Connally Reservation. They had no right to transfer our national conscience from Washington to the Hague, and commit it to the custody of a foreign court, some of whose members represent a tyranny openly declared to be dedicated to our destruction. Some will argue that we should not now be too critical of our Senators, considering the emotional tidal wave that swept our country in 1946, and that was then so destructive of rational thought. But the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, could today repair the wrong that was then done — by withdrawing from the compulsory jurisdiction of the court. We can still get out before the international net is drawn so tightly as to leave us no escape.

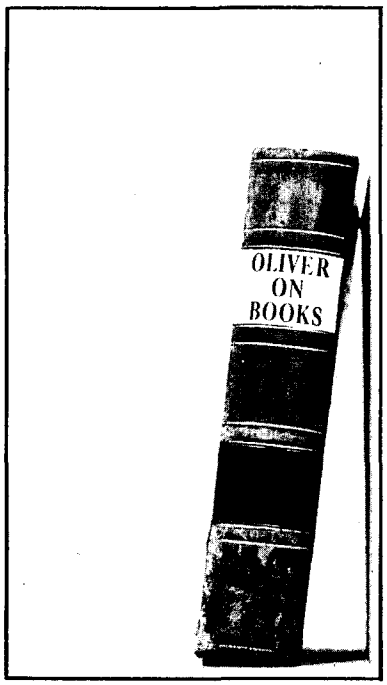
Clearly, the World Court is not even a court in any real sense. A court is the judicial organ of a politically organized community. As Senator Humphrey declared, at the Hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1961, "The Court is more of a hope than an actuality." And Senator Humphrey was right; for the court has no constitution to define and limit its power, nor legislature to mark the path of the law. But that is just the problem —its power for harm is therefore limitless.

There is need for a standing international arbitration tribunal such as, for example, the old Permanent Court of International Arbitration, which might well be reactivated. But there is no justification in law or reason for blindly promising to comply *in futuro* with the decision of this UN Court, the future personnel of which is entirely unknown and the sovereignty of which is being made limitless by its own fiat and interpretation.

What To Do

FIRST: We should be alert to oppose any move to repeal the Connally Reservation; and it appears there is a real danger of such a move by the Administration, possibly in the near future. While the comments in this article have pointed out what appears to be the inadequacy of even the Connally Reservation to protect domestic matters, this inadequacy arises from *misinterpretations* which we must oppose. There should be no lessening of our insistence on the importance of retaining the Reservation. If properly interpreted, according to its originally accepted meaning, the Connally Reservation is a very necessary safeguard to our national sovereignty, and its retention must be vigorously supported.

SECOND: We should consider meeting any move for repeal by also opposing the broader issue of our entire acceptance of compulsory jurisdiction and show that, while retaining the Connally Reservation to protect domestic matters, America should also take steps to protect herself with regard to international matters by serving notice for terminating our entire acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court. ■ ■



John Dewey in Perspective
by GEORGE R. GEIGER. McGraw-Hill, New York; 248 pages, $2.45 (paper).

THE AUTHOR, who is Professor of Philosophy in Antioch College, begins with a confession that it is "peculiar" to write about John Dewey at "a time when almost every fundamental part of his philosophy seems to have been rejected." If we forbear to ask how far the word *philosophy* may properly be debased, that statement is, strictly speaking, correct. But, as is only appropriate in a book on such a subject, it will probably confuse many readers by inviting them to confuse two quite distinct phenomena.

It is quite true that thoughtful and conscientious men in the education business, startled by the intellectual and moral ruin wrought by public schools, have first questioned and then rejected the papaverous buncombe they were taught in "Colleges" of "Education" during years which they could otherwise have devoted to acquiring an education. That process has been going on for years on an ever increasing scale. The initial stimulus to responsible thinking may come from any one of a hundred kinds of experience. Some men revolted (at least privately in their own minds) when they discovered that "democracy" requires the systematic blighting of superior minds so that nitwits will not be pained by a suspicion that they are not geniuses. Others felt their stomachs vibrate when they saw "internationalist" lies injected into children for the obvious purpose of producing a generation of cowards and traitors. Some men dozed in narcotic content until awakened by violence in their own school. The latest recruit of whom I have heard is a school principal who was happy until he noticed that beatniks from the neighboring college were waiting outside the building to entice young boys to sessions of homosexual fun. The astonished man then discovered that his expert "counsellor" thought that was a dandy way of freeing boys from "prejudice and inhibitions." So now we have another professional educator who, like Candide, has come to suspect that all is not for the best in the best of all possible worlds. The number of such men increases each day, but they are still, I fear, a minority.

It is also true that in "Colleges" of "Education" the censers are no longer swung reverently before the Pragmatists' sacred icon. That, however, is something quite different. That change really took place when the "Progressive Educators," discovering that the public had discovered what they meant by that adjective, formally repudiated the term, on the assumption that asafoetida

under another name will smell sweeter. They have also disclaimed "Deweyism." That, if we may compare small things to great, is as meaningless as the endless change of names by which the Cheka became the G.P.U., which became the N.K.V.D., which became the N.K.G.B., which became the M.G.B. — and so on, potentially *ad infinitum. Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.*

The shysters are still applying, with unabated zeal, the same old techniques, including the basic technique of inventing phrases in the manner of John Dewey. They can tie words into knots much faster than you can untie them. Dr. Arthur S. Trace, Jr., in his latest book, *Reading Without Dick and Jane* (Regnery, $4.50), devotes some time to exposing what is currently called "vocabulary control," a carefully planned method of keeping children ignorant of as much of the English language as possible. Next year, it will be "purposeful learning" or "strategic linguistics" or "dynamic word-arts" — or something else. But whatever it is, you may be sure that it will be the same old device for blighting and barbarizing the nascent mind.* The icon may be ostentatiously displayed on the junk-heap these days, but the soul of ol' John Dewey goes a-marching on.

Professor Geiger tries to polish up the icon for another round. The arguments are what you would expect. Dewey should not be held responsible for what he taught his disciples to do. Dewey said a lot of things which sound innocent enough when quoted. Dewey urged men to think rationally about values— an exhortation which is certainly sound, unless we note that Dewey set the example of thinking about them without reference to the accumulated experience of mankind, much as a man might retire to a dark room to think about oxygen without taking the trouble to ascertain whether it is an element, what are its atomic number, atomic weight, isotopes, and valence, or what compounds it does in fact form.

Of course, we hear much about "creativity," "democracy," and the "Great Society." Oddly enough, we hear nothing (unless, perchance, I skipped a line someplace) about John Dewey's promotion of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society (which, typically, when the public began to identify the stench, became the League for Industrial Democracy, etc.) and many another propaedeutic for Bolshevism. We are, however, told that "if 'socialism' can be distinguished from 'Marxism'—as it must [*sic*] be, although the terminological difficulties are now almost insuperable," then Dewey was a soul-mate of "the more pronounced New Deal theoreticians." These are not identified. Harry Hopkins? Lauchlin Currie? Harry Dexter White? Alger Hiss?

A. N. Whitehead is quoted as authority that "The pure conservative is fighting against the very essence of the universe." It is not noted that the same egregious folly must be ascribed to every man who builds a house and tries to maintain and preserve it. He fights constantly against the wind, the rain, the hail, and the lightning; against the termites and the rats; against the fire that he kindles on his own hearth and against the match in the hands of his own child; against domestic vandals and foreign invaders; against all the forces of a Nature that decrees the "inevitable change" of which we hear so much. And thus far, at least, every such fight has been lost, sooner or later. But say not, the struggle naught availeth. It differentiates men from anthropoids.

Such considerations, however, are too subtle or too stringent for "social reformers" in general, and "philosophers of education" in particular. So this book whirls on and on, with the sweet reasonableness of Fido chasing his own tail, until it reaches the triumphant conclusion that "it is not fair to John Dewey to place his ideas against the crazy background of a fugitive present." Before you accept that, try to name one American who, entirely by means of "ideas" and influence, did more than Dewey to make of our nation a crazy background for disaster.

The Censors and the Schools
by JACK NELSON and GENE ROBERTS, JR. Little-Brown, Boston; 211 pages, $4.50.

THIS BOOK was published almost two years ago. The National Education Association engendered it; Harvard incubated it; Little, Brown & Co. hatched it; and most of the American public, we are happy to say, chuckled delightedly and left it unbought on the shelves of the bookstores. It is still worth mention, however, not as a book, but as an encouraging symptom.

In the good old days, "Colleges" of "Education" used to give courses frankly entitled, "The Engineering of Consent." In these, embryo administrators were taught at least the fundamentals of the gentle art of herding the sheep into the shearing-sheds for a new bond issue every season. They were also taught how every sabotage of education could be attributed to "public demand" for more courses in bean-bag-throwing, egg-frying, social problems, and the like. And so long as the system worked, the glories of "democracy" were proclaimed every hour with all the 'umble unction of Uriah Heep.

Ah, dream too bright to last! The sheep, alas! are beginning to think for themselves. The National Education Association is confronted by a real public demand that it didn't instigate or even anticipate. So it is flourishing its crooks and hissing "sick 'em" to its journalistic tykes.

Messrs. Nelson & Roberts make an uproar for more than two hundred pages, but their message — which, of course, is the National Education Association's — is very simple and no one can miss it: those nasty, audacious, perverse Americans have the effrontery to want to know what is being done with their money to their children. Just think of that! What is worse, when they find out, they dare object to having their children maimed morally and intellectually! How *can* such insubordinate creatures be handled?

The first trick, it seems, is to yell "Fascist," "enemy of the schools," "patriot," "Christian," and any other cuss-words that come to mind. The team of Nelson & Roberts dutifully yelled themselves hoarse, but it doesn't seem to have done any good. What do you suppose the N.E.A. will try next?

Morgenthau Diary (China)
prepared by the [Senate] Subcommittee to Investigate . . . Internal Security, [with a foreword by ANTHONY KUBEK]. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C.; 2 volumes, 1753 pages, $5.00.

THE LATE Secretary of the Treasury and author of the infamous Morgenthau Plan to reduce Germany to a pas-

* One should also note that the shysters are currently sabotaging the teaching of mathematics. As Dr. Morris Kline, of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences in New York University, stated bluntly in a recent article, "all talk about modern society's requiring a totally new kind of mathematics is sheer nonsense." He also notes what makes the "miraculous new method" so attractive: it is based on minor and trivial fringe-areas of mathematics that "offer topics which can be approached with almost no background. Hence many people can talk glibly about these ideas and even try to tell high-school teachers how to teach them." The substitution of "sterile, peripheral, pedantic details in place of the fruitful and rich essence of mathematics," he says, must produce a generation of mathematical imbeciles and so destroy our national capacity for scientific and technological work. Here again we see the usual two-level application of "new teaching methods." The field work is done by professional hokum-peddlers inspired by a new means of taking the suckers for fast bucks. In the background, delightedly rubbing their hands, stand the eternal enemies of our nation and of all mankind.

ture land and exterminate the German people kept voluminous diaries in which he recorded official business, correspondence, and interviews. The Senate of the United States was finally granted the privilege of reading those records, which, according to Mr. Morgenthau, were intact. Naturally, nothing really compromising would have been entered in them when they were dictated and transcribed. But the diaries obviously contain a vast amount of detailed evidence concerning the subversion and capture of what once was *our* government.

The present volumes consist of selected extracts pertaining to China from 1939 to 1945. The selections were well chosen, I am sure, but they are the raw material of history, not a finished product. Few Americans have either the time or the patience to read so many closely printed pages; fewer have the stamina to hold in their minds hundreds of names and thousands of details, although a suggestion made on one page may not become significant until you learn what was done, a thousand pages later. I hope, therefore, that Professor Kubek will find the time to digest this incondite mass of data, extract the essentials in the light of his knowledge of what happened in the Far East, make the requisite extrapolations, and draw the necessary deductions — all in a hundred pages, if possible. Such a booklet would be as damning as a sentence from Rhadamanthus; what's more, it might be just the final stimulus needed to make the editors of the *New York Times* run amok with sledge-hammers among their linotypes.

It is hard to say what strand in this intricate tartan is most significant. I am tempted to say that it is the sheer vulgarity and irresponsibility shown in the Secretary of the Treasury's conversations with, and about, his coadjutors. I am sure that most Americans firmly believe, as an article of faith, that their own county's Board of Supervisors act with greater dignity and more forethought whenever they appropriate ten dollars to have the windows washed. And those Americans may be right, at that. But I shall not insist on so delicate a question.

One thing that these diaries do show beyond question is that the International Communist Conspiracy, through its agents in the Treasury and the State Department, controlled "our" relations with China and, by an endless chain of little acts, delivered that hapless and populous land to their inhuman employers or confederates. This they did, not only without the knowledge of the American people, but in defiance of explicit orders from the Congress of the United States. For example, in 1942 — far in the past, remember, and long before any imported "Americans for Democratic Action" had formulated the theory that the function of Congress is to jig to whatever tune the man in the White House calls to his fiddlers — in 1942, I say, the Congress of the United States, then a respected body, appropriated $500,000,000 for China, of which $200,000,000 were, by specific instructions, to be delivered as gold bullion, for the express purpose of giving stability to China's precarious currency.

Instead of obeying those orders from what is the highest authority in the United States (according to an antiquated, out-moded, and little-known document called the Constitution), the Treasury and the State Department not only prevented that gold from reaching China, but worked in many other ways to ruin the Chinese monetary system and thus make certain that "reactionary" Chiang Kai-shek would eventually be defeated by "progressive" Mao Tse-tung and Mao's supervisor, who, at that time, was "Good Old Joe" Dzhugashvili, alias Stalin.

The principal villain, according to this record, was a notorious Communist agent, one Jakob Weit, who, after being doctored, barbared, and perfumed by Harvard University, operated under the name of Professor Harry Dexter White. He was, to be sure, just one of the swarm from academic nests that scurried into Washington to sabotage and destroy the United States under the benign patronage of Franklin Roosevelt, Felix Frankfurter, and their allies. A few of the others were also exposed as Soviet agents, and it is amusing to see how some of them scuttle from time to time across these pages.

So far as this record is concerned, Pollyannas can comfort themselves with the thought that White was the villain who secretly thwarted the expressed will of Congress and ruined the monetary system of China in preparation for delivery of that country to the anti-humans; that Morgenthau was just incapable of understanding what his assistant was doing; and that Roosevelt just didn't know that Henry the Morgue (as he was generally known) couldn't understand such things. It would be hard to disprove that comforting conjecture now. Roosevelt is dead. Morgenthau is dead. And White is not available for questioning. One story is that he died of an opportune heart attack just in the nick-o'-time to save him from exposure and prosecution by the Congressional committee before which he had committed perjury just three days before. That story is supported by the facts that (a) a peripatetic physician from New York City who happened to pass in front of an isolated cottage in a remote region of New Hampshire at just the right moment certified the death of a man who, he was told, was White; and (b) many persons who knew White attended a funeral at Temple Israel in Boston and saw a jar which, they were told, contained White's ashes. The other story is that the Soviet agent merely changed his name again, went to New York City, flew to Europe, and is now operating in Switzerland. That is supported by reports from persons who knew White and either (a) saw him in New York City shortly after his reported death or (b) saw him in Switzerland a few years ago. Some of these reports come from men professionally trained to recognize individuals. Perhaps the truth will some day be ascertained.

Whether dead or not, White has a monument: the International Monetary Fund, which he designed and which is doubtless still working to the satisfaction of his superiors.

The whole episode that is partly described in these two volumes is but a very tiny part of what Soviet agents in our government have done since 1939 and are doing today. Its relation to the whole picture is approximately the relation of one stroke of Michelangelo's brush to the whole of the Sistine Chapel.

In his foreword to these volumes, Professor Kubek, in discreetly mild language, points out that treason such as White's is made possible by the existence of a vast and self-perpetuating bureaucracy which, operating under a cloak of secrecy, governs the United States without the knowledge of Congress and often in defiance of explicit orders from Congress. The only real control over this multitudinous apparatus is in the hands of the Executive, *i.e.* the President, whose powers therefore have become in fact virtually dictatorial. Even the investigation and exposure of past crimes is often made impossible by the unconstitutional device called "Executive Privilege," which was so freely used by Dwight Eisenhower when he was in office, to prevent the exposure of traitors. When a committee of the House or Senate wants to find out what happened, the White House issues an order forbidding bu-

reaucrats to disclose "secrets" to Congressmen and Senators.

That usurpation is made possible only by the amazing and frightening subservience of our Congress as a body. Of this, these volumes contain two good examples.

At one time that Soviet agent, White, wanted to have one of his cronies appointed Under Secretary of the Treasury. Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, no doubt for the best of reasons, blocked the appointment. White thereupon "froze" all the funds of the Vatican on deposit in the United States, hoping by this illegal and arrogant act to coerce into submission Senator Walsh, whose constituency was largely Catholic. Walsh refused to be intimidated, and the appointment was not made. But there the story ends. Why did not *every* member of the Senate who possessed even a modicum of self-respect or an awareness of the dignity and responsibility of his own position insist on reaching into Morgenthau's office and hauling out the vicious little clerk who, whatever his motive, had insulted the Senate of the United States?

An appendix to these volumes contains the testimony of Morgenthau on June 1, 1955, when he delivered the diaries to the Subcommittee. According to this testimony, Morgenthau was treated with the deference which a committee of the German Reichstag might have shown to Kaiser Wilhelm II in 1912. Morgenthau swore that he never — no, never — had any reason "to suspect White's integrity or his loyalty to the United States." No one asked Morgenthau about the thirty-five reports of White's Communist activities that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had sent to the Treasury.*

Morgenthau, it seems, was not even given an opportunity to explain his own diaries. For example, on March 19, 1945, he received a lengthy report from Solomon Adler, who was his own special agent in China, suggesting that General Chiang Kai-shek should be scuttled because "he has an abiding conviction that we and Russia have a fundamental clash of interests." Morgenthau should have been permitted to explain under oath whether he understood the word 'we' in that message to refer to the United States or to some other group. If to the United States, was he so inconceivably ignorant in 1945 as to imagine that there could be no conflict of interest between the American people and the most vicious gang of murderers and degenerates that the world had ever seen—a gang which, moreover, had repeatedly and publicly boasted of its determination to capture and butcher the Americans? And if he was not so ignorant, why did he employ — or, to be more exact, induce the American people to employ — the author of that report as his representative in China? Or, if he was no imbecile in 1945, before traitors in the United States delivered China to the Conspiracy, had he learned anything by 1955, when he appeared before the Subcommittee?

Those — and five thousand like them — would have been very interesting questions. Why were they not asked?

—Revilo P. Oliver

* I must call attention to a curious error that appears on page xiv: "As soon as President Truman had derogatory information about White, he excoriated him in a Chicago speech." Correct this in your copy to read: *After J. Edgar Hoover, in December, 1945, personally sent a detailed report of White's activities as a Soviet spy and agent to the White House by a special messenger who personally placed it in the hands of the President's military aide, Brigadier General Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman, on January 23, 1946, nominated White as the "American" Director of the International Monetary Fund. And after Mr. Hoover had another urgent report on White delivered in the same way on February 4, 1946, Truman induced the Senate to confirm his appointment of White to that position.*

For the facts, see Robert Morris, *No Wonder We Are Losing* (Bookmailer, Linden, New Jersey; $2.50), p. 174.

■ "Emerging Africa" has aptly been described as resembling, in many of its parts, nothing so much as the convulsions of madmen. British Governments, Fabian Socialists, the American Foundations, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the State Department are all making fitting contributions to this continental tragedy.

All over Africa we are today seeing the now all-too-familiar symbols of "Uhuru" — starvation, disease, strife, tyranny, plunder, and murder. In the mad stampede for freedom, viability has been forgotten and new artificial nations have been created whose existence depend entirely on a witch's brew of corruption, violence, American dollars, and Marxism. And chaos and corruption, bringing with them Communist infiltration and the threat of ultimate Communist control, now face even the most stable of the new African countries. Curiously, American African policy is largely responsible for this state of affairs.

For too long it has been assumed, against all the facts, that the American State Department is actively fighting Communism. The underlying fact of its foreign policy throughout the world, including Africa, however, is that it is committed to check only the "externally aggressive" acts of Communism — which means that it is not opposed to Communism as an ideology. Actually, there can be no such thing as a "brand" of Communism which is not "externally aggressive"; for Communism, as anyone who has bothered to study it now knows, is dedicated to world revolution and world domination by any means possible — *that is its ideology.*

For too long, too, it has been assumed against all the facts that the American State Department has somehow, despite differences, always been basically on the side of Europe, and Western Christian civilization. Actually, it was no less than former Vice President Nixon who let the cat out of the bag when in 1956 he announced America's break with Britain and France, at the time of Suez. He hailed this break as a "declaration of independence that has had an electrifying effect throughout the colored world." He also said:

> *Because we took the position we did (against British, French intervention in Egypt), the people of Africa and Asia know now that we walk with them as moral equals, that we do not have one standard of law for the West and one for the East. They know, too, that the United States has no illusions about the "white man's burden" or "white supremacy."*
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> *The Suez affair marked a turning point in history because the United States deliberately deserted the colonial powers which had been its traditional friends. We pledged our support to nations formerly held as colonies by the major powers.*

This statement marked the stage in African affairs when the State Department formally deserted the West and the African white man and adopted,

as its own, the policy of "Africa for the Africans" — a policy which, since that time, has been unctuously presented as part of the United States' "mission of freedom, equality and democracy" throughout the world.

But the truth is that the "Africa for the Africans" movement originated not amongst the Blacks of Africa, but outside Africa. It was masterminded and blueprinted in Moscow and New York, and has derived most of its driving force from white and Negro Communists outside of Africa. And the "Father" of this pan-African movement (as he is commonly referred to by "Liberals" and Communists)? He is none other than W. E. B. DuBois, the American Negro who collected over seventy Communist Front affiliations by the time he was allowed to leave the United States in 1959 to live in retirement in Communist Ghana.

This "Africa for the Africans" policy is also being represented by the State Department as a means of winning Africa for the Free World against Communism. But all the evidence points the other way; namely, that this policy has been opening the African continent wide to Communism, with many of the emergent states rapidly on their way to becoming Marxian-Socialist states and Communist satellites. And if the Western powers do not recognize this danger before it is too late, and if they do not close their ranks while there is yet time, they may well lose control of Africa and suddenly wake up to find Western Europe entirely out-flanked.

That may seem fantastic, but it would surely have been thought equally fantastic only ten years ago that Russian Communists would be making such inroads, and establishing bridgeheads for subversion, everywhere in Africa. And who would have believed only five years ago that rebel forces, supported and fomented by Red China, would have been allowed to capture Zanzibar and would today be waging offensive campaigns in the heart of Central Africa? And what of the mass-killer Chou En-lai, today strutting about the African continent with no one, least of all the American State Department, to say him nay? Yes, what of Algeria, Ghana, Guinea, and a dozen others?

One would have expected the rapidly gathering chaos in Africa to present an easily understood object lesson in the penalty which must be paid when American African policies are based on lack of principle and on concepts totally false to reality. But not so, to the State Department!

The clique of Internationalists who control Foggybottom from behind the scenes are playing for much higher stakes. Their ultimate aim is to force not only the remnants of the American Republic, but the entire African continent, into the straight-jacket of International Socialism. Their brazen "Africa for the Africans" policy is their scheme for the collectivist takeover of Africa. They know, with a sure instinct for their own advantage, that not only are their "African brothers" sitting on a global stockpile of basic materials, but that the placing of political control in the hands of the Black dictators, with or without Congos, Algerias, Zanzibars, Ghanas, *et al,* is the shortcut for extending Leftist power and influence in Africa.

What easier way is there for the Internationalists than to ape the Kremlin in posing as liberators and missionaries of human rights and freedom? What easier way is there for the Internationalists to strengthen their grip on Africa and to dominate African economies, than to finance huge Socialist development schemes for the so-called underdeveloped countries? What more diabolical policy than "Africa for the Africans" could they use for breaking the backs of the civilizing European powers and driving the whites from Africa?

And if anyone still thinks that it is only Moscow and Peking and Africa's Communist-innoculated Black demagogues who wish to eliminate Western civilization and white influence from all Africa, we have the statements of Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who said last year at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington:

> *Most of Africa's . . . unresolved problems lie in the Southern end of the continent where government by consent of the governed has not yet been achieved. This area includes the Republic of South Africa, South West Africa, Rhodesia and the Portugese territories of Angola and Mozambique.*

What are the crimes of these countries? They have white governments! They are also the most law-abiding, prosperous, and anti-Communist countries in Africa. And yet the State Department, given the opportunity, would apparently be quite prepared to open up these countries to the same orgy of chaos and corruption that characterizes the rest of the continent, in the name of "independence and democracy"!

Note that, in that speech at the Shoreham, Mr. Rusk emphasized the American position by stating:

> *The United States has a deep interest in events in Southern Africa. In our dealings with those areas our position is based firmly on the belief that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.*

There is, however, no evidence that this firm belief on the part of Mr. Rusk and the State Department, in government by consent, would extend itself to the majorities of untold millions in Iron Curtain countries and elsewhere who are being held in slavery and subjection by the murderous Moscow and Peking regimes! Naive men wonder why.

Chou En-lai must have felt himself on very firm ground when he recently announced that Africa is ripe not only for revolution, but for intimidation, infiltration, or just plain takeover by well-organized groups. But then he knows only too well that American policy is paving the way for the eventual takeover of all Africa by the International Socialists and the Communists, and that in the matter of eliminating the white man from Africa, the Rusk statements put the United States squarely on the side of the Black dictatorships, the Soviet Union, and Red China.

The first and second World Wars were waged, it was said, to make the world "safe for democracy." Today the more urgent and formidable task confronting Western man is obviously to make the democracy of the State Department safe for the world. From where we in Africa now stand, the prospect spells massacre and Communism. — S. E. D. BROWN FROM AFRICA

CRACKER BARREL

■ EAGLE ROCK—A bridegroom is a guy who spends a lot of dough renting a suit that nobody is going to look at.

■ EAGLE ROCK—The Communists wouldn't be blockading Berlin whenever they feel like it if Harry Truman hadn't let the Russians in it.

■ EAGLE ROCK—Heredity is something you believe in if you've got a smart kid.

■ EAGLE ROCK—You've got to admit that the cold war is becoming more efficient. Russia goes right ahead and arms our enemies without bothering to drag our Presidents off to a summit conference.

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—JACK MOFFITT

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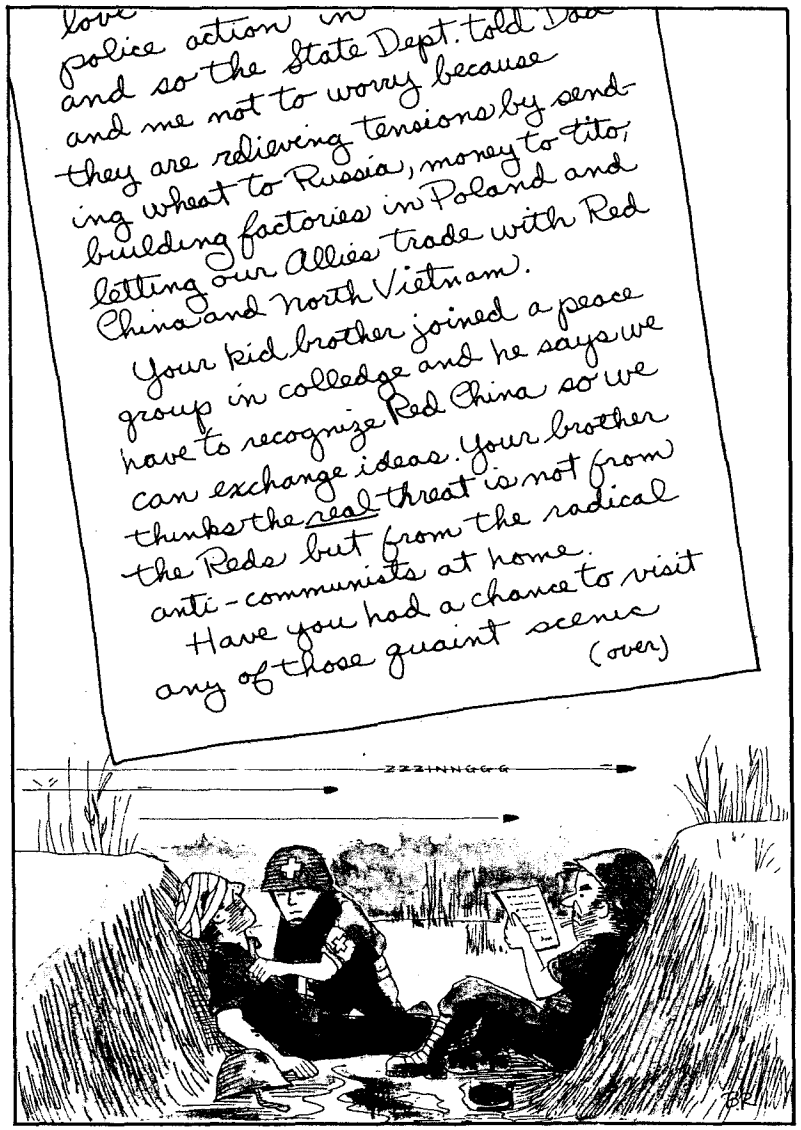
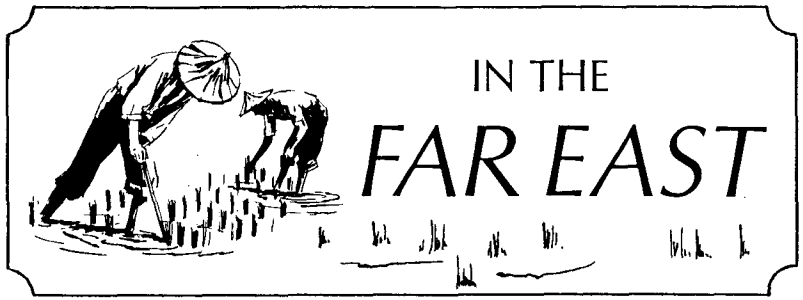
By Bill Richardson





■ It is unfortunate that a man of Senator Thomas Dodd's popular reputation as an anti-Communist should have said in Kualar Lumpur, Malaya, on April twenty-first, that "We have turned the corner in Southeast Asia and the war is being won." The war against Communist revolutionary offensives is not being won in any part of Asia. There is only progressive deterioration masked by what now appear to be impressive air assaults in both North and South Vietnam.

As we pointed out in the April issue of American Opinion, the Communists are operating a giant nutcracker campaign in Southeast Asia, from China southwards, and from Indonesia northwards. The British and Americans in the center are supposed to have allies in SEATO (Southeast Asian Treaty Organization). But one member of SEATO, France, is openly opposing American and British policy in Southeast Asia, constantly urging the Communist policy of "neutralization." Another SEATO member, Pakistan, has now been driven into the arms of Peking by stupid and treacherous Western policies which have treated Socialist India like a sacred cow while refusing to support Pakistan's just claims concerning Kashmir. [Meanwhile, Peking has cynically promised the Kashmiri leader, Sheik Abdullah (who recently met with Chou En-lai) the full support of China for Kashmiri "self-determination."]

Communist control of the Indonesian arm of the Red nutcracker has become more open and blatant. During the tenth anniversary celebrations of the first Afro-Asian Conference, Sukarno delivered, on April nineteenth, a significant address in which he spoke of his master-plan for Southeast Asia. Peking, represented at the celebrations by Chou En-lai, applauded. Sukarno spoke there of his concept of the "New Emerging Forces," of which he said *France* was a member. (Australians noted that they were listed at the meeting as being "in transition" from the Old Forces to the New.) Sukarno further promised to support the creation of a "Melanesian State," implying the inclusion of East New Guinea and all islands to its east. Completely contemptuous of an impotent UN, Sukarno is not planning to conduct even a rigged plebiscite in West New Guinea.

While Indonesia's policy of "confrontation" is not yet paying any military dividends, it is advancing Communist revolutionary strategy. Communists are exploiting growing racial tensions between Malays and Chinese in Malaysia. There has, for instance, recently been open friction between Lee Kuan Yew, the Socialist Prime Minister of Singapore, and Tunku Abdul Rahman, the Federation Prime Minister. Indicative of the dangers inside Malaysia is the allegation by Syed Jaafar Albar, Secretary-General of the United Malays National Organization, that Lee Kuan Yew was

a "Red agent." Communist strength is also increasing among the Chinese in Sarawak (North Borneo).

Recent student riots in Cambodia, South Korea, and Japan have been proved to have been Communist-inspired. Also, a growing anti-American campaign is being subtly fostered in the Philippines.

The Sato Government in Japan wants closer relations with Red China. Forty-six percent of the Japanese are now voting Socialist and Communist, and public opinion there now strongly favors seating Red China at the UN. Prime Minister Sato has thus criticized America's "rigid" stand on China. In fact, Communist strength and influence is growing in every part of Asia today, with the possible exception of Formosa, whose Government is frustrated by the constant refusal of the United States to make use of its excellent armed forces.

But perhaps Senator Dodd was only referring to Vietnam when he said "the war is being won"? The realities do not justify even this Dodd view. There is still no firm political base in South Vietnam. Air power has not deprived the Vietcong of one yard of conquered territory, nor has it had any appreciable effect upon the flow of materials from North Vietnam to the Vietcong. At the time of writing, pilots are still frustrated by Washington's strict control of bombing. Once materiel is broken down so that members of the Vietcong "transportation battalions" can carry it, strapped on their backs, along the jungle infiltration trails, air offensives are useless because of the foliage. One estimate is that even a force of 100,000 troops along the Seventeenth Parallel could not under the present circumstances completely cut off the flow of materiel. Controlling approximately two-thirds of South Vietnam, the Vietcong could now, if deprived of all outside help, operate effectively for years against the present type of warfare being waged against them.

As consistent incompetency cannot alone be accepted as the reason why, in the face of expert warnings, the Vietcong were permitted to reach their present degree of control in South Vietnam, the only reasonable conclusion is that the situation was deliberately produced through treachery in Washington. As no experts believe that bombing North Vietnam is of itself going to produce a military decision in South Vietnam, it is clear then that this policy has only a political objective. But any political agreement which leaves the Vietcong in their present position of strength ultimately means complete Communist control there. There has been no indication that American policymakers have any other intention. No U.S. official has even suggested that the two-thirds of South Vietnam now controlled by the Vietcong must be freed. American policy is, disastrously, now only a matter of holding on to what we have.

Some of the real experts in South Vietnam, men who know how the Vietcong could be defeated, are members of the American Special Forces. One of these has put the position bluntly: "We have got to get this war out of its present state of overdependence on aircraft and slug it out on trails at night . . . . When we do we'll start winning. We need scouts, we need a friendlier rural population, we need to know a lot more about the enemy. And if we don't, this will be another of those wars which orthodox armies are so good in taking ten years to lose." This guerrilla expert probably does not realize that the higher policymakers who have eunuchized our air forces, as well as our Special Forces, have already made the decision to lose. The use of limited and ineffective airpower is designed to keep the American people gaping at the roar of jets while the defeat of Vietnam takes place. Terrible, alas, but true.—ERIC BUTLER FROM THE FAR EAST

from LONDON

■ As THIS dispatch is written, the British Socialist Government of Harold Wilson has followed up its first six months of dithering incompetence and doctrinaire bigotry by producing its proposals to re-nationalize the British steel industry. The firms to be grabbed by the State have been named and the compensation figure stated — 550 million pounds. It has not, however, been explained how a Government which has already raised taxation by 500 million pounds, and which had to look for a massive international loan in its first few weeks in office, is going to pay this compensation.

It is a matter of much fruitless speculation why Harold Wilson introduced this nationalization measure at this time. He knew that the Liberal Party would vote against it; and two "right-wing" Labor MPs had warned that they might also go into the opposition lobby, while a third, a former Labor Minister, might abstain; and finally one of the Leftwingers, who hadn't been silenced by being given a Government appointment, said he too might vote against it because the compensation terms were too generous.

All is quiet now, and Wilson seems to have won; but clearly the Socialist Government was running the risk of being defeated on one of its major policies. The timing looked foolhardy, especially from a Premier who has obviously enjoyed the experience of power and patronage.

One theory was that Wilson brought in the Steel Bill at this time to quiet his Leftwingers, who were getting restive about Britain's support of U.S. policy in Vietnam. This thesis was plausible, but there were some improbabilities about it. Wilson had included plenty of Leftwingers in his record-sized Administration, and they too were enjoying the power and the patronage of office. But, the major objection to the theory of Wilson's "buying off the Left" is that he is a Leftwinger himself.

In fact, Wilson *had* to bring in the Steel White Paper at this time (apart from his determination to do it anyway) because, as a major item in the Socialist creed to which all his Party is committed in principle, it would unite the Labor Party. He needed that because he was preparing to introduce a much more sinister measure—the Race Relations Bill—which would provide that discrimination on grounds of race would be a *criminal* offence (though discrimination in regard to housing or employment is not included in the present Bill).

The color question is not a national problem in Britain—yet. It is merely a local nuisance in certain areas. One such place is Smethwick. The former MP for that constituency is Mr. Gordon Walker. His defeat there provoked a major sensation at the General Election. It was of course entirely foreseeable, because Gordon Walker's majority had been dropping steadily at previous elections. However, the BBC TV and Independent TV pundits here treated the defeat as an outrage to Gordon Walker, and concentrated solely on the impact of the colored problem. So did Harold Wilson. In an arrogant and offensive

interpolation, in his first speech in Parliament, he grossly insulted the new member for Smethwick—and the electorate there (including the Smethwick Labor Club, which operates a color bar). And, despite Smethwick, Wilson named Gordon Walker as Foreign Secretary and had him nominated as Labor candidate at a contrived by-election at Leyton. The election came at the end of Wilson's much-boosted "hundred days," and Gordon Walker was rejected again.

The message of both these results was clear enough to anyone less arrogant than Harold Wilson: While everyone was sorry for Gordon Walker, who is admittedly a very nice man, he had unfortunately become associated in the mind of the electorate with what they suspected was Labor's policy towards colored immigration from Commonwealth countries—and the ordinary public knows very well that huge numbers of colored immigrants are now entering Britain with forged documents.

This problem could easily be dealt with by limiting and strictly controlling colored immigration. It is not now seriously disputed that any incitement to racial or sectional hatred can be (and has been) effectively dealt with under existing laws. But if the Race Relations Bill becomes law, then Britain will be faced with the beginning of an artificially contrived "Algerian situation" of the sort so beloved by Leftwingers everywhere. In that case, Communists and others will be able to provoke situations in which the new criminal-discrimination law could be invoked—and thus designedly produce an even more tense and explosive situation than could ever exist under present laws. In fact, Britons could easily find themselves in the position of the people of Little Rock, Selma, and St. Augustine.

To reach that situation, the Communists absolutely *must have an anti-discrimination law;* a law which they can utilize to produce lawlessness—or, in Marxist jargon, a revolutionary ferment. If that sounds far-fetched and alarmist, just think how far the United States has so recently traveled along the road of internecine dissensions, *despite* the efforts of black and white Americans of good will.

If Harold Wilson has his way, the British Communists will get their racist law. That is not to say or imply that Wilson is at all sympathetic to Communism, or is willing to assist Communists or be assisted by them. Harold Wilson is simply acting with the natural arrogance and doctrinaire bigotry of all Leftwingers when facts, or the common people, refuse to fall into the Leftist idea of the pattern of things.

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MEANWHILE, the Communists are continuing their termite operations in other spheres with more than negligible success. Having been evicted from their corruptly-attained dominance in the Electrical Trade Union in 1961 (with the present Labor Lord Chancellor, Lord Gardiner, conducting the case against them), they have been working for a long time in the allied Engineering Union. Sir William Carron, the anti-Communist President of the AEU, recently stated at the Union's annual Conference, and afterwards on TV, that the apprentices in his union are being subverted by Leftwing students from the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham, and Manchester.

This, of course, is notoriously true; as is Communist influence among the teaching staffs of many British universities. And the tone of incredulity of the interviewers of the British TV networks, as they questioned Sir William Carron about his evidence of University-inspired "subversion," was about as far as they dared go to challenge so respected a trade union leader.—FRANK MACMILLAN FROM LONDON

The FEDERALIST

■ MASOCHISM, our dictionary says, is "the getting of pleasure from being dominated, mistreated, or hurt in some way." It is therefore, of course, the ideal one-word description of the foreign policy of the United States. Our most influential policymakers seem, like the neighbor boy on his skate board, to derive the greatest joy in rushing headlong toward disaster. And their irrational support of the United Nations is an enlightening illustration of what we mean.

Since 1945, Americans have been instructed, in much the same way people were once taught that garlic drives vampires away, that the UN is man's last, best hope for peace. But—like the garlic—the UN has failed its stated purpose, and has left a bad odor in its wake. Now the United Nations stands on the verge of adopting a set of proposals that will again openly and officially sanction the UN's contempt for those economic principles, cherished by loyal Americans, which have helped make this nation the greatest in the world's history.

UNCTAD stands for "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development." This Conference convened during the first half of 1964, and its final report was adopted on June 15, 1964. Beyond question, the 1965 UN General Assembly will adopt all of the proposals of the Conference unless some sort of miracle occurs. It is important, therefore, that we know something about the UNCTAD proposals.

The UNCTAD report is some 266 pages in length, and the copy of it which we have reviewed is carefully marked "Distr. LIMITED." Essentially, the UNCTAD proposals provide a blueprint for a world-wide War on Poverty based rigidly on the Marxist concept of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need." The report divides the world into two national classifications: developed and developing. And the goal of UNCTAD is, the report says, to assure that "the division of the world into areas of poverty and plenty may be banished. . . ."

This package is so attractive to the collectivists—especially the Communists—that all of the UNCTAD resolutions which were voted upon passed overwhelmingly, despite United States opposition to nearly all of them. It is important to note that the Soviet Union is not recorded as opposing a single resolution in the entire report! On the other hand, the United States found itself to be the only nation opposing several of the UNCTAD resolutions. As a specific illustration, consider the votes on the fifteen General Principles adopted by the Conference. The U.S.S.R. voted in favor of fourteen of the fifteen, and abstained on only one occasion. (The abstention occurred on a resolution about disarmament, and Russia did not vote because "the wording differs from that approved by the United Nations General Assembly.") In contrast, the United States voted against nine of the General Principles, and abstained on two others; and in four instances, the U.S. was the only nation to oppose the resolutions. (It reminds one of John Rousselot's claim

that a lynch mob is a perfect example of democracy, as there is only one man against it.)

Another indication of how important UNCTAD is to the Communists is reflected in the highly laudatory messages which the Conference received from top Communists. Communist Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria asserted that "Algeria attaches the greatest importance to the work of this Conference." Communist Tito of Yugoslavia stated, "Your assembly constitutes an event of extraordinary importance for international relations. . . ." And Nikita Khrushchev, who then represented the agrarian reformers of the Communist U.S.S.R., not only praised the meeting, but boasted that the convening of the conference ". . . was due in part to the initiative of the Soviet Union."

Essentially, UNCTAD proposes that "developed" countries—including the United States—do the following: Give up control of a sizable portion of existing trade and industry to the "developing" countries; release patents and inventions, and slow technical advances which might somehow hinder the "developing" countries; guarantee the purchase of products from "developing" countries in order to let the "developing" countries escape the trauma of competition; provide the money, via foreign aid (which the UNCTAD report calls "compensatory financing"), to build the industries of "developing" nations, and then when the "developing" nations repay the money, use it to purchase goods from the "developing" nations; abolish protective tariffs; give preferred treatment to the trade of the "developing" countries, even if it means reducing American production and thereby throwing our own workers out of jobs.

There is more—but you get the general idea!

So what can we do? The first thing is to become informed. Write to your Congressman or Senators and ask for a copy of the *Final Act of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.* You might even write directly to the UN itself, and ask them to take the "Distr. LIMITED" label off of the UNCTAD report long enough to send you a copy (the price we saw on one version of the report was $3.00). The important thing right now, however, is to *educate* the American people and the Congress as to this new horror which the United Nations is planning for us all.

Everyone recognizes that the economic condition of the underdeveloped nations of the world is a very serious problem. And this makes the UNCTAD plan doubly tragic. Instead of uniting the near-unanimous desire to see an improvement in the lot of underdeveloped nations, structured on the proved principles of free-market economics, the UNCTAD report establishes, in essence, that the underdeveloped countries now have the right to become free-loaders—leeches, if you will—at the expense of the United States. Instead of adopting a program which would encourage abandonment of the very collectivist systems which have caused the misery of the underdeveloped states, UNCTAD seeks to acquire American aid to encourage and subsidize Communist and Socialist countries, and those sad savage states where citizens still eat their enemies, or where Leftist dictatorships continue to breed poverty.

There are now seventy-nine "developing" countries — far more than the number needed to pass the Communist-supported UNCTAD proposals. The UN has — through nefarious schemes such as UNCTAD — become probably the largest organized lynch mob in history. And the victim — freedom — needs some urgent help if it is to find a way to survive the onslaught.—Reed Benson & Robert Lee from Washington

PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS

■ The annual rate of Gross National Product gained $14.4 billion in the first quarter, the Commerce Department recently announced. The increase brought GNP to the annual rate of $649 billion in the first quarter, up from the previous record rate of $634.6 billion, set in the 1964 fourth quarter. This gain, according to the Commerce Department, indicates a business expansion which in its fifth year "has already become the longest expansion of the postwar period."

Naive readers may give credence to this political and bureaucratic play of statistics. The serious student of economics and politics who ponders on the motivation for such pronouncements, and analyzes the statistical methods employed, attaches little significance to this official toying with the GNP. But if he were to indulge in similar machinations, he probably would arrive at the very opposite conclusion. For instance, according to official statistics, rising government expenditures are added to National Income and Gross National Product. But conservative economists are inclined to regard the growing burden of government as an expense item that should properly be deducted from Gross National Product and Gross National Income. Many government expenditures are predatory that waste economic resources and labor and even hamper economic production.

The Commerce Department announcement of a rising GNP also implies a tacit pride in LBJ's alleged achievements. His Administration seems to claim credit for the presumed improvement. Of course, the blame for recessions and depressions is always laid on our businessmen or the enterprise system. Conservative economists, on the other hand, credit real economic improvements to those businessmen, engineers, and investors who in spite of ever-growing government interference, manage to improve economic conditions through more, better, and cheaper products.

When government tries to improve economic conditions it is prone to create an artificial boom, which must ultimately lead to depression. Through a number of monetary stimuli, in the form of inflationary money and credit expansion, the Kennedy Administration created such a boom, which the Johnson Administration is endeavoring to prolong through more stimuli.

A mere glance at a Federal Reserve report immediately reveals the secret of the Kennedy-Johnson boom. According to the March twenty-first report of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, total commercial bank credit (loans and investments) has risen at an 11.5 percent annual rate since November of 1964, which is somewhat greater than the rate of increase over the past year. Since November, loans have risen at a 17.3 percent rate, compared with a 13.6 percent increase since last March. From September of 1962 to March of 1965,

the American money supply plus time deposits has risen 8.8 percent annually. And according to various Federal Reserve Bulletins, the supply of Federal Reserve currency has risen approximately 10 percent annually since the beginning of the Kennedy-Johnson era.

It is obvious that the present period of boom and prosperity is built on inflation and credit expansion. *Without inflation our Great Society would immediately sink into deep depression.*

The first depression factor is the economic maladjustment caused by the boom. The money and credit expansion artificially lowers interest rates, which entice many a businessman to embark upon dubious expansion projects. Later these projects often prove to constitute unprofitable "excess capacity," or their completion becomes too expensive because of rising business costs.

Also the rising volume of government spending constitutes a depressive factor. The tax burden of all levels of government continues to grow not only absolutely but also in proportion to National Income. In spite of the recent federal tax reduction, total corporate taxes are moving upward. Even personal income taxes tend to rise because inflation is lifting us into higher and higher income brackets, which are taxed at progressive percentage rates.

The government deficits consume many billions of dollars of liquid capital, which the U. S. Treasury withdraws from the capital market through the sale of government bonds, notes, and bills. The government consumption of this liquid capital causes interest rates to rise, which in turn causes business to contract its investment and expansion. And while government thus becomes a more important buyer, many businessmen find it profitable to commence production for the government. And consequently, consumer production declines by the very extent of government expansion.

But the most depressive aspect of this growth of government is still another. The growing bureaucracy hampers economic production in countless hidden ways. Representative Richard Poff of Virginia recently estimated that "each year it costs industry and the public $20 billion to complete government reports, and it costs the taxpayer an additional $7 billion to underwrite the cost of the federal government of processing its own paperwork." The various federal agencies now require of the public more than one billion reports each year, which amount to more than five for every man, woman, and child. Of course, in addition, the various state and local government agencies demand similar attention. A Congressional Committee has estimated that government reports can take up to thirty-five percent of a small businessman's time. In 1963 a typical firm was forced to fill out 2,700 different questionnaires for the various agencies of the local, state, and federal governments.

But in addition to these growing hidden costs of government we must be mindful of the preventive and destructive effects of government interference. Bureaucratic controls and regulations hinder capital accumulation, induce capital consumption, stifle production, and prevent economic ventures and enterprises.

And finally, the labor unions endowed with numerous legal privileges and immunities add their strength to the forces of depression. Regardless of productivity, boom or recession, our militant unions incessantly raise business costs. But whenever wages are raised above free market rates, unemployment inevitably sets in. This is why our strongholds of labor unions are also our centers of unemployment. And this is yet another reason why without spending and inflating our Great Society would soon sink into deep depression.

—HANS SENNHOLZ

MOFFITT ON THE ARTS

■ THROUGHOUT HIS book, *Inquisition in Eden* (Macmillan Company, 1965, New York), Alvah Bessie strives to maintain the deception that membership in the Communist Party is *no different* from membership in the Democratic or Republican Parties, and that inquiries as to such membership, when made by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947, were a violation of a sacred American Constitutional right. But no less an authority than Joseph Stalin insists that the Communist Party is entirely different. In *Foundations of Leninism* (International Publishers, 1939, New York) Stalin says:

> *The dictatorship of the proletariat is a revolutionary power based on the use of force against the bourgeoisie . . . . The dictatorship of the proletariat is the rule—unrestricted by law and based on force—of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie . . . . The dictatorship of the proletariat cannot be "complete" democracy for* all, *for the rich as well as for the poor; the dictatorship of the proletariat must be a state that is democratic* in a new way—for *the proletarians and propertyless in general —and dictatorial* in a new way against *the bourgeoisie . . . . The law of the smashing of the bourgeois state machine as a preliminary condition for such a revolution is an inevitable law of the revolutionary movement in the imperialist countries of the world.*

Alvah Bessie was one of "The Hollywood Ten."* His book is mainly about their Hearing in Washington in 1947. But he makes no mention of Stalin's dictums on Communism although, at that Hearing, I read them into the record. (I had been subpoenaed to testify as a non-Communist screenwriter.)

But Bessie seems to remember me—without affection. On Page 218 he says of me: "This was the same fellow whose office in the Writers' Building at Warner Brothers, when I was in residence, had been redecorated, at his own expense, with Chinese furniture lacquered in black, gold and red. There were also at least fifteen drawings, sketches, caricatures and photographs on the walls—of Jack Moffitt."

If this were true (which it isn't) it would have no bearing on the value of my testimony. Bessie has simply created a silly lie in an effort to make me seem vain and luxury-loving. I've never heard of anyone who had fifteen pictures of himself in his office. Actually, there was *one* cartoon of myself,

* The complete list of *The Hollywood Ten* was: John Howard Lawson, Alvah Bessie, Dalton Trumbo, Albert Maltz, Lester Cole, Samuel Ornitz, Ring Lardner Jr., Adrian Scott, Herbert Biberman (a director), and Edward Dmytryk (a director, he later expressed regret for his attitude during the investigation).

which was funny and far from flattering. There were four cartoons of other writers. Because I prefer to write in an easy chair with a lapboard on my knees, I had had the desk removed and had brought in a couple of low tables (sprayed green by the studio paint shop) to accommodate tablets and reference works.

These modest alterations apparently struck Bessie as so ostentatiously hedonistic as to render him color blind. However, (on Page 186) he has nothing but gap-jawed admiration for the gauds and vanities of the ranch owned by Dalton Trumbo (another of "The Hollywood Ten"). Here he is struck with awe by the four silver horses on the mantlepiece. Trumbo told him he should have seen the place "in the old days—when you drove up to the house, a liveried butler came out to your car with Martinis on a silver tray."

Trumbo tempts the attentions of some later day Charlotte Corday, according to Bessie, by "writing in the bathtub, sitting crossways and cross-legged at a specially built writing table that spanned the tub, the water running in and out to maintain an even temperature and a huge coffee cup on this table that was always full."

Bessie goes on to tell us that this ranch house was "as richly appointed as the $100,000 Beverly Hills mansion he [Trumbo] inhabited in town." And "there were floodlights outside to light the giant pine trees at night." Furthermore, "The vast depression next to the house was explained by bull-dozers at work; they were diverting a main stream, building a dam and creating an artificial lake so that the three Trumbo children and Dalton's wife, Cleo, could swim."

Trumbo, it was testified, tried to have Ginger Rogers urge that all should "Share and share alike," when she read his dialogue on the screen, but he's certainly shown little inclination to do this himself.

And well I know it. In 1941, with a wife and two children to support (and feeling that there was no longer any future for me in Kansas City) I came to Hollywood. Here I had the good fortune to interest a producer at Paramount in an idea for a picture to be called *Murder Farm*. He hired me for six weeks at five hundred dollars a week to develop a screenplay. I was overjoyed when he hired Dalton Trumbo at two thousand a week (Bessie says that Trumbo got four thousand a week later on) as my collaborator. I had never met Trumbo at this time, but I knew him to have been the author of a fine screenplay for *Kitty Foyle* (one of Ginger Rogers' most successful vehicles). Having made these arrangements, the producer went off to Mexico on a honeymoon with a glamourous film star.

During the ensuing six weeks, Trumbo did not even come into the studio except to pick up his checks. I was desperate. My whole future and that of my family depended on this script. I telephoned Trumbo frequently and even went out to his mansion to plead with him and to try to convince him that concern for fellow human beings (if not plain honesty) should impel him to do what he was being paid to do. Each time he promised faithfully to come to work the next day. But he never did.

Finally, I sought the advice of my agent. He was sympathetic but mysterious. With a troubled mien, he said that he could not explain Trumbo's behavior (I'm convinced he did not know the explanation) but he told me that I must cover up for his curious absence. Trumbo's position in Hollywood, he explained, was such that it would be fatal to the career of any studio employee to criticize him.

So I wrote the script by myself, as best I could. The producer returned to the studio and Trumbo came in on the day the scenario was to be presented to him. The producer complimented us both on a job well done and hired us both at the same salaries as before to do a six-week polish job on it.

Again Trumbo didn't write a line and I saw him only when he came on the lot to get his check. Again I wrote the script. Under the title *Murder He Says,* it became a starring vehicle for Fred MacMurray. But this time I was curious and I did a little old-fashioned newspaper leg-work to find out what was going on. This was at the time of the Berlin-Moscow pact and Trumbo, I discovered, was devoting his time and talent to the "Yanks Aren't Coming" campaign.

He already had written a novel, *The Remarkable Andrew,* in which Andrew Jackson returned to earth to chide and discourage Americans for the very thought of helping the British in their war against Hitler. A studio had bought the movie rights and was making it as a starring picture for Brian Donlevy. Trumbo was spending some of his time working on the script. (As I recall, Hitler's sudden invasion of the Soviet Union kept this film from being released.)

While the Stalin-Ribbentrop truce was in force, we had curious times in movieland. Dorothy Healy chairmanned a Communist meeting in the Philharmonic Auditorium where she called Winston Churchill a "S.O.B." and told an audience that included Jewish persons that "the Party ordered them to support the Nazis even if the Brown Shirts had killed their mothers."

On Page 218, Bessie pontificates, "There are never two sides on any really important question." But there were two sides to the Hitler question, and the Hollywood Reds were on both sides. They were against Hitler when he started killing Communists but, before that, they were for Hitler when he was killing everybody else.

Make no mistake about it—Mr. Bessie and his pals call anyone who displeases them "Fascists." But the only real Fascists Hollywood has ever seen are the Communists who defended Hitler and took his orders during the era of Nazi-Red collaboration.

Since I had been sucker enough to join and contribute to the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League (I resigned when I discovered it to be a Communist Front), Bessie does not attempt to call me a Fascist. There are other ways to conduct a Marxist smear. On Page 199 he says Moffitt "is quite fat and waddles like a duck when he walks." I've never been as rolypoly as Georgi Malenkov or Nikita Khrushchev, neither of whose shapes were ridiculed by Bessie while they were heads of the Communist International. Still, I do weigh 160 pounds and my efforts to reduce to 150 have been a sad failure. But it never has occurred to me that I waddled like a duck. Men lay such flattering unction to their souls. Mr. Bessie tells us (Page 268) that while working as prop man in a San Francisco night club he frequently was mistaken for the elegant Sir Cedric Harwicke. That never would have occurred to me either.

Gordon Kahn (a defender of "The Ten") accused me of wearing elevator shoes. Kahn, who was close to being a midget, sported a gold-rimmed monocle, in court and out.

Such were the contradictions of the "Liberal" Left. There were many more, of course. Bessie expresses scorn for the friendly (non-Communist) witnesses, who feared that the creation of screen characters such as venal judges, stingy bankers, and corrupt Congressmen might downgrade the American image. But on Page 221 he lauds actor Lee J. Cobb to the highest firmament for refusing to play the role of a villainous Soviet officer in a flim. (This might have led to some discussion of

the massacre of 19,000 Polish officers in the Katyn Forest and would have been considered highly unfair by Bessie and all friends of the Soviet Union.)

In one part of his book, Bessie sneers at Rupert Hughes for saying, "I can smell a Communist"—but on Page 194 says, "The Most Powerful Man In America" (J. Edgar Hoover?) "so reeked of perfume" (after-shave lotion?) that the memory of it, even sixteen years afterward, almost caused Bessie to swoon. To Bessie's critical eye, "The Most Powerful Man" does not waddle like a duck. He "minces."

Marxist polemics are based upon force (or possibly farce) and unrestrained by law—including the law of fair play, common sense, or accurate reporting. Undoubtedly the 1947 investigation was the biggest Hollywood headache since the Fatty Arbuckle scandal in 1921. But it was not brought about by the Hollywood League for the Preservation of American Ideals, which Bessie says was "anti-Semetic," despite its including a number of patriotic and devout Jewish members. One is reminded that Bessie says he, personally, belongs to no religion. He also blames the H.C.U.A. for bringing about the movie industry's moment of travail. This isn't true either.

Actually, movieland's travail was brought about by *The Hollywood Reporter,* a trade paper. *The Reporter,* believing that "charity begins at home," had conceived the high purpose of having every artist and craftsman working in the motion-picture industry celebrate its birthday by taking advertisements in its Annual Anniversary Edition, whether or not they had any achievements to advertise. The Screen Writers' Guild sought to curb its members from singing "Happy Brithday to You" so expensively by forbidding them to advertise.

The Reporter countered sensationally when it published articles asking Bessie, Trumbo, and a number of other Guild members if they were Communists and if their card numbers were ————, and *The Reporter* proceeded to list the numbers. The paper did not say that these things were true. From a standpoint of legal immunity, it merely *asked* if they were. (But subsequently the Party cards and numbers were sworn to be entirely accurate.)

Many of the points that have been raised here are trivial. But they are symptomatic of the techniques by which the Leftists, by an incessant drum fire of inaccuracies and irrelevancies, have kept public attention diverted from the main point at issue in the 1947 investigation of "The Hollywood Ten." That point was and still is: Is Communism different from all other political Parties? *Stalin said it was and he quoted Lenin to prove it.* No one who wished Communism well in the United States dared deny those statements. Party discipline would not have permitted it. So these points had to be drowned out—by riotous uproars in the Hearing room as I and other Americans were giving this testimony, and by books and propaganda such as Bessie's ever since.

For if the American public recognized Lenin's and Stalin's definition of Communism (as it had recognized Hitler's definition of National Socialism in *Mein Kampf*), it would be swift to see the menace inherent in a Communist effort to take over the Screen Writers' Guild, and by so doing to control the image that Americans and the rest of the world would accept concerning the United States.

Bessie, Trumbo, and the rest of "The Ten" were not sentenced to terms in the Federal penitentiary *for being Communists,* although Louis J. Russell (for three years an investigator for the H.C.U.A., and for ten years an F.B.I. agent) testified under oath that they all were card-carrying Party members.

(He never was accused of perjury.) Nor were "The Ten" sentenced for pleading the Fifth Amendment. Bessie says they considered this tactic but abandoned it. They did not seek the so-called "right of silence." Instead, they attempted to make speeches in which they arrogantly denied to a Committee of the United States Congress the right to investigate the menace of a class war that had been boldly proclaimed by its instigators. For this they were found guilty of being in contempt of Congress.

The investigation was not, as Bessie charges, "a witch hunt." It is interesting to note that Dore Schary, at that time in charge of production at R.K.O., testified that he would hire a Communist if he found him qualified for a job, but not if it could be proved that the man advocated the overthrow of the American government by force. Even Schary did not question the right of Congress to investigate such cases.

Bessie says "The Ten" attempted to induce the late Justice Felix Frankfurter to get them off the hook but that he declined to open that particular can of borscht. Perhaps he felt that the time was not yet.

But the time may be soon. The publication of Bessie's book, following on the heels of one by John Howard Lawson (see AMERICAN OPINION, March 1965), indicates that a renewed blitz on the world of entertainment may be in the making.—JACK MOFFITT

CRACKER BARREL

■ EAGLE ROCK—A short time ago Mr. Norman Simon bought the portrait of a young boy — Rembrandt's son "Titus" — for $2,234,400. Eventually, this magnificent painting, according to news announcements, will be a part of the permanent collection of the New Los Angeles Art Museum — Mr. Simon's princely gift to the people of Los Angeles.

Who was this Titus, whose picture is worth a fortune?

Titus was the son of Rembrandt and Saskia van Uijlenburgh, the wife he idolized. Titus was named for Saskia's sister, Titia. The couple also had two daughters who died in infancy. During this period, Rembrandt lived in great luxury, adorning his models with rich fabrics, jewels, and gold chains. Saskia died after they had been married eight years. At about the same time, Rembrandt's career collapsed because the members of a militia company who had posed for his masterpiece, "The Night Watch," were angry because the picture did not include a recognizable portrait of each man. The painter now fell in love with Henrickje Stoffels but could not marry her because Saskia's will stated that he would lose the guardianship of Titus if he remarried. As the grim impoverished years passed, Titus opened an art shop in an effort to help his father. In order to bury Henrickje, Rembrandt had to sell the vault where his wife was interred. Titus died after a few months of marriage on September 4, 1688. His widow, Magdalina, gave birth to a girl who was christened Titia in memory of her father. Titus, whose portrait brought more than two million dollars, was buried at a cost of five dollars and twenty cents.

■ EAGLE ROCK—Now that U Thant of the United Nations has started making cracks at President Johnson (whose political Party created the UN), it may be time for us to take an appraising look at what that internationalist club on the Hudson has accomplished. Like the League of Nations, the UN was conceived on the theory of "collective security," assuming non-aggressive nations would gang up on aggressor nations. But the UN never has defined what "aggression" is. And collective security has served as an excuse for turning every border incident into a major war—what Professor Harry Elmer Barnes has called "Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace." You've seen it happen in Korea (where the United States bore most of the expense for achieving a UN stalemate) and the Congo (where the United States bought most of a $200 million bond issue to finance UN aggression that led to UN defeat).

■ EAGLE ROCK—You've got to admit the Cold War is becoming more efficient. Russia goes right ahead and arms our enemies without bothering with a summit conference.

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A Bostonian visited San Antonio and asked a native, "What is that dilapidated looking ruin over there?"

"That, Suh, is the Alamo. In that building, Suh, 136 immortal Texans held off an army of 15,000 of Santa Anna's regulars for four days."

"Um-m-m," said the Bostonian, "and who was that man on horseback on that hill over there?"

"That, Suh, is a statue of a Texas Ranger. He killed forty-six Apaches in singlehanded combat and broke up twenty-seven riots in his lifetime. Where you from, stranger?"

"I'm from Boston. We have our heroes there, too. Paul Revere, for instance."

"Paul Revere!" snorted the Texan. "You mean that man who had to ride for help?"

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The first-graders at an Episcopal Sunday School in San Diego were told to draw a picture of their conception of the Flight into Egypt. One little girl turned in a picture of an airplane with three people in the back, all with halos, and a fourth up front without one. Perplexed about the fourth person, the teacher asked who it was. "Oh," replied the youngster, "that's Pontius, the pilot."

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"What is memory, father?" asked a boy.

"Memory, my boy," answered the father, "is that tired, despairing feeling which starts over you when you listen to a friend's original stories."

In the dazzling white armor of Lohengrin, Lauritz Melchior once sang his sad farewell to Elsa, moving step by step with the surging music toward the swan boat, which would carry him away. But something happened off stage, and the mechanics pulled the swan into the wings before Melchior could step into it. Finishing his song, in a *sotto voce* plainly audible in the fifth row, he asked, "What time does the next swan leave?"

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A woman was mailing the old family *Bible* to her brother in a distant city. The postal clerk examined the heavy package carefully and inquired if it contained anything breakable. "Nothing but the Ten Commandments," was the quick reply.

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Asked what he'd learned at Sunday School, the ten-year-old began, "Well, our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had all crossed they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Quick as a flash Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

"Bobby," exclaimed his startled mother, "is that really the way your teacher told that story?"

"Well, not exactly. But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it!"

PORNOGRAPHY

Rats' Feet Tinkling Over Broken Glass

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■ RECENTLY on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley, young "intellectuals" of the sinister fringe* carried signs adorned with "four-letter words." Just what the "four-letter words" were, the papers prudishly left to our imagination. I am sure, however, that in the context of their use they were meant to be obscene, for the Left fights the battle of propaganda like roustabouts from the Jim Bowie days—with nose-biting, eye-gouging, groin-kicking.

One hugs the irony of this delicious situation to his heart with a delighted pain. The President of the University had for years coddled, defended, and encouraged the extremists of "academic freedom," but now he became furious at the *quod erat demonstrandum* of his own logic. This was the final somewhat mildewed straw that broke the donkey's back! He made a gesture of resigning, but unfortunately his regents wouldn't let him . . . .

I cite the episode, however, not to discuss academic freedom here, but to introduce the part pornography plays in the present struggle of disorganic man against organic man. Pornography is a synthetic device that the Left uses to destroy quality, value, and meaning; to degrade life by lifting certain quite wholesome parts of life out of context, as if they alone existed and as if they alone set the tone of life; to discredit the house beautiful, the art gallery, the laboratory, the garden—and, most of all, in Bunyan's sense, the Interpreter's House—by singling out the fact that in human life there are also dump heaps. The pornographers would subvert our faith, hope, and love by making us believe that the central and only significant part of man's life is the dump heap, where garbage is odoriferous under the moon, and rats' feet tinkle over broken glass, and rusty tin cans look like spoiled armor after a Lilliputian battle. And they say: "See? This is life, this is love!"

The students at Berkeley used "four-letter words" as silly small boys used to scribble them on the walls of privies—not because they were "intellectual," but because they were naive and immature. The conscious destroyers, of course—the men in the sinister shadows—use these young rebels as Dead End Kids, not naively but coldly and calculatingly. They toss them into the battle as expendables who know not what they do . . . and do it; as expendables whom they despise—and use. The

* It is unlikely that modern students know any Latin, so let me explain that "sinister" in Latin means "left."

conscious destroyers do so not because they believe in the freedom to be nasty, but because they exploit the freedom to be nasty in order to destroy *all* freedom. And the two groups unite actually only in this: They wish to subvert life—one, because it is too juvenile to know better, the other because, grown cynically old, it has forgotten that it ever believed in anything . . . and therefore lusts to destroy everything.

I

CONSERVATIVES should say at once that plain speaking and fearless candor about sex are *not* pornographic — if they are true to life and love.

It is *not* pornography to discuss sex frankly. It is not obscenity to call a spade a spade; but it is perversion to call a sculptor's chisel, a doctor's scalpel, or a violinist's bow, a "spade." Pornography means by definition (if we return to the good Greeks who named it) "a writing about whores." The shame and the fallacy of the pornographers is this: They assume that *any* writing about sex means a "writing about whores."

The equally sad mistake of some conservatives is to let the Left get away with this, because we seem to agree that any blunt writing about love in its physiological aspects, or sex in its physical manifestations, is "pornography." Our enemies will confound us by their perversion of values unless we think the thing through and restore love and sex to the beauty of Eden unashamed, without benefit of fig leaves. This fortunately is easy to do if we employ our God-given reason that is the prerogative of the unperverted mind of man, and see the reality of sex with innocence and courage and love and joy.

We conservatives, who cherish and uphold the artists of the classical tradition, know that great, sane, wholesome writers can speak frankly about the physiological facts of sex — and yet *not* be pornographic in so doing. Read the *Old Testament*. It tells you candidly of the "harlot," of the sin of Onan, of physical love in its passion and beauty (see the Song of Solomon). Read *Romeo and Juliet*, and you will know that Shakespeare — through the sane beautiful candor of the young and lovely Juliet — gave us sex intimately and beautifully. Boccaccio wrote frankly of sex, but he is not "pornographic" or "obscene"— for he wrote with a love of life, a love of love, a sense of the integrity of life and love. Writers who are sometimes coarse and gross — Rabelais, Chaucer, Swift (though hyper-intellectualism sometimes made Swift's mind sick)—used four-letter words and frank intimate details of the body, yet did not stumble into pornography. Rabelais and Chaucer at times seem lustily to roll in several acres of spring's skunk cabbages; yet they are not "dirty" or "nasty" or "obscene." Why? Because they use frank details with a reverence for life itself and love itself; they do not regard the "coarse" aspects of life as subversive of the other elements of life, they do not let the "gross" things so usurp the place of the gracious things that life and love are split by schizophrenia.

Conservatives respect the many mansions of life and love, they know that physical realities are also, at the same time, spiritual realities. Conservatives believe in the totality of life, the integrity of life. They are not surprised, or shocked, or thrown off balance, by the fact that there are physical realities. Only contemporary pseudo-intellectuals, the sentimental partialists who suddenly rediscover physiology as if it had never existed before, suppose that sane wholesome aspects of life are "gross" or "coarse." Contemporary partialists are pornographic because they degrade the lovely and gracious goddess, Aphrodite, to the level of the streetwalker. We conservatives quietly tell them, "If only you could see Aphrodite!"

A conservative may be defined as one who knows things as they are, not in temporal existence only, but in eternal essence also. The conservative knows better than the contemporary partialist that a child is born from the joy of sex and the passion of love. The conservative knows that man and woman should love each other with a passion that shakes their bodies with the consternation of noble joy. Read the Song of Solomon: "Thy lips are as a thread of scarlet . . . . I sleep but my heart waketh . . . . Who is this that looketh forth from the windows of the morning, clear as the sun, fair as the moon, terrible as an army with banners . . . ."

We, as conservatives, preserve and cherish such passion — which is not true of the culture-distorters and their pornographers. We conservatives accuse the culture-distorters of the unpardonable sin, the sin against the Holy Spirit, of degrading love, "terrible as an army with banners," into a rag-tag-and-bobtail of biological fly-by-nights. Like the impotent always, they lust to deny the worth of what they are unable to experience. One has the unhappy suspicion that they are pornographic because they are congenital eunuchs. No genuine conservative is "shocked" at the plain speaking of the *Bible*, or of Rabelais, Chaucer, Shakespeare. Such plain speaking is a vital part of life integral, a necessary part of the many mansions; we condemn it only when it is caricatured into a totality or degraded into something base. The wholesome Chaucer, we know, can tell the *Miller's Tale;* but he also writes:

Herken these blisful brides how they sing,
And see the freshe floures how they spring.
Ful is mine heart of revel and solas.

There lies the difference between the integral Chaucer and partialists like Norman Mailer, James Jones, Salinger, James Baldwin. Imagine Baldwin writing that his heart is full of "revel and solas"!

The difference between the great classical (conservative) plain-speakers and our modern megaphone-speakers is this: The moderns are partialists, as pornographic exploiters of sex are always partialists; they cannot integrate sex and love, or the facts of life with the truth of life. They make what they regard as a great discovery — that life has physical aspects and a sewage system — and then suppose that this negates the truth that there are also libraries, art galleries, coffee shoppes, Corot landscapes, lovers' tongues that sound silver-sweet by night, Vergilian eclogues, or blossomed cherry-trees "wearing white for Eastertide."

Contemporary pornographers are simply inverted Puritans, Puritans standing on their heads and inevitably falling into the tizzy that a rush of blood to the head causes. Like the Puritan in his decadence (not Milton, not Bunyan), these contemporary nihilists fear sex, shun love, and hate life; like the Puritan in decay, they think sex is "dirty," they present sex as "nasty." Or to use a modern figure, they are Puritans in reverse gear—they put their dump truck in reverse, step on the accelerator, crush Aphrodite of the sea-foam into bloody mud, and dump over her broken body their load of refuse.

Of them we may speak the words of Dante: "*Non ragionam di lor* . . . . speak not of them — look, and pass."

II

IN CONTRAST to the great classical plain-speakers who are also life-lovers, let us see how the contemporary partialists write pornography, before (having looked at them) we pass by.

The mood of pornography is fashionable today and all the conformists of the hour succumb to that mood. Pornography is exploited in intention even when it is (for all I know) feeble in

execution. I find an ad for a film in the "Liberals'" secular bible, the *New York Times,* which screams: "THE DAY THE WHORES CAME OUT TO PLAY TENNIS." Critics' words are quoted to describe it: "sharply humorous writing," and "a joy throughout." Now I have not seen the play; I do not know if it realizes its title — I don't know who the "whores" were, why they came out to "play tennis," whether the sets ended in love — 13 or not. But I am sure that the author is exploiting the sentimental cliche of the hour, that anything to do with "whores" is titillating to *hoi polloi.* In my judgment, to exploit that mood, in a title aimed at the box office, is pornographic.

Take another play. Le Roi Jones — "currently enjoying a successful run at St. Mark's playhouse," according to *National Review* (March 23, 1965) — is the perpetrator of something called *The Toilet.* In this play, when the curtain goes up, we see five urinals and a rusty sink. This, to the author, seems to symbolize the cosmos — or at least the United States. Eleven boys, two white, nine Negro, are the protagonists of toiletry. The first, Ora, is said in the script to be "short, ugly, crude, loud." He is. Ora "enters, looks around, then with one hand on his hip," urinates. (So the play directs.) This is done in pantomime, which makes it, to me, all the worse — conceding to prudery what it affirms in intention. To conform to his philosophy of futility-in-a-urinal, Jones brings in homosexuality (what would the "Liberals" do without their sacred bull?), and murder. Both are as inconsequential as the dialogue.*

Another facet of pornography occurs in magazines of the "smart" fringe like *Cavalier.* For some months this magazine ran a series in which naked girls, semi-hidden by drapery or postures, were featured. Now conservatives have no objection to nudes as such. Great artists of the classical tradition have painted nudes that do honor to the beauty of woman, and it is good to look at them. But the girls here were self-consciously showing off; they were blase exploiters of commercial nudity; they seemed sensational always, sensuous never. They seemed to say: "See me? I'm the latest chic chick!" There was as much genuine sex about them as there would be in a TV commercial labelled "Sex Appeal." They were slick cuties — synthetic, things of plastic and nylon; they were as far as you could get from Aphrodite or Lucretius' *Alma Venus.* They were as cellulose as Hollywood at its most brittle. As such, they were pornographic not because they were nude or "naughty" (they weren't), but because they exploited the sexual but subverted sex. They exploited the biology of woman, but gave no inkling of her wonder and mystery and beauty, her bounty as boundless as the sea, her love as deep.

The sinister fringe loves such tricks that subvert truth. Hating life and fearing sex, the pornographers seek to cheapen and degrade life and love, to snigger them into limbo. They subvert life by slandering life. They subvert love by libelling love. Secretly, in their souls, they must have lost all guts and gusto and glory, so they revenge themselves upon life and love by mutilating love and life. This, I believe, is the psychology of all pornography: It is the revenge of the impotent for the gnawing sense of their impotence.

But a brainwashed public, with sex a rattle in their skulls and not a dynamic in their bloodstream, like curious adolescents outside a strip-tease or a bawdy house, line up before the paperback books on display at any drug store. There they buy *Sex and the Single Moron, Cuddly Cuties on the Campus, I Was an Adultress — Read All About It, The Call Girl Circuit, The Sorority of Girls Alone, Sizzling Susie as Horatio Alger Never Knew Her* . . . . and a few thousand more that you can concoct out of your own observation enlivened by your sense of humor. For sixty cents you can read the mechanics of the sex acts, which are carbon-copied in the next book you can buy for a second sixty cents, and by the time you have done this to the depletion of your coin purse (and billfold), the joy of love will have become so cheap that, with a "poet" in the pornographic *Northwest Review,* you will be scarcely able to "describe [your] subsequent feelings of disappointment of [*sic*] chagrin that bordered upon total disillusionment, cynicism, and despair . . . ." This decay of genuine sex, passion, and love is the worm at the root of modern man. No wonder the usual nihilists passim are defeatists who find life a rancid thing. To the rancid all things are rancid.

And think of pornography in the movies, which (*TV Guide* for the week of April tenth opines) will become our TV fare tomorrow. The newer crop of movies is characterized, even by Bosley Crowther of the *New York Times,* as "an unmistakable surge of sensuality and just plain smut." Columnist Sidney Skolsky wrote: "I'm no prude . . . . I put censorship down. But with a few more movies like *The Carpetbaggers* and *A House Is Not a Home,* censorship is going to make a strong, strict comeback." And these comments are from critics of what is loosely called "the world," from what may loosely be called magazines-about-town.

And of course the secret and sinister men of the Conspiracy — crouched in the sinister shadows — caring nothing about love, or sex, or "academic freedom," or any freedom — caring indeed only for their own drive-to-power — use all this perversion, degeneracy, subversion of love and ruination of life, all this pornography and obscenity, with a cold spidery delight. Let the worms gnaw, let the rats nibble, at the roots of the West! So falls what our Norse ancestors saw as Yggdrasil, the living tree of the universe, that "binds earth, and Hell, and Heaven."

III

WHAT SHALL WE do, what can we do, about the worms and the rats at the root of Yggdrasil?

Certainly we must proclaim them not only *our* enemies but the enemies of life, of love, of *sex*; the enemies of God and the enemies of man as God made him and meant him to be. And we must declare war on them, with every inch and ounce and atom of our being.

But just because it is war to the death, our strategy must be clear and rational. We must not become emotionally frenetic; we must not fall into a frenzy of blind action.

"Censorship" is an easy panacea. And just because it is easy, it is dangerous. We conservatives, who believe in freedom and the Constitution, are always unwilling to curtail freedom by fiats of edict and legality. And the young rebels who today too often line up with the enemies of freedom (in the name of "academic freedom") *expect* us to clamor for "censorship" and indeed hope that we will. They thus find something to kick against—and without something to kick against, they do not (in the hideous modern phrase) "Get a kick out of life." To be sure, they are often (or always) quite silly in what they say and how they say it; but gracious conservatives should do them the courtesy of reasoning with them and wakening in them the universal reason that lies latent and potential in all men.

The extreme of subversion by pornography — especially as it attacks *children* — may call for legislation; and that means, of course, censorship. So gracious a mind as Plato saw that long ago and

* As proof of the corruption of contemporary standards, we may note that Jones won one of two Guggenheim Awards for "creative writing," "theater," and "poetry" [sic!].

dared to say it. But censorship is not intrinsic, but extrinsic; not vital, but legalistic; a desperate remedy that is to be used only in extremity. Conservatives believe in freedom, in reason, in appeal to the universal reason of man even when it is so overlaid with propaganda that it seems like a brainwashed cigar-store wooden Indian. Till we *have* to forbid, we had rather *awaken*. We will fearlessly advocate governmental censorship if it has to be; but we know that only as a last resort should we invoke it, for it is a negative method and we desire a positive end.

What then can we best do?

We can raise the intellectual issue: Why are there no great literary critics any more? We can ask for the coming of great literary critics; we may develop, among ourselves, some great literary critics. Once there was Goethe. Once, on a great if lesser plane, there was Emerson. Even in our day it is possible for the great mind to arise again: there were heroes after Agamemnon.

And we can and must affirm our *own* freedom. A freedom to choose, to select, to *discriminate!* We do have, and should exercise, our freedom never to attend a bad play, to buy a foul book, to look at vile television or movie. We must affirm that "academic freedom" does not mean only the right of colleges, in hifalutin *hybris,* to force mediocre or poor books on us or our children, but also the right of students, parents, and cultured citizens of any sort, to refuse to have our minds insulted and our souls outraged by such a forcing upon us of inferior stuff. It is not any sort of freedom when (in the name of "academic freedom") a college *forces* students to read James Baldwin on the pretence that his books are great literature. And in our social contacts and our conversations with all and sundry, we can refuse to be conformists, we must refuse to parrot the latest "Liberal" cliches; and even in the salons of the philosophisticates we must speak the truth. Such nonconformity can, in ways that most people do not realize, help to dissipate the smog that disfigures the cultural climate and the intellectual weather of today.

In every way we can we must refute the trivialities of the hour. We can be free minds, free spirits, and say frankly: "Today, in literature and in life, the emperor not only has no clothes on — he also persists publicly in getting into bed with sundry very nasty characters."

And we can confound our enemies by *discriminating*. We can, in all fairness, point out that Henry Miller writes excellent sense (and uses excellent style) when he writes about the mysticism of Balzac, or the delights of home-baked bread, but writes trivia and slanders on love and life — in a style like a soup made of dehydrated bones — when he writes of his dreary sex-blunders in the pissoirs of Paris.

We should use our sense of humor, which Mark Twain called man's greatest weapon against falsehood and for truth. We can use the genial dynamite of humor to blow pornography out of its lethal fox-holes.

And most of all, I think, we can confound the pornographers by our own personal lives sane and gay with the radiance, and joy, and spontaneity of Eden regained. The snake is still around (you will find him not in the grass but in the colleges); still he whispers in Eve's ear — and Adam's — "Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." I wait the great day — the day that yet shall dawn — when Eve and Adam shall smile graciously as they scotch him, saying — even as they bash him . . . or shall I say "liquidate him" — "Comrade, it is you or I. I prefer it to be you!" ■ ■

THE TRIUMPH

Of Good Men, Or Of Evil?

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■ EDMUND BURKE is supposed to have said that all that was necessary for the triumph of evil was for good men to do nothing. Today, at this hour in America, we witness the triumph of the "Liberal," who, like Satan, persuaded us to believe that he did not really exist — except in the "fevered imaginations" of "reactionaries."

The conspiratorial "Liberal" is no new phenomenon on the pages of ancient and modern history. He was born with Cain. His lusts are the lusts of the primeval wickedness, the old despot, against which dead nations labored and fought in vain, and died because they did not believe in the existence of their internal enemy—until it was too late to destroy that enemy and to eradicate him from the body politic. He did not rise with the French murderer, Robespierre, nor with Bismarck, nor with Marx, nor Stalin nor Lenin nor Trotsky. His nature is the dark shadow cast by man, himself. He is the parasite born with man, to live on man's body and soul, and destroy him. He has never been overthrown. He has triumphed from the day the first city wall rose in the wilderness, and he has triumphed again in this day. He always did; he always will. Unless . . . .

I

MAN HAS always been blind to his hidden but terrible enemy, who does not reveal himself until that enemy has won the battle against light. Let us listen for a moment to Marcus Tullius Cicero, the Roman patriot of over two thousand years ago, the conservative who fought to overthrow the frightful "Liberal," Lucius Sergius Catilina:

> *Lords, Senators, I saw long ago that great recklessness was rife in this State, and that some new agitation was proceeding, and that some mischief was brewing.* But even I, who knew Catilina so well, *never fully imagined that Roman citizens were engaged in a conspiracy so vast and so destructive as this! You see how serious an affair is this.* If you think that only a few men are implicated in it, you are gravely mistaken. *The seeds of this evil conspiracy have been carried further than you think; the contagion has not only spread through Italy but it has crossed the Alps* and has already infected many other nations in its insidious progress.

We all know that Cicero was successful in destroying Catilina through his eloquent Orations. But the poison of

the ancient "Liberal" was too deep in the heart and body of the ancient world, as it is now so deep in ours. Cicero delayed the day of final catastrophe, but only delayed it. He was assassinated. Rome then declined into a despotism, Catilina's old conspiracy — just as America is now declining.

Even we conservatives, "who knew Catilina so well," "never fully imagined that [American] citizens were engaged in a conspiracy so vast and so destructive as this!" We listened to the wailing of the "Liberals" that they were being oppressed in America, that they were victims of "McCarthyism," that they were being "forced into conformity," that conservatives ruled America and had an iron hand on education and religion, that we conservatives controlled the government, that the sobbing "Liberal" was being hounded from teaching posts in universities, from campuses, from Washington, from the media of public communications such as movies, TV, radio, and the Press. They wept before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and cried "persecution!" (Though one of them, a writer, admitted openly "that when the Communists were attacked, we liberals felt we were also being attacked.") They incited the unfortunate colored American into believing that he was still practically a slave, and that he should rebel violently — with the "Liberal" leading him and persuading him that he was marching into the Day of Light against a vast horde of brutal foes. The "Liberal" shouted he was a "minority," and that he never drew a free breath, but was hunted from pillar to post, a fugitive from lightless "regressive Rightists."

And — Americans believed him! Americans listened to his lies, and actually believed him! And so were lulled into sleep and into "fun times" and into the "affluent society," and all the time the "Liberal" was becoming hourly more powerful, more deadly, more vicious and cruel. Today, he is supremely triumphant; there are few to contest him. He admits it, himself! In the April supplement to the *New York Times Sunday Magazine,* for example, a "Liberal" speaks with smug satisfaction and quiet victory. "We Liberals," he writes, now control education, politics, and labor. Not to mention, of course, practically all media of public communication.

The "Liberal," you see, is not the weak minority he had persuaded us to believe he was. He is the dreadful majority,* the relentless Adversary who had made us positive he did not exist.

The "Liberal" is now so invulnerable, and now so in control of the public and private lives of Americans, that he can afford to confront us with derision and tell us that he is our master at last, and that we can no longer overcome him through peaceful and patient ways. At his word, government moves against individual citizens and economically destroys them when they dare to presume to think we are still a free country and to act accordingly. A word from the "Liberal," and good men are forced out of office or are "defeated at the polls." A word from our enemy, and fine teachers are asked for their resignations at universities. A single word, quietly spoken, and an independent newspaper collapses, a magazine dies, an actor disappears from the stage or the screen, or a writer is no longer read. And, a word from a "Liberal" and a President is murdered! (A "Marxist," who is "not a Communist," is after all a "Liberal," is he not?)

II

YES, THE "Liberals" revel in their power, and go so far as to use their strength to openly attack our religion and our morals and our church and our God. The last bastion of good society is now under attack from without and within, in the name of "aggiornemento," which is alleged to be "updating," but merely means accommodation. Surely this is the Great Apostasy spoken of by St. Paul, which is afflicting all Christian society, and in particular the very glowing heart of it.

For instance, consider the legend that the late Holy Father, Pope John, "opened a window to let in a little fresh air." That act, it is alleged by the "moderns," was an "opening to the left," or at the very least a gesture to "let out the mustiness." The fact of the case is that the Holy Father, in his simplicity, was talking in a small room in the Vatican with a cynical French Monsignor and an English Catholic priest, and the weather was warm. Rather than inconvenience his audience, the Pope rose and opened a window, and the English priest, ashamed that he had not himself done so, and thus spared the old Pope an effort, made some sheepish remark, and the French Monsignor remarked jestingly that the Holy Father "had opened a window."

From that kindly act of a good old man, wishing to relieve the discomfort of his guests, the "Liberals" have created a whole and totally false legend that the Pope wished to "open an understanding with the East," in short, Russian Communism! When such an awful lie can be imposed on the simple act of a simple and good old man, who is safe? It is said that the present Holy Father, confronted by hostility when he reminded some American prelates of the stand of the Church against Communism, retired in tears.

Who is safe, indeed, when the Tower is attacked?

III

ONLY A few years ago the "Liberal" was in serious trouble. His strongest foe in America was then Senator Joseph McCarthy. So the "moderate" Americans, in their folly and their belief in "tolerance," moved in to help the "Liberal." The "Liberal" was satanically clever. He used the tongues of his natural enemies to defend and save him. Thus developed our national softness on Communism, called "respect for dissident opinions."

As one reflects upon that phenomenon one recalls the days when Julius Caesar was part of the Catilinian Conspiracy against Rome — to overthrow the Republic and bring about despotism. One remembers that Catilina threatened Caesar, when the former was summoned before the Roman Senate for investigation, that if Caesar did not defend him he would expose Caesar for what he was — a fellow conspirator against his country. So Caesar rose before the face of Cicero and the Senate, and urged both not to judge Catilina "too severely," and that he was "merely a dupe of inflammatory young men." The Senate listened, and listened gravely. But up rose young Marcus Porcius Cato, a country squire, a young poet, a valorous but unassuming advocate and patriot, and cried out:

> *Caesar, the dissembler, the liar! He knows that what Cicero has said is truth; he knows that what the lieutenants of Catilina have said is truth! Tell me, Caesar, of what are you afraid? You speak softly of Catilina! Softly!* What softness is this in behalf of traitors, Caesar? *Why do you insult our intelligence, our knowledge, our rationality as men, our awareness of the truth? Must there be softness for traitors, for the enemies of our country? Must there be the excuse that they were duped, that they were confused, that they did not know what they did? That they intended well, out of the goodness of their hearts, and that only the result was vile and not the intention? When they disseminated treason, did they do it*

* In positions of power.

only out of the love of man and a burning desire for justice, however misguided or dangerous? Were they only dissatisfied and did they only do what they did in order to better the lot of all Romans, particularly those they called the 'oppressed?' Or, Caesar, are they what you know they are — traitors and murderers and assassins and renegades, with a full knowledge of their crimes and with a lust for power?

Cato then continued to the aroused Senate: "What I advise — what I now demand and what all Romans demand with me — is this, that since the State, by a known and treasonable combination of dissolute citizens, has been brought into the most monstrous peril, and since the plotters, including Catilina, are among us, and more, convicted by their own confession of having thought up *massacres and riot, incendiarisms,* and all sorts of inhuman and cruel outrages on their fellow citizens, punishment be inflicted according to old-fashioned and ancient precedent, *as on men found guilty of capital crimes!"*

The "softness" of which Cato spoke — which is the very same softness of the American people toward our enemies — is very familiar to us, is it not? And was it not also put into American mouths by the enemy, himself? Perhaps it is time for Americans to recall the old-fashioned and ancient precedents!

IV

CERTAINLY one of the most ghastly symptoms of our "softness" is the rioting and unclean young students on American campuses. Yet, in the greater number of cases, are these not the offspring of good and decent and patriotic Americans? How then did they become so corrupt, so foolish, and so lawless? Could it have been "planned that way" by our educationists?

Some time ago I went with a young mother to a PTA meeting. I suggested to her that, as she was an officer, she should bring up for discussion the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against prayer in public schools. She agreed. But the lady in charge of the meeting had some very, very serious business to discuss: How many "nutrition breaks" should The Child have during his first eight years in school? What should The Child be "encouraged" to talk about during the "sharing day?" How much time should The Child be "urged" to contribute to sports? To "discussions?" To "fun times?" Again my friend timidly rose to suggest a discussion of the Court's ruling against prayer. She was greeted by flushed outrage, and then a contemptuous smile from the leading lady who thereafter ignored her and continued to talk of the desperate need of more "nutrition breaks" for our already overfed and actually obese children who are learning almost nothing in school in these days.

I was curious about the "sharing day" business. I made inquiries. I discovered that this "day" was intended for children who wished to discuss their hobbies, or show a gift and talk about it. But, more important, it was to "share inner thoughts." It was then that I abruptly remembered that this was a standard procedure in Soviet schools, and in Chinese schools, also. The child was "urged" to convey what he thought of his parents and their political and religious opinions, and the teacher made quiet notes of these very important matters. To whom, later, does she convey such notes? And why, in our American schools?

And who is studying our teachers these days, instead of "studying fun courses" and "nutrition breaks?" Who is asking about a teacher's background, or her or his beliefs? And allegiances? And politics? No one, it seems. And then we wonder why we have so many

unwashed and mentally and physically unclean men and women on our riotous campuses everywhere in the country! We wonder, helplessly, what has happened to our children, why they are corrupt and lawless and atheistic, why they laugh at authority, why they have no discipline, and why they are delinquent. To paraphrase Shakespeare: "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our homes, but in our schools — that our children are corrupted." The fault also lies with parents who are too silly or too indifferent to investigate their children's schools. It is not enough to see that a child receive a "hot lunch" each day. It is not necessary that he be "liked" by his "peers." It is absolutely not necessary that he "conform to the group." His "fun times" should come after school, and during no hour of it. In fact, he can safely get along, with no physical distress, without that "hot" lunch, so sacred to unthinking mothers, who, if they desire such lunches for their kids should be home preparing them, themselves.

By default and stupidity if not outright wickedness, we have turned our children over to the "Liberal" enemy, who is corrupting them, just as he corrupted the generation now swarming over and afflicting our colleges. By default, we have turned over government to evil men. By indifference, we have not kept alert to what is being said these days by "Liberal" clergymen. We have not protested treasonable programs on TV; we have not denounced pornographic movies and books and magazines. We have not notified sponsors of objectionable programs that we shall not buy their goods if they continue to support those programs. We have smirked sheepishly even at the simple display of our flag, for which so many noble multitudes have fought and died.

In short, we have surrendered on all fronts to our "Liberal" enemy — and we are his!

V

FOR FORTY years now, ever since I was in middle 'teens, I have fought Communism. I talked of it without success to the uproarious and affluent war-workers during the last year of Wilson's War. I wrote letters-to-the-editor against Communism, when I was a teenager bearing my first child. I wrote magazine articles — rejected — when I was still a teenage mother, about the rising terror of Communism in Russia, and prophesied that the conspiracy would sweep the world. (I still have the withered and laughing letter of the editor of a magazine still in existence, and I quote the last indulgent sentence verbatim: "Though we agree that the article is remarkably intelligent for a girl only eighteen — though a mother! — and knowledgable and politically aware, we cannot bring ourselves to agree that Russian Communism has any meaning for us in America, or will ever be a threat to us." In a P.S. he adds: "I have just talked with a correspondent from Washington, to whom I have showed your article, and he remarked that Russian Communism will be dead within a few months.")

I don't know why I kept that particular letter. And several like it.

Forty years later, and almost the age of Cicero when he was assassinated, I feel like saying with him:

> *You have spoken of my age. I have worked all my life for my country. I have written many books in behalf of the Republic. I have made hundreds of speeches to help my nation. My endless prayers have assaulted Heaven! Of what use has all this been? None at all. If I had remained a country squire on my island it would have been just the same.*

Cicero saw that all he had done had come to nothing. Surely all that I have

done has also come to nothing. The "Liberal" had triumphed in Rome at last, just as he has triumphed in America at last. Cicero was exhausted from his labors. And I am exhausted.

Still, there is not a day but that some new patriotic organization does not implore my help, the use of my name, and a contribution. When will we learn that *nothing will ever be accomplished, nothing will ever overthrow our terrible enemy, unless we combine together, pool our resources, our strength, our numbers, our patriotism, our love for God and country, and become one strong striking force against the power of evil which now controls and possesses our nation!* The time is desperate; there is time no longer! It is now a matter of life or death for us and our beloved country, and the enemy knows it, even if most of us do not.

What is necessary is a central pooling place, whether or not it is The John Birch Society, or whatever. We are fragmented; we are a confused army suddenly awakened in the dark of night by the trumpets of the enemy, and are panicked. We thought we were so safe behind the strong walls of our Constitution! But the walls have fallen; the enemy is within our gates. We shall not overcome him and destroy him unless we combine together as one resolute army.

Now what are you — you younger people — going to do about it? I have done what I could. The rest is up to you. By the law of averages I haven't much longer to live, but under what government, in what sort of a country, you and your children are to live is entirely your own choice. I hope you make the right one! Your hour has struck. There is not a single moment to lose.

Get on your knees, children, and confess your sins of omission and commission against your God and your country, then rise resolutely and consider what you must do immediately. You will surely be inspired. You know your enemy. You must work as ceaselessly to overthrow him as he worked to destroy and ruin you and your children and your country. You must work as hard to bring God back into your life as he worked to drive Him out. If you do not now act, then what you suffer, and your children suffer, will be only a simple judgment on you. ■ ■

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■ EAGLE ROCK—In the Eighteenth Century, a tutor, Jean Jacques Rousseau (a bad father and a bad husband) was responsible for the excesses of the French Revolution. He encouraged the idea of an elite group (in his novel, *Emile*, and many other writings) that would take over the government of France and eventually the world.

There is a modern echo of Rousseau in Robert Maynard Hutchins, who stated in the *Britannica Year Book* of 1961 that "universal suffrage is obsolete." In a Modern Forum lecture delivered in May of that same year, Professor Hutchins proclaimed "Scholars call for a Utopian elite group to take on the responsibilities of government . . . the people are to have civil liberties but no political discussion."

There you have it. The Lefties still aspire to be our masters — not our brothers.

■ EAGLE ROCK—Representative Michael Feighan of Ohio says the national origins quota immigration system (now under attack by the Administration) is a "myth" because, he says, it has not been adhered to for the past ten years. He offers the following figures: Italy's quota is 5,666 but 21,836 have been admitted annually; Portugal — quota 438, admissions 2,833 annually; Spain — quota 250, admissions average 1,612; Greece — quota 308, admissions, 5,000; Japan — quota 185, admissions 4,973.

The additional admissions, Mr. Feighan claims, have been granted by our State and Justice Departments.

■ EAGLE ROCK—As long as there are final exams, there always will be prayer in the schools.

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OUR YOUTH

The Communists Want Them

***Congressman Martin Dies** of Texas served seven years as Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the historic Dies Committee. Now practicing law in Texas, Congressman Dies remains one of the most outspoken foes of the International Communist Conspiracy. He is author of the recent and explosive volume,* Martin Dies' Story—*which we recommend.*

■ SOON AFTER Lenin and his Bolsheviks captured the government of Russia, they inaugurated a very carefully planned program to indoctrinate the youth of that land with the dogmas of Karl Marx. Lenin realized that if the Communists could capture and control the minds of the youth, Russia could be conditioned to accept Communism. Consequently, Communist youth organizations were established by Lenin, and similar groups have since been active in every Communist-controlled country for several decades. Other forms of dictatorship, such as Nazism and Fascism, have also emphasized the importance of indoctrinating youth in their particular brands of Socialism.

Today, in all of the public schools behind the Iron Curtain, youths are being taught from the tenderest age until the completion of their education that Communism is the only way of life which leads to justice, happiness, and security. After such prolonged indoctrination, the chances of awakening these young citizens to the truth are greatly diminished. Hence, the youth indoctrination program is regarded by Communists everywhere as one of the most important and necessary techniques in their struggle to Communize the world.

Communist training and indoctrination begins at a very tender age. As soon as boys and girls are ready for school, they are enrolled in the Young Pioneers, where they receive their first "political" instruction. Naturally, the program is adjusted to meet the physical and mental capacity of children, but it is stepped up year by year until finally the Young Pioneers are ready to be enrolled in the Young Communist League, where the training is more intense and adult. From the Young Communist League the maturing youth is eligible to join the Communist Party, if his record as a Young Pioneer and as a member of the Young Communist League is satisfactory. Each student's record is carefully studied by dedicated Communists to determine if the applicant has the qualifications and discipline to become a member of the exclusive Communist Party which selects the overt rulers of Communist countries.

It is estimated that at least one-half of the youths who finish the training period in the Young Pioneers and in the Young Communist League are not deemed sufficiently dedicated and disciplined to become members of the Communist Party. And yet it is from the youth of these organizations that the Communist Party is able to recruit

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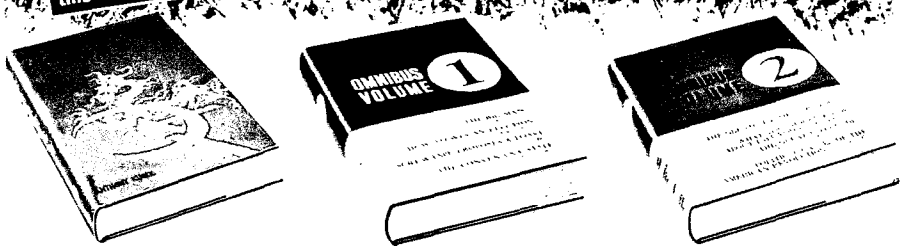

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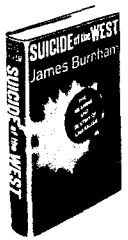

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THIS COMMUNIST indoctrination of youth applies not only to the Soviet Union but also to each of the countries now controlled by the International Communist Conspiracy. It also applies to those non-Communist countries where the Communist Party operates. For example, soon after the Communist Party was established in the United States, it began its youth program here. It established the Young Pioneers and the Young Communist League, and it established a number of Front organizations to attract American youth.

The American Youth Congress was a typical example of a Communist Front organization designed to attract youthful Americans. The Youth Congress purported to speak for 4,700,000 American youths. There was, of course, no way of knowing how many young Americans were satisfied to have the American Youth Congress speak on their behalf. Certainly the figure was padded. Still, this was a most powerful group, and a brief look at the Communist American Youth Congress may be instructive.

The Youth Congress was launched in August of 1934 at a gathering held at New York University. Miss Viola Ilma was in charge. She was, however, soon to lose control to the Communists. The Communists had alleged at the outset that Miss Ilma was of Nazi or Fascist sympathies. This allegation was elaborated several months later in the *New Masses,* in an article by John L. Spivak. Mr. Spivak's article was entitled, "Who Paid Viola Ilma's Way To Nazi Germany?" According to the official version of the by then Communist-controlled Youth Congress, set forth in a pamphlet entitled *Youngville, USA,* Miss Ilma made a trip to Germany and Italy in 1934, and during her stay in those countries was inspired with the idea of launching the Youth Congress. The Communist pamphlet declared:

> *She invited representatives from national youth organizations, reaching all the way from the Boy Scouts to the Young Communist League. Her arrangements were remarkably efficient and all inclusive and that was her mistake.*

The plain meaning of this official version of the origin of the American Youth Congress is that Viola Ilma, herself, was responsible for the Communists' capture of the organization. It was she who invited the Communists to participate; the Communists did the rest.

In his book, *Communism in the United States,* Earl Browder, then General Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, also commented on the first American Youth Congress being "captured away from Ilma." In describing the capture of the organization, Browder said:

> *A unique achievement of the Youth United Front movement was the building of an anti-fascist bloc inside the American Youth Congress, which was called together by a certain young woman named Viola Ilma with the backing of Mrs. Roosevelt, Anne Morgan, a half dozen State Governors, members of the Roosevelt Cabinet, etc., with the purpose of adopting a program for American youth which was distinctly fascist in its tendencies.*

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ment antedated the period of the People's Front, which accounts for the glibness with which he pinned the label "Fascist" on the late Mrs. Roosevelt. There was certainly no hint in Browder's pre-People's Front comment that Mrs. Roosevelt would one day be welcomed as the principal sponsor of a *Communist* American Youth Congress.

In its Report to the Congress on January 3, 1939, the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities unanimously found as follows:

> *The American Youth Congress was not originally set up by communists, but it was penetrated by them, as shown by the reports of its first congress, which was held in Washington, D.C. In 1934, at its second convention, it was broken up and reorganized into a 'Red' front . . . . While there are many non-communist organizations in the Youth Congress, there are over a dozen communist front and communist sympathizing movements in it. The communists realizing the value of such an excellent camouflage, immediately set about organizing similar congresses in other countries and they called for a Paris International Congress. Later, a World Youth Congress came into being. This embraced the same organizations which were affiliated with the American Youth Congress.*

There have been many highly successful Communist efforts to indoctrinate American youth. For example, few Americans know that in August of 1938 the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities received evidence of hundreds of Communist training schools, with thousands of students, operating in many sections of this nation. This evidence was made public in *Volume One* of the Dies Committee's 1938 Hearings, and has never been disputed.

The National Communist School, in New York City, was the largest such school and acted as the central directorate for a nationwide Communist training system. In New York City there were then some thirty-eight Communist schools whose addresses are published in our Hearings, just as they were taken from various captured Communist documents. In Massachusetts there were ten Communist schools. In Chicago, Illinois, there were eleven such schools. There were two in Cleveland, Ohio; one in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and one in each of the following cities: Richmond, Virginia; Denver, Colorado; Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania; Buffalo, New York; Washington, D.C.; Waukegan, Illinois; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; St. Paul, Minnesota; Seattle, Washington; Rockford, Illinois; Hartford, Connecticut; Norfolk, Virginia; Youngstown, Ohio; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Duluth, Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and San Francisco, California. There were four Communist schools in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and six in Detroit, Michigan. In Baltimore, Maryland, there were also two such Communist schools, and in New Jersey there were five.

There were, of course, also some very well-known Communist schools such as The Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, and the School for Social Sciences in Boston. It was estimated, conservatively I think, that several million youths attended these schools. And, since Communist professors were ordered to infiltrate a number of our colleges and universities, there is no way of knowing accurately how many young Americans during the Thirties and Forties were systematically indoctrinated with Communist doctrine and revolutionary techniques.

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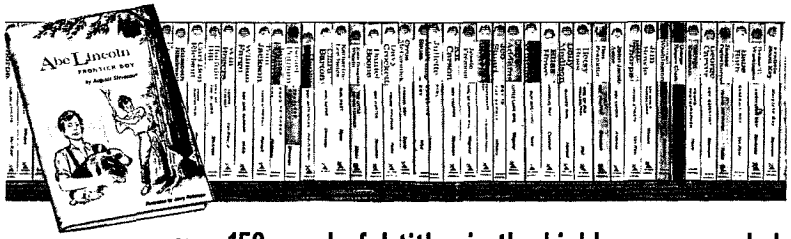

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many new recruits during the school vacation period. The mainstay of the Communist camp movement in the United States was the Parent and Children Camp Association, Inc., with headquarters in New York City. There was also the Finnish Workers Camp, near Fenleyville, Pennsylvania (opened with an address by Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party). And, there was Camp Kenderland, Hopewell Junction, New York; Camp Unity at Franklin, Massachusetts; Camp Timberland at Pottersville, New York; Camp Farrington, R.F.D. No. 4, New Brunswick, New York; and approximately one hundred other such Communist camps located in various parts of the United States.

If the reader is interested in pursuing this matter of the Communist camps he will find names and addresses in our Hearings of the special Committee on Un-American Activities, available at most large libraries. I have counted in the records of these Hearings a list of some seventy-three Communist camps which the Comrades operated to indoctrinate and subvert American youth.

Now, we have no reliable figure as to the total number of children who attended Communist training camps during the Thirties and Forties; we were never able to secure their enrollment records. But, the number of children enrolled must have been considerable.

Another Communist method for influencing our youth was the use of written propaganda. In our Hearings, there are listed fifty-seven Communist libraries in various sections of our nation, and there are listed the names and addresses of fourteen Communist publishing companies, including those which published propaganda specifically designed to appeal to our youth. There were published in the United States over 600 regular Communist and pro-Communist publications, 482 or more in the English language and approximately 100 in foreign languages. In addition, some 100 regularly issued publications were printed in Russia, in English, as well as other languages, and sent to Communist centers in the United States for general distribution. Many of these publications were especially designed for young people.

I have discussed these early Communist efforts against American youth so that the reader could get some idea of the pattern, or modus operandi, employed by the Communists to infiltrate and indoctrinate the youth of our country. Of course, as a result of the exposure of these organizations by the Dies Committee, they either went out of business or changed their names. But, we may be sure that there are Communist Front organizations in the United States today which are designed to appeal to our youth because, as J. Edgar Hoover has said:

> *One of the primary recruiting targets of the Communist Party, U.S.A., is the youth of America, and the party has continued its intensified program aimed and directed at our youth. The intensity of this program is revealed in a statement made by Gus Hall in March 1963 when he spoke on the party's success in placing its speakers on various college campuses throughout the country. The youth program of the party, he said, is so important that he or any other national leader would go anywhere to meet with young students . . . Hall . . . concluded that the future depends on the youth . . . .*

II

I AM SURE that you want to ask why any American youth would be attracted to Communism. This is a question that I have often asked myself. I tried to find the answer when I examined many of the young Communist leaders who appeared before my Committee during

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the seven years of our investigation. I think, as a result of that investigation, I understand the attraction which Communism holds for some youths.

We live, after all, in an age when security has been widely emphasized as of supreme importance. There was a time, of course, when liberty was our most cherished possession. As civilization became more complex, and as we moved into the age of science, nuclear power, and automation, our people began to yearn for security, just as they did during the Middle Ages when they formed themselves into guilds and when men exchanged their freedom and independence for the protection of a powerful lord of the manor.

Having enjoyed freedom all of our lives, it is only natural that some would come to take it for granted. It is not what people have which they long for; it is what they do not have. Our forefathers wanted freedom because they had tasted the bitter fruit of tyranny. The experiences of despotism and the arbitrary acts of centralized government were fresh in their minds when they wrote the Constitution of the United States. But this was a long time ago; and, while we read about it in history, it is not the same as if we had experienced it or if our fathers and mothers or grandparents had experienced it and passed that experience on to us.

I can tell from my mail that a great many people are now very disturbed by the Leftist behavior of many of our youth. The picketing of the White House and the various demonstrations in protest of our war in Vietnam have convinced these Americans that all is not right with the morality and thinking of American young people. It should seem obvious, even to young people, that if we surrendered to the Communists in Vietnam we would forfeit the liberty of the whole of Southeast Asia and the respect of the world. Regardless of the blunders we may have made in involving ourselves in Vietnam without some definite understanding of cooperation and participation from other non-Communist countries, and despite the terrible sellout the "Liberals" have perpetrated there, it is now too late to bemoan our past errors. We must now either fight to win or run, and the fact that "educated" youth recommend the latter alternative seems inexplicable to most Americans.

Many incidents which have occurred upon the campuses of some of our colleges and universities have contributed to a general concern that Marxism has made considerable progress among large segments of our youth. And, good Americans are concerned about it. In fact, no aspect of the Red menace is so grave as the current infiltration of American youth by Communist propagandists. The tendency of our political and educational leaders to ignore this threat has played into the hands of the Communists. The gravity of this problem has reached such menacing proportions that thoughtful Americans do not dare ignore it any longer. But to combat it our people must first understand it, and to understand it they must review the facts of history which the "Left" has either ignored or ridiculed. Two thousand years ago Cicero put it pretty well when he said, "Not to know what has been transacted in former times is to be always a child. If no use is made of the labors of past ages, the world must remain always in the infancy of knowledge."

We have to pinch ourselves to make sure that we are living in America when we read about, or see on television, a rally of 15,000 college students, under the cherry blossoms of Washington, applauding speakers who parrot the Communist line that America must surrender in Vietnam and buy our peace at any price. We ask ourselves, are these *American* students at Berkeley who

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Bryton Barron, who has background information on many current personalities as a result of his years of access to the secret files of the State Department (and through special present-day contacts) and who himself served for several years in the Orient, has worked with Mme. Labin, regards her as one of the truly outstanding anti-Communists of our day, and wrote the Introduction to this book.

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It is too late to denounce our lack of an effective and realistic anti-Communist policy during the years which preceded the present conflicts. It is, of course, true that if our leaders had understood the menace of Communism at home and abroad, and had adopted throughout the world a realistic anti-Communist policy, we could have avoided a decision by arms. We had the opportunity and we had the means to commit the non-Communist world to cooperate in united action against the Communists. During the long period when they were dependent upon us for money and supplies, we could have made binding agreements that would have spared us our present predicament of trying to hold the Free World together without the help of the Free World. But it is now too late to argue that the United States is unable to carry the load of the world upon her shoulders. If no one else loves liberty enough to fight the Communists, we must do it.

Today we have only two choices, and they are to fight to win, or to run. Necessity and the cold facts of life have exploded the wild theories of those American Leftists who have seen their neat schemes for collective security go up in the smoke of battle. Their theories were and are unsound in a world of human beings, just as their fiscal policies are unsound in a world of practical finance. They have led our country to a Netherland of unrealities.

Surely the rush of events will soon arouse us from our trance to discover that this is the same world it has always been, and that human nature has not changed; that you cannot buy peace; that you cannot have collective security except by practical policies. True, our beneficiaries of yesterday have become our rivals today, and past favors have been forgotten as the prospects of their continuation grew dim and uncertain. But, our job is still what it always was—to preserve the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

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A. F. Canwell was Chairman of the Washington State Committee on Un-American Activities which released the first public information on Alger Hiss, July 19, 1948. A journalist and rancher, Mr. Canwell is now director of American Intelligence Service. He will be well remembered by the readers of AMERICAN OPINION *for his article on Radio Free Europe in our June 1964 issue.*

■ IN NOVEMBER of 1958, Jessica Mitford Romilly Treuhaft tossed the first spadeful of dirt in a curious Communist Party attack. She did it in an article titled "St. Peter Don't You Call Me," and it appeared in a weird little Leftwing thing called *Frontier*. Jessica demanded the elimination of wicked capitalistic funeral homes, and stated that only communized Co-op burial associations were suitable beneficiaries of the "death business."

Except for a few publicity notices in the Oakland and San Francisco papers, most of Jessica's publicity prior to 1958 had been in the Communist *People's World* where, between 1945 and 1958, she had received favorable mention on several score occasions. After the 1958 article, as with the lift of a baton, the full orchestra joined in a funeral dirge for what dear Jessica said were nasty capitalistic undertakers. The *Nation, Time, Saturday Evening Post, Newsweek, Atlantic, Esquire, The* [Communist] *National Guardian, Saturday Review, Life,* the *New York Times, CBS, Ladies' Home Journal,* and the *Pacific School of Religion Bulletin* all sawed violins or beat drums in a noisome concert of anti-undertaker jazz. The song was heightened by the 1963 publication of the Mitford book, *The American Way of Death.*

In fact, the entire illiterati of the Left celebrated Jessica Mitford and crabbed about the capitalists who shouldn't oughta do whatever they were doing. Some of the headlines were dramatically hilarious: "Havoc Among the Hearse Jockeys" was a *San Francisco Chronicle* heading (10-14-63); "Outrage Over the Death Business" sensationalized *Life* magazine (9-20-63); and the *New York Times* actually chirruped "At Last Someone Has Spoken Out" (9-23-63). Honest!

Several of the Leftwing slicks found space for articles carrying the Mitford by-line. *Atlantic* of June, 1963, exposed "The Undertaker's Racket" by Mitford. *Esquire's* "What They're Thinking Down There" (May, 1962) and the June, 1964, *Ladies' Home Journal* feature "The American Way of Success" were also by Jessica Mitford. The *Journal* story would have been more aptly titled "The Communist Way . . ." for the string-pulling that led to Jessie's successes had been done by friendly hands in the Socialist and Communist movement who know the battle plan: The Socialists would move in on territory from which the nasty free enterprisers were to be routed.

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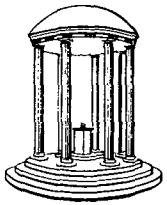

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Issuing storm warnings against the whirlwind of falsehood, deceit, and innuendo, which was moving outward from the Bay Area where Jessica lived, were several ground observers: *Tocsin, Rank and File, National Review,* the American Legion's *Firing Line, Facts Forum*; and Harding College's *National Program Letter*. But the voice does not carry well in a high wind, coming from the Left, so for the most part the warnings were unheeded. Nevertheless, their complaints were valid and their evidence compelling. They answered about Jessica the question one of her fellow countrymen had once asked: "Who is she that all the swains adore her?" And the answer was that she was a woman who had been identified over and over as a member of the Communist Party. Among those who had placed her in the Party were Dickson Hill, Dr. Jack Patten, William Michael Foard, Bessie Honig, Sylvia G. Hill (FBI undercover Communist), Dorothy M. Jeffers, and Timothy Evans.

I

JESSICA MITFORD was the British-born daughter of the second Lord Redesdale, from whom she inherited a share in Inch Kenneth, an island castle in the Hebrides. (She is said to have bought her sisters' shares in the castle, and before she recently offered it for sale kooks abounded there. Telegrams were even delivered by signalling from a near-by island, whereupon one of the Inch Kenneth zombies rowed over to pick them up.)

The several daughters of the good Lord Redesdale were so splendidly of the Left in their inclinations, and rebellious in their natures, that Jessica memorialized them in an early book, *Daughters and Rebels*. There was Unity Freeman Mitford, who was idealized by Hitler as his "Nordic Goddess." There was Lady Diana Mosley, wife of Sir Oswald Mosley, Britain's top Fascist leader. There was Nancy Mitford, author of *Noblesse Oblige* and renowned as a critic of the United States. Pamela Mitford had married a prominent British scientist and Deborah Mitford was wife of the Duke of Devonshire.

Then there was Jessica. Jessica became infatuated with Communist dogma at such an early age that at eighteen she trotted off with Communist Esmond Romilly, a nephew of Winston Churchill, to join the Red Spanish Loyalists in a horror called the Spanish Civil War. The Comrades lost. After living for a time in Spain, Paris, and Corsica, the Romillys moved to the United States in 1939.

When the Allies joined together to help Russia eliminate the threat of Germany and Japan, Romilly is said to have entered the service on the Allied side. An interview with Jessica by the *Spokane Spokesman Review* (1-31-65) reveals that Romilly was killed while fighting with the English armed forces during World War II. A *San Francisco Examiner* interview with her (7-10-58) shows that Romilly was also killed while flying as a figher pilot for the Canadian air force. Whereupon, it is said, the widow Mitford-Romilly and baby went to California.

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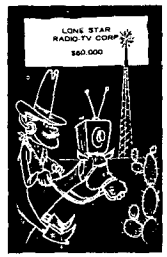

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Administration in San Francisco and soon had a post as Secretary of San Francisco Local 221 of the United Federal Workers of America, a union mentioned frequently in the 1953 California Hearings relating to Communism in education. At the OPA, Jessica met and married a fellow employee, Robert E. Treuhaft, and on the first of January, 1944, as Decca Treuhaft, she became a citizen of the United States. Having achieved these objectives, she returned her mind to the various needs of the Communist Party.

Jessica's activities in 1944 included a post as financial director of the "subversive and Communist" California Labor School; but despite her busy schedule, by the spring of the following year, the Treuhafts were sufficiently settled to convert their home into a center for the Comrades, with *The People's World* announcing many of the soirees. In March of 1945, the Treuhafts sponsored a Veterans' welcome-home party under the auspices of the Communist Party. In September, they threw a shindig for Herb Nugent "and all of you potential campaign workers." Nugent was running as a candidate for supervisor in San Francisco. In August of 1946, at a time when Jessica was a county financial director for the Communist Party, the Treuhafts threw another *People's World* benefit, and the same year sent $2,000 to the *London Daily Worker*. There were many other such events. On the side, Jessica was busy with petitions, meetings, and the usual whirl of politico-social occasions the Communists organize. Even the Treuhaft children were put to work as soon as they matured sufficiently. By 1948, Jessica had her seven-year-old daughter, Dink, selling Independent Progressive Party pamphlets to Oakland neighbors.

In 1949, Jessica became field representative for the Communist East Bay Civil Rights Congress. Two years later the CRC snagged one Jerry Newsom as a client for Robert Treuhaft, who by that time was an active Party attorney, and Jessica's six-year-old son Nicholas (now deceased) was arrested for selling tickets to help pay the fee his dad would charge for handling the murder trial. (Nicholas had been christened "Tito" after the Yugoslavian Communist; following the phony split, his name was changed to Nicholas, after Nikolai Lenin, according to an *Associated Press* report.*)

Besides her post with the Communist Civil Rights Congress, Jessica was generally active in such Communist operations as the letter of the Bay Area Committee to Save the Rosenbergs, and attending various Communist meetings featuring such speakers as Walter Stack, Holland Roberts, Al Richmond, Hazel Grossman, and Matt Crawford. She wrote articles for the *Nation;* signed the Communist Braden Clemency Appeal; was listed on an invitation of the Communist Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. From time to time she endorsed petitions against the Internal Security Act. She spoke at the notorious First Unitarian "Church" in Los Angeles and was rewarded eight months later by having its "minister," Stephen Fritchman, review her anti-undertaker book in the Communist *People's World*. The subversive Methodist Federation for Social Action even had her as a speaker at its Berkeley chapter. Jessica was, in fact, very busy.

II

MEANWHILE, back at the Haymarket Branch of the Party, Jessica Mitford Treuhaft's espoused was not doing badly by his Comrades. Identified as a Party member by Dickson P. Hill, Charles D. Blodgett, and Dr. Jack Patten, in sworn testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Treuhaft was active in legal shenanigans. He had joined the subversive National

Spokane Spokesman Review, (10/18/63).

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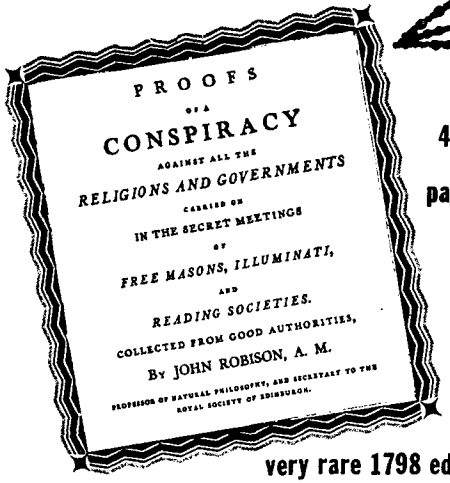

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Lawyers Guild and acted as a convention delegate. He gave legal advice to several Party Fronts, including the East Bay Civil Rights Congress, the Minute Women for Peace, and the American Youth for Democracy. Another of his clients was the East Bay Division of Warehouse Local 6 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, which was removed from the CIO as having "Communist leadership entrenched."

In the late 1950s — presumably about the time of the Hungarian revolt — Robert Treuhaft, Jessica, and children Benjamin and Constancia visited Hungary, after which appeared articles under the Treuhaft name extolling the benefits of life under a Communist dictatorship. Apparently this visit also coincided approximately with Jessica's being fired from the staff of the Leftwing *San Francisco Chronicle* in 1956.

Robert Treuhaft's law partners in California have included such identified Comrades as Richard Gladstein, Aubrey W. Grossman, and Bertram Edises, all prominent members of the National Lawyers Guild. Like Jessica, who was busy hawking anti-HCUA pamphlets at the Northbrae Community Church seven days before the 1960 San Francisco Hearings, Bertram Edises, Robert's law partner, had a vital interest in the attack on the House Committee on Un-American Activities which was pictorialized in the film *Operation Abolition*. Edises was a conspicuous troublemaker at the San Francisco Hearings and had to be evicted from the Hearing room for his deliberate disruptions. Mr. Treuhaft even served as Vice Chairman of the Independent Progressive Party in Alameda County, California, in 1948, and sponsored Edises' campaign when the latter ran for District Attorney on the IPP ticket.

III

WITH LINKS in the East Bay Civil Rights Congress, Comrade Robert has had some success with Communist suits which accuse businesses of discrimination. This type of legal extortion was used against the Berkeley Bowl in April of 1947, when Treuhaft sued for $22,000 damages for the American Youth for Democracy (formerly the Young Communist League).

Such law suits can be lucrative sidelines for Leftwing attorneys such as Treuhaft and his dramatic fellow attorney, Melvin Belli, the "King of Torts." But, such is the intended fallout from the phony social revolution. And with their parasitic monies, businesses can be financed for the sole purpose of squeezing other businesses out of the market, and for financing Leftist activities. Thus, Robert Treuhaft and several friends have organized the Bay Area Funeral Society, a co-operative funeral home started back in 1955 as a "non-profit association" established "as a public education service." The non-profit association is alleged to offer a bargain burial — a rough pine box for a coffin, artifical flowers, and a prayer by a Unitarian minister — all for $150.

With Treuhaft on the board of the Bay Area Funeral Society are some old friends of the Socialist movement well known for their violent views. One is the Rev. Josiah R. Bartlett, former Seattle Unitarian Minister. Information developed by my Washington State Committee on Un-American Activities revealed that in 1946 Rev. Bartlett was a member of the Executive Board of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, a Communist Front group. In 1955, Bartlett appeared on television to expound against prayer in the public schools. Another officer was Rev. Robert W. Moon, who wrote the widely reprinted attack on *Operation Abolition* which was featured in the March 22, 1961 issue of *Christian Century*. Mort Colodny, Consumers Cooperative official at Berkeley,

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and chairman of the chapter of the American Veterans Committee at the Berkeley campus, was also a director. Though Colodny's father, Isadore, is said to pride himself on having been born in Burlington, Vermont, it is reliably reported that he came mysteriously to California from the Soviet Union in 1920.

Other officers of the Mitfords' Bay Area Funeral Society in 1961 were Jeffrey Cohelan, Rev. J. Raymond Cope, Dr. Arnold Crompton, Dr. Robert Dennis, Ralph Gancher, Robert Aaron Gordon, Carroll H. Melbin, Emil E. Sekerak, and Lionel J. Wilson. In December of 1964, Brownlee Wolf Shirek was mentioned by Herb Caen as the Executive Secretary of the Treuhaft "Pine Box Society." Shirek has, among other things, spoken in favor of letting the Comrades use the public schools as they see fit.

With a vested interest in making his Co-op pay, it is no wonder that Robert Treuhaft should be sympathetic with his wife's lecture tours. And with the high level of infiltration and Leftwing influence among certain of the clergy, the Socialists should have no trouble whatever in making their more than eighty Co-op funeral homes into a most profitable venture. They have working for them the fact that the Co-op structure as it stands today is almost failure proof. It receives tax advantages because it claims to be "non-profit," which means the profits are spent on salaries and "services" instead of divided among the stockholders. The Co-op operates on a "One Man, One Vote" basis, which reduces the voice of the big shareholders to a whisper, and the voice of Treuhaft and his Comrades to a shout.

IV

THE SUBJECT of Co-ops is one which has been largely neglected by anti-Communist writers, but the Communists' interest was revealed as early as 1922 in such papers as *Inadequate Relief for Russia by the Cooperative International* by Karl Bittel, *Inprecorr,* January 10, 1922; and *The Communist International and the Cooperatives* by G. Kramarov (Moscow), in *Inprecorr,* January 17, 1922.

As Karl Bittel put it, the Russians saw in the cooperatives a means of helping "not only Soviet Russia but the entire economic world on the road to Socialism."

Communist Kramarov stated with even greater candor:

> *The cooperatives, like any other proletarian organization, must accept the theory of the class-struggle in which they can render valuable help to the revolutionary parties and red trade-unions.*
>
> *With labor in power the cooperatives will, during the period of dictatorship, be important organs for the distribution of goods according to the plans of a proletarian government.*

A series of articles by W. Harka in the July 2, 1925 issue of *Inprecorr* (on the event of the International Co-Operative Day) chided the Co-ops for the "confused phantasies and religious ecstasies" of their speechmakers and urged Communists to:

> *Join the co-operative societies! . . .*
> *Organize participation in the daily life of the co-operatives!*
> *Exercise expert criticism and make definite demands!*
> *Use the fight against high prices and the struggle for existence as starting points! . . .*
> *Go forward from the current demands of the co-operatives to the revolutionary mass struggle.*

That these methods are still being used is evidenced by the "flashing hit of

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the autumn book season," as the *New York Times Book Review* called Jessica Mitfords' *The American Way of Death*. The ads for Mitford's book were, however, properly ornamented with a dollar sign. "Use the fight against high prices and the struggle for existence as starting points," wrote Hanka. The Mitfords just took his advice, and the battle against private funeral homes had begun.

V

EVEN straight news items were frequently used to promote the Communists' central theme in their attack on capitalistic funeral homes. "Critic of Costly Burials Stands Firm on Thesis" was the title of one story. This item stated: "The author of the best-seller book that criticizes elegant, expensive funerals has no quarrel with elaborate state funerals such as those given the late President John F. Kennedy or Sir Winston Churchill, she said in Spokane Wednesday night." Can it be that Jessica objects only to the idea of wasting on the peasants money which could be acquired in taxes?

Another attack on funeral costs came from the County Extension Agents who, in the Western states, began giving leadership lessons about "When Death Comes," based on source *Bulletin No. 809*, printed by the State of Oregon. "Emotional factors" would not be discussed, the promoters stated, but the course was prepared "particularly in relation to financial considerations."

Even the General Services Administration got in on the act by fighting the price charged by the Oneal Funeral Home of Dallas for the bronze casket and the hearse used in transporting President Kennedy's body from Dallas.

Jessica Mitford's restrictions against funeral homes have also been proposed as local and state laws, as in a bill recently introduced into the California legislature by Assemblyman Nicholas Petrie. In short, to crib from *Inprecorr*, the "expert criticism" and "definite demands" are taking their toll. Pressure is building, as the Comrades know a good thing when they dig it up.

Leftist-instigated strikes, government fines through the Internal Revenue Service, or minimum standards codes, restrictive covenants, and unfavorable propaganda are a combination difficult for any business to beat. Add to that competition from tax-exempt Co-ops, or union or church-owned associations with high-pressure salesmen who emphasize pre-need purchase or pre-need insurance plans, and the funeral director is in real trouble.

IV

THE MULTIPLE uses the Comrades get from their funeral Co-ops make up for any reduction in price they may appear to offer. In addition to the income from burial, the Co-op homes sell corneal transplants through eye banks which their friends control, sell "spare parts" to friendly foundation-supported labs or hospitals. Endless opportunities are opened to perpetrate insurance frauds or passport frauds. One Northwest funeral Co-op has an interlocking directorate with a Leftist-controlled fishing fleet which moves in waters known to be navigated by Soviet subs, for example. Such frauds can be backed up by the battery of volunteer attorneys of the National Lawyers Guild, and inquisitive law enforcement officers might even expect a police brutality investigation and suit if they get too smart.

With these and other points in mind, it is not a pleasant thing to know that Jessica Mitford and her faceless friends now own crematoriums and cemeteries in perhaps eighty cities in the United States of America. What was that Khrushchev once said about burying us? ■ ■

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Striking out stars, like hoof-sparks, as they run.
Let man be always just a country boy
Bareback and shouting in life's ecstasy;
Let earth and man — centaur of love and joy —
Possess the sunrise of Eternity.
In mutual reverence and in mutual trust,
Playmates and comrades, let them gallop on
Across the Milky Way's sidereal dust,
Breasting the centuries in fanfaron.
So let them gallop last, when time is ended,
To the blue fields where Heaven is even more splendid.

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EXTREMISTS

Strange winds blew across the land,
Boston down to Richmond — and
Tea was dumped into the sea;
Henry challenged tyranny;
Revere rode out into the night
To sound alarm to arm and fight!

Thunder crashed across the sky!
Staunch men unafraid to die,
Dropped their tools, their books, to go
Barefoot in the bloody snow.
Much more than life, prosperity,
Did free men cherish Liberty!

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MOTH
(A Warning for Liberals)

No longer into candle flame —
This quiet burning comes from glass;
Yet, ancient folly still the same,
Out of the trees, the dark wet grass

Flutters the moth to kiss the light.
Oh fragile fool of silken dust,
In your small kind what oversight
Allowed this fatal love and trust!

Not all the tiny wings that flew
In lamps and died since lamps were made
Have left the fear of fire to you;
Only the longing they obeyed

Remains to draw you from the dark,
And you the fugitive from sun
Go mad in presence of a spark,
And beating on it are undone.

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Walk. Don't run. Go slowly down the long road.
Move deliberate in meadows of rue.
View here the gold you never dreamed you'd see,
And wealth you dreamed about, but never knew.

Rejoice. Climb with firm step the cloistered walk.
The hope of yesterday is with you still.
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When evensong rings forth upon the hill.

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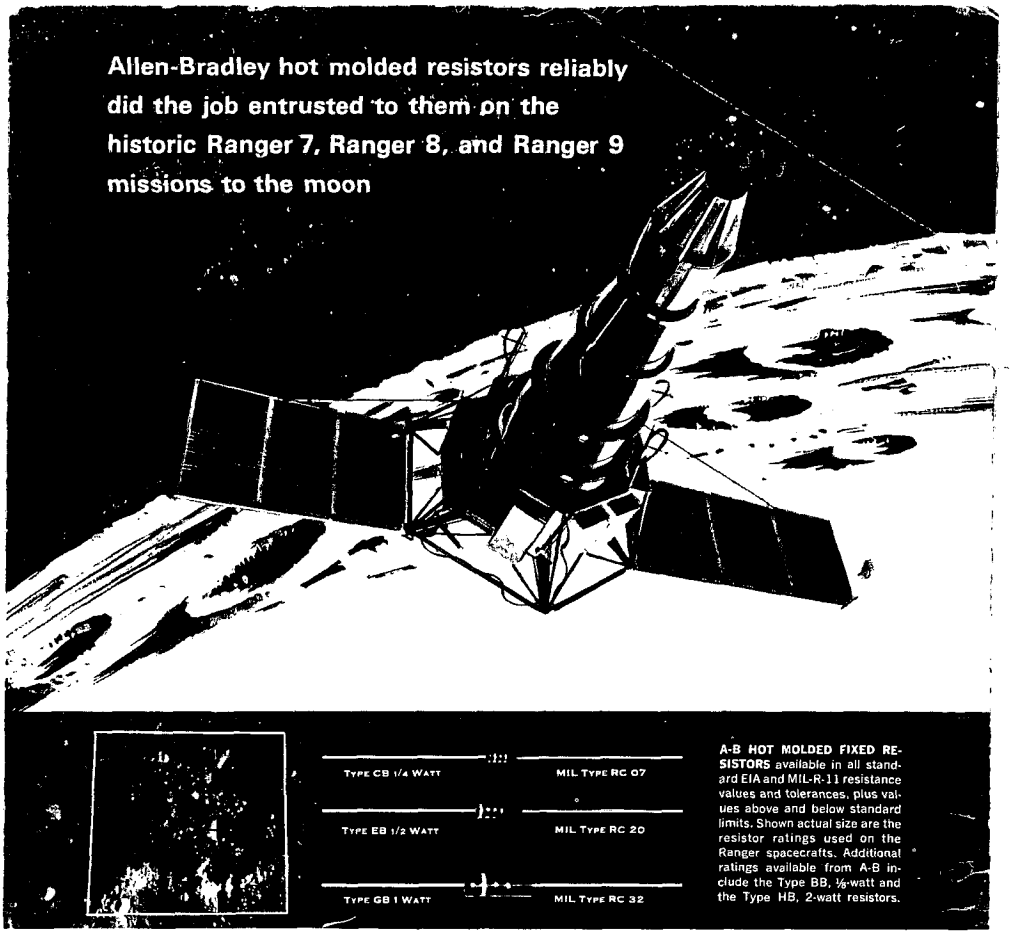

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Dear Mr. Dieckmann:

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NOTE: By letter 2-11-65 Dieckmann requested data on civilian review boards for an article for "American Opinion" (John Birch Society magazine). By In-absence letter 2-18-65, he was furnished the LEB Introduction of 1-65 and the Riot Report to the President dated 9-18-64. Dieckmann's article strongly criticizes civilian review boards and implies that they are part of the communist conspiracy. He quotes briefly from the reprints furnished him, as well as from the Director's article for the American Bar Association in 2-62 which dealt with communist antipathy toward law enforcement. It is felt an In-absence letter merely acknowledging publication should be sent him. The Agent [redacted] mentioned in Dieckmann's postscript is SA [redacted] assigned as alternate Senior Resident Agent at Whittier, California.

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Investigation at Oklahoma City was conducted by SA [redacted]

The Oklahoma City Office, on 5-19-65, received a letter from [redacted] Oklahoma City, dated 5-18-65, concerning [redacted] enclosed in her letter a photograph of her with U. S. Senator FRED HARRIS (D - Oklahoma), and indicated she was active in the Democratic Party and a personal friend of Senator and Mrs. FRED HARRIS. [redacted]

The letter submitted by [redacted] was ambiguous and inexplicable, and when receipt of the letter was acknowledged telephonically on 5-20-65, by SA [redacted] an appointment with

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[redacted] was requested to clarify certain matters mentioned in her letter. [redacted] advised that she was extremely busy and requested Agent to re-contact her at a later date.

On 5-26-65, [redacted] was again contacted telephonically by SA [redacted] and she was still too busy to arrange an interview. She agreed, however, to discuss the contents of her letter over the telephone and consequently certain questionable items therein were clarified.

Oklahoma City indices reflect [redacted] furnished information to the Oklahoma City Office in 2/64, concerning another individual (an acquaintance) in Kansas City, Missouri, whom [redacted] believed to be in some type of trouble with "the Russians." Information furnished by [redacted] at that time was furnished to the Kansas City Office on 2-25-64, for the information of and any action deemed appropriate by that office.

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Oklahoma City indices reflect no other information concerning [redacted] and no information concerning [redacted]

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 3, 1965

[redacted]

On May 26, 1965 [redacted] advised as follows:

She was formerly employed in 1950 under the supervision of [redacted] in the [redacted] Tinker Air Force Base (TAFB), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and in January, 1965, she sent [redacted] a note inquiring about possible re-employment at TAFB. Her note went unanswered for a time, then [redacted] telephoned [redacted] and later came to her house to discuss politics and his affiliation with the John Birch Society and other unrecalled right wing groups, according to [redacted] in Oklahoma City and at TAFB. She said [redacted] admitted being a member of the John Birch Society and invited her to a John Birch Society meeting in Oklahoma City, which invitation she declined.

She said [redacted] accused former Presidents of the United States and other prominent Americans as being Communists, and he claimed that TAFB "is lousy with Communists."

She related that [redacted] spent some time attacking "policy directives" from Washington that were crossing his desk at TAFB, and attempted to read them to [redacted] over the telephone, stating "this will show you the turn our Government has taken." She was unable to further identify the "policy directives" since she refused to permit him to read such information to her.

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He indicated to [redacted] that during the last Presidential Campaign he had pressured his subordinates at TAFB to attend John Birch Society meetings to work against President Johnson and vote for Goldwater. She said [redacted] repeatedly scorned her defense of President Johnson.

It is [redacted] understanding that [redacted] holds a responsible position at TAFB and she desired that the above information be reported to proper authorities.

[redacted] believes [redacted] resides Southeast of [redacted]

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On June 1, 1965, [redacted] Clerk, Administration and Records, Department of the Air Force, TAFB, Oklahoma City, advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] file reflects he received several letters of commendation and cash awards for suggestions and he received outstanding performance ratings for 1961, 1960, and 1959.

On June 2, 1965, [redacted] Special Agent, Office of Special Investigations (OSI), TAFB, Oklahoma City, advised that a check of the current Department of the Air Force Personnel Directory, TAFB, reflects only one [redacted]

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Baconton, Georgia
June 5, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several months ago I attended a presentation of the John Birch Society. I liked what the gentleman said, and most of the aims and purposes as he pointed them out coincided with my beliefs, so I along with my wife and several friends joined. Today another friend told us the F.B.I. watches all members of the John Birch Society, supposedly, I assume as it does known foreign agents of various kinds.

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I was told before I joined the society that it was not on the subversive list of the F.B.I. or the Justice Department. One of the members who joined the same time I did had checked with the Security Offic e at the Marine Base in Albany.

What I am trying to get around to is this. Is it on the subversive list? Is the F.B.I. watching it in any way?

I am a member of the City Council, the local school board, the official board of my church, and I attempt to be a good citizen. I do not want to be involved with any organization that is not 100% American and above board. I have a very great respect for you and the organization which you have built; your opinion will be greatly appreciated.

Keep up the good work. Americans appreciate the tremendous job you and the F.B.I. are doing for us.

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Very truly yours,

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[redacted]
Baconton, Georgia 31716

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 5th has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your complimentary remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. I hope that my future efforts will continue to merit your approbation.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

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Time for Decision
Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
Counterintelligence Activities

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with correspondent under the exact spelling of his name. Bufiles did, however, reflect that there was one [redacted] who was listed as being a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.
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May 27, 1965

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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your advice, I had a conversation with Mr. [redacted] of the Milwaukee division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the John Birch Society. If you recall, the Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc., sent your Bureau a letter, a few weeks ago, stating that we wished to present certain information regarding the above mentioned Society. Your kind response was received by our Committee, and therefore, as the Administrator, I attempted to present the information to [redacted] today.

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Having read with great interest your book titled "Masters of Deceit", I am well aware of your devotion to your duties and the sincerity of your efforts. Our Committee fully agrees with the general theme of your book and recognizes the great need to inform the general public about the Communist hazard. We also recognize that the purpose of the book is to assist the private citizen in detecting Communism under any disguise. We deplore any and all forms of atheism, whether this atheism is represented within the concepts of a political system or within the concepts of a socio-economic system. Your book certainly is an excellent example of "Law Inforcement Co-Operating With The People".

One of the commonly employed methods of deceit, as we are sure you know better than we, is the method of diversionary camouflage. This type of deceit can be most effectively carried out by the technique of distraction. This method accomplishes the deception by creating a diversion; by causing the observer to look over his left shoulder, while the enemy approaches from the right. There can be no doubt that this country faces threats from many sources. If we become so involved in opposing one threat, that we completely ignore another equally dangerous threat, the end result ultimately will be the same.

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As we mentioned above, your desire to co-operate with the citizens has been well established. Certainly the other side of this coin should also reveal an equal desire on the part of the citizens to co-operate with the duly appointed agencies and vigilante type activities should not be employed unless directed and authorized by these duly appointed agencies. (Such as the American Protective Association of past years). The motive for this reciprocal co-operative relationship between the duly appointed

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authorities and the citizens must be based upon a reciprocal interest and respect. The interest deriving its basis in patriotism and the desire to foster the victory of good over evil. It has always been the purpose of the Committee to foster the spirit of co-operation and our motives have always been based on the desire to advance the cause of justice.

I must say, with all due respect and with sincerity, that if my meeting with [redacted] represents the usual and ordinary method employed by agents, who are selected ti interview citizens wishing to provide the Bureau with information, the co-operation between the Bureau and the Citizens will soon disappear. Realizing that the reciprocal co-operation which presently exists, is the result of a life time of endeavor on your part, I find that I must in good conscience report to you the events of my interview with [redacted]

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My wife accompanied me during the interview and was present at the time that my conversation with [redacted] was held. Before writing this letter, I discussed the interview with her to be certain that my opinion, about the discussion, was consistant with her feelings. We were both in absolute agreement.

It was our impression that [redacted] was impatient, rude, and assumed that I had a sinister motive for appearing at the Bureau. The information which was to be presented involved a Conspiracy which by its very nature involves many circumstances and is quite complicated. I grant you that if I had been able to walk into his office with a criminal handcuffed and with a written confession, the matter would have been much simpler for both of us.. Unfortunately this is seldom possible for citizens to accomplish. We would not presume to play the part of private detectives, nor would we presume to carry out the work delegated to the Bureau from the Justice department. Our only hope was to alert the Bureau to a problem, which we are convinced, exists on the Extreme right and which we feel is equally as dangerous as the problem on the Extreme left. We do not wish to detract from your important duties as they relate to the Extreme left. We only hoped to assist in revealing the danger on the Extreme right. The concerted cry of the Extreme right regarding the danger of the Extreme left, we feel is a diversionary measure intended to deceive the people about their own intent.

History will demonstrate, that under the disguise of absolute patriotism, many neferious groups have committed unlimited atrocities against the principles which guide a nation conceived "under God". Examples of these disguised organizations include the Italian "Camorra", the "Mafia", the "Black Hand", the "Molly Maguires", the "Chee Kung Tong Society", (Sam Hop), the "Habits Noirs", the "Thiberts", the "Catusse-Menegant", etc.

There is a belief amongst Historians, which is well documented, that "given a certain set of circumstances, these circumstances

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when they recur at another time in history, will produce an end result which is very similar to the result previously achieved". Even a very superficial review of history will demonstrate, without a doubt, that the circumstances which led to the formation and development of the previously mentioned criminal organizations exist today in a perfect duplication of the past. It should also be noted that the development of Fascism, as represented by Mussolini's Italian version and Hitler's German version, also occurred under these same circumstances. When one compares the rise of both these Fascist leaders, one is overwhelmed by the similarity between the methods, activities, and objectives of the Fascists of the past and the John Birch Society of the present. The John BirchSociety are as truly "Masters of Deceit" as are the Communists. We note only one difference between the two organizations. Mainly their cleverly worded declaration of their aims which indicate absolutely nothing except a promise, (as all other subversive groups have made promises which were only expedients for the moment).

The John Birch Society by their fostering of hate, suspicion, hysteria, and distrust of duly elected authorities, in our opinion, is fostering rebellion, insurrection, and agitates civil and criminal disobedience. With the realization that in the time of rebellion and disorder, when the fears of people are at a high pitch, these people will submit to forms of so called "temporary" dictatorships, we believe that the rallying of fears in the general population is for the purpose of creating the circumstances which will justify the violent overthrow of this government. (By the John Birch Society).

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The total conspiracy as we see it, is too detailed to write in the form of a letter, and was apparently too detailed for Mr. Huebsch to contribute his time to listening to the concept of the conspiracy.

We are certain that the events of the future will justify our position and we can only rely upon our trust in God's will and the devotion of the Federal Bureau as an organization.

Respectfully, we are, the Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.

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Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.
Post Office Box 465
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

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Dear [redacted]

Mr. Hoover has read your letter of May 27, 1965, and instructed me to advise you that from examination of the contents of your letter, there does not appear to be a violation over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction. In addition, he wanted me to state that this Bureau will continue to discharge its responsibilities with the same dispatch and thoroughness that has characterized it in the past and in the event you receive any information of a violation of Federal law coming within the province of any law enforcement agency, it is the citizens' responsibility to refer such information to the proper authorities.

Enclosed is some material which we trust you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosures (5)
1 - Milwaukee - Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)
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Enclosures
Heritage of Greatness
4-1-61 LEB intro.
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Time for Decision
Courage of Free Men

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NOTE: See Morrell to Mr. DeLoach memo dated 6-8-65 captioned, [redacted] Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc., Post Office Box 465, Waukesha, Wisconsin."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 6/4/65

FROM : SAC, ANCHORAGE (62-547)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ANCHORAGE DIVISION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The "Anchorage Daily Times", Anchorage, Alaska, a daily newspaper of general circulation, issue of 5/25/65, reported that one, LARRY ABRAHAM, Seattle-based coordinator of the John Birch Society for Western Washington and Alaska, was in Anchorage to attempt to organize a chapter of the John Birch Society in Anchorage.

The "Anchorage Daily News", Anchorage, Alaska, a daily newspaper of general circulation, issue of 5/26/65, reported that LARRY ABRAHAM had said the prospects for organizing an Anchorage Chapter for the John Birch Society looked good. ABRAHAM further said his appearance in Anchorage was the society's first real effort to organize a group in Alaska; further that a chapter had been successfully organized in Ketchikan last week (week of 5/17/65).

Information copies being furnished the Seattle Division, inasmuch as LARRY ABRAHAM is from Seattle.

No investigation will be initiated UACB.

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6-7-65

Dear Mr. Hoover

Can you advise if the John Birch Society is a subversive organization? The Attorney General's letter was not explicit in regards to our question.

Hoping you can help me,

Sincerely

[redacted]

Allen Park Mich 48101

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[redacted]
Allen Park, Michigan 48101

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 7th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and my inability to comment as you suggested. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Elrama Pa.
June 9, 1965

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I am an American who is very deeply disturbed about communism in our country.

Recently I attended a presentation of the "John Birch Society." Being a patriotic American, who believes in our American Heritage, I believe that I should be doing something, no matter how small to preserve our American Freedoms. I was naturally moved by this society.

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I would never knowingly attach my name to any group or organization that is in any way unamerican.

Would you please give me your honest opinion of the "John Birch Society"?

Your fellow American

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Elrama, Pa.

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[redacted]

Elrama, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of June 9th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

It is always encouraging to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing our country and who desire to prepare themselves and others to meet the challenge to our freedoms presented by communism. A broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if the American people are to effectively resist its eroding influence.

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

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5) (continued)
"Our Heritage of Greatness," 12-12-64.
"Time For Decision," 11-24-64
The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
LEB Introduction, 6/65.

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The poster looked like this:

A------- A Alert yourself. No the true nature of communism etc.
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If you have other posters that would be good to give to Libraries, schools, churches I will be very happy to distribute them.

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P.S. I am a member of the John Birch Society but the above is done not in connection with the society. It is a personal project.

Very Respectfully

[redacted]

Sanford, Florida

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Sanford, Florida

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 7th has been received.

In response to your request, I am sending you, under separate cover, 50 black and white posters on communism. Our supply of colored posters has been depleted. In addition, I am enclosing several articles I hope you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Deadly Duel
An Army of Free Men
The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

1 - Mr. Engelmeier - Room 4724 (sent direct)
USC Material:
50 copies of What You Can Do to Fight Communism — sent 6/15/65 PZ-8

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June 10, 1965

Hon. J. Edger Hoover,

Have you ever made the statement that Robert Welsh And the John Birch Society are more damagerous to the United States of America than the Comnunist party.

I would appreciate very much if you would answer this question for me.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

Manchester Mich
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Manchester, Michigan 48158

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 10th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I have never made the statement to which you referred, and the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. I have stated, however, that I have had little respect for the head of the John Birch Society since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles with communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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So, would you please send me some advise on this situation? I shall await eagerly for your reply.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

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Brooklyn 21, N.Y.
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Thank you!

Sincerely Yours,

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Brooklyn, New York 11221

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 10th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
FBI Jurisdiction Does Not Cover Making Evaluations
America's Ideals - Its Mark of Greatness
LEB Introduction - June, 1965
Internal Security Statement - 4/17/62
The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/17/65

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (100-17508)(C)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC Letters 59-13(F) and 60-5(C) and mylet, 6/9/64, under the above caption.

This is to advise that American Opinion Libraries which are affiliated with the above-captioned organization have been established at Buffalo and Rochester, New York. The Library at Buffalo, New York, is located at 1232 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, New York, and is established in a former store and consists of a reading room located in the back part of the store and literature racks in the front of the store. [redacted] directed a letter to the Buffalo FBI Office which indicated that he had started the Library in the Buffalo area for the purpose of distributing conservative literature, and that among such literature would be books and pamphlets which would explain Communism. He requested to be furnished with copies of literature available through the Bureau on the subject of Communism, and, in addition, indicated that he planned to have study groups meet at the Library for the purpose of discussing various matters including Communism. [redacted] During the conversation [redacted] indicated to SA [redacted] that he was desirous of cooperating with the FBI, and that his Library was a semi-commencial venture in which he expects to make a profit on literature sold and at the same time provide a service to the community by having dis-

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(1 - 105-5499, AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK)

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cussion or study groups. He admitted that all literature which will be handled by him will be obtained either through the American Opinion Library at Belmont, Massachusetts, or literature approved by this group. He further admitted that the American Opinion Library at Belmont, Massachusetts, was actually the publication office of the John Birch Society, and that he will operate on sort of a privileged basis, and that as long as he observes the rules of the American Opinion Library as indicated in connection with the sale and purchase of literature, he will be able to operate under the name of the American Opinion Library.

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At the time of contact with [redacted] the Agent observed a late model Volkswagen painted white with the legends "American Opinion Library" and "Book Store on Wheels" parked at the curb which had New York license SR-7796. For information of the Bureau, it was determined from the Buffalo Police Department that this license is registered to [redacted] who is mentioned in referenced Buffalo letter to the Bureau, 11/30/64.

[redacted]

[redacted]

With regard to the American Opinion Library at Rochester, New York, [redacted] advised during the contact on 4/13/65, that one had been established in Rochester a short time previous, but that he did not have specific information concerning its location. However, inquiries made at Rochester, New York, revealed that an American Opinion Library had been established in Rochester, New York, at 1891 East Main Street, Rochester, by [redacted] These individuals had filed an Assumed Name Certificate on 4/21/65, stating they were doing business under the name of the American Opinion Library at 1891 East Main Street, Rochester, New York.

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No investigation is being conducted concerning the Buffalo or Rochester American Opinion Libraries, and the above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

[illegible] you this copy [illegible] letter to the [illegible] of Pa[illegible] in Laurel to c[illegible] ice him that I have n[illegible] g to hide. I[illegible] likely he will forward the original to you anyway.

Love + kisses to J. Edgar from me and Little Bill + Paul L. + God Bless + keep you all

Friday, June 11th, 1965

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
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Robert M. Kaiser
Chief of Police
900 Montgomery Street
Laurel, Maryland

Dear Chief Kaiser,

Thank you so much for your letter of May 25th. To quote a little scripture let me ask, "If I speak evil, testify to that evil, if not, why smitest thou me?"

First let me assure you that you are on no one's mailing list but mine. The Birch Society does not maintain a mailing list of anyone but it's members. However the members do mail out literature, at their own expense, to friends, acquaintances and just about anyone they think might take the time to read it. I chose to write you because I was honestly impressed by the program you presented that day in Laurel and I wanted to commend you for it. And since the Society is not well understood and we handed out literature that day it seemed feasible that you might receive protests regarding it. By writing you, you knew where the literature came from and who was responsible and would be able to tell people from whence it came and how. Otherwise, I don't believe you had anyway of knowing and it might appear deceitful.

Secondly, you are more than welcome to forward any literature I send you including my letters to the F.B.I. The Birch Society is not a subversive organization and we give whole hearted support to J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. In fact all of Mr. Hoover's books are requirednreading for Birch members. Matt Cvetic, Dan Smoot and other former F.B.I. agents have also written tons of literature and books which the Birch Society also recommends and helps to distribute.

To quote a little more scripture - "He who does evil shuns the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." JOHN 8 3:20 and "He who does good comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God." JOHN 8 3:21

Perhaps you are unaware that the California State Legislature made an investigation of the John Birch Society and found it to be a patriotic organization. I have a copy of those hearings if you would like to see it. Surely, if I were engaged in illegal activity I would not go out of my way to bring it to your attention.

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Would you rather that I support Civilian Review Boards for the police? J. Edgar Hoover has testified against them. Would you rather that I work to see that local police forces be abolished in favor of Federal troops? Would you rather that I incite some violence as an opportunity to resist arrest and throw acid in your face? Would you rather I support and praise the Supreme Court in it's position on the Mallory rule and the nullification of the Smith Act? Etc. etc. etc.

Is it so bad that I want to see a Support Your Local Police sticker in every store window and on every automobile? Is it so bad that I train my children to think of the policeman as their friend and that the laws of the land are their for their protection? Is it so bad that I desire to and do obey the laws of the land? When have you heard of a member of the Birch Society resisting arrest or getting arrested at all?

I am sorry that I cannot fulfill your request to stop writing to you. As long as I uphold the Constitution and the laws of the land I have a right to speak and that in my conscious before God I must do. I have no choice. At this moment I have ironing to do and my two little sons are napping. It is the best time of the day for me to do my household tasks. But I felt it was necessary to write to you and more important than the ironing. The money I spend on literature and postage could well be spent on this house or on things for my family. If I thought of no one or nothing but myself surely there would be betters ways to spend my time and money.

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Whether you ever wish to join the John Birch Society is strictly up to you. I would encourage you to do so. But whether you do or not as long as you maintain the kind of police force you now have and put on the kind of program you did a few weeks ago you are helping us. Smite me all you wish to but as long as you keep up the job you are doing you have my support, respect, admiration and affection.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

College Park, Maryland

cc: F.B.I.
[redacted]

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June 20, 1965.
Suffield, Ohio

Dear Sir;

Would you please send me some information on the John Birch Society. I was asked to join their organization and before I join I would like to know if their doctrine is harmful to our country's welfare. On the surface they seem to be just a patriotic organization, but some of the publicity has seemed a little unfavorable, so before I join said Society would you please send me a full account of theme or doctrine. Here's thanking you sincerely for your courtesy.

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Sincerely, [redacted]

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AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

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Suffield, Ohio

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Suffield, Ohio

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of June 20th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)
Time for Decision
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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Somerville, New Jersey
June 19, 1965

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, I have read of your March 4th address. I am concerned about the college situation and the total communist threat to our country as a whole.

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As I am quite interested in doing something helpful and constructive, it appears as though the John Birch Society would be the most effective means for accomplishing my purpose.

I fully realize that you cannot openly endorse the group, but can you advise whether it is safe or wise to join? By safe, I mean is it possible that it is a communist group in anti-communist disquise? Or a group that, although, it most definitely appears to be helping the cause of America, it is really hurting it instead?

Realizing that many innocent people, unknowingly, joined communist organizations, only to find later of their purpose, is something I want to prevent.

I am interested in preserving a free, American Republic and I would like to do my part.

Although this is a personal problem, I feel you are the most reliable person to answer my questions and I hope you will honor them, in confidence, at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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Very truly yours,

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Somerville, New Jersey

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of June 19th has been received, and I am glad you found my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations to be of interest.

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)
6/65 LEB Introduction
"Time for Decision"

NOTE: We have had one prior communication from [redacted] last outgoing 11-24-64, to a Maryland address, regarding the Director's press conference. No reprints were sent and she was not identifiable at that time.

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June 20, 1965

Hon J Edgar Hoover

I received your reply to my letter of June 10, 1965

I appreciate very much that you would answer the letter of an ordinary citizen John Birch Society

[redacted] Manchester, Mich.

However I must state that I have read practically all the available literature of the John Birch Society, including the Bulletin and I fail to see where he connected former President Dwight D. Eisenhower John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles with communism.

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Sincerely

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Manchester Mich

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No reply expected to this letter.

Thanks. Again

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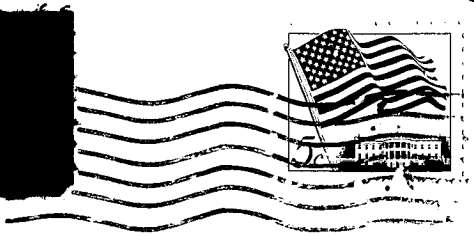

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington D. C.
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Ogden, Utah
June 18, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
c/o J. Edger Hoover
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Hoover:

In a recent bulletin forwarded to me, you stated that, "All citizens are urged to acquaint themselves with the methods and operations of the enemies of democracy so that they can readily recognize efforts to undermine our way of life", my question is:

1. How are we sure of the enemy? When in many cases even those who spend a great deal of time studying to this end, get themselves roped into an organization they thought to be a pro-American, which in reality turned out to be wolves in sheeps clothing?

2. Are we to decide individually without the help of higher authority on this matter as to the final evaluations concerning some of the crack pot organization which looks good at first but latter are found to be underminding our American way of life? Or is there a department in Washington whose job it is to warn the public of these organizations to which the people should not affiliate themselves? So that it would be impossible for large groups to join such organizations and weaken the nation. (I have in mind specifically the John Birch Society).

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Any information as to the foregoing will be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you,

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Ogden, Utah

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 18th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I can only suggest that in your personal evaluation of the merits of any organization you give careful consideration to its objectives and whether they are being achieved through orderly, legal procedures.

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I am enclosing a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. You may also wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure
Attorney General's List of Subversive Organizations

NOTE: Bufiles reflect one prior outgoing to [redacted] dated 5/19/65 in response to an inquiry he had made. He was furnished reprint material with that letter and referred to the Director's books on communism.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/25/65

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
MISCELLANEOUS
MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION CALIF.

Re [redacted] letter to Bureau with copy to Los Angeles dated 6/21/65.

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Referenced letter indicates that [redacted] is a member of the John Birch Society and has recently subscribed to the publications "The Worker" and the "People's World", in order to be better informed on the communist movement.

For the Bureau's information, Los Angeles indices contain no references to [redacted] and Los Angeles is acknowledging carbon copy received here.

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Dear Sir,

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I am very much concerned by the amount of Communist influence in all factions of government and social organizations as described in your book Masters of Deceit. I have attended some introductory presentations by the John Birch Society and am considering joining this organization. Do you feel that such a group is effective? What is your opinion on it as a whole? Please ~~this~~ answer this letter as soon as possible. I will be awaiting your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Eau Claire, Wis.

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Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

Eau Claire, Wis.

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Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 22nd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing, I trust you understand why I cannot comment as you suggested. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 22, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is our earnest and true belief that to educate is to protect. The truth which must be sought concerning the threat to our country can be found and our enemies exposed through the education of Americans. To this end we have recently become members of the John Birch Society. We feel that in aiding the efforts of Mr. Robert Welch and his staff to alert and educate United States citizens regarding the very real and definite threat of Communism we will in some small way be helping to further the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its quest for justice and freedom.

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We are aware of the fact that some persons have continually tried to discredit and smear the John Birch Society. With this in mind we respectfully ask that this letter be kept on file and if at any time there is substantive evidence that the John Birch Society is in any way subversive in nature, that we be notified immediately.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Lincoln, Nebraska

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, President of the European Mission of THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, has asked me to forward the enclosed pamphlet - A STICK OF DYNAMITE - to you.

We realize how very crowded your time must be, but we are following Mr. Benson's request in the hope that the information this little booklet contains might be of interest to you.

I am very glad of this chance to tell you how much all Americans appreciate the wonderful job you have done for our country, and we hope that God will spare you to us for many years to come -- or at least until we defeat this atheistic Communist conspiracy and know that we have insured freedom for the generations ahead.

With all of our thanks and deepest appreciation, we are sending our very best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Personal Assistant to Mr. Welch

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For Benevolent Blasting Of Apathetic Minds

With great regret but no apology

Despite appearances - -

As you will discover, this is actually a letter to a very limited number of people.

Partly for your convenience - -

We have made the letter easier to read by setting it in type, reproducing it by offset, and adding color. This still saves money, against typewriting fifty separate copies as originally planned.

And the blue ribbon effect is intended - -

For this may be the most important letter I have ever written. On its results may well depend the freedom and the lives of those to whom it is addressed, as well as the future of our country and even the survival of our civilization. And the time has truly come for some realistic bluntness.

This is neither exaggeration nor fantasy - -

These terribly — and reluctantly — melodramatic phrases are based on the following considerations, which I honestly believe to be the stark and simple truth: (1) The Communist conspiratorial apparatus is now closing in, with every conceivable pressure and deception, on all remaining resistance to the establishment of its police state over our own country; (2) the only existing force that has any possible chance of preventing the completion of these Communist plans is The John Birch Society; (3) we have no chance of stopping and reversing the long patient progress of this conspiracy except — exactly as stated in the Blue Book six years ago — by measures which are *fantastic* enough to be *realistic* in proportion to the danger; and (4) there is still time, and we can still slow down, stop, and eventually rout this incredibly cruel and destructive gang of criminals, if we can persuade even the people receiving this letter to face the facts.

II. Let's Glance At The Obvious

The Communists are gaining daily - -

With regard to Point 1 above, probably no exposition is needed for those to whom we are making this appeal. The events of the past thirty years, and the events of the very days we are now living through, make this tragic fact as obvious as sunrise. We do not have to understand the methods by which developments in Vietnam, in the Dominican Republic, in the "Civil Rights" movement, in our march towards national bankruptcy, or in a dozen other areas, are to be fitted into longrange Communist designs, in order to be aware that these designs lead to our own subjugation and enslavement. And to anybody who does not yet realize that most members of the present Administration are involved in carrying out these intricately meshing schemes, all that we have to say here is a waste of their time, and of ours.

While we are in a race with time - -

With regard to Point 2, also, there is little we can add for those who are not already convinced. We believe it is a fair appraisal, however, to say that The John Birch Society now has more solid substance and effective reach than all other anti-Communist groups in America put together. Which means that we must provide the organizational core, the leadership, and the strategy for stopping the Communists. Otherwise the United States — probably split eventually into four provinces — will be incorporated, while most of us are still alive, into the same worldwide Communist empire with China and Czechoslovakia and Cuba and Zanzibar.

For six years most of our effort has been spent in organizing an army — an educational army, because this was the one kind with any chance of success in the struggle that engages us. We have set out to provide a form of opposition which the Communists have not faced before, in any of the fifty "countries" that they have taken over. And that is, a sizable body of men and women dedicated to the purpose of simply bringing out the truth. For the one and only thing which neither the Communist conspiracy nor any conspiracy can withstand is a sufficient amount of daylight turned onto its dark activities.

Because the Communists could see better than anybody else both what we were after and the potential danger to themselves, we have had to proceed against every conceivable form of smear and attack, both under cover and above the surface. So that, despite the incredible sacrifice, labor, and dedication of our members, this total educational army today is still only about one-fourth to one-third of the size and strength needed for extensive all-out warfare on any realistic basis.

Besides the external attacks on us, there have been some efforts,

even within the organization itself, to pull us off onto various tangents, such as political action, international intrigue — or even preparation for guerrilla warfare. We have hewed unwaveringly to the line, however, which was established when the Society was founded, that our function was simply to create understanding. And also as set forth in the Blue Book, we have built steadfastly in the belief that "no collection of debating societies" is ever going to stop the Communists. Despite all the smears and obstacles to which this hard course has subjected us, we have created, and have maintained, a structure that is mobile, and powerful, and dynamic. Today there is nothing else in this country, *or in any country,* to match The John Birch Society as a body of resistance to Communism.

III. We Are Not Ready For War

But we can fight a battle - -

As to Points 3 and 4, comments on both may well be combined. And the most important comment is this: We are not yet anywhere near strong enough to wage all-out war with the Communists, but we do have enough strength at last, by carefully picking our battlegrounds, to strike some decisive blows. We must follow the age-old strategy for any inferior force of concentrating heavily on one specific target at a time.

We are still talking, of course, about educational, ideological, and propaganda warfare. But let's suppose that the enemy has five divisions at each of twenty different stretches of its immense circular front, all slowly but surely advancing roughly in unison. And suppose that we have only ten divisions altogether. Nevertheless, if we suddenly hurl the whole force of our ten divisions at some particular area of the front, we may be able to rout completely the enemy forces at that point. We may thus slow down the whole line of Communist advance, and ourselves fall back to attack at some entirely different point, while the Communists are recovering — psychologically and otherwise — from any such totally unexpected defeat. This kind of strategy can be followed in this new kind of warfare just as surely and effectively as in the military warfare waged in simpler times.

Success depends on infinite pains - -

In carrying out such strategy, of course, not only the selection of a battleground most favorable to our prospects, but every consideration as to the timing and tactics involved, must all be studied as though our life or death depended on each detail — which they probably do. And it seems to me that, just when we have become strong enough for any such encounter, a rare opportunity is offered us by a situation which

the Communists themselves have created. This situation is made clear by the enclosed pamphlet, *Two Revolutions At Once,* which we hope you have already read. If not, we earnestly ask you to read it *now,* as a vital part of this letter. For unless you have enough interest in the danger, and confidence in myself, to give the time and careful attention required to grant this request, then my whole effort in this letter is likely to bog down anyway.

But if, or after, you have read *Two Revolutions At Once,* the following conclusions will, I believe, seem justified: (a) The Communists have laid out their own plans for the Negro Revolutionary Movement so fully, in print, and so continuously right up to the present time, that no good American, whom we actually reach with the facts, can fail to be convinced that "Civil Rights" is a Communist slogan and Communist program for Communist purposes; (b) the Communists have met more resistance, have had to accept more delays, and have engaged in more vacillation and doubt as to their own exact course, in connection with their "use" of the American Negro, than in any other long-range program they have ever undertaken; and (c), The John Birch Society has offered to it here exactly that form of battle for which it is best suited.

Our attack is now under way - -

We have already launched the first skirmish in this battle. In our May Bulletin, under the appropriate agenda heading, we set out the theme: *Fully expose the "civil rights" fraud and you will break the back of the Communist conspiracy.* We then informed our members that we were sending every chapter one hundred copies of *Two Revolutions At Once.* The assignment set before them was to make an effective, immediate distribution of these pamphlets, to their friends and neighbors. This means much more than the mere giving away, in the easiest manner, of a hundred pamphlets, by the fifteen or twenty members of a particular chapter. It calls for carefully placing each copy in the hands of somebody who has promised to read it. And this assignment will, in general, be conscientiously carried out.

About half a million copies of *Two Revolutions At Once* will thus be put to work. Also, this distribution will bring about the purchase of a considerable number of our *Civil Rights Packets* at one dollar each. This combination constitutes the opening volley in the battle ahead. Actually, this volley should have consisted of two million copies of the pamphlet, to be distributed by twenty thousand chapters. But we have to cut our suits to match the cloth we can afford and the amount of workmanship we have available. Also, that workmanship will make up in dedication much of what it lacks in numbers. So that, over the next several months, it is our hope and plan to pour a veritable flood of literature explaining the "civil rights" fraud, and exposing its backers,

into the hands of the American people.

We have various books and pamphlets for this purpose already in production, or in the planning stage. Also, while we count primarily on the printed word, because of its deeper and more lasting impact, we shall make some use of tapes and films. Of course we can and shall make distribution of materials that seem effective, which are turned out by other groups. Frankly, we do not believe that we yet have the strength and numbers to expose the whole fraud fully enough and convincingly enough, to enough people, for the result to be any really decisive victory. But we do expect — may we repeat — by this concentration of effort with the forces we do have, to turn enough light on this specific activity of the conspiracy, and strike a shattering enough blow at this particular pretense, for the shock to set back the Communist movement and force a certain reassembling of its lines — while we go on to strike another blow on another part of the front.

IV. But An Army Must Have Arms

And supplies and reinforcements - -

All of these plans, however, and many others, are based on the assumption that this letter will be successful. You cannot fight even one battle properly without reasonably adequate logistical support. Nor can the sizable army that we need for the total war be recruited rapidly and organized firmly without very formidable costs. First, let's illustrate and dramatize the situation by a truly fantastic suggestion.

If we had the resources in hand *right now,* we could find and hire three hundred additional well qualified and highly able Coordinators between the middle of May and the middle of August. We would then bring these three hundred men together for a two-weeks period ending with Labor Day weekend. The first three days of that period would be used for my standard "two-day presentation," with plenty of time for questions and answers and open discussion. The remaining ten days, with a few short breaks for recreation and to give what was being learned a little chance to "sink in," would be used as an extremely thorough training period for these men.

These training sessions, using films and tapes and lectures and discussions, and experiences from the field, and correspondence from our own members, and forms from our offices, and samples of all our publications and materials, would be conducted by Tom Hill and John Rousselot; by Ed Griffin and Reed Benson and Tom Davis; by Bob Koenig and Jim Pound and Buck Mann and other outside Major Coordinators and Coordinators; by Carl Danielson as an "Inside Coordinator," and the Tom Davis who is our Chief Accountant, and Dr. Gannon as head of our Research Department, and Scott Stanley telling about *American Opinion,* and Carole McKinney of our MMM Depart-

ment, and Bill Voit concerning our bookstore units, and other department heads dealing with their particular areas of our total program.

At least twice during the two weeks we would have some member of our COUNCIL give these men a look at their work from his more general point of view. At the very end I would try to offer an inspirational summary of the great undertaking to which they were now dedicating their lives. Immediately after Labor Day we would send these three hundred additional Coordinators out to their respective territories with enough sound knowledge and deeprooted enthusiasm for all of our announced goals by the end of 1966 to become an assured reality.

But there are not enough angels - -

Each of these men would have to be paid his salary and expenses for anywhere from six months to a year before he could establish a membership base that even approached being self-sustaining. He would have to be provided adequate field equipment. To give him proper support from our offices would require approximately two inside employees for each man in the field — with all of the purchase and installation of desks and typewriters and files and bookkeeping machines and mailing machines and all other office equipment which this would entail. It would also require the multiplying *at last five-fold* of our present volume of publishing and shipping. For that quantity of books and pamphlets and reprints would be absolutely necessary to make the field work become either self-sustaining or worthwhile. And the total immediate cost of this daydream would — as can be shown by a laborious breaking down of the figures — run to a minimum of at least twelve million dollars. So it is time to wake up, and consider what is possible.

The possible has been weighed - -

We have had to make this appraisal, in fact, of our current activities during the months immediately ahead, and of our projected expansion for a much greater influence in the future. With regard to both, the program on which we are already embarked is, we believe, the minimum that gives us the proper chance of carrying out the task we have undertaken. And the price tag on this present program is three million dollars. Or, in simple language, we have to raise three million dollars, over and above the normal flow of money from our membership at large — and we have to raise it now.

By sheer coincidence this happens to be, I have just remembered, the amount of money that Chiang Kai-shek raised in 1927 from the merchants of Shanghai, and which gave him the strength at a crucial point that enabled him to save China from the Communists for twenty

more years. Chiang was then finally driven off the mainland by the native Communists and their Soviet backers — *only* because of the overwhelming help given them by *our* government. We have no such *outside* pressures to withstand, of a level beyond our intrinsic capacity, if we can simply take care of our enemies at home.

We are fighting here, however, not the kind of military war which Chiang won for so long and would still have been able to win in China, but exactly the same kind of propaganda war which finally licked him. It is being carried out now, within and against our own country, by exactly the same forces. And neither The John Birch Society, nor *any* organization, no matter how dedicated, efficient, or skillfully directed, is going to defeat with "peanuts" an enemy which has billions to spend on propagating its falsehoods just in the United States alone. Because truth is on our side, and is so powerful an ally, we *can* defeat the Communists with only a fraction of their numbers and a far smaller fraction of their funds. But we can neither wage a battle nor build an army on what it takes to run a division. And I am turning to you hard pressed patriots who receive this letter simply because there are no other sources to which, as a practical matter, I *can* turn, for the now absolutely necessary support.

V. Still Looking Ahead

And not kidding ourselves or anybody else - -

For this is it. Our need for money is not because of our shortcomings or failures, *but because of our successes and our opportunities.* A strategic and concentrated attack on one front of the enemy's long encircling lines can be made with terrific impact if, but only *if,* we have adequate logistical support for even the forces we now have. (In plain language, this means primarily if we have the capital to produce the materials needed.) Subsequent concentrated attacks, one right after another, on various other targets (the pro-Communist activities of the National Council of Churches, and then the part of the Warren Court in undermining our republic, for instance) can be made with increasing impact and effectiveness if, but only *if,* we can continue to gain an ever larger stream of recruits and reinforcements. For both needs we must have resources, not in proportion to the size of the task, I am sorry to say, for this would be beyond our reach at the present time; but at least sufficient to enable us to make realistic use of our present strength and current potentialities.

Nor are we overlooking, in this letter, the program laid out in our pamphlet, *Looking Ahead,* which was mailed with the March Bulletin. We outlined there our hopes and plans for establishing fifty chapters, or approximately one thousand members, in every one of 325 Congressional Districts by the fall of 1966. Nothing in these pages changes

that undertaking in any way. But the truth is that, for whatever reason we do not know, that pamphlet brought us very little of the "big money" needed to carry out its projected accomplishment. We had, and still have an excellent response to that appeal from our members in the middle and lower income brackets. But we have found that many of our wealthier members, even among those truly dedicated to the Society and its purposes, did not even bother to read *Looking Ahead,* possibly because it appeared physically monotonous and forbidding. So that is why we are making this new appeal, in a more spritely format, to a selected few. And we are merely bringing this report of our planning up to date, without changing any of our aspirations.

We must face realities - -

Nor are we belittling to the slightest degree the wonderful help that has been given us in the past, by so many devoted friends at all economic levels. We are simply talking facts, when we refer to our present resources and income as "peanuts" in proportion to the resources of our enemy. We are facing the most extensively organized and solidly entrenched conspiracy in human history. And the Communists have never expected that anybody would be able, at this stage of the game, to raise resources, in either human dedication or financial backing, which would amount to anything but "peanuts" against their accumulated power. But it can be done, we are doing it, we have really meant business from the very beginning, and we mean business now, every step of the way. The question is, do you?

If not, have you considered the alternatives? The nearest Cuban refugee can tell you — with this difference: He is a refugee, and alive, because there still remained a country to which he could escape. There will be no such haven for Americans.

Or have you given really earnest thought to what the money you hold onto now will be worth in a few more years, unless we stop the Communists? I have a friend among the Cuban refugees who can answer that question too. He was the head of a large and highly prosperous accounting firm. He owned one home worth about a hundred thousand dollars, in which he lived, and another worth about eighty thousand dollars, which he rented out. He had other property and resources in proportion. Everything was confiscated, and he finally got out of Cuba almost penniless. Today he will tell you how wonderful he feels it would have been if he had given all he owned to some group like The John Birch Society, if there had been such an organization in Cuba — "and if I had only known what was really happening."

The life you save may be your own - -

We do not want anybody to give all they have to the Society, nor any big fraction of it. But we do want you to know "what is really happening," and to act accordingly. There *is* such a group in the United States as The John Birch Society, and it *can stop the Communists,* but only if *you,* and others like yourself whom I can reach, also fully understand the danger and really mean business about meeting it.

There is no way I can put any more energy and dedication into the struggle — I am doing all I can. So are literally thousands of our members with middle-class and smaller incomes, who are pouring into Belmont about twelve thousand dollars per day of the fifteen to twenty thousand per day required for our current operation. With anything approaching the same dedication and sacrifice on the part of our wealthy members, who have the most to lose, we would have no problem about money. All of my thought and time could be put on other problems which confront us. And — in my opinion — there would be no question about our winning the total war.

What more can I say? Except that *how soon* we have the money with which to advance, under present circumstances, is almost as important as having it at all. It is a peculiar fact, but true: If you wait to let George do it first, then we shall find that George has waited for you. Whereas, however fully you come in at once on your own initiative, we shall find that George has done the same. And, to quote Chiang Kai-shek in one of his great utterances, we shall give "all that we are and all that we have" to making your sacrifice and your support worth while.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Robert Welch
For The John Birch Society

Checks may be made out to The John Birch Society, or to *American Opinion,* or to *Correction Please!,* or to Escrow Account No. 78, or to Special Activities Fund. They may be sent as straight contributions, or as five-year loans at five percent interest, to serve our urgent need for working capital. And we shall use every dollar to the very best advantage we can determine, for the cause to which we really are devoting "the whole of our lives." RW

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A close friend of mine [redacted] who is a first year law student at the University of San Francisco said the John Birch Society is a "bunch of radicals".

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I've always respected you and I know you have much information about different organizations in the United States. Could you please tell me if the John Birch Society is an asset or a liability to the United States. Are they a bunch of radicals?

Regardless of what you, say, I'm going to show your reply to my cousin and my friend. If what my cousin says is true then I want to show my friend where he is wrong. If what my friend says is true then I won't make the mistake of joining the society and I'll show my cousin where he is in error.

I would also appreciate it if you could tell me the names of the communist front organizations that have Martin Luther King as a member.

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Respectfully,

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Dear Sir;

I have been studying our Government and the actions of our government for the past two years with great concern. During conversations with some of my friends, I sometimes have the feeling that I am not talking to an American, even though they profess to be Americans. I am greatly concerned with the Passiveism of the American people, and of the tremendous threat of the Comminists both in this country and in the rest of the world. I have one friend that believes that we are not living in a Republic. She continually argues that we live in a Democracy. I can not convince her of the difference between the two. I hope that after reading this letter, you will be able to help me become more informed so that I might be of service to my Country in helping those people with whom I come in contact each day become more informed about our Great and wonderful country, and our tremendous form of government, as it was ment to be by our founding Fathers.

During the past few months I have heard and am still hearing, many derrogative statements concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and the AMERICANS for DEMOCRATIC ACTION. I have been asked questions, and have listed listened to statements about these organizations, statements that I could not prove or disprove. To become better informed, so that I could better serve my country I would like to receive from you all of the factual information you might send me on these two organizations.

I do not wish to occupy to much of your time, therefore I will close. I will appreciate any help you might give me. I do wish to make one statement, as an American citizen, grateful for the fine work you have done since the organization of the FBI. I wish to tell you that as a citizen of this country I feel that you and the FBI have not received the appreciation of the American people that you deserve. I wish to thank you for the many things you have done for me indirectly and for my country.

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of June 30th, and it was good of you to express kind sentiments concerning my administration of the FBI.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire.

It is most encouraging to learn of your concern for and interest in our Government. The young people of our Nation must persevere in their studies if they are to become the leaders of tomorrow. In this regard, you may wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

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Sincerely yours,
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Sir:

The Chapter of The John Birch Society to which I belong is planning to set up a committee to support our local police in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.

We would appreciate any literature or information that could be furnished us to help us in this endeavor. We would like to supply each policeman, detective, etc. with an individual packet of information. We have 141 on the force.

If there is material, which you feel we should have, but that is not available for free distribution from your Bureau, please advise us where it can be purchased.

Sincerely yours,

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE

They need it. The Communists know, as the American people do not, that the city and community police forces now constitute one of the most important remaining obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and at first invisible, establishment of the mechanics of their Communist police state. The local working police are the best friends everywhere, of anti-Communists like ourselves, because they constantly run up against all of the dirty tactics of the Communists, and of the dupes and allies of the Communists, in their respective areas.

For this reason there has been a subtle, but now increasingly bolder and more extensive effort, to harass and discredit local police forces and their individual members, going on in the country for more than a decade. Just one illustration was the CBS television show, The Biography Of A Bookie Joint, which was designed to make all working "cops" look like grafting bums; and which has been proved by a thorough later investigation to have been basically as phony as was the "interview" with your Founder in Santa Barbara two years ago, that CBS broadcast all over the country. (We revealed the true facts about this incredibly dirty and deliberate distortion in an earlier bulletin, and reprinted those paragraphs in a thin leaflet as The Story Of A Hoax.) And we could fill this bulletin with other illustrations.

This support of their local police by all good citizens everywhere is going to become especially important now that Communist-inspired racial riots are getting to be a regular part of the American scene. The police will be "crucified" by the Liberals, in the press and over the airwaves, for practically everything they do in the line of duty. And this will be true no matter how circumspectly they handle themselves, nor with what careful restraint they use their authority, in connection with every large or small outbreak of civil disorder which the Communist plotters can produce.

Nor will the Communists nor even their Liberal dupes leave to chance the supply of grist for their mills of distortion. The police chief of Birmingham was doing a superb job of maintaining law and order in the midst of a hot situation, while letting thousand of Negroes march and hundreds of white people protest all they wished. He merely set up a line of police, protected by their police dogs, to keep the two groups apart. And peace was maintained day after day, while the level heads of the city, both white and colored, got together and tried to solve the problems underlying the turmoil. But this was the last thing that the instigators of the trouble wanted; and when incidents didn't arise, incidents had to be created. So a carefully planned tableau was enacted. While cameras were poised and ready to catch the show at the right instant, one or more hotheads or dupes among the Negroes went up to the line and deliberately kicked one or more of the dogs. The result was a

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picture, plastered in the papers all over the United States (and on the front page of the Boston Herald, of course), of a policeman barely holding onto a dog which was straining at the leash to attack a Negro among the Birmingham "civil rights" advocates in Birmingham.

There were no other results of the incident except the picture, which was the glorious piece of propaganda that the Communists wanted. But it shows you what the police will be up against everywhere in simply trying, as calmly as possible under the circumstances, to maintain law and order. The Federal Marshals, for another illustration, not only were not needed in Oxford, Mississippi for that purpose, but actually created most of the rioting -- as they obviously were intended to do. But of course the more the local police, anywhere or everywhere, can be discredited, the more willing the gullible American people will be to accept the entry of Federal troops as necessary to put down rioting.

Among the more carefully plotted schemes for harassing the police, discrediting individual policemen, and discouraging all those who might want to do their duty, has been the setting up of Police Review Boards -- to which many gullible dogooders and bleeding hearts have been giving support. Their chief function, in practice anyway if not in theory, is to make every individual police officer scared to death, as to every action he takes even in dealing with vicious criminals in emergency situations, of being called before some board weeks or months later, and condemned with loss of pay or maybe loss of job, for having been too unkind to the poor wayward unfortunates who were about to shoot him in the back, or stamp in his face, when he tried to interfere with their waywardness.

We shall return to this whole theme in later bulletins. At present we suggest simply that you

(a) Oppose the continuance or establishment of Police Review Boards.

(b) When you come across questionable criticism of your local police by some Liberal editor or nice-Nellie commentator, find out the real facts if you can. Usually the fellow officers of those being criticized will give you the unvarnished truth. Then if you find the criticism to have been unjustified, write and put the record straight.

Reproduced from the July, 1963 Bulletin of The John Birch Society.

These sheets are available, postage paid, at the following prices: 1 to 999, one dollar per hundred; 1M to 9M, $8.00 per thousand; 10M to 99M, $7.00 per thousand; 100M or more, $6.00 per thousand.

The attractive blue and white emblem on the reverse side of this sheet is also available as a 3 1/4" by 3 1/4" gummed sticker, in any quantity, at 50 for $1.00, postage paid. Order from

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 30th, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, budgetary limitations of this Bureau preclude my furnishing you material in volume. There are no provisions whereby the FBI can accept remuneration for publications; therefore, I trust you will understand my inability to be of aid.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FEAR, HATRED, SUSPICION AT HOME

By MARQUIS CHILDS

U.S. AWAKE TO FASCIST DANGER

WASHINGTON—How dangerous to the wellbeing of the U.S., and to its position as leader of the free world, are the radicals of the right?

This is a question being asked in Washington seriously as these radicals increasingly resort to the tactics of the Communists and the crypto-Communists of the thirties.

MARQUIS CHILDS

They practise character assassination without regard for the truth. They spread fear, hatred and suspicion. They advocate infiltration of non-political U.S. organizations such as the Parent-Teacher Association and the taking over of those organizations.

In some respects these radicals on the extreme right more nearly resemble the fanatical subverters of Germany and Italy who brought nazism and fascism into being.

They are often allied with the white citizens' councils, identifying integration with communism.

And at the extreme end of the spectrum they are openly anti-Semitic, often referring in propaganda leaflets to the Jewish-Communist conspiracy.

A few years ago, this would have been dismissed as merely another manifestation of what Theodore Roosevelt so aptly called the lunatic fringe—this time on the right rather than the left.

But with the rise of the John Birch Society and its intrusion into politics that is not so easy to do.

Drive for Power

Founded by Robert Welch, a former Massachusetts candy manufacturer, the Birch Society now claims nearly 100,000 members with chapters in most states and a goal of a million members paying dues of $12 for women and $24 for men.

They are pledged to accept the discipline of Welch, and many of their operations are secret.

Welch's secretly circulated book, "The Politician"—now reportedly withdrawn because it alarmed some members—has been compared to "Mein Kampf" if only in the Hitlerian view that the greater the lie the more likely that simple minds will fall victim to it.

He calls every president beginning with Franklin Roosevelt a Communist.

Of the Eisenhower brothers he writes: "While I, too, think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct."

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"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Both the late John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, are called Communists, with the latter ranking next to former president Eisenhower in his power of concealment.

Birch Society members have used their pressure techniques to force the showing of the House un-American activities film, "Operation Abolition." And they have denounced as Communists anyone questioning its accuracy or daring to suggest that the committee may have exceeded its rights.

Weapon of Fear

For popular U.S. officeholders this is perhaps no more than a nuisance.

But for citizens—professors, clergymen and others—with a conviction of their right to speak critical and unpopular views, it can mean community distrust, a small business harmed, or even a job lost.

The silence of fear is the alternate penalty the radicals of the right try to impose.

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Group Assailed in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — The John Birch Society was the target of both the executive and legislative branches of the California government today.

The California Attorney General's office was reported to be making an investigation of the society, and one lawmaker testified it "reminds us very much" of the Hitler organization in Germany before World War II.

Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk warned in a speech before the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce that "fanatical groups on the extreme right" must be as closely checked as the Communists, for they are "equally dangerous to democracy."

He gave six tests by which he said people could determine whether an organization advocated an extremist doctrine.

1. Does the organization attack churches and schools with blanket accusations.

2. Does it attack other traditional American institutions with wild, unsupported charges.

3. Does it label everyone with whom it disagrees politically as un-American or subversive?

4. Does it try to rewrite modern history by blaming American statesmen for wars, communism, depression and other world ills?

5. Does it resort to crude pressure tactics such as anonymous phone calls and letter-writing.

6. Do the spokesmen of the group appear more interested in the size of their money collections than in the principles they purport to espouse.

"Apply these six tests," he said, "and you will avoid entangling memberships with such groups as the American Nazi Party, the Communists, the Ku Klux Klan, the John Birch Society, the Cinema Education Guild, the Muslims and others of that type."

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DEVILS LAKE, N.D.--DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN S. B. HOCKING ASKED ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT F. KENNEDY TO START A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.
HOCKING SAID THE SOCIETY IS "ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL TO THE WELFARE OF THE UNITED STATES."
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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Report Ready on Birch Quiz

By PETER TRIMBLE

Attorney General Stanley Mosk will give Governor Edmund G. Brown a secret report on the activities of the extreme conservative John Birch Society before the end of this week, The Examiner learned yesterday.

Mosk, who has been investigating the group's activities in California since March 21, refused to disclose his findings or even hint at the conclusions he will present to the Governor.

Extremist

The Attorney General, however, already has publicly grouped the Birch Society with such extremist organizations as the American Nazi Party, Communists, the Ku Klux Klan, the Cinema Educational Guild and the Black Muslim movement.

As Mosk prepared his report to Brown, the society—dedicated to fighting what it believes is Communist influence on persons in high places—was attacked by a legislator in Sacramento.

Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton, Democrat of Merced, declared the group "reminds me very much" of the Hitler organization in Germany before World War II.

The statement was made as the Assembly Rules Committee opened hearings on Winton's proposal asking that U. S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy investigate the society.

"This is an organization to fight Communists," said Winton. "The Hitler organization started out the same way, and attracted some very respectable businessmen. But it resulted in something even

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Secret Birch Report to Brown Soon

worse than Communism or at least as bad."

The lawmaker said the Birch Society was "genuinely dangerous" because it "can easily step over the bounds of saying things and move into the ground of overt activities."

Assemblyman Richard Hanna, Democrat of Fullerton, indicated that when the committee has a full dress hearing on the Winton proposal scheduled for Thursday, he will oppose the resolution.

IN OPPOSITION

"I cannot see us as playing our proper role in repudiating these people on what they believe unless they have committed some overt act," Hanna told the committee. "We have to say that all voices must be heard."

Hanna predicted the society eventually would disband. "It will have broken its stick on the basic fairness of the people of the United States," he said.

Committee Chairman Augustus Hawkins, Democrat of Los Angeles, set the Thursday hearing and said consideration will be given at the same time to a resolution by Assemblyman John A. O'Connell, Democrat of San Francisco, denouncing the society.

IN 34 STATES

The society, which has its most active California chapters in Santa Barbara and Orange Counties, claims to have similar organizations in 34 States.

While it has been in existence since 1958, it drew little attention until recently when its attacks on leaders in Government and religion — some of whom were termed Communist dupes — brought it nationwide publicity.

The society's two chief current targets are Chief Justice Earl Warren and the National Council of Churches.

The John Birch Society was formed on Dec. 8, 1958, by Robert Welch, a retired Boston candy manufacturer in a speech before 11 business leaders in Indianapolis.

Welch, in what has been published as the organization's "Blue Book," declared the United States was in danger of being turned over to "collectivism" and called for an organization dedicated to "less government and more responsibility to build a better world."

Toward that end, he preached, the United States was originally established as a republic, not as a democracy. Since it has become a democracy there must be restraints imposed on the ability of the people to rule themselves or it will run wild.

As examples of what he thinks is happening to the country, Welch has listed persons who, he says, may be unwittingly aiding the Communist conspiracy. They are virtually a "Who's Who in Government."

MEN AT TOP

In addition to Warren, those blasted include President Eisenhower, Milton Eisenhower, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Gen. George C. Marshall.

Welch borrowed his name for the activist group from John Birch, a fundamentalist Baptist missionary who was a wartime military intelligence captain with Gen. Claire Chennault, a charter member of the society.

Birch was killed by Chinese 10 days after V-J Day, and with his death, Welch said "the battle lines were drawn in a struggle from which either Communism or Christian-style civilization must emerge with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed."

While the membership of the Birch Society is not known, one of the places where the members can be counted on the fingers of one hand is San Francisco.

Welch attempted to organize a chapter here in 1959.

during a two-day seminar at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. The meeting, coincidentally, was called to order as Nikita Khrushchev was leaving the same hotel following his visit here.

Some 30 persons attended the meeting, including retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone. But the movement did not catch on here and Stone moved to Los Angeles, where Welch's theories found a more enthusiastic welcome.

One of those at the original meeting here was Mrs. Dorothy Schoonmaker, a housewife and mother of two children, who has known Welch personally since 1955 and has been an ardent follower of his since the society was founded.

She said she knows of only two or three friends here who are members of the organization. The Police Department Intelligence Unit estimates there may be five or six members here and eight or 10 in Berkeley.

Mrs. Schoonmaker is appalled to find the Birch group linked with extremist movements.

"To have people call you ultra-conservative and right-wing just because you are for individual freedom is terrible," she said yesterday. "Anti-Communism is not the ultimate aim of the Birch Society. It is less government."

Admitting that Welch "is wordy" and that some of the things he says could best be left unsaid, Mrs. Schoonmaker declared, "I haven't found anything wrong with what he has said.

"We aren't advocating the overthrow of the Government," she added, "we are supporting it."

Regarding Welch's charges against Warren, she said Welch "does not feel that Warren is a Communist. He feels that some of the Supreme Court decisions have broken the meaning of the law as outlined by the Constitution."

On Eisenhower—"He is nice person who shouldn't have been the leader of our country."

Mrs. Schoonmaker admitted that some of the tactics advocated by Welch were similar to the infiltration tactics and use of front groups used by the Communists.

"But what we have been doing in the past hasn't worked with the Communists. We join the P-TA and similar organizations. We support any good organization, such as the Christian Anti - Communist Crusade.

AMERICAN WAY

"We work through letter writing," said Mrs. Schoonmaker. "That is the American way."

Bombarding congressman and senators, with letters appears to be one of the Birch Society's main activities, directed by Welch from his Belmont, Mass., headquarters, and by a 26-member national council of the organization.

In Washington, Senator Milton R. Young of North Dakota told the Senate he had received "many requests" for information regarding the Birch Society and also some demands for a Senate investigation of it.

WHISPERS

Senator Gale McGee of Wyoming said that during a recent visit to Phoenix, Ariz., he found that city "torn badly within because of agitation and whispers stirred up in the name of this society." McGee declared it is "time the searchlight of truth" be turned on the group.

In Beverly Hills, Paul H. Talbert, a member of the Birch Society's National Council, assailed what he termed the "gratuitous and unsolicited concern" of the American Civil Liberties Union, which has declared its opposition to a proposed State Senate probe of the organization.

Talbert said the society would "welcome" an investigation and added, "We will not invoke the constitutional provision against self-incrimination as so many of the clients of the ACLU are prone to do."

Many conservatives, who might otherwise share Welch's political and economic views have criticized him for apparently believing that everything he personally considers wrong is a Communist plot.

They cite, for example, a 1958 Welch article in his magazine, "American Opinion," asserting that among pro-Communist activities was the "snatching of the Republican nomination" from the late Senator Robert Taft in 1952. Thsi, Welch claimed, was accomplished "by purchase, theft, secret deals and other tactics more foul than had ever before appeared in American politics."

KENNEDY HIT

In a later article, his views on President John F. Kennedy—before his election—were reflected when he wrote about what he characterized as "an amoral man." Without mentioning the then Senator Kennedy by name, Welch wrote:

"You will usually find him in church on Sunday morning, maybe even a Catholic church. But, as a member of the United States Senate, running for the presidency and smart enough to know the strong Communist support behind-the-scenes which he will have to get in order to have any chance of being nominated in 1960, such an amoral man can do a tremendous amoun of ball-carrying on behalf of the Communist aims here.

"And any similarity of characters in this story to any living persons is not coincidental."

A drive to obtain the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren is the biggest of the current Birch Society projects. In the latest issue of his periodical, Welch, a native of the South, aims a heavy blast at the Supreme Court's 1954 school desegregation decision. He contends this stepped up Dixieland's racial disorders, which he says stem from Communist planning, and Welch writes:

"There is plenty of evidence that we already have the pot of the Warren impeachment boiling."

California's U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel reported he has received some 200 "impeach Warren" letters. Kuchel has denounced the society's drive as "contemptible and vicious."

ANNUAL DUES

How does the Birch Society finance itself? Its male members pay dues of $24 a year and the woman pay $12, with life memberships available for $1,000. It also solicits contributions, particularly from members or sympathizers who are wealthy or prominent.

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Birch Society Called Ike, Dulle

By BARBARA BUNDSCHU
By United Press International

Residents of Santa Barbara, Calif., were in for a surprise when they stepped out into the bright and blowy morning of Feb. 26 to pick up their Sunday newspapers. In that quiet and beautiful city of about 60,000, a respected fellow citizen had discovered what he felt was an outrage.

"The editor and publisher of the News-Press is in his 85th year, began a two-column editorial on the front page.

"His entire life has been spent in this community...he lived when conditions were rugged. When West was West and men were men.

"He lived during periods when if a man or a group of men openly by word of mouth, or the printed word, called our President...and others at the head of our government, traitors, they were made to answer. Such slanders often called for a visit from a courageous and irate group which brought with them a barrel of tar and a few feathers...."

THOMAS MORE STORKE, rancher and citrus grower, owner of a newspaper since 1900, briefly a United States senator, regent of the University of California, was taking a stand against the John Birch Society and its founder and leader, Robert Welch, 61, of Belmont, Mass.

In a letter written before he set up the society late in 1958 and still in limited circulation, Mr. Welch told friends that President Eisenhower, his brother, Milton, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, were members of the Communist underground.

In Santa Barbara itself, blessed as few communities in the nation with the comforts of both nature and material wealth wealth, several active chapters of the semi-secret society were studying Communism at private meetings and looking around town for "Communists" to expose.

"The secret Communist looks and acts just like anybody else, only more so," Mr. Welch had instructed them in the society's "Blue Book." He could be anybody you know. In fact, Mr. Welch said, one of his prime suspects is "one of the nicest men you ever met. Most of them are."

Holds Democracy Political Fraud

The society is, in itself, an authoritarian society. Editor Storke's adjective was "totalitarian"). Mr. Welch is far from completely sold on the form of government we now have.

As for the political concept of a democracy, he regards it frankly as a "weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

THOMAS M. STORKE
Opposes Birch Society

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A little over three weeks after Mr. Storke's editorial, Chancellor Samuel B. Gould of the University of California at Santa Barbara, speaking at a university banquet, said a "new type" of secret student organization had been set up on the campus whihc encourages students to become informers and take on the tasks of security agencies." It is understood he referred to the Birch Society.

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Mr. Welch was born in North Carolina, Dec. 1, 1899. He was reared in what he now calls "the intellectually restricting bonds of the unusually narrow Southern Baptist fundamentalism."

He spent four years at the University of North Carolina, two at the Naval Academy, and two at Harvard Law School before going into the candy business. He was for years vice president of the James A. Welch Co., headed by his brother, which has factories in Massachusetts and in Los Angeles.

Founded Group In December '58

He was a director of the National Assn. of Manufacturers for seven years, serving also as a vice-president of the organization, and three former presidents of the NAM are or have been on the Birch Society's council.

On Jan. 1, 1957, his biography says, he "gave up most of his business responsibilities—and most of his income—in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause."

The John Birch Society was founded almost two years later, on Dec. 9, 1958, at Indianapolis. A two-day speech which Mr. Welch delivered, is today the "blue book" of the society, the official statement of its aims and methods.

It is supplemented by monthly bulletins to members and the magazine, "American Opinion," which Mr. Welch founded before the society and of which he is editor.

The message and aim is: "Less government, more responsibility and a better world."

All Opponents In "Conspiracy"

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The conservative Los Angeles Times, in an editorial signed by publisher Otis Chandler on March 12, saw an implication of sedition in Mr. Welch's statements.

The editorial said:

"The Times does not believe that the argument for conservatism can be won—and we do believe it can be won—by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree."

Nature of Red Threat to U.S Outlined by Lee in Address

By JOHN THOMPSON
Of The Commercial Staff

William L. (Jerry) Lee of Amarillo, Tex., a retired Air Force general outlined the nature of the Communist threat to America last night in a free public lecture sponsored by the Pine Bluff Citizens Council.

Lee explained that communism is "revolutionary and dictatorial socialism" aimed at the elimination of individual freedom and dignity on which America is founded. He stated that the essence of the movement is ever-increasing state power.

"Communism advocates state ownership of property, state planning, the determination of wages and the elimination of personal income," he said.

Lee expressed the opinion that communism is especially attractive to intellectuals because of its promise of a classless society. He said social science teachers, for example, turn to communism because they envy the financial success of others.

After giving a brief historical review of the Communist movement, in which he traced the roots of Russian Bolshevism back to the United States of 1872, he outlined the methods by which communism is seeking power today in Asia, Europe and the United States.

"For 15½ years," he said, "the Communists have enslaved 7,000 subjects every hour. They have taken over one third of the world and of its population."

Among those whom Lee associated with the Communist movement abroad were India's Premier Jawaharlal Nehru, Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nassar and Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

"The opinion molders would have you believe Nehru is a dynamic neutralist, Nasser an Arab nationalist and Castro an agrarian reformer. They would have had you believe the same thing about Mao Tse Tung 20 years ago," he commented.

Lee said the Communist Party in the United States has plans to divide the country into four po-

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lice states at an early date.

"This may happen before Kennedy completes his first administration, and 1960 may have been our last free election" said Lee. "Already one fourth of the United States has been taken over".

Lee mentioned a number of factors that lead him to believe communism is on the rise in America: Labor, which controls the nation's communications system—including lines to Air Force bases—are infiltrated by Communists; textbooks fail to report America's history in a true light; many newspapers are largely controlled by Communists: the United Nations is a haven for Communist agents; and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a Communist organization attempting to initiate conflict between white and Negro.

"Not until the infamous decision by the Warren cesspool court did they (the NAACP) have a tool to work with," Lee said.

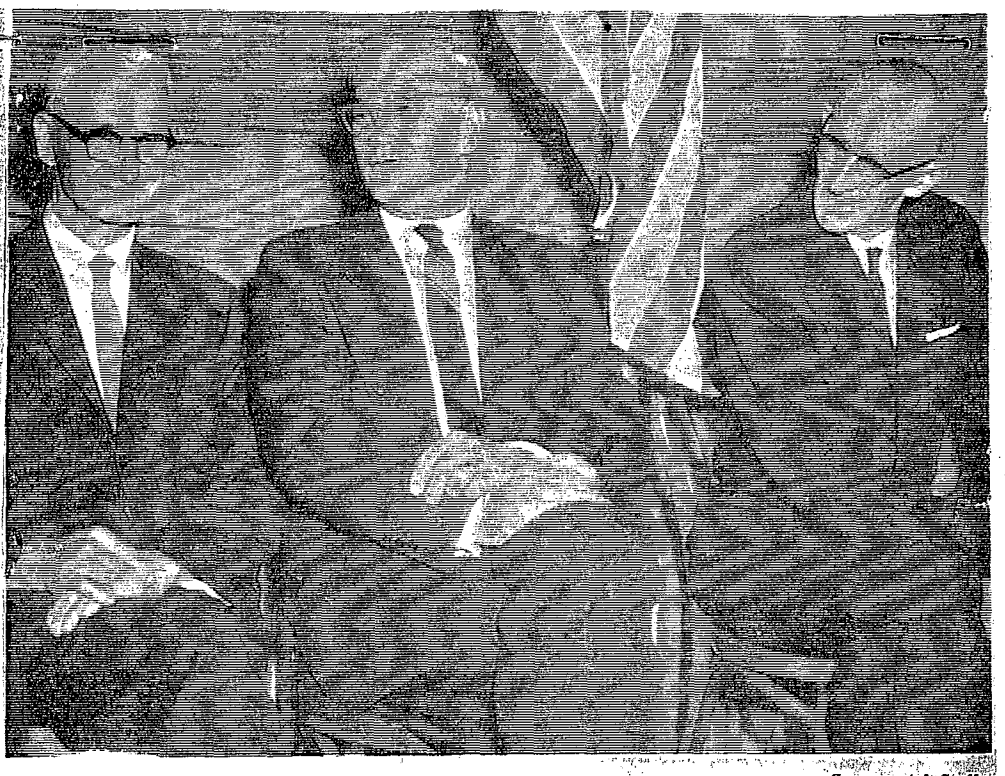
In this connection, Lee suggested that United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter be impeached. Frankfurter, he said, "was helping the Communists way back in 1909."

The John Birch Society, an anti-Communist organization of which Lee is West Texas coordinator, favors the impeachment of Warren.

Lee remarked that the early career of President John F. Kennedy, as well as his recent cabinet appointments, indicated that Kennedy had "helped the Communist cause".

Asked to explain this statement, Lee cited Kennedy's opposition to student loyalty oaths and his appointment of Secretary of State Dean Rusk, whom Lee said had aided the Communists when he was assistant secretary of state in the Truman administration.

Lee was introduced by Citizens Council President L. D. Poynter. There were several estimates on the attendance. A reporter guessed 120, Hendrix Rowell, the man who arranged the meeting for the council, said an actual count revealed 258, and Lee himself estimated the crowd at about 100.



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CONFERENCE BEFORE LECTURE

L. D. Poynter, right, president of the Pine Bluff Citizens Council, confers with William L. (Jerry) Lee, center, a representative of the John Birch Society, an anti-Communist organization, and Marvin H. Hamilton of Pine Bluff, an outspoken critic of desegregation.

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~~Semi-Secret Group~~ Fights Communism But With Big How?

(The methods of the John Birch Society in fighting Communism have stirred controversy in many U.S. cities. A UPI special reporting team was assigned to investigate its purposes, operations and opposition.

(This is the first of three articles.)

By BARBARA BUNDSCHU
United Press International

Residents of Santa Barbara, Calif., were in for a surprise when they stepped out into the bright and blowy morning of Feb. 26 to pick up their Sunday newspapers. In that quiet and beautiful city of about 60,000, a respected fellow citizen had discovered what he felt was an outrage.

"The editor and publisher of the News-Press is in his 85th year," began a two-column editorial on the front page.

"His entire life has been spent in this community . . . he lived when conditions were rugged. When West was West and men were men. He lived during periods when if a man or a group of men openly by word of mouth, or the printed word, called our President . . . and others at the head of our government, traitors, they were made to answer. Such slanders often called for a visit from a courageous and irate group which brought with them a barrel of tar and a few feathers. . . ."

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Belmont Man's Society Stirs U.S. Furor

ON A QUIET STREET in Belmont, opposite the town swimming and play area, is the national headquarters of the John Birch Society, a semi-secret group dedicated to exterminating communism, but whose extreme methods have provoked controversy in many United States cities.

FOUNDER AND LEADER of the organization is Robert H. W. Welch Jr. (left). Welch caused great indignation when he branded the then President Eisenhower a Communist dupe. One of the society's goals is to impeach Chief Justice Warren.

(Globe Photo by Jack O'Connell)

BIRCH SOCIETY

Continued from the First Page

Thomas More Storke, rancher and citrus grower, owner of a newspaper since 1900, briefly by interim a U.S. senator, regent of the University of California, was taking a stand against the John Birch Society and its founder and leader, Robert H. W. Welch Jr. of Belmont, Mass.

Welch, 61, retired from a candy firm four years ago to devote his life to fighting communism. What bothered Storke was the way Welch was fighting it.

In a letter written before he set up the society late in 1958 and still in limited circulation, Welch told friends that President Eisenhower, his brother, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen Dulles, then and now head of the Central Intelligence Agency, were members of the Communist underground.

But the statement about Eisenhower wasn't all Storke had on his mind. In Santa Barbara itself, blessed as few communities in the nation with the comforts of both nature and material wealth, lives a member of the society's 26-man council, Dr. Granville Knight, a physician. Several active chapters of the semi-secret society were studying communism at private meetings and looking around town for Communists to expose.

EDITOR DARES SOCIETY TO SUE

"The secret Communist looks and acts just like anybody else, only more so," Welch had instructed them in the society's "Blue Book." He could be anybody you know. In fact, Welch said, one of his prime suspects is "one of the nicest men you ever met. Most of them are."

Exposure of such persons, even through "mean and dirty" techniques, Welch said, is one of the most effective means of shocking the American people awake in time to save themselves from communism. He also advises members to set up front groups, to infiltrate community organizations and to engage in directed letter writing to promote specific campaigns of his ultra-conservative society.

It was to protest what these tactics were doing to Santa Barbara that editor Storke raised his editorial voice.

"The News-Press condemns the tactics that have brought anonymous telephone calls of denunciation to Santa Barbarans in recent weeks from members of the John Birch Society or their sympathizers," Storke's editorial said.

"The News-Press condemns the pressures on wealthy residents who fear and abhor communism, to contribute money to an organization whose leader has said that 'for reasons you will understand, there can be no accounting of funds.' . . .

"The John Birch Society already has done a grave disservice to Santa Barbara by arousing suspicions and a mutual distrust among men of good will. The organization's adherents, sincere in their opposition to communism, do not seem to understand the dangers of the totalitarian dynamite with which they are tampering.

"The News-Press challenges them: Come up from underground.

"And if they believe that in being challenged they have grounds for suit—let them sue. The News-Press would welcome a suit as a means of shedding more light on the John Birch Society."

WELCH NOT SURE OF DEMOCRACY

What is the real nature of this relatively new group on the American political scene? Political scientists would classify it as ultra-conservative. It is and will remain a subject of controversy, however, over whether its tactics are compatible with American democratic principles as they are most popularly understood.

It is, in itself, an authoritarian society. (Editor Storke's adjective was "totalitarian"). Welch does not say the United States should have a similarly authoritarian form of government.

But he is far from completely sold on the form we now have. And as for the political concept of a democracy, he regards it frankly as a "weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

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And because there is evidence to support the society's claim that it is growing, the controversy around it is also bound to grow in the months ahead.

CONTROVERSY SPREADS FAR

Santa Barbara was not the first or the last—although it would seem among the most unlikely—community to have been torn by the society's activities nor to have seen it assailed by its newspapers. The organization has become embroiled in controversy in many states, including Wisconsin, Texas, Ohio, Kansas, California and North Dakota.

The amount of secrecy surrounding its operations has varied considerably from community to community, and Welch has given up his fight to avoid publicity about the group.

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At issue between the society and those who condemn it is the tendency of its activities to suppress, if not the right, at least the respectability of, dissent.

This question has split the Supreme Court itself in decisions which have qualified the First Amendment rights of witnesses before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Inhibition of free speech caused by such private organizations as the Birch Society, have had no judicial rule. Editor Storke's statement of principles, said: "We believe . . . that traitors should be dealt with by the courts, not by vigilante groups."

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Robert Welch never heard of Birch until after his death, but he has researched and written his life story. Welch has memorialized Birch as "probably the first American casualty in that Third World War, between communists and the ever-shrinking 'free world,' which is still being waged against us." And when he came to found a communist-fighting organization, he called it the John Birch Society.

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At her farm home near Macon, Ga., Birch's mother, Mrs. George S. Birch, said she and her husband are "heartily in accord" with Welch's organization "and we are proud for it to bear our son's name."

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WOULD REPEAL SOCIAL MEASURES

Welch would repeal virtually all of the social and economic legislation of the last 30 years.

He warned that communism is being slipped over on the American people so gradually and insidiously that before long "they can no longer resist the Communist conspiracy as free citizens, but can resist the Communist tyranny only by themselves becoming conspirators against established government."

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Birch Society Does 'Nicely' in State, Says Member Here

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By MARSHALL WILSON

How is the John Birch Society doing in Washington State?

"Very nicely," according to P. C. (Cap) Beezley, 2749 60th Av. S. E., Mercer Island.

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Beezley, volunteer organizer for the society in Washington, is convinced his organization is the "most efficient in America in the fight against Communism."

"HOW MANY members of the society are there in Washington?" Beezley was asked.

"No comment," Beezley replied. "Do the Communists tell you how many members they have? I think they would like nothing better than to know our strength."

Beezley has been collecting and reading volumes of anti-Communist literature and stacks of congressional reports for 12 years. He joined the John Birch Society when Robert Welch, society founder, conducted a two-day seminar in Seattle in September, 1959.

BEEZLEY SAID he joined the society because it had "professional direction, and that is what is necessary to stop the Communists."

Although Beezley downgrades the importance of the number of members, the society has set a national goal of 1,000,000 members.

"Not everybody belongs in the organization," he said. "Some people are not in the position to take the smears we know we will have to take."

Time for extensive reading is one of the major qualifications for a prospective member of the John Birch Society.

"We want factual, documented information," Beezley said.

"HOW DO YOU pass on the information you find?" he was asked.

"Through meetings of the individual members," Beezley said.

Beezley added that pertinent facts then are called to the attention of the lawmakers," he answered.

The organization hopes for the day when 100,000 or 200,000 letters, on any subject, can flood the desks of congressmen within 48 hours.

THE SOCIETY follows a pattern of the Communist Party it hates in organizing along cell units. Each cell will be broken up into other units

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"Where do you meet?" Beezley was asked.

"Each chapter meets a minimum of once a month," he answered. "Some are meeting more often. We meet in homes or offices—wherever is convenient."

At meetings, members are given their assignments—primarily letter-writing. One requirement is to read at least one book a month on the Communist peril.

BEEZLEY AGAIN and again emphasized that the aim of the society is "less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Beezley was asked about reports that there is no accounting of society funds.

"I can't say specifically, but I'll bet money it isn't true," he said.

Beezley denied that the society is secret and said the whole story is set out in the Blue Book, the organization's Bible, for sale to anyone for $2.

Beezley denied reports that some children are asked to "snitch" on their teachers, but said:

"I don't see anything wrong in asking children to report if their teachers are teaching Communism."

Beezley is a retired Seattle businessman. He was employed by an investment-security company 20 years and was president of an asphalt company when he retired in 1954.

The John Birch Society is opposed to water fluoridation.

"It's mass medication, isn't it?" Beezley asked.

He said the enemy could easily put poison or nerve drugs in a city's water system.

DESPITE HIS hatred for the Communists, Beezley is not fearful of a thermonuclear war, but fears invasion from within.

"The Soviets don't want this tremendous industrial plant a pile of contaminated cinders—and they want the people who know how to run it."

Beezley acknowledged a connection between the John Birch Society and the films, "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition."

"The films were financed by the National Education Program," he said. Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding College in Searcy, Ark., is also president of that program.

"They did use some of Bob Welch's material—why shouldn't they?" he concluded.

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Calling on Presbyterians to wake up to what is happening to you under the guise of anti-communism," he charged the society is conducting a "campaign of false witness" against the church and its leaders.

ASK U.S. PROBE

In addition to the Governor's probe, a June hearing has been set by the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee. Its chairman, Sen. Hugh Burns, of Fresno, said the Society's founder, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., will be asked to testify, adding:

"Any movement, from the unbalanced Right or the unbalanced Left, which tears the country apart by rumor, slander, fear and doubt, must necessarily be suspect."

The Assembly Rules Committee will vote tomorrow on a resolution urging a nationwide investigation of the Birch Society by U. S. Attorney-General Robert F. Kennedy. The committee heard testimony urging the resolution be passed yesterday.

Mr. Mosk classified the Birch Society as an organization which "is extremist and should be suspect by loyal Americans."

He included, along with the Society, the American Nazi Party, the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, the Cinema Education Guild, the Muslims and other groups.

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"His entire life has been spent in this community...he lived when conditions were rugged. When West was West and men were men.

"He lived during periods when if a man or a group of men openly by word of mouth, or the printed word, called our President...and others at the head of our government, traitors, they were made to answer. Such slanders often called for a visit from a courageous and irate group which brought with them a barrel of tar and a few feathers...."

THOMAS MORE STORKE, rancher and citrus grower, owner of a newspaper since 1900, briefly a United States senator, regent of the University of California, was taking a stand against the John Birch Society and its founder and leader, Robert Welch, 61, of Belmont, Mass.

In a letter written before he set up the society late in 1958 and still in limited circulation, Mr. Welch told friends that President Eisenhower, his brother, Milton, the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, were members of the Communist underground.

In Santa Barbara itself, blessed as few communities in the nation with the comforts of both nature and material wealth wealth, several active chapters of the semi-secret society were studying Communism at private meetings and looking around town for "Communists" to expose.

"The secret Communist looks and acts just like anybody else, only more so," Mr. Welch had instructed them in the society's "Blue Book." He could be anybody you know. In fact Mr. Welch said, one of his prime suspects is "one of the nicest men you ever met. Most of them are."

Holds Democracy Political Fraud

The society is, in itself, an authoritarian society. Editor Storke's adjective was "totalitarian"). Mr. Welch is far from completely sold on the form of government we now have.

As for the political concept of a democracy, he regards it frankly as a "weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

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By Mr. Welch's political standards, Dwight Eisenhower is a Communist, and so are many others in high government places, past and present. These are standards not everyone accepts.

The U.S. Senate on March 8 heard Sen. Milton R. Young, North Dakota Republican, declare that Mr. Welch's accusations against Mr. Eisenhower and others had gone "beyond anything the late Joe McCarthy ever thought of."

A little over three weeks after Mr. Storke's editorial, Chancellor Samuel B. Gould of the University of California at Santa Barbara, speaking at a university banquet, said a "new type" of secret student organization had been set up on the campus whihc encourages students to become informers and "take on the tasks of security agencies." It is understood he referred to the Birch Society.

An issue between the society and many who might otherwise share Mr. Welch's conservative political and economic views is his persistent reasoning that everything he personally considers wrong is a Communist plot.

John Birch had nothing to do with the group. He was a young fundamentalist Baptist missionary from Georgia who served as an intelligence officer in China during World War II and was killed 10 days after V-J Day by Chinese Communists. He was 27 when he died.

In Mr. Birch's name, members of the society are asked to write letters to congressmen and others, operate in "front" organizations and through established community groups such as PTAs and chambers of commerce to push campaigns conceived by Welch as anti-Communist.

These include movements to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren, to repeal the income tax law, to rout the social gospel from the churches, to oppose the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance, foreign aid, the United Nations and cultural, or any other, exchanges with Russia.

Mr. Welch was born in North Carolina, Dec. 1, 1899. He was reared in what he now calls "the intellectually restricting bonds of the unusually narrow Southern Baptist fundamentalism."

He spent four years at the University of North Carolina, two at the Naval Academy and two at Harvard Law School before going into the candy business. He was for years vice president of the James A. Welch Co., headed by his brother, which has factories in Massachusetts and in Los Angeles.

Founded Group In December '58

He was a director of the National Assn. of Manufacturers for seven years, serving also as a vice president of the organization, and three former presidents of the NAM are or have been on the Birch Society's council.

On Jan. 1, 1957, his biography says, he "gave up most of his business responsibilities—and most of his income—in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause."

The John Birch Society was founded almost two years later on Dec. 9, 1958, at Indianapolis. A two-day speech, which Mr. Welch delivered, is today the "Blue Book" of the society, the official statement of its aims and methods.

It is supplemented by monthly bulletins to members and the magazine, "American Opinion," which Mr. Welch founded before the society and of which he is editor.

The message and aim is: "Less government, more responsibility and a better world."

All Opponents In "Conspiracy"

Mr. Welch quite literally wants to repeal the 20th century.

But unlike many who share this desire, either politically or ostalgically, he views its trend toward "collectivism" not simply as a mistake but as a sinister conspiracy.

It would, he claims, change the economic and political structure of the United States so that this nation can be merged with the Soviet Union without a fight.

"The danger is almost entirely internal," Mr. Welch said "from Communist influence right in our midst and treason right in our government."

The idea that the nation must mobilize its resources to combat the external danger of Soviet military might and Sputnik supremacy is, in Mr. Welch's view, a part of the Communist plot.

"In other words, under the guise of fighting Communism we are being stamped into the biggest jump ever towards, and perhaps the final jump right into,into, socialism and then the Communist camp."

The conservative Los Angeles Times, in an editorial signed by publisher Otis Chandler on March 12, saw an implication of sedition in Mr. Welch's statements.

The editorial said:

"The Times does not believe that the argument for conservatism can be won—and we do believ it can be won—by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree."

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John Birch Society:

Alarmist Order

A semi-secret society which has begun to appear in the news throughout the nation largely because of its extremism in its fight against communism and its shocking characterization of many national leaders as Communists is the John Birch Society. This is the first of a series of articles on the goals, the organization, leadership and plan of action of this organization.

BY BARRY FARRELL
Post-Intelligencer Staff Reporter

TWO years ago, a retired candy manufacturer called a meeting of a dozen men. The men came to Indianapolis in mid-winter, drawn there by the heat of the cold war. After a two-day monologue delivered by Robert Welch, the candy maker and the founder of the John Birch Society, 12 men were forged together in a common aim: The defeat, at all costs, of international communism.

Since then the John Birch Society has spread to every state in the union. There are chapters in 35 states and scores of "home chapter" members in the others. By year's end, the society expects 100,000 members. Its goal is one million. Its size increases at a rate that doubles the total membership every four months.

Chapters Here

Seattle has several chapters and there are chapters in Kent and in Renton, in Edmonds, Bellingham, Tacoma, Burlington, Sunnydale, Bellevue and other cities in the state. New chapters form almost monthly, dividing themselves like amoebae from one chapter into two whenever the membership of a chapter grows beyond 20.

The John Birch Society is on the move.

The society's members are locked together by "**completely authoritative controls at all levels**" in hopes of presenting a strong and militant front to advance the two aims of the society: Fight communism and work for less government, more individual responsibility and a better world.

The membership, according to P. C. Beezley of Mercer Island, volunteer coordinator of John Birch activities in Washington State, runs the gamut of society—the young and old, Republican and Democrat, rich man and poor. The one thing the members have in common, Beezley has said, is fear.

"**We're looking for members sufficiently aware of things to be frightened and sufficiently frightened to want to work. As soon as people talk together and get afraid, they'll start working with us.**"

The theme of fear runs through all the books, magazines and statements the society issues. In "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society," a primer of ultra-conservatism drawn from tape recordings made at Welch's Indianapolis convention, many pages are devoted to the importance of shock technique in awakening Americans to the menace of communism.

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Grave Accusations

And, as Welch interprets it, the menace of communism is truly fearful. The past three American presidents, he has written were either Communists or tools of the Communists.

To Welch, President Eisenhower was a **"dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy."** He also wrote of Eisenhower that **"..... there is only one word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."**

He describes President Kennedy as **"the amoral man ..... smart enough to know the strong Communist support behind the scenes which he will have to get....."** and a man who **"can do a tremendous amount of ball-carrying on behalf of the Communist aims here in the United States."**

Welch has called both the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, tools of the Communists. Another **"Communist dupe,"** Welch charges, is Chief Justice Earl Warren and Welch has made it a cardinal ambition of his society to see the day when Warren is impeached.

"The Blue Book" and Welch's own credo, a confidential book distributed to a limited number of followers called *"The Politician," draw the battle lines against communism* right through the heart of American society. Communists control the press, the United Nations, high posts in the government and the armed forces, leading positions in the schools and universities, at least one of every three Protestant churches and most civic organizations, Welch argues.

"The Politician" has brought considerable discomfort to many John Birch members and to Welch, himself, who argues that it has nothing to do with the society. But the tenor of its charges is found everywhere in the literature of the society and in "American Opinion," its monthly magazine.

The John Birch Society has been attacked by many national leaders for its authoritarian organization, its reckless charges against the most august and influential Americans and its plan of operations for the future. Last week former Vice President Richard Nixon warned Americans against adopting the tactics of communism to fight subversion in this country.

Warning From Nixon

"It may at times seem unrealistic and naive to follow the rules of the game when our opponents are so unscrupulous and completely devoid of morality," Nixon wrote. "But in the end, refusing to resort to methods that are wrong not only is right, but in the long run it is the most effective way to combat an evil doctrine like communism."

But to Welch, such charges are simply part of the expected "smear," the result of what he considers the decay of Americanism in both the leaders who denounce his society and the press which broadcasts the attacks.

"When we get smeared," Beezley said the other day, "it means we're beginning to be noticed. We're beginning to hurt them (the Communists) and the smear has always been their counterattack. It's perfectly all right with us it's a sign of our strength."

(Tomorrow: The John Birch Society—A Portrait of its Leaders.)

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Groups Scorn Democracy, U.S. Leaders

The John Birch Society, a strange product of strange times, was born a little more than two years ago.

A semi-secret society, it grew out of infancy known only to a few. It burst into public prominence only in the past month or so.

Now, as if by magic, the John Birch Society is discussed and debated in churches, in schools, in the press, in Congress.

The society says it now has thousands of members across the nation, organized chapters in 34 states including Texas, and a growing reservoir of money and power.

HOUSTON IS described by the society as one of its strongest bulwarks. Its members here are said to number in the hundreds.

The society also has a leader who once branded President Eisenhower as a traitor and a Communist.

"Shocking and irresponsible," the society was called by Congressman J. T. Rutherford of Odessa in a newsletter to his constitutents.

Sen James O. Eastland, D-Miss, chairman of the Senate internal security subcommittee, describes it in a form letter used to answer queries as:

"**A CONSERVATIVE** anti-Communist organization . . . It seems to me, from our records, a patriotic organization."

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, on the other hand, warned that the society operates on the "dangerous fallacy" that the end justifies the means.

Nixon condemned the society in a letter to the Los Angeles Times, a newspaper which had itself condemned the society in a front-page editorial.

'Subversion . . . Is Still Subversion'

"Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion," the Times said.

WHAT IS THIS society that provoked all the uproar? Who runs it? How powerful is it? How does it operate? What are its goals?

Because of the society's semi-secret nature, not all of these questions have been fully answered.

The best answers available come from the society's own publications — mainly its bible, the so-called Blue Book.

The 182-page Blue Book, printed by offset press with a loose leaf binding, was written by Robert Welch, 61, the society's founder.

In a foreword to the book, Welch tells this story of how the society was born.

IT BEGAN AT a two-day meeting in Indianapolis on Dec. 8-9, 1958.

Eleven friends of Welch's, all described as influential businessmen but never named, assembled at Welch's request without knowing why.

There was one man apiece from Oregon, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Virginia. There were two men apiece from Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

Welch himself is a former executive of a Massachusetts candy company.

For two days and nights, stopping only for meals and coffee breaks, the 11 men listened to Welch unfold his plan. Welch never says how many of the 11 were converted to his cause.

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Socialism, Communism Are Same

BUT HE DOES say that the Blue Book is "simply a transcript, practically verbatim, of that presentation."

The Blue Book first traces the history of Communism and its successes around the world. And to Welch, socialism and Communism are the same.

He says Norway is under the Communist thumb "for all practical purposes," while Iceland and Finland are completely so. Even Hawaii, he says, is Communist-controlled.

He broadly implies that Nehru of India, Nasser of Egypt and Sukarno of Indonesia are Communists.

TURNING TO the United States, Welch is just as jolting. Without benefit of documentation, he sees Communists everywhere.

He sees a gigantic conspiracy of Communists in high places, slyly softening the American people for eventual bloodless conquest.

"This door of betrayal is known to be wide open," he says in the Blue Book, "and nobody—in Congress, in the executive branch, in the Pentagon itself — nobody even dares try to close it."

He says a Communist-controlled communications union can tap "75 vital links in the most secret communications of our government itself."

"THE BEST informed authorities (not named) say that there are at least 30 huge Communist espionage rings operating in this country today," Welch writes, "against the only two or three that have been only partly exposed."

He says the nation's press, radio and television for the most part are controlled by Communists.

A Plot To Suppress Literature

These news media, he says, take part in a conspiracy to suppress books written by the few patriots who try to expose the menace.

WELCH SAID one such suppressed book was "The Struggle for the A-Bomb" by Dr Medford Evans, a onetime chief of security training for the Atomic Energy Commission.

The book convinced Welch, at least, that up until that time (1952) Soviet Russia had never built an A-Bomb of its own.

"Their agents had simply walked off from our plants with the necessary separate parts," Welch said, "which had then been assembled in Russia and exploded whenever it best suited the Soviets' pretenses."

YET, WELCH continued, this story of treason that "should have rocked the nation" sold only 2,600 copies. Why?

Welch says press reviewers ignore such books, their publishers are intimidated, and the few copies which get printed are slowly stolen from library shelves by Communist agents.

Getting more specific, the Blue Book on Page 99 accuses the late President Roosevelt and the late Gen George C. Marshall of "plain unadulterated treason" for their roles in Pearl Harbor.

Moving toward the present, Welch sits his sights on "the amoral man who has no slightest inner concern with right or wrong."

WELCH NAMES no name, but he apparently is talking of the then Sen John F. Kennedy.

"You will usually find him in church on Sunday morning," Welch writes, "maybe even a Catholic church.

"But as a member of the United States Senate, running for the presidency, and smart enough to know the strong Communist support behind-the-scenes which he will have to get in order to have any chance of being nominated in 1960, such an amoral man can do a tremendous amount of ball-carrying on behalf of the Communist aims here in the United States."

IN HIS Blue Book, Welch also has a few words to say about then Vice President Nixon, who was a presidential possibility at that time.

An Appraisal of Richard Nixon

"One of the ablest, shrewdest, most disingenuous and slipperiest politicians that ever showed up on the American scene," Welch said.

Welch accused Nixon of trumpeting his "highly cautious part" in the Alger Hiss case, while at the same time courting the left "by quietly knifing McCarthy."

IN 1952, Welch wrote, Nixon aided in or perhaps engineered "the dirtiest deal in American political history."

Welch said Nixon deserted the late Sen Robert A. Taft "to make himself vice president (and to put Warren on the Supreme Court as part of that deal)."

"I don't think Nixon," Welch said, "is committed to anything other than the career of Richard Nixon."

WELCH WAS even blunter in another book he wrote sometime earlier, apparently about 1956.

That book, "The Politician," was distributed privately by Welch to a few close friends. Copies of it have since been recalled. It was never registered in the Library of Congress.

In that book, Welch labeled former President Eisenhower and high members of his administration as Communists or traitors.

In "The Politician," Welch said of Mr Eisenhower:

"THERE IS only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

At another point in the book:

"In my opinion the chances are very strong that Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party. For one thing, he is obviously a great deal smarter."

Others described in the book as "Communist agents" include the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

THESE CHARGES are not mentioned in the Blue Book and are not official doctrine of the John Birch Society.

Many society members, in fact, believe "The Politician" is a myth, planted by their enemies to discredit them.

A Member in Houston Agrees

But here in Houston, on a television debate only last Saturday, one society member agreed with Welch's charge.

Robert V. Gray, a salesman and unsuccessful candidate for Republican county chairman in 1960, said Mr Eisenhower is "a Red to me."

WHAT IS Welch's answer to this Communist conspiracy?

It is the John Birch Society, named after a Baptist missionary who became an Army intelligence officer and was killed by the Chinese Communists late in World War II.

Welch uses the last half of the Blue Book to detail the society's philosophy and program.

And to a lot of readers, the last part of the book is no less frightening than the first.

WELCH'S PLAN — now in action — is to fight the Communists with some of their own weapons: An unquestioned central leader, chapters working unknown to each other, infiltration of existing organizations, the use of fronts, the personal attack.

Welch gets down to the bedrock of his philosophy on Page 155 of the Blue Book.

"Democracy," he writes, "is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

In the same vein, he says republican government has its attractions and advantages under certain favorable circumstances.

"BUT UNDER less happy circumstances," he goes on, "it lends itself too readily to infiltration, distortion and disruption."

Welch makes plain that his organization will not tumble into these pitfalls.

"The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic 'body,'" he writes. ". . . The John Birch Society will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels."

Welch elaborates on his theme in the ensuing pages. Some excerpts:

"WE CANNOT stop for parliamentary procedures or a lot of arguments among ourselves."

'Business Every Step of the Way'

"We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides - to - every - question theme . . ."

"We can allow for differences of opinion . . . But whenever differences of opinion become translated into a lack of loyal support, we shall have short cuts for eliminating both without going through any congress of so-called democratic processes . . ."

ONLY BY SUCH tactics, Welch contends, can the society combat Communism effectively. And he adds repeatedly:

"We mean business every step of the way."

At another point, the Blue Book proposes that suspected Communists be exposed by articles in conservative magazines. The articles would consist entirely of questions.

"The question technique, when skillfully used in this way, is mean and dirty," Welch admits.

"BUT THE Communists we are after are meaner and dirtier, and too slippery for you to put your fingers on them in the ordinary way."

Welch points out that this technique was used effectively by the late Sen Joseph McCarthy.

This, however, is only one facet of a 10-point plan of action which Welch lays out for his society.

1) The setting up of reading rooms, similar to a religious sect's reading rooms, in towns and villages everwhere, with rental libraries of approved conservative books not otherwise obtainable.

2) **A WIDER** distribution of such conservative periodicals as Welch's own American Opinion, a monthly review of current events.

Welch urges that American Opinion and Human Events be put in barber shops, the Dan Smoot Report in doctors' and dentists' offices, the National Review in every college library and fraternity house.

Letters, Committees, Exposes

3) The support of such conservative radio commentators as Fulton Lewis and Clarence Manion through letters of approval to sponsors, stations and networks.

ALSO, THE development and support of local commentators with similar views.

4) The organized and controlled use of "the powerful letter-writing weapon" on legislators, government executives, newspapers, politicians and anybody else in sight.

As an example, Welch says, United Air Lines dropped a plan to put the United Nations insignia with the words "We Believe" on all its planes. He credited a flood of letters to the airline directors.

5) The organization of fronts — "little fronts, big fronts, temporary fronts, permanent fronts, all kinds of fronts."

SOME SUGGESTED by Welch: Committee for Withdrawal of Recognition (of Soviet Russia), Committee to Protest the Firing of Medford Evans, A Petition to Impeach Earl Warren, and a Committee to Investigate Communist Influences at Vassar College ("headed by Vassar graduates, of course").

6) The shocking of the American peope by the exposure of highly-placed educators, government officials and others suspected by the society of being Communists.

Welch says that even after spending $100,000 on detectives to investigate a suspect, "I doubt if we could prove it on him."

BUT HE ADDS that a f

thousands spent for careful research would provide "all the material needed for quite a stock."

7) The heckling and harassing of "slimy characters" who falsely pose as anti-Communists while making speeches and broadcasts or writing books.

8) The creation of a list of approved speakers to appear before church clubs, PTA groups and other organizations of all sizes for small fees or no fees.

9) Action on the international front, including help for anti-Communist refugees in setting up governments in exile.

10 "**FINALLY,** and probably most important of all these courses of action, we would put our weight into the political scales in this country just as fast and far as we could."

Leader Can't Be a Politician

Having laid out his goals at the Indianapolis meeting, Welch next turned to the question of a leader for the John Birch Society.

He brought up the name of Sen Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz, praising him as a superb political organizer "absolutely sound in his Americanism."

BUT WHILE Welch favored Goldwater over any other established leader in sight, he reasoned that Goldwater had one fatal flaw. He was a politician.

Welch decided that Goldwater could not supply the dynamic overall leadership needed because he "will inevitably think and move in terms of political warfare."

Driven by "the imminence and horror of this (Communist) danger," Welch then took the "desperate course" of offering himself as the society's leader.

"**IT IS NOT** because I want so frightening a responsibility . . ." Welch said. "It is simply that under the pressure of time and the exigencies of our need, you have no other choice, and neither do I."

One of Welch's critics, Sen Milton R. Young, R-ND, questioned the mental balance of the self-chosen leader of the society in a speech on the Senate floor on March 8. Referring to the accusation that Mr Eisenhower was a Communist, Sen Young said:

"It is unbelievable that any sane person would make such accusations."

What sort of person is Welch? What is his background?

IN A BRIEF biography in the Blue Book, Welch says he was born on a farm in Chowan County in North Carolina.

His Welsh ancestry was heavy with farmers and Baptist preachers.

He spent four years at the University of North Carolina, two at the U. S. Naval Academy and two at the Harvard Law School.

Welch moved from North Carolina to Boston in 1919. He has spent most of his adult life with the James O. Welch Company, run by his brother.

UNTIL HIS retirement in 1957 to become a professional anti-Communist, Welch was vice president in charge of sales and advertising for the candy company.

Air of Conviction, Sheer Stamina

Welch was on the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years. For three years, he was a regional vice president of the NAM, and he also was once chairman of its educational advisory committee.

Welch, who fancies himself as a public speaker, has taken his message to many business and civic groups in recent years.

A TWO-HOUR filmed speech by Welch is used to recruit new members to the society. Welch spends the two hours covering the main points in the Blue Book, often in the same words.

He is a balding man with faintly pouched eyes.

His chief assets as a speaker are an air of conviction and sheer stamina. In the film, he is not a shouter or a podium pounder. He appears to possess little of that peculiar personal magnetism the late Sen McCarthy had.

Between trips to Europe, Asia and South America, Welch resided for 22 years in Belmont, Mass.

USING BELMONT as his headquarters, Welch has organized the John Birch Society along the lines first laid out in the Blue Book.

The society is built around small local chapters, usually of 10 to 20 members, but sometimes larger. When a chapter grows too large, it splits into a new chapter.

Each chapter has a leader appointed by Welch. The chapter leader's main job is to collect the members' dues and forward them to Belmont.

In line with Welch's concept of authority from the top, society members get their orders in a monthly bulletin sent out from Belmont. The chain of command skips over chapter leaders.

THE CHAPTERS normally meet once a month, in the home of the chapter leader or a mem-

ber.

In areas with a number of chapters, Welch names co-ordinators to supervise the existing chapters and recruit new ones. Some co-ordinators draw a salary. Some are volunteers.

Over the co-ordinators, Welch has now named major co-ordinators in several areas. He says more will be added as the society grows.

In areas where there are no local chapters, new members are enrolled in a so-called home chapter at Belmont.

FROM THE first, Welch's goal has been a million members.

How well has he done? That is a society secret. As Welch says in a pamphlet given to prospective members:

"Neither the list of our members, of either local chapters or the home chapter, nor their number, is ever given out to anybody."

In the same pamphlet, however, Welch says the society as of last Jan 31 had one to 100 chapters in each of 34 states and the District of Columbia.

HE LISTED these states then still unorganized by the society: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah and Vermont.

The Los Angeles Times, in a recent series on the society, said the society expects to have 100,000 members by the end of this year.

One Southern California leader of the society told the Times there are several thousand members in that area.

WELCH HIMSELF says Greater Los Angeles and Greater Houston are two of the society's strongholds.

One Houston official of the society says there are hundreds of members in the Houston area.

The society is frankly out for all the money it can muster to pursue its campaigns.

The basic annual dues are $24 for men, $12 for women. But all members are invited to pay larger dues, "if they can," to support the society's work. The dues are payable monthly.

A LIFE membership costs $1,000, payable in two consecutive annual installments of $500 each.

At the meeting in Indianapolis Welch also invited his 11 businessmen friends to contribute to the society as heavily as they could.

Other revenue comes from the sale of Blue Books (price, $2), Welch's monthly American Opinion, and other pamphlets.

During the national election last fall, one of the society's monthly pamphlets told readers how to order campaign buttons reading: "Goldwater Says Don't Dodge — Vote for Nixon and Lodge."

THE QUOTED price was $1 apiece for up to 20 buttons, 50 cents apiece for more than that.

How the money is spent is another of Welch's secrets. He does not have to account to members for it.

In a Feb 26 editorial criticizing the society, the Santa Barbara (Calif) News-Press observed:

"One million members, divided equally between men and women, would bring him $18 Million a year. Quite a sum to play with without accountability."

ALTHOUGH HE is the society's absolute leader, Welch has set up a council to guide and advise him. The council members include:

Cola G. Parker and William J. Grede, Wisconsin industrialists, and both former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers; Clarence Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame Law School; Spruille Braden, a former U. S. diplomat; T. Coleman Andrews, former commissioner of internal revenue, and Col Laurence E. Bunker, former personal aide to Gen Douglas MacArthur.

The council also has another assignment: To appoint Welch's successor as head of the society.

"IF AND WHEN an accident, suicide, or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists," Welch explains, "or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition."

Critics of Welch have focused their fire on his apparent contempt for democracy, his disbelief in democratic processes as a match for Communism.

Welch replies that his society could never become the seed of a dictatorship because membership is strictly voluntary.

IN REPLY TO growing criticism in California, Welch last week asked for an investigation of his society by that state's Senate Un-American Activities Committee.

Welch pledged that no society member would take the Fifth Amendment.

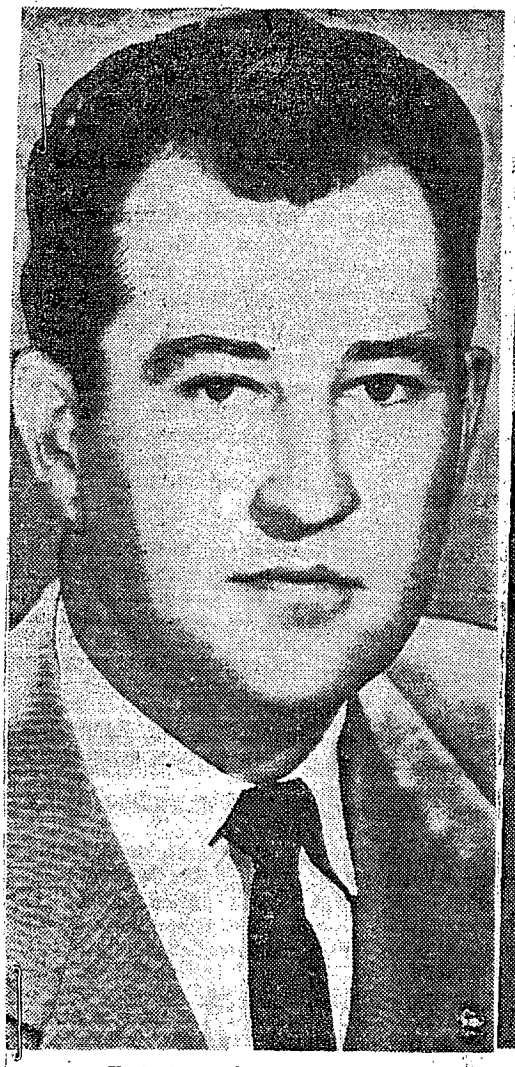
The California investigation is tentatively set for next summer.

In Washington, there has been talk of similar hearings by the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate internal security subcommittee.

WELCH HIMSELF was asked recently by a Boston Herald reporter if he still believed his earlier charge that Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist.

"Now I don't know what I think," Welch was quoted as replying. "Eisenhower may be too dumb to be a Communist."

Some critics have accused Welch of using the very tool employed by the Coommunists in taking over a country — hate, fear, distrust and contempt for the duly constituted government.



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U. S. EXTREMISM: Birch Society Invokes Name of Slain Baptist Missionary

By United Press International

John Birch had nothing to do with the controversial right-wing group that bears his name.

Birch was a young, fundamentalist Baptist missionary from Georgia who served as an intelligence officer in China in the Second World War. He was killed ten days after V-J Day by Chinese Communists. He was 27 when he died.

Robert Welch, the Boston industrialist who is the power behind the Birch Society, never heard of Birch until after his death. Welch has researched and whitten his life story.

Welch has memorialized Birch as "probably the first American casualty in that third world war between Communists and the ever-shrinking 'free world' which is still being waged against us." And when he came to found a Communist-fighting organization, he called it the John Birch Society.

In Birch's name, members of the society are asked to write letters to congressmen and others, operate in "front" organizations and through established community groups such as P.-T. A.'s and Chambers of Commerce to push campaigns conceived by Welch as anti-Communist.

These campaigns include movements to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren, to repeal the income-tax law, to rout the social gospel from the churches, to oppose the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance, foreign aid, the United Nations and cultural, or any other, exchanges with Russia.

AT HER FARM home near Macon, Ga., Birch's mother, Mrs. George S. Birch, said she and her husband are "heartily in accord" with Welch's organization "and we are proud for it to bear our son's name."

Welch also is a native Southerner, born in North Carolina, December 1, 1899. He was reared in what he now calls "the intellectually restricting bonds of the unusually narrow Southern Baptist fundamentalism."

Welch spent four years at the University of North Carolina, two at the Naval Academy and two at Harvard Law School before going into the candy business. He was for years vice president of the James O. Welch Co., headed by his brother, which has factories in Massachusetts and in Los Angeles.

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IN HIS OWN words—a biographical sketch Welch wrote in the third person for society members—he has one wife, two sons, a Golden Retriever dog, and fourteen golf clubs—none of which he understands, but all of which he loves.

Welch is an affable man who exhibits in his writings a sense of humor, love of poetry and wide knowledge of history and literature.

Welch was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years, serving also as a vice president of the organization. Three former presidents of the N. A. M. are or have been on the Birch Society's council.

On January 1, 1957, Welch's biography says, he "gave up most of his business responsibilties—and most of his income—in order to devote practically all of his time and energy to the anti-Communist cause."

THE JOHN BIRCH Society was founded almost two years later, on December 9, 1958, at Indianapolis, after Welch delivered a two-day speech to 11 men he had invited to hear it.

That speech is today the "Blue Book" of the society, the official statement of its aims and methods. It is supplemented by monthly bulletins to members and the magazine American Opinion, which Birch founded before the society, and of which he is editor.

The message and aim is: "Less government, more responsibility, and a better world."

Welch quite literally wants to repeal the 20th Century. He views its trend toward "collectivism" not simply as a mistake but as a sinister conspiracy to change the economic and political structure of the United States so that this nation can be merged with the Soviet Union without a fight.

"YOU HAVE ONLY a few more years," Welch told his listeners at Indianapolis. "We are living . . . in such a fool's paradise as the people of China lived in 20 years ago."

"The danger is almost entirely internal," Welch said, "from Communist influences right in our midst and treason right in our government."

The idea that the nation must mobilize its resources to combat the external danger of Soviet might is, in Welch's view, a part of the Communist plot.

"In other words, under the guise of fighting Communism, we are being stampeded into the biggest jump ever toward, and perhaps the final jump right into, socialism and then the Communist camp."

Welch would repeal virtually all of the social and economic legislation of the past 30 years.

"THE GREATEST enemy of man is, and always has been, government," Welch said.

"We are not beginning any revolution, nor even a counter-revolution in any technical sense . . ." Welch said. "Yet our determination to overthrow an entrenched tyranny is the very stuff of which revolutions are made."

Welch warned that Communism is being slipped over on the American people so gradually and insidiously that before long "they can no longer resist the Communist conspiracy as free citizens, but can resist the Communist tyranny only by themselves becoming conspirators against established government."

The Los Angeles Times, in an editorial signed by Otis Chandler, publisher, on March 12, saw an implication of sedition in Welch's statements. And like many others, it deplored the identification of conservatism with extremism.

"THE TIMES believes implicitly in the conservative philosophy," the editorial said. "It has challenged all these men and most of these institutions (which Welch attacks) on the soundness of one or more issues. But the Times does not believe that the argument for conservatism can be won—and we do believe it can be won—by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree.

"Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion."

Criticism from the press is not likely to disturb Welch. He has already told his followers that "the domination of our press, television and radio by Communist influences is now so great that you simply are not allowed to learn or be reminded of the real nature of the beasts to whom we are losing."

AN EDITORIAL in American Opinion for February said the long-insolvent Communist newspaper, The Daily Worker, quit publication because "the line taken by The (New York) Times long ago made it unnecessary, superfluous, and probably embarrassing to The Times."

"When you hear Welch's charges out of context . . . their absurdity is plain enough," the Rev. John A. Crane told his congregation at Santa Barbara's Unitarian Church one February Sunday.

"But when you come upon them in the publications of the society, surrounded and supported by Welch's rich, flowing language and ideas, their absurdity is well concealed.

"The man is a marvelously gifted demogogue . . .

"There is another factor apart from the magic of Robert Welch that lends power to the movement . . . Both Welch and his people are genuinely afraid . . . driven by an almost wild fear of a persistent and pervasive sort. Because of the peculiar nature of their understanding of what it means to be an American everywhere they look, in our society, they see signs of an incredibly devious subversion . . ."

(Next: the society's doctrine and membership)

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SACRAMENTO, CALIF.--A COMMITTEE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY BEGAN HEARINGS ON THE CONSERVATIVE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, WHICH ONE LAWMAKER SAID "REMINDS US VERY MUCH" OF THE HITLER ORGANIZATION IN GERMANY BEFORE WORLD WAR II.

"THIS IS AN ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT COMMUNISTS," SAID ASSEMBLYMAN GORDON I. WINTON, "THE HITLER ORGANIZATION STARTED OUT THE SAME WAY AND ATTRACTED SOME VERY RESPECTABLE BUSINESSMEN." THE LEGISLATOR SPOKE AT A HEARING BY THE ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE WHICH IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO REQUEST A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE BIRCH GROUP.

THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WAS ALSO REPORTED TO BE MAKING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SOCIETY, SOME OF WHOSE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZERS WERE LOCATED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

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Rightists Threaten "Silence of Fear"

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By Marquis Childs

HOW DANGEROUS to the well-being of this Nation and to America's position as leader of the free world are the radicals of the right?

This is a question being asked here seriously today as these radicals increasingly resort to the tactics of the Communists and the cryto-Communists of the thirties. They practice character assassination without regard for the truth. They spread fear, hatred and suspicion. They advocate infiltration of nonpolitical organizations such as the Parent-Teachers Association and the taking over of those organizations.

In some respects these radicals on the extreme right more nearly resemble the fanatical subverters of Germany and Italy who brought nazism and fascism into being. They are often allied with the White Citizens Councils, identifying integration with communism. And at the extreme end of the spectrum they are openly anti-Semitic, often referring in propaganda leaflets to the "Jewish-Communist conspiracy."

A few years ago this would have been dismissed as merely another manifestation of what Theodore Roosevelt so aptly called the lunatic fringe—this time on the right rather than the left. But with the rise of the John Birch Society and its intrusion into politics that is not so easy to do. Founded by Robert Welch, a former Massachusetts candy manufacturer, the Birch society now claims nearly a hundred thousand members with chapters in most states.

WELCH'S secretly circulated book, *The Politician*—now reportedly withdrawn because it alarmed some members—has been compared to *Mein Kampf* if only in the Hitlerian view that the greater the lie the more likely that simple minds will fall victim to it. He calls every President beginning with Franklin Roosevelt a Communist. Of the Eisenhower brothers he writes:

"While I, too, think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

Both the late John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, are called Communists, with the latter ranking next to former President Eisenhower in his power of concealment. A signed editorial following a series of articles revealing the activities of the John Birch Society in one of the most conservative newspapers in the country concluded:

"Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion."

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ONE of the recent political targets of the organization was Sen. Milton Young, Republican of North Dakota. Members of the four Birch societies in Bismarck, the state capital, were pushing in the legislature a proposal for a constitutional convention to act on an amendment abolishing the Federal income tax, liquidating 700 Government agencies and greatly restricting the Government's treaty-making power.

The House had already approved the proposal when Senator Young sent a telegram urging the Senate to defeat it and pointing out that it would mean killing the Garrison dam, irrigation diversion project in North Dakota. Thereupon the Birchists came down on Young with their letter-writing and telephone technique seeking to put the Communist label on one whose record has on the whole been conservative.

Sen. Thomas Kuchel of California, a moderate Republican, has also been under fire. One of the main goals of the Birch letter-writing blitz is to bring about the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren who was Kuchel's sponsor in politics. Asked about this at a press conference, he called it a "contemptible and vicious thing" to suggest the impeachment of "one of the great men of our time."

Birch Society members have used their pressure techniques to force the showing of the House Un-American Activities film, *Operation Abolition*. And they have denounced as Communists anyone questioning its accuracy or daring to suggest that the committee may have exceeded its rights.

For popular officeholders such as Kuchel and Young this is perhaps no more than a nuisance, even though they are both up for reelection next year. But for citizens—professors, clergymen and others—with a conviction of their right to speak critical and unpopular views, it can mean community distrust, a small business harmed or even a job lost. The silence of fear is the alternate penalty the radicals of the right try to impose.

'VICIOUS, CRUDE'

John Birchers' Mail Swamps Rutherford

POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Rep J. T. Rutherford of Odessa has been under heavy return fire from Houstonians and other Texans who are members of the controversial John Birch Society.

Rutherford a week ago labeled the society "potentially subversive" in a newsletter to his constituents, and urged them to be wary of the organization, which says its aim is to fight Communism.

MORE THAN A hundred letters from Houston, some from both husbands and wives, have poured into the congressman's office in protest.

"They have expressed doubt on my belief in God, in my country, questioned every organization to which I belong, wondered in print about my birth and every act of every day since," Rutherfor said Monday.

"I have gotten some of the most vicious, crude and objectionable mail I have received in years of public life," Rutherford added.

"Their letters are alleging that the Veterans of Foreign Wars, of which I was state commander, is questionable. Yet the VFW, in 1924, became the first organization to pass a resolution against Communism and has renewed it every year since. The letters urge investigations of the Knights of Columbus, the Masonic Lodge, B'nai B'rith and the NAACP. They even question the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"FOR THE information of those Houstonians who are writing these letters, I am a World War II Marine Corps veteran wounded in action, and a Marine Corps captain in a reserve group that is cleared by the FBI and the Pentagon to meet each Thursday to be briefed on top secret material," Rutherford said.

"I am also a Baptist," he added.

"If I ever had any doubt about this organization, the results of my first statement, and the viciousness of the mail have confermed my opposition," the congressman added.

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The Abhorrent Doctrine Of the Birch Society

THIS EARLY in the John Birch Society's search for recruits in Arkansas, there is evidence that this semi-secret society has two general classes of members: Those who know what they are getting into and those who don't. The uninformed members had better take a second look.

The organization's spread into Arkansas was reported Sunday by the Gazette's Roy Reed in an exhaustive study of the organization, its purposes—and its methods. Mr. Reed's report included an interview with a Birch chapter leader in Little Rock who avowed that if there was anything controversial about the organization he was ready to get out of it. This statement was proof enough he had no real understanding of the Society's nature.

"Controversial," indeed, is the most charitable word for describing the Birch movement. It is authoritarian in philosophy and dedicated to the proposition that Communist methods are to be used in the fight against Communism. The Founder and head, Robert H. Welch has laid out the pattern only too clearly in the Society's Blue Book: He calls democracy a "perennial fraud." He advocates the formation of Front organizations to achieve specific aims. He baldly calls for use of "mean and dirty" tactics in programs of "exposure."

In private papers circulated earlier, Mr. Welch challenged the loyalty of the last three presidents—Eisenhower, Truman and Franklin Roosevelt. He described Milton Eisenhower as Dwight Eisenhower's "superior and boss" within the Communist Party."

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SUCH IS the nature of Birchism and its founder, a man whose extremes surpass those of the late Senator Joe McCarthy. It is not merely charitable, it is realistic, to conclude that there are people in this Society who were drawn in casually, almost inadvertently, as it used to be in the case of the innocents in the Communist front organizations.

In Franklin, Tennessee, an entire chapter of the Society resigned when the scales of their naivete fell from their eyes. Inevitably there will be resignations in Arkansas as individual members realize the anti-democratic identity of the Society. For members who examine Birchism closely, and still belong, it may not matter greatly whether they resign or not.

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BIRCHISM'S degree of success, and now its notoriety, rests upon two main supports: (1.) the idea of fighting Communism, and (2.) some 19th Century economic doctrine. The whole nation loathes Communism; the economic philosophy, while remote from reality, still has appeal in some substantial quarters. In any case the Society has recruited enough members to stir warnings from respected conservatives and from some well-known Communist fighters, whose credentials are far more impressive than those of the Massachusetts candy-maker, Robert Welch.

We commend to the 100 or so Birch members in Arkansas, and to any prospective members who may be dallying with the idea of joining, the words of no less a Communist-fighter than Richard Nixon. Mr. Nixon wrote a letter to the Los Angeles Times recommending as "required reading" a front page editorial condemning the Birch Society. The former vice president's clincher:

> "What we must never forget is that one of the most cherished American ideals is that we must fight with proper methods for those things in which we believe."

The editorial itself was written by Otis Chandler, Times publisher, and put the case in somewhat more explicit terms. Mr. Chandler declared that "the Times does not believe that the argument for conservatism can be won by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometime disagree."

These are timely and sound admonitions from some celebrated conservative quarters. In the full disclosure about Birchism which are now emerging, it seems a tenable conclusion that genuine conservatives, interested in conserving American principles, would not be caught dead in the John Birch Society.

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LOS ANGELES--THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION SAID TODAY IT OPPOSES ANY INVESTIGATION OF THE RIGHT-WING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BY CONGRESS OR THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

"THE RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS TO HOLD AND TO ADVOCATE THEIR POLITICAL VIEWS, REGARDLESS OF HOW EXTREME AND DISTORTED THESE VIEWS MAY BE, IS INVIOLATE," SAID EASON MONROE IN A LETTER TO CALIFORNIA GOV. EDMUND G. BROWN.

MONROE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SAID ANY INVESTIGATION OF THE BIRCH SOCIETY WOULD VIOLATE THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

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We're Growing Fast in State, John Birch Member Claims

By ERNEST DUMAS
Of the Gazette Staff

An East Arkansas planter who calls himself one of the original founders as well as a friend of the top man of The John Birch Society said yesterday the ultra-conservative organization was growing like wildfire" in his part of the state.

Robert B. Snowden of Hughes, a farmer and Memphis businessman, said he didn't know how many chapters East Arkansas had but "I hope that soon there will be one in every community."

A Nashville, Tenn., automobile salesman now working for the Society at Memphis told the Memphis Commercial Appeal that the Society had six chapters in the Eastern half of Arkansas and seven in Northern Mississippi. The salesman, who identified Snowden as a member, said it had five chapters in Memphis.

The Gazette learned last week that there were three chapters at Little Rock and several in other towns around the state including Searcy and Nashville.

The semi-secret Society is run by Robert H. W. Welch Jr. of Belmont, Mass., a former candy manufacturer. He boasts that it fights communism with communism's own methods including "exposure" of persons he considers Communists, the establishment of fronts (such as the Committee for the Impeachment of Earl Warren) and unquestioning acceptance of his one-man control.

'Whale of a Group'

Snowden said the Society was "a whale of a good organization" but he criticized Welch on one key point: Calling former President Dwight D. Eisenhower a Communist. He said he and other Society leaders had urged Welch not to do it.

Welch has been quoted as writing, "Milton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party."

Snowden said Welch wasn't representing the Society when he said that.

Another Group

An organization akin to the Society in some respects cropped up over the week end at North Little Rock.

The Arkansas Laymen, Inc., headed by Doyle K. Venable, a Levy businessman, revealed that it was circulating a petition urging that impeachment proceedings be brought against Earl Warren, chief justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Ouster of Warren is one of the chief objectives of the Birch Society.

Venable said yesterday the Laymen had 160 members in five Arkansas cities—Little Rock, North Little Rock, Hazen, Star City and Malvern—but the North Little Rock chapter still was the only one in existence. It has been meeting for about one and one-half years.

He said the Laymen had revised the charter several months ago to allow other chapters to be formed over the state. He said he expected others to organize shortly.

Venable insisted that the Laymen was not a front organization for the Birch Society and that he was not a member of the Society.

He said he had read some of

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the Society's literature and that from what he had read he approved of the Society wholeheartedly.

He observed that the Laymen and the Birch Society coincided in their views on Warren, but he said that a great many persons disliked Warren.

Alford's Sympathy

Venable said the Laymen had asked Representative Dale Alford to start proceedings against Warren and that Alford had replied that he was in sympathy with the organization's objectives.

Venable said Alford wrote that he had been getting mail from all over the country urging Warren's impeachment and the outlawing of the Communist Party.

He said the Laymen would hold a public meeting in April.

'We Aren't Radical'

Venable insisted that the Laymen was not a radical organization.

"Those who have known me out here know that I would never be attached to a radical group," he said.

"We are a conservative group who believe only in government help where the people cannot help themselves."

The reason the Laymen wanted to impeach Warren, he said, was "not only because he has voted (in our belief) in favor of the Communist cause 90 per cent of the time, but because he was never qualified in the first place. He never had any judicial experience. That alone is enough to disqualify Earl Warren." The parentheses are Venable's.

Birch Society's Rolls?

Snowden wouldn't say how how many chapters of the Birch Society were in Arkansas, but he estimated about 4,000 in the country, each with about 20 members.

He said that the Society so far had been very effective.

"It's getting so big that it's getting to hurt the left wing. The left wing is beginning to squel."

Snowden insisted there was nothing fascist about the Society and that it was not a McCarthy-like organization.

The reason it had been secret he said, was that the members were "hard-working people" who didn't want to get involved in a controversy.

"But I'll defend it until hell freezes over," he declared.

He said Welch had visited East Arkansas a number of times. He said he was a personal friend of Welch and that Welch was a "very fine person."

Welch's condemnation of former President Eisenhower and his brother Milton was unfortunate and did not express the views of the organization, Snowden said.

"He said that in a series of letters he wrote to his friends," Snowden explained. "We founders called his attention to it, but he was bullheaded and went ahead and said it."

Snowden called the Society "the one great hope of the country."

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John Birch 'Antis' Point Unwelcome Spotlight

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By James E. Clayton
Staff Reporter

THREE MONTHS AGO, the John Birch Society had been heard of only in a few scattered areas of the country. Its desire to operate quietly and behind the scenes was generally being fulfilled.

But almost overnight, the Society has become an organization of national interest. Newspapers on both coasts have denounced it. Two United States Senators have spoken against it on the Senate floor. Former Vice President Nixon has joined the protests. Time magazine has given the Society a critical analysis.

The Society has attracted this attention because of:

• Its strong views on many topics. It thinks that everything from increased spending for defense to Federal aid to education is part of a Communist plot.

• The attacks made by its leader, Robert Welch, on the loyalty of America's leaders. These include former President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Warren, former Secretary of State Dulles and CIA director Allen Dulles, all of whom Welch says are Communist agents or sympathizers.

• The secrecy which surrounds the Society and the amount of money which it apparently has to spend.

Conservative Complaints

TWO WEEKS AGO, the Los Angeles Times, a conservative newspaper, said editorially: "If the John Birchers follow the program of their leader, they will bring our institutions into question exactly as the Communists try to do. They will sow distrust, and aggravate disputes, and they will weaken the very strong case for conservatism."

The same day, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States, told a church group in Santa Barbara that the Society was waging a "campaign of falsehoods" against that church.

On March 8, on the Senate floor, Sen. Milton J. Young (R-N. D.) said, "It is unbelievable that any sane person would make such accusations" (as the Society's leader has made against former President Eisenhower).

Other Senators have also expressed concern about the power of the Society. Sen. Young, a conservative Republican, says he has been attacked as being a helper of the Communists. The same attack has been mounted against Sen. Mike Mansfield, a liberal Democrat from Montana, and Sen. Thomas C. Kuchel, a liberal Republican from California. The attack against Kuchel and Young has been particularly vigorous, apparently because they are up for re-election in 1962.

But not a great deal is known here about the Society. It has not been particularly active in the Washington area although it apparently has at least one chapter here. Sen. Mansfield said that he had been unable to find out much about it although he tried to get information from "various committees (on Capitol Hill) or the agencies downtown."

On March 20, the United Press International reported that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee is telling inquirers that the Society "seems to be, from our records, a patriotic organization." The Los Angeles Times, however, implied that the group was subversive—from the right instead of from the left.

Last Tuesday, Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D-S. C.) came to the Society's defense. It is a "Nation-wide organization of patriotic Americans," he said in a statement in the Congressional Record. The source of the charges which smear the organization, he said, is a publication of the Communist Party.

This is a report on the Society and what it believes and does.

The Founding Dozen

WHAT IS the Society? How is it organized?

The John Birch Society is the creation of Robert Welch, 61, a former candy company executive who lives in Belmont, Mass. It was organized in Indianapolis in December, 1958, at a meeting of 12 men who have never been publicly identified.

That meeting was a two-day affair devoted largely to speeches by Welch. Most of what he said was later published in the Blue Book of the Society, copyrighted by Welch.

That book says the Society is to have small local chapters, usually of 10 to 20 "dedicated patriots." Each chapter should have a leader appointed by Welch or one of his officers. Sen. Young called these groups "cells" but received a heated protest from the Society. Cells is the term applied to similar units of the Communist Party organization.

The Society is "a monolithic body"

operating under "complete authoritarian control at all levels." A republican form of government or organization has advantages, the book says, under favorable circumstances. "But under less happy circumstances," it goes on, "it lends itself too readily to infiltration, distortion and disruption. And democracy, of course, in government or organization, as the Greeks and Romans both found out, and as I believe every man in this room recognizes—democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery and a perennial fraud."

Newspapers which have written about the Society have quoted these statements to show that it is ruled by Welch and is opposed to democracy.

In a letter printed in the Congressional Record last week, Robert D. Love, a Wichita businessman and Society member, said, "These statements have been pulled completely out of context and made to smear something which could help to inform people of the true dangers of communism."

'Believe in Me'

WELCH ALSO told the Indianapolis meeting that those who join the Society "are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership. And we are going to use that loyalty, like any other resource, to the fullest possible advantage that we can . . . Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out . . ."

Welch said then that he hoped to have 30,000 members by the end of 1959. Interviewed last summer by Stanley Eames of the Boston Herald, Welch said there were chapters in 20 states, including 25 chapters near Boston.

Gene Blake of the Los Angeles Times reported early this month that Paul H. (Tex) Talbert, a Beverly Hills insurance executive and a member of the Society's national council, said there were several thousand members in scores of chapters in California. Blake says there are chapters in 34 states and members in all 50 states.

As of last summer, the Society had 52 employes, Eames reported. He added that Welch told him there was an effort to get several chapters in each city. In one Texas city, Welch said, there are three chapters—one for financial people, one for carpenters and one for Negroes.

Membership costs at least $24 a year for men and $12 for women. Fund-raising outside of dues has apparently been successful since the Society appears to spend large sums on staff and publications. Some of the members are wealthy conservatives who apparently believe in the Society's goals if not in all of Welch's personal ideas.

A list of members of the Society's national council was put into the Congressional Record by Rep. Rivers. It contains 25 names, many those of leading businessmen. Among them:

Cola G. Parker and William J. Grede, Wisconsin industrialists, and Ernest G. Swigert, Oregon manufacturer, all past presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers; T. Coleman Andrews, former Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Spruille Braden, former diplomat; Clarence Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame Law School; M. T. Phelps, former Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court; F. Gano Chance, former president of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce; Louis Ruthenburg, former president of Servel, Inc., and Fred C. Koch, president of the Rock Island Oil & Refining Co.

Welch has given these men the job of showing the stature of the organization, of advising him and of selecting "a successor to myself as head . . . if and when an accident, 'suicide' or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists—or I simply die in bed . . ."

'Communist Line'

WHAT DOES the John Birch Society stand for? It's objective, Welch told the Indianapolis meeting, is simply "less government and more responsibility."

This, however, is tied closely with a drive against international communism. The Communists are rapidly taking over the United States, the Society thinks, and must be stopped. The Communist method of taking over, it says, is to increase government.

Thus, the things which international communism wants the United States to do are these:

- Increase defense and foreign aid spending, making higher taxes, an unbalanced budget and inflation possible.
- Increase governmental controls over prices, wages and material so that power will be centralized in Washington.
- Worry about the horror of modern warfare so that the beauties of peace become attractive and lead the

Robert H. W. Welch Jr., former Massachusetts candy company executive, is pictured at the 1956 National States Rights Conference at Memphis, which he addressed.

Nation to appeasement of the Communists.

Those who favor these ideas are either Communists or dupes of the Communists, the Society says. Into these categories it puts most recent Secretaries of State and Defense. This is where Welch's personal views come into play, particularly since he is the absolute master of the Society.

At the Indianapolis meeting, he attacked both President Kennedy and former Vice President Nixon. Never naming Mr. Kennedy, Welch made it clear that he thinks the President is an "amoral man" who can do "a tremendous amount of ball carrying on the behalf of the Communist aims here in the United States."

Nixon, Welch said, would be a patriotic anti-Communist only if it fit his political career. Nixon pulled off "the dirtiest deal in American political history," Welch said, by upsetting the Taft bandwagon in the 1952 Republican convention. If Taft had been President,

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Welch said, the Communists would have been routed from government and the Nation would not be in "this mess" today.

IN A BOOK called "The Politician," circulated to only a few selected leaders of the Society, Welch really lets down his views. When Jack Mabley of the Chicago Daily News came across a copy last summer, he asked a chapter leader if it was given to all Society members.

Mabley says the response was that giving the book to members before they became "qualified" would be like telling a first-year medical student to go out and cure cancer.

In the book, Welch accuses former President Eisenhower, most of his chief aides and many other Government leaders of being a part of the international Communist conspiracy.

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct," it says. "But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

WHEN ASKED about this book by reporter Eames, Welch said, "Four-fifths of our members never have seen it and most of those who have don't agree with it."

When he asked Welch flatly if former President Eisenhower was a Communist, Eames reports that Welch said, "I never felt that way enough to say it in print. Now I don't know what I think. Eisenhower may be too dumb to be a Communist."

Eames notes that a Jan. 1, 1960, footnote to "The Politician" says, "A huge majority of Eisenhower's appointments during the past year make no sense whatever except as a part of a plan to help the Communists."

WELCH ALSO runs a yearly chart in American Opinion, a magazine he edits, on how much of the world is Communist controlled. He listed the United States as 20 to 40 per cent Communist controlled in 1958 and 30 to 50 per cent by mid-1959.

On other topics, Welch has said:

American churches: "One-third of the ministers are not true belivers in the Divine names or the Divine history and Divine teachings to which they give lip service . . ." Some, he says, preach communism from their pulpits.

The Marshall Plan: "A brilliant scheme of the Communists to get the United States to do exactly what the Communists wanted us to do."

Desegregation: "The trouble in our Southern states has been fomented almost entirely by the Communists for this purpose (civil war) . . . The whole slogan of 'civil,' as used to make trouble in the South today, is an exact parallel to the slogan of 'agrarian reform' which they used in China."

The United Nations: Part of a plan to "induce the gradual surrender of American sovereignty."

His own movement: "We are not beginning any revolution, nor even a counter-revolution, in any technical sense, because we are opposing a conspiracy, yet we are not ourselves making use of conspiratorial methods. Yet our determination to overthrow an entrenched tyranny is the very stuff out of which revolutions are made."

HOW DOES the John Birch Society work? Its problem in Indianapolis was to select a leader. Welch rejected Nixon and Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.).

He said he thought Goldwater was totally loyal and would make a fine President. But, he added, "Does anybody in this room think there is any slightest chance of Barry Goldwater supplying the dynamic overall leadership needed to save this country for anybody to be President of? If so, I think he is still not fully aware of the nature and totality of the forces at work. For Goldwater . . . will inevitably think and move in terms of political warfare."

Then Welch suggested himself:

"It is not because I want so frightening a responsibility and it is certainly not because I think that you gentlemen . . . . recognize any such quality of leadership in me as would make me a happy choice for the role.

"It's just that I don't know where you, or all of us, are going to find anybody else to undertake the job."

WITH THAT out of the way, Welch outlined the action program for the Society.

First, he said, it must set up reading rooms in as many cities and towns as possible. It now has such rooms in, at least, California and Florida.

Second, it must get the "truth about recent history and current events into as many hands and heads as possible." It should put the National Review into college libraries, the Dan Smoot Review into doctors' and dentists' offices and Human Events and American Opinion into barbershops.

Third, it should help increase the audience of such radio programs as those of Fulton Lewis jr. and Clarence Manion.

Fourth, it should organize letter writing campaigns. Some Senators think they are now receiving some of this mail.

Fifth, it "should organize fronts — little fronts, big fronts, temporary fronts, permanent fronts, all kinds of fronts." He suggested A Petition to Impeach Earl Warren (this is now being circulated), A Petition headed Please, Mr. President, Don't Go (this was circulated just before last spring's abortive summit meeting) and a Committee to Investigate Communist Influences at Vassar College.

Sixth, other suggestions included exposing why the Communists "just had to get rid of McCarthy, and went to such extreme lengths to do so"; heckling speakers who urge programs the Society disagrees with (this happened in Cincinnati recently); lining up speakers all over the country, and getting into political action.

ERIC SEVAREID recently wrote what all this means in a small Midwestern city he visited:

"On a street in Kansas, my host stopped his car to point to a new office building. 'He owns that, and a lot else besides,' my host explained. 'He's got money and influence. He couldn't tell a Communist from Robert A. Taft, but he's trying to get his crackpots onto the school board and a lot of us are worried.'

"'He' is the local boss of the John Birch Society . . . 'They organize in task forces,' my host went on. 'They call school teachers and local college professors in the middle of the night and denounce them as Communists. They recruit kids as spies to take down classroom remarks of their teachers.

"'They plant people in public lectures to ask loaded questions. They try to get their idiotic films and maps used in high schools. Maybe it's hard these days to get a man smeared in Washington, or even in Hollywood, but in a small city like this . . . it can still be done.'"

WHO WAS John Birch? A native of Georgia, Birch was a missionary to China who joined Gen. Clare Chennault's forces there in 1942. He was killed 10 days after V-J Day by, Welch says, the Chinese Communists.

His death, Welch says, was "the first casualty in the third world war, between the Communists and the ever-shrinking free world."

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BIRCH GROUP STIRS WIDER COAST SPLIT

Right-Wing Society Drawing Sharper Criticism—Inquiry Ordered in California

Special to The New York Times.

LOS ANGELES, March 25—The John Birch Society received sharp scrutiny and criticism this week in California.

Legislators and educators spoke out against the Right-Wing, anti-Communist organization that has gained adherents in Southern California and elsewhere.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown, a Democrat, said the society's motives should be ascertained "because fascism is just as dangerous as Communism." He ordered State Attorney General Stanley Mosk to investigate the group's operations.

Earlier, former Vice President Richard M. Nixon said that he opposed the society's political techniques. Some observers contend that it uses tactics similar to those employed by the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin. The society was named for an American missionary executed as a spy by the Chinese Communists.

There future occurrences promise to heighten the controversy.

¶In Sacramento Tuesday, the State Assembly Rules Committee will hear a resolution asking Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General of the United States, to investigate the society nationally.

¶The society's founder, Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., is scheduled to speak April 12 at a high school in Santa Barbara on April 12.

¶A hearing has been set for June by the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee.

The chairman, Senator Hugh Burns, a Fresno Democrat, sent a wire to Mr. Welch asking him to "keep us posted as to your whereabouts and activities."

Senator Burns commented, "Any movement, from the unbalanced Right or the unbalanced Left, which tears the country apart by rumor, slander, fear and doubt, must necessarily be suspect."

Paul H. Talbert of Beverly Hills, a member of the society's national council, countered with a demand for an immediate investigation.

"A dozen, or a hundred, or a thousand of our members in California will gladly testify," Mr. Welch said in a supporting telegram. "We can assure you that, unlike our Communist enemies, none of our members will take the Fifth Amendment."

Mr. Talbert added, "This goes to prove how deadly our enemy is—to be able to pull off this concentrated attack on the John Birch Society."

He criticized Governor Brown for refusing to ban a speech on the University of California's Berkeley campus by Frank Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson recently lost his appeal to the United States Supreme Court for failing to cooperate with the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The attack by educators and clergy was centered on the society's activities in Santa Barbara.

Dr. Samuel B. Gould, chancellor of the University of California at Santa Barbara, decried a student group that he said was "being encouraged to be informers" against the faculty.

He said that he and other university officials had been "vilified in whispering campaigns, all purporting to prove that we are not only less than loyal to America, but are downright subversive."

Officials attempted to connect the student with the Birch society, which reportedly has been strongly backed by wealthy Santa Barbarans.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, in the United States, called the society's manifesto "fascist." He urged Presbyterians to "wake up to what is happening to you under the guse of anti-communism."

Dr. Blake accused the society of conducting "a campaign of false witness" against the church and its leaders.

"Don't let your Americanism and your Presbyterianism be corrupted by those who would substitute a Fuehrer principle for our free society," Dr. Blake said.

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Oil Geologist Serving As Unofficial Chairman In N.D.

J. Blaine Miller, Bismarck geologist, serves as unofficial "state chairman" for the John Birch Society in North Dakota.

Actually, there is no chairmanship position. Miller is a "voluntary coordinator" for some of the Birch chapters in the state.

Miller is co-chairman in North Dakota, with Brooks Keech of Keene, of the Committee for Economic Freedom, which advocates a proposed amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

This is the proposal to repeal the federal income tax and "get government out of business" which caused an uproar during the last session of the North Dakota legislature. A resolution passed the House, but was killed in the Senate.

However, Miller emphasizes, the Committee for Economic Freedom is not a "front" of the Birch group.

Miller is a tall, blonde, handsome, 35-year-old ex-Oklahoman, who moved to Bismarck six years ago.

Miller

Employed by an oil company, he is scheduled to be transferred to Oklahoma City on June 1.

Politically, Miller, a Republican, considers himself "middle of the road" or one who "believes in the Constitution of the United States as the supreme law of the land."

He defines a left-winger as an individual who wants to "completely socialize" the country and a right-winger as one who wants to "return to the days of debtor's prisons."

Miller became alarmed at the Communist threat after reading several books, including "Wedemeyer Reports," by A. C. Wedemeyer; "Masters of Deceit," by J. Edgar Hoover; "I Saw Poland Betrayed," by Arthur Bliss Lane; "The Naked Communist," by W. Cleon Skousen; "From Major Jordan's Diaries," by George R. Jordan; and "Keynes at Harvard," by the Veritas Foundation.

He grew interested in the John Birch Society after visiting with a Texas friend, and helped organize the first chapter in Bismarck.

Miller was an Army paratrooper from 1944-46. He served with the occupation forces in Japan.

Miller is a 1950 graduate of Tulsa University, with a bachelor of science degree in engineering.

He is married and the father of three children.

Miller also is a much better than average golfer. He carded a 32 one Sunday last summer to tie the course record at Apple Creek Country Club in Bismarck.

"I just got lucky," he said.

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Not Backing Birch Group, Hoover Says

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover has informed U. S. Sen. Milton R. Young that he does not endorse the John Birch Society, a right-wing political action group, the North Dakota senator disclosed today.

Hoover's letter to Young read:

"I have been advised of your call to my office regarding the John Birch Society, and in response to your inquiry regarding

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this organization, I wish to advise that I have not endorsed this group or its activities in any fashion whatsoever.

"You also made inquiry regarding a statement which has been erroneously attributed to me to the effect that up to 80 per cent of the top officials of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are Communists or are under Communist infuence. This is, of course, a completely ridiculous assertion and when a report of this matter was brought to my attention recently it was promptly and emphatically denied as a fabrication.

"Your interest in contacting me regarding this situation is very much appreciated, and I assure you we are aways happy to be of any possible service or assistance."

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Young has exchanged broadsides recently with members of the society and has termed "vicious" charges of the society's founder against former President Eisenhower.

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Critics Lash At 'Vicious' Charges

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BISMARCK—What is the John Birch Society? Why was it organized? What are its methods of operation?

These are questions that are being asked today by thousands, if not millions, of Americans.

Formed in late 1958, the society worked in semi-secrecy for about two years, until rocketing to national prominence almost overnight.

The issue exploded when it was revealed that the society's founder had, in 1954, accused former President Dwight D. Eisenhower of being a Communist.

Robert Welch, a retired Belmont, Mass., businessman, and boss of the Birchians, made the allegation against Eisenhower.

He also said that ex-President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman were used by the Reds for their purposes.

The upshot, in the last month, has been a flood of newspaper editorials, magazine articles and congressional statements angrily denouncing the John Birch Society.

Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota replied to the "vicious charges" by remarking, "To label some of our most loyal and dedicated people as Communists plays right into the hands of the Communist movement."

Two North Dakota members of the Society deplore the "national effort to discredit it."

They are J. Blaine Miller, Bismarck geologist, and Martin Vaaler, president of the state Public Service Commission.

"The most vehement criticism" commented Miller, "is coming from those who are least informed."

Vaaler described the organization as a "patriotic group whose central idea is for less government interference and more individuality."

First, explains Miller, the charge that Ike is a Communist "has nothing to do whatsoever with the society."

The accusation was contained in a so-called "book" entitled "The Politician," which was written by Welch four years before he started organizing the John Birch Society.

Actually, the "book" is a voluminous letter sent by Welch to a few "intimate friends."

It was eventually expanded to 302 pages, but never published or distributed, according to Miller.

Members of the anti-Communist brotherhood may, at their individual discretion, accept or reject the premises of "The Politician," stated Miller.

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"It is a misunderstanding," contends Miller, to confuse "The Politician" of 1954 with the John Birch Society of 1961.

"Our critics have not taken the time to learn our objectives and principles," said Miller.

Welch organized the John Birch Society on Dec. 8-9, 1958, at Indianapolis, Ind.

He called together 11 "patriotic and public-spirited" men and lectured them for two days on the threat of the "International Communist Conspiracy."

Welch, 61, is a retired candy manufacturer. He was a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years.

His biography reads, "Educated at the University of North Carolina (four years), U. S. Naval Academy (two years), Harvard Law School (two years), and school of hard knocks (about forty years)."

According to his admirers, he is a persuasive speaker and a prolific writer.

At the conclusion of the Indianapolis session, Welch suggested the formation of a society dedicated first to "destroying the Communist tyranny" and then driving on "towards an era of less government and more responsibility, in which we can create a better world."

Welch proposed naming the new society in honor of John Birch, an Army captain murdered by Chinese communists on Aug. 25, 1945.

Birch was a young Christian missionary, who voluntarily joined Gen. Claire Chennault's forces in China on July 4, 1942.

Ten days after V-J day, he became "probably the first American casualty in that third World War, between the Communists and the ever-shrinking 'free world,' which is still being waged . . ."

The text of Welch's address has been reproduced in the Blue Book, a document of about 200 pages, which is a guide to the society's actions.

The Birchians call themselves "americanists," a word defined as the antithesis of "communists."

In 28 months, the John Birch Society has acquired members in every state. Its goal is to enroll a million members.

The group has organized local chapters, usually consisting of 10 to 20 members each, in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

Except for a few leaders, the number and names of members are held in strict secrecy because, said Miller, "It would serve no useful purpose to reveal them."

(Miller did say that Rep. R. Fay Brown of Bismarck, speaker of the North Dakota House of Representatives, "is not now nor has he ever been a John Birch Society member," as charged in a Jamestown Sun article.)

However, the society-sponsored publications, including the Blue Book, the Life of John Birch, and American Opinion magazine, are "available to anyone," noted Miller.

A dozen chapters have been set up in North Dakota since last September, according to Miller.

There are four in Bismarck, three in Williston, and one each in Fargo, Braddock, Washburn, Watford City and rural McKenzie County.

Members include businessmen, doctors, dentists, geologists, public officials, lawyers, farmers and housewives, said Miller.

Sen. Young observed that the society "has among its members some of the most able and influential people in each community."

On April 13-14, Don Rueber of Milwaukee, a "major coordinator" for the society, will visit North Dakota in search of more membership.

Rueber, a salaried Birch employe, will be showing a two-hour movie of a Welch speech to select audiences in various cities.

Annual society dues are $24 for men and $12 for women. Life memberships cost $1,000.

Time magazine reported that the Birch "cells" (or chapters) "take orders from society headquarters (and) promote Communist-style front organizations that do not use the John Birch name.

"Carefully avoiding normal channels of political action, the society accepts the hard-boiled, dictatorial direction of one man."

Miller's and Vaaler's description differs with Time's.

The basic unit of organization, the chapter, meets about once a month, usually in a private home, to discuss "suggested, coordinated action" proposed in bulletins mailed periodically from society headquarters, located in Belmont, Mass.

"There always are some disagreements among individual members," maintained Miller.

However, the advantage of the John Birch Society over a proliferation of other anti-communist organizations, he said, is that it is "an action group, and not a debating club."

"That is why I joined the society," intoned Vaaler.

Other anti-Red groups, such as the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, and Moral Rearmament "publicize the problem, but offer no solution," claimed Miller.

"Khrushchev was not kidding when he said our children would live under socialism," commented Miller, who believes the United States may reach the "point of no return in two or three years.'

Communist forces are on the march around the globe. In addition, he thinks the country is socializing itself from within.

Welch has mapped a ten-point "action program" for the "defeat of the Communist conspiracy:"

1. Dissemination of Americanist books and pamphlets, such as J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit," as widely as possible.

2. Increasing the readership of Americanist periodicals, such as American Opinion, National Review, Human Events and Dan Smoot Report.

3. Enlarging the audiences of Americanist commentators and newscasters, like Fulton Lewis Jr. and Dean Clarence Manion.

4. Making some effective use of the weapon of letter writing.

5. Organizing Americanist fronts, such as the Movement To Impeach Earl Warren and the Committee Against Summit Entanglements.

6. Waking up the American people to the seriousness of the danger of exposing, wherever possible, pro-Communist activities.

7. Making it more difficult for "dozens of slimy characters" to appear before unsuspecting audiences.

8. Making Americanist speakers available.

9. Supplying encouragement to anti-Communist refugee groups throughout the country.

10. Carrying on an educational campaign on the political front.

One of the foremost projects undertaken by the Birchians has been the demand for the impeachment of Earl Warren, chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

(Impeachment does not constitute removal from office. It is "the arraignment of a public officer for malfeasance.")

Welch charges that the Supreme Court has "become one of the most important agencies of the Communist Global Conquest."

Warren, he said, "is powerfully entrenched at the very heart of the Establishment that has been running the Roosevelt-Truman-Eisenhower - Kennedy Administrations."

Welch concedes that "dislodging Warren from Washington could be as difficult as kicking Khrushchev out of the Kremlin."

Another society project is to support a proposed amendment to the U. S. Constitution to repeal the 16th amendment (individual income

tax) and to force the federal government to dispose of all its holdings, except as constitutionally specified.

The Birchians also back up the House Committee on Un-American Activities against Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) and others who want to abolish it.

A fourth major project is the "continuing drive against the sale in this country of goods made by slave labor in Communist nations."

These items, mostly made in eastern Europe, range from wooden coat hangers to canned hams.

In the political sphere, the Birch "partisans have made their anonymous and unsettling presence felt in scores of U. S. communities," reported Time.

According to Welch, "In the 1960 campaigns the John Birch Society, as an organization, took no part. Our official job was to supply our members more information about, and a better understanding of, both men and issues."

Each individual Birchian "then worked and voted entirely according to his own judgment and conscience," said Welch, who "personally supported Goldwater for the Republican nomination."

However, reports that Birchians were using various arm-bending tactics, such as economic coercion, came from Wichita, Kan., and elsewhere.

Sen. Young claimed, "They have accused me of being about every kind of a scoundrel, including a Communist or pro-Communist."

Miller emphatically denied that any underhanded methods were used by North Dakota members last fall.

He also said it was "insane" and "absolutely not true" to assume that the society considers all its opponents to be pro-Communists.

In North Dakota, society members are simply urged to play an active role, as individuals, in political affairs, he maintained.

As Welch is the self-anointed leader of the Birchians, his opinions presumably reflect the general thinking of the members, although there may exist shades or outright disagreements.

In the Blue Book, Welch left little or no room for dissent by saying, "We are not going to have factions developing on the two-sides-to-every question theme."

Later, however, in a monthly bulletin, he wrote that it was not "necessary" or "desirable" that all members always think alike.

"One of the very things we are trying to prevent is the conversion of our civilization into a collection of standardized robots," Welch pointed out.

What does Welch believe?

Many of his current ideas are found in a booklet called "A World Gone Crazy," in which he surveys the degree of Communist influence in each of 107 countries.

From his "scoreboard," he concludes "that the Communists have now covered well over two-thirds of the total distance to their final goal of world-wide dominion."

The United States, he figured, was 40-to-60 per cent Communist-controlled, as of June 1, 1960, compared with 20-to-40 in 1958 and 30-to-50 in 1959.

Only five countries are "relatively safe," with 0-to-20 per cent Communist control. They are Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain.

Welch listed 29 countries "in danger" (but still less than 50 per cent); 13 "teetering on the edge" (40-to-60); 28 "sliding into the abyss (definitely over 50); and 32 "under Communist slavery."

The boxscore on some other nations are: Canada, 40-to-60; France 30-to-50; Great Britain, 50-to-70; India , 60-to-80; Israel, 40-to-60; Sweden, 20-to-40; Thailand, 50-to-70; United Arab Republic, 80-to-100; and South Vietnam, 70-to-90.

Welch also contended that "all available evidence" indicates that U-2 pilot Gary Powers "must have purposely landed his plane in Russia" last May 1.

The "objectives of those who planned the incident," said Welch, "must have been: (1) to give the Soviet a model to duplicate; (2) to provide the American Communists with an excuse for getting reconnaissance over Russia suspended; and (3) to postpone the 'Summit Conference' with a maximum of public disgrace to the United States."

Other Welchian statements, appearing in the Blue Book, are just as provocative. For example, Welch also believes:

1. The so-called "International Communist Conspiracy" now reaches "into all of the legislative halls, all of the union labor meetings, a majority of the religious gatherings, and most of the schools of the whole world."

2. Indian Prime Minister Nehru

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and Egyptian President Nasser are puppets of the Kremlin.

3. The United States' foreign aid program was planned by Communists to weaken our economy.

4. Stalin, an amoral man, was "infinitely worse" than Hitler, an immoral man, because when they liquidated people, Hitler's conscience bothered him, while Stalin "simply wiped out his conscience."

5. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gen. George C. Marshall were responsible for getting the United States into World War II.

6. "Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud." (Welch favors a republic form of government.)

7. Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is a Communist. (Welch wrote this a month before Castro overthrew the regime of Fulgencio Bastista.)

Anyone who expresses opinions as strongly as Welch does is certain to eventually create a storm of controversy about himself and the society he organized.

Sen. Young remarked, "My mail is heavy but I am pleased to note that about 95 per cent of the letters are favorable" (to the stand taken by Young).

Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, Democratic floor leader, said "something is wrong somewhere" when "any organization accuses a President of the United States" of being a Communist.

The Chicago Daily News termed the John Birch Society a "strange threat to democracy."

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon warned Americans against adopting Communist tactics to fight subversives in this country.

"It may at times seem unrealistic and naive to follow the rules of the game when our opponents are so unscrupulous and completely devoid of morality," said Nixon.

"But in the end, refusing to resort to methods that are wrong not only is right, but in the long run it is the most effective way to combat an evil doctrine like communism."

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church, stated the society is waging "campaigns of falsehoods" against the church.

Hans Engh of the Santa Barbara News-Press, writing in the Nation magazine, said the Birchians represent "that regressive force which, under one guise or another, seems to pop up whenever the country as a whole seems destined to move into a more progressive era."

A front-page editorial in the Los Angeles Times called the Birch group a "peril to conservatives."

"If the John Birchers follow the program of their leader," the

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Times said, "they will sow distrust, and aggravate disputes, and they will weaken the very strong case for conservatism."

Otis Chandler, publisher of the Times, concludes, "Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion." Sen. Young said he agreed with this viewpoint.

Conservative columnist George Sokolsky noted the "country is developing a large number of peculiar and subversive organizations, many of them in the guise of anti-communistic, some representing a pseudo - conservatism, some pursuing purposes which, if carried through, could damage this country."

Sokolsky suggested that a congressional investigation of "these new efforts to mobilize persons in activities designed to unsettle and disturb this country" might be warranted.

"That would be welcome," observed Miller, "because nothing could be more beneficial to the John Birch Society."

Miller also flatly rejected accusations that the society was "neo-facist" and "would substitute a furrer principle for our free society."

Most of the criticism of the society, Miller contended, is based on "misunderstanding" and "distortions" in Time's article.

He pointed out that the Cardinal

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Mindszenty Foundation lists one of the Communist objectives for 1961 as "infiltration and smearing of anti-Communist groups by paid crackpots and hired disseminators of 'hate' literature."

Vaaler said if Sen. Young visited a chapter meeting, he would "never find a more dedicated and sincere group of Americans."

Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston, endorsed the society a year ago. In answer to an inquiry, he replied, "I do not know of any more dedicated anti-communist in the country than Robert Welch. I unhesitatingly recommend him to you and endorse his John Birch Society."

George Todt, columnist for the Los Angeles Herald-Express, wrote he was "impressed" with the "dedication to anti-Communism and constitutional Americanism" of the Birchians.

The Arizona Republic, published in Phoenix, labeled the Birch group as "freedom's missionaries."

Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, bishop of Wichita, decided the "principles describing the philosophy of the society are nothing more than the Ten Commandments of God in modern language."

Welch presides over the 25-man national council of the John Birch Society, much as a president with his cabinet.

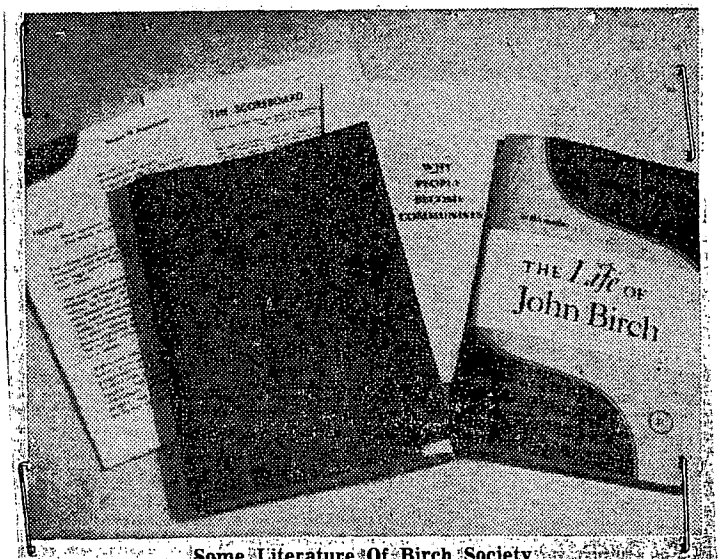
Council members include William J. Grede, Cola G. Parker and Ernest G. Swigert, all past presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Others are Thomas J. Anderson, publisher of Farm and Ranch paper; T. Coleman Andrews, former commissioner of Internal Revenue; Spruille Braden, former assistant secretary of state; Col. Laurence E. Bunker, former personal aide to Gen. Douglas MacArthur; Clarence Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame law school; and Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone III, retired Air Force officer.

Whether one joins the John Birch Society or not depends to a great extent on the individual's estimation of "the seriousness and imminence of the threat from the International Communist Criminal Conspiracy," noted Miller.

Truman Wold, chapter leader in Fargo, remarked, "Anyone who attempts to do anything positive against communism is accused of being an under-the-bed looker."

Said Wold, "You don't have to look under the bed, just look around and they (the Communists) are all over the place."



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Member of John Birch Society Here Tells How It Operates

By BARNEY SCOFIELD
Press Staff Writer

Among Texans identified in the Congressional Record as members of the "Committee of Endorsers" of the controversial "anti-Communist" John Birch Society is Mrs. Walter D. Goldston of 5 Briarwood, Houston.

Her name, along with six other Texans, was placed in the record by Rep. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., in a defense of the Conservative organization under fire as a secret society.

Terming charges against the society "ridiculous," Mrs. Goldston, the 61-year-old widow of an independent oil operator and grandmother of two, told The Press:

"We're very conservative in our thinking and we believe in less government and more responsibility for individuals.

"But our main objective is the same as most patirotic Americans—to fight communism."

Mrs. Goldston said she became a member of the John Birch Society about a year ago after viewing a film at a friend's house. The film, she said, was against Communism and narrated by Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass., the society's controversial founder.

Members of the society form discussion groups, never more than 15 to 20 in number, and meet once a month in each other's home, Mrs. Goldston said.

Annual dues, she said, are $12 for women and $24 for men.

The funds are unaccounted for, she said, but go to Belmont where a monthly bulletin and magazine, "The American Opinion," are published.

Said Mrs. Goldston:

"I'm sure there are thousands of members in Houston, but I don't know who they are or where they meet.

"Local organization is kept se-

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Birch Group Promised State Probe

SACRAMENTO, March 24—(AP)—The State Senate Un-American Activities Committee has announced it will hold hearings on the John Birch Society after the Legislature adjourns — if the society's founder agrees to appear.

Chairman Hugh Burns (D., Fresno) disclosed the plans yesterday in a wire to Robert Welch in Belmont, Mass., who had "urgently demanded" committee investigation because of complains about the right-wing society by state officials and legislators.

He said his members would "gladly testify" before the committee.

"We have been aware of your society's existence and have made some investigation of its activities," Burns wired. "In the normal course of events we would expect to continue this investigation at the conclusion of the current session of the Legislature.

"At that time, you will be beyond the jurisdiction of a California legislative committee. However, if you are still willing to appear before our committee, we will arrange such a hearing."

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cret to make it more difficult for the Communists to infiltrate."

The small groups of "friends" hold their meetings and work under a Houston area co-ordinator, Akard Bell of 2576 N. MacGregor, she said.

Mrs. Goldston told The Press meetings are devoted to issues reported in the society's bulletin and discussion of their work.

Work, she said, included letters to congressmen and newspapers.

Mrs. Goldston added:

"We write for and against legislation in Congress and the state Legislature."

Mrs. Goldston said she thought the organization had accomplished a great deal through its work. She said:

"I know, for instance, several bills in Congress we supported went through. Some we were against didn't go through."

Asked if she thought the society had enough members throughout the country to affect legislation in Congress directly, she said:

"I don't know how many members we have, but I understand the society is active in all but about four states.

"I think we have the power to influence legislation."

Although Mrs. Goldston doesn't know Robert Welch, the society's founder, she said her late husband went to school with him at the University of South Carolina. She concluded:

"I think his objectives are the same as ours.

"I think he's a patriotic American or I wouldn't have joined the group."

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Demands Probe, Would 'Gladly Testify'

Birch Group 'Calls' Gov. Brown on Quiz

Officials of the John Birch Society joined today in demands for investigation of their patriotic organization, and told Governor Edmund G. Brown their members would "gladly testify" without resort to the Fifth Amendment.

In a telegram to the governor, Robert Welch, wealthy retired candy manufacturer who is founder and head of the patriotic group said:

"We respectfully and, in view of statements made to the press by officials of your state, urgently demand the proposed investigation of the John Birch Society by the California State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities.

"A dozen, or a hundred or a thousand of our members in California will gladly testify and we can assure you that, unlike our Communist enemies, none of our members will take the Fifth Amendment. We will gladly cooperate with the committee in every way we can."

COPY SENT TO MOSK

Copies of the wire were sent to Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk and to State Sen. Hugh Burns of Fresno, Senate president pro tem and chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

Paul H. Talbert, Beverly Hills insurance broker and a member of the John Birch Society, commented on Mosk's statement that he would ask the United States attorney general to "look into" the patriotic organization if the Legislature wants me to do it."

Talbert said that if any members take the Fifth Amendment, it will be all right because we would love to find out who the infiltrators are so we can get rid of them."

He explained that it was "possible some left-wing sympathizers may have infiltrated" the society and "their refuge in the Fifth Amendment would, of course, unmask them," adding:

"We, the John Birch Society, will not picket any investigating committee that might see fit to investigate us.

"All this points up the fact that good Americans everywhere should wake up. This goes to prove how deadly our enemy is—to be able to pull off this concentrated national attack on the John Birch Society."

BELIEFS STATED

The Beverly Hills civic leader pointed out the society "believes in less government, more responsibility, more individual freedom and preservation and protection of our

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constitution and our glorious heritage."

Furthermore, he said, "we all believe in loyalty oaths, preservation of the Connally Amendment, restoration of the investigative powers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and any other government committee for the investigation of subversion."

"Is it possible that we have been so deeply infiltrated that our enemy is now strong enough to try to shift the word 'subversion' from themselves over to us?" Talbert asked.

PROTEST BROWN'S ACTION

Talbert was the latest to add his voice to a growing wave of protest over Governor Brown's refusal to ban a University of California at Berkeley speech by a man accused of Communist front activity while calling for a probe of the John Birchers, described by United States Senator James Eastland of Mississippi as "a patriotic organization."

The protests point out the drive by California Democratic Council and others to abolish loyalty oaths, the House Committee on Un-American Activities and to secure early recognition and admission to the United Nations of Red China.

County Republican Chairman Julius A. (Jud) Leetham pointed out that storm is not a partisan dispute, but added: "It should be a subject for thoughtful contemplation that the Democratic Party, and particularly its leader in California, Governor Brown, has been in the forefront to attack either individuals or organizations whose 'conservative' views are fundamentally cast in support of our existing order."

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"A new example of this is the hue and cry regarding the John Birch Society, which one United States senator has described as a patriotic organization.

"Democratic, and some other cries, for investigation fill the land.

"On the other hand, we see the tragically humorous example of Governor Brown refusing to utilize his executive authority to prevent the propaganda effort of a convicted and known associate in subversive organizations from conducting propaganda activities and directed toward undermining our security on state property (the UCB campus) supported in part by funds extracted from the citizens, including the so-called conservatives."

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Promises 'No Fifth-Amendments'

John Birch Society Demands It Be Probed

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 23.—(UPI)—The founder of the John Birch Society today not only would welcome but "demands" an investigation of the ultra-conservative group.

Robert Welch, in a telegram to Gov. Edmund C. Brown, promised none of the members of the nationwide group whose avowed purpose is to fight Communism would take the Fifth Amendment to avoid testifying.

Welch said the society urgently demanded the California State Senate Un-American Activities Committee make the investigation. (The committee, however, said it had no plans presently for such a probe.)

Welch's telegram came yesterday after a recent flood of criticism had been leveled against the group climaxed in Gov. Brown's order Tuesday for the State Attorney General to make a report of the society.

Welch's Telegram

Welch, founder and president of the group, sent from his home in Belmont, Mass., the following telegram:

"We respectfully and, in view of statements made to press by officials of your state, we urgently demand the proposed investigation of the John Birch Society by the California State Senate UN-American Activities Committee. A dozen or a hundred or a thousand of our members in California will gladly testify and we can assure you that, unlike our Communist enemies, none of our members will take the Fifth Amendment. We will gladly cooperate with the committee in every way that we can.

The telegram was addressed to Gov. Brown in the State Capitol at Sacramento and copies also were released to State Attorney General Stanley Mosk, Sen. Hugh M. Burns, chairman of the State Senate Committee on Un-American Activities, and to Paul H. Talbert, a member of the Birch Society's National Council.

Cites Aims

Talbert, a Beverly Hills insurance broker, made a copy of the telegram available to UPI along with a prepared statement of his own.

Talbert's statement said any member of the society who would refuse to testify before an investigating committee would be expelled. Said the statement in part:

"The John Birch society believes in less government, more responsibility, more individual freedom preserving and protecting our Constitution and our glorious heritage.

". . . What is happening to cause supposedly reputable newspapers to refer to us as Fascists, Neo-Fascists, Silver Shirts, red shirts, black shirts, subversives, and even to compare us with the Ku Klux Klan?

"Who is responsible for leading this attack and who is keeping it alive?

"I will close with the words of J. Edgar Hoover: We are at war. We are infiltrated. We are losing."

Sen. Burns of Fresno, the Un-American Activities Committee chairman said his group had the society under surveillance for several weeks but no irregularities had been discovered.

The society was openly criticized in the California Assembly yesterday, in a resolution introduced by Assemblyman John A. O'Connell, D., San Francisco.

The resolution specifically referred to a document written by Welch in which he called former President Eisenhower "a dedicated Communist agent."

The final clause of the resolution said:

"Resolved, that the members (of the assembly) denounce the divisive, coercive and un-American activities employed by the John Birch Society and its adherents."

The resolution was referred to the committee on rules for a later hearing.

Object to Methods

The society also was believed to be subject of a strong denunciation voiced Tuesday night by Chancellor Samuel B. Gould of the University of California at Santa Barbara.

He warned at a charter day banquet that a "new type" of secret student organization had been set up on the campus which "unless it is checked, can destroy the university." He said:

"It claims to promote Americanism while it uses thoroughly un-American methods."

Although Gould was unavailable for further comment, one university official who asked not to be identified said it was his understanding Gould was referring to the John Birch Society.

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UPI-144

(BIRCH SOCIETY)

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.--THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE SAID TODAY HE WOULD CALL HEARINGS NEXT SUMMER TO INVESTIGATE THE RIGHT-WING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

SEN. HUGH M. BURNS, D-FRESNO, SAID IN A WIRE TO ROBERT WELCH, THE FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY, THAT "THE COMMITTEE WILL BE GLAD TO SCHEDULE A HEARING AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE-SESSION AT WHICH TIME HE (WELCH) WILL BE INVITED TO APPEAR.

"I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO EMBARK ON AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THIS ORGANIZATION WHILE THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION," BURNS SAID. "IT WOULD HAVE A DISRUPTIVE EFFECT ON OUR LEGISLATIVE DUTIES."

WELCH DEMANDED LAST NIGHT, IN A TELEGRAM TO GOV. EDMUND G. BROWN, THAT THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATE HIS GROUP. "WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, UNLIKE OUR COMMUNIST ENEMIES, NONE OF OUR MEMBERS WILL TAKE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT," WELCH SAID.

"THERE HAVE BEEN ALLEGATIONS THAT THE SOCIETY IS OR COULD BECOME SUBVERSIVE," BURNS SAID. "OUR INVESTIGATION HAS NOT PROGRESSED TO THE STAGE WHERE A CONCLUSIVE JUDGMENT ON THIS SUBJECT COULD BE MADE."

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ADD BIRCH, SACRAMENTO (UPI-144)

IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., PAUL H. TALBERT, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION TODAY OVER AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES WILL NOT START AN INVESTIGATION OF THE RIGHT-WING GROUP UNTIL SUMMER.

"NEXT SUMMER!" TALBERT EXCLAIMED, "WHY NOT NOW? IF THE DANGER FROM OUR SOCIETY IS SO IMMINENT AS SOME PEOPLE HAVE SAID, WHY NOT START THE SENATE HEARING NOW? WE WANT A CHANCE TO STATE OUR VIEWS NOW. WHY NOT HOLD THE HEARING IN THE COOL OF THE SPRING?"

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(BIRCH)

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.--CHANCELLOR SAMUEL B. GOULD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA BARBARA SAID LAST NIGHT A "NEW TYPE" SECRET STUDENT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN SET UP ON THE CAMPUS AND "UNLESS IT IS CHECKED, CAN DESTROY THE UNIVERSITY."

GOULD, SPEAKING AT A CHARTER DAY BANQUET IN SUBURBAN MONTECITO, DID NOT GIVE THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION BUT SAID IT IS "CONTROLLED AND AFFILIATED FROM THE OUTSIDE."

"IT CLAIMS TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM," HE SAID, "WHILE IT USES THOROUGHLY UN-AMERICAN METHODS."

ONE UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL WHO ASKED THAT HIS NAME BE WITHHELD SAID TODAY THAT "IT WAS UNDERSTOOD" GOULD WAS REFERRING TO THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY WHICH HAS AN OFFICE HERE.

GOULD SAID THE ORGANIZATION HE REFERRED TO "KEEPS ITS REAL ORIGINS SECRET" AND ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO BECOME INFORMERS AND "TAKE ON THE TASKS OF SECURITY AGENCIES."

THE UNIVERSITY INFORMATION OFFICE DISCLOSED THAT ROBERT WELCH, HEAD OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, HAD BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK ON THE CAMPUS BUT TURNED DOWN THE INVITATION.

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ADD BIRCH, SANTA BARBARA (UPI-274)

IN BEVERLY HILLS--ROBERT WELCH, FOUNDER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, SAID TODAY THAT MEMBERS OF THE RIGHT WING GROUP WILL "GLADLY" TESTIFY IN A PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF THE ORGANIZATION BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

WELCH "DEMANDED" THAT THE INVESTIGATION BE HELD AND PROMISED THAT NO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY WILL TAKE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AVOID TESTIFYING.

A TELEGRAM FROM WELCH, ADDRESSED TO GOV. EDMUND G. BROWN, WAS RELEASED HERE BY PAUL H. TALBERT, MEMBER OF THE BIRCH SOCIETY'S NATIONAL COUNCIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 21, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 4017-4023. Senator Young, (R) North Dakota, spoke concerning material he had included in previous Records in connection with the John Birch Society. Mr. Young pointed out that the Los Angeles Times and the Santa Barbara (California) News-Press had made an investigation of this society. Mr. Young included the articles and editorials from these newspapers. Included was an article from the Los Angeles Times of March 7, 1961, entitled "Birch Program in Los Angeles Outlined--Thousands Reportedly Belong to Chapters in Southland." The article quotes Paul H. Talbert, a council member from southern California, regarding the riots in San Francisco during hearings by the House Un-American Activities Committee. The article states "He said the FBI has developed incontrovertible proof the riot was inspired, directed, and participated in by known Communists." The article goes on to state "In line with Welch's Blue Book instructions, the society is working to broaden the audience of such commentators as Manion, Dan Smoot and, locally, Ed Dalaney. Smoot, a former FBI agent with headquarters in Dallas, also publishes weekly reports which are circulated by society members in support of the rightwing viewpoints." The article points out that Robert Welch is the founder of the John Birch Society. Mr. Young also included a letter from Mr. Robert D. Love, a Wichita, Kansas, businessman, to Mrs. George Angle, in which Mr. Love outlined his views as a member of the John Birch Society. Mr. Love stated "I have known Mr. Robert Welch for 8 years. I have more confidence in his knowledge and ability than any man in the United States, with the exception of J. Edgar Hoover. Of course, Mr. Hoover is not available for consultation." Howard D. Smoot was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from March 23, 1942, to June 16, 1951. Shortly before Smoot's resignation, he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he was not recommended for reinstatement. He is the author of the "Dan Smoot Report" a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics. By SAC Letter dated March 24, 1959, it is noted that inquiries as to his former employment in this Bureau should be handled in a most circumspect manner and should be answered by merely giving the dates of his employment and no additional comment should be made.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MARCH 20, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UPI-213
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WASHINGTON--THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE IS ANSWERING QUERIES ABOUT THE CONTROVERSIAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, SEMI-SECRET ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION, BY DESCRIBING IT AS APPARENTLY "A PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION," IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S EVALUATION IS BEING SENT OUT IN A FORM LETTER OVE THE SIGNATURE OF CHAIRMAN JAMES O. EASTLAND, D-MISS., WHICH READS:

"THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, ABOUT WHICH YOU ASKED IS KNOWN TO BE A CONSERVATIVE ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION. WE ARE HAPPY TO STATE THAT IT SEEMS TO BE, FROM OUR RECORDS, A PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION."

MEANWIME, SEN. MILTON R. YOUNG, R-N.D., AROSE IN THE SENATE FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS TO INSERT INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD NEWSPAPER STORIES ABOUT THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES AND EDITORIALS CRITICIZING IT.

YOUNG SAID HE WAS SORRY HE REFERRED TO LOCAL UNITS OF THE ORGANIZATION AS "CELLS" IN HIS FIRST SPEECH MARCH 8. BUT HE SAID "THIS IE ONE OF THE PROBLEMS ONE ENCOUNTERS WITH AN ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN A SECRET MANNER."

YOUNG ALSO INSERTED A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF A NOV. 1 LETTER FROM ROBERT D. LOVE, WICHITA, KAN., REPUBLICAN BUSINESSMAN, TO MRS. GEORGE ANGLE OF WICHITA DISCUSSING THE SOCIETY'S OBJECTIVES.

"SOME DAY THERE WILL BE A GOOD MANY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY TRIED FOR TREASON--IF WE STILL HAVE COURTS BY THAT TIME," LOVE SAID. "THE SUPREME COURT HAS RIDDLED OUR INTERNAL SECURITY LAWS TO THE POINT THAT YOU CANNOT CONVICT A MAN OF BEING A COMMUNIST. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE."

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Birch Society Loudly Praised

Mr. Editor:

Thank you so much for the fine article on Anti-Communism Groups in Abilene appearing in Friday afternoon's paper and written by your very good reporter Dick Tarpley.

It is a public service on the part of your paper to carry this information on these fine groups of American Patriots working to the best of their abilities to preserve our American freedom. I commend you on this wide publicity given these groups and say a sincere thank you for the many new members I'm sure we shall gain. As for the six separate groups listed. May their tribe increase.

I have gained the idea that the National Council of Churches is heavily infiltrated. This idea was formed from following carefully the decisions and publications of their last joint meeting in California a few months back. However, all of the articles I read were carried in the Abilene Reporter-News.

I have seen the 3½ hour film presentation by Robert Welch of the John Birch Society. It is most interesting. I must agree with some of those you interviewed that I, too, was not keenly impressed with the society as presented by the area coordinator locally. However, I bought and read the books and did further research. And I found I believed in the same things in which Mr. Welch believes: AN AMERICA FOR AMERICANS.

I find Mr. C. G. Whitten's statement rather amusing when he says: "It is hard for me to understand how a well - educated and well - read person living in this country today could embrace such a program. I predict that the responsible conservative element in our community will reject it totally." This statement grows doubly amusing when to the list of those well - read and well-learned local citizens, I add the names of Tom Anderson, Editor and Publisher of Farm and Ranch; Dean Clarence Manion, Former Dean of Notre Dame; Hon. M. T. Phelps, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona; N. Floyd McGowin, President, W. T. Smith Lumber Co., Alabama; Cola G. Parker, President of the Kimberley - Clark Company; T. Coleman Andrews, Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the U.S.; Dr. N. E. Adamson Jr., a Boston surgeon; Hon. Spruille Braden, former Ambassador to several countries and former Assistant Secetary of State; Col. Laurence E. Bunker, former Personal Aide to General MacArthur; S. J. Conner, Chicago business man; Fred C. Koch, president, Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, and many, many others which room will not permit the listing.

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And knowing the works and contributions to society of these fellow Americans, I would say to Mr. Whitten that I am persuaded that the brains and the patriotism is all on the side of the John Birch members and I should like to become one of them.

Mr. Whitten also mentioned Christianity in his statement to which I must answer: I believe the John Birch members have won on that count, too.

I really believe the truth of the matter is that Abilene has been "shook to its roots" by a handful of citizens taking a firm stand as Christians and true American citizens.

Sincerely,

MRS. J. L. GUFFEY,
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Birch Society Formula: 'Drastic, United Action'

By DICK TARPLEY
Reporter-News News Editor

(Another in a Series.)

Who was John Birch? How was the John Birch Society formed? And what does its founder hope to do about halting the advance of communism and bringing about a more conservative United States government?

Some of this information reached national prominence in a Time Magazine article March 10 about the society's founder, Robert Welch, who resigned as an executive of his brother's candy-making firm to devote fulltime to his project.

Greatest reaction to the Time article came from its discussion of "The Politician," a book which Time called Welch's "Mein Kampf." The book, shown originally only to close friends, has been withdrawn from circulation because of violent reaction to Welch's judgments on contemporary leaders, according to Time.

For instance, both the Milwaukee Journal and Boston Herald printed stories purportedly quoting from page 268 of the book in which Welch is quoted expressing extreme opinions questioning the loyalty of President Eisenhower and his brother, Milton.

Time Story 'Biased'

Abilene members of the Birch Society contacted by the Reporter-News said they had not seen the book. Generally they tended to discount the Time Magazine report as biased, or slanted.

In his "Blue Book," which may be purchased by writing the society at Belmont 78, Mass., Welch recounts the two-day organization meeting of the society at Indianapolis in December, 1958.

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Welch said he met with 11 men—two each from Wisconsin and Massachusetts and one each from Oregon, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Virginia. He spent two days going over his reasons for recommending formation of the John Birch Society, and a year later, he reported that there were working chapters in 16 states—New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, California and Washington — and Home Chapter members in about 40 states.

Prominent among its Council are physicians, industrialists, retired military men, writers and an oilman, as well as actor Adolphe Menjou, attorney and former Notre Dame law school dean Clarence Manion, former ambassador and assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden, former Internal Revenue Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews, and retired Lt. Gen. Charles B. Stone III who succeeded Gen. Claire Chennault as commander of the 14th Air Force.

Named for Missionary

The society was named for John Birch, "a Christian missionary in China at the beginning of World War II, (who) organized Gen. Chennault's intelligence service, rose to the rank of Captain in the U. S. Army, served with distinction, and 10 days after V-J day, while in uniform, on a peaceful mission for his government, was brutally murdered by Chinese Communists.

"Few people recognized the name, because the Communists had planned it that way. It required five years of persistent effort by his parents, aided by Sen. William F. Knowland and other patriots, to pierce the blanket of oblivion brazenly obscuring the facts thrown over the affair by Red sympathizers in our government."

The Saturday Evening Post, in an editorial Jan. 22, 1955, said: "Amazingly, there were in Washington responsible officials who were willing to suppress news of the murder of an American officer, apparently to prevent the American people from rising up in their wrath and vetoing further appeasement of communism."

Welch said he realized the necessity for drastic, united action to combat Communism as he noticed the development of the strategy announced by Lenin before he died in 1924. Welch paraphrased the Lenin plan in this way:

"First, we will take Eastern Europe. Next, the masses of Asia. Then we shall encircle that last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack; it will fall like overripe fruit into our hands." Welch said the strategy also stated that "for the Communists, the road to Paris led through Peking and Calcutta. Today you can easily see how that road to Paris is leading back from Peking through Calcutta, Cairo, Damascus, Baghdad, and Algiers."

Welch in Control

Welch is in absolute control of the John Birch Society, and he stressed that dictatorial control was necessary for the society to succeed. He pointed out that he had wholeheartedly backed Sen. Robert Taft even though he disagreed with three of the ten points in Taft's platform. He did not combat those three points, he said, because he felt this would have divided the effort at the overall goal and might have helped defeat Taft in his bid for the presidency.

Members of the society are encouraged to write in suggestions, but Welch makes the decisons and if a person feels he cannot abide by those decisions he is asked to leave the society.

Welch outlined 10 methods in his "Blue Book" by which the society hopes to achieve its purposes:

1. Establish reading rooms and encourage people to read anti-communist, right wing government books.

2. Circulate conservative periodicals, including "American Opinion," which Welch himself edits. Arrange to get "National Review" in every college library, in the U.S. and the "Dan Smoot Report" in doctors' and dentists' waiting rooms.

3. Support, maintain and encourage listening to right wing broadcasters such as Fulton Lewis Jr., and Clarence Manion.

4. Make full and effectively-coordinated use of "the powerful letter-writing weapon that lies so ready at hand." Welch said the "Communists boast they can now land 40,000 individually written letters in Washington, on either side of any subject, within 72 hours." Welch stressed that the letter writing must be "definitely planned, ORDERED, and the amount and promptness of participation constantly checked and evaluated by a central headquarters or director."

Shock the People

5. Organize fronts — "little fronts, big fronts, temporary fronts, permanent fronts, all kinds of fronts." They should be aimed "to accomplish, or at least publicize, one particular purpose." The most active front so far established by Welch is the "Petition to Impeach Earl Warren."

6. "Start shocking the American People...into a realization of what is happening." Welch lauds the work of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy along those lines. Ferreting out information to expose high-placed individuals as Communists is one means advocated.

7. Place society members in the audience to ask pointed questions of people who make speeches to civic, church, P-TA and other groups who vary their line to appeal to each different group in different localities. Welch says many such Communist "agents provocateur" roam the country making such speeches to tear

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down the capitalist system and gain backing for projects by appealing to special interests.

8. Line up speakers all over the country to speak to similar small audiences—"not on Communism or anti-Communism in general, but on specific subjects which could still carry a strong anti-Communist message."

9. Start extending "our body into other countries, as soon as there (are) energy and resources which could properly be spared for that purpose." Welch stressed that the society is a body (such as the Catholic Church or Communist Party), and not an organization (such as the Republican Party).

10. "Put our weight into the political scales in this country just as fast and far as we could." Welch emphasized Barry Goldwater was the type of man needed to be President, and also praised William Knowland of California. He expressed little favor for Richard Nixon (and his "Blue Book" was written over two years ago), and he strongly opposed Nelson Rockefeller. He declared that "I don't think Nixon is committed to anything other than the career of Richard Nixon."

Welch said the 10 points are only a partial list and that other ideas would be tried. He expressed the feeling that the Communist menace could be halted and that America could win out, but he indicated that the John Birch Society is the main hope for achieving this. (Monday evening: Christian Anti-Communism Educational League of Abilene.)

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Nixon Scores Birch-Style Fight on Reds

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LOS ANGELES, March 18 (AP)—Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon says he opposes the political techniques of the John Birch Society.

In a letter to the Los Angeles Times yesterday, Nixon endorsed the newspaper's editorial stand against the society and added:

"One of the most indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably find the means become the end."

The Times printed two pages of pro and con letters of reaction to its front-page editorial March 12 by publisher Otis Chandler. The Times criticized what it termed the Society's methods "to fight Communists in Communist fashion."

The editorial described the Society's leader, Robert Welch, as the group's "absolute master." The Times said quotations from Welch and supporters "nail down the treacherous fallacy that an honorable or noble objective justifies any means to achieve it."

Reached at his home in Belmont, Mass., Welch said he had not yet seen Nixon's comments, but said he had no comment anyway.

Agreeing with the newspaper, Nixon added in his letter:

"It may at times seem unrealistic and naive to follow the rules of the game when our opponents are so unscrupulous and completely devoid of morality. But, in the end, refusing to resort to methods that are wrong not only is right but in the long run it is the most effective way to combat an evil doctrine like communism."

The Society is named after an American priest executed as a spy a few years ago by the Red Chinese. The Society, which says it seeks to stop the spread of communism, has attracted some adherents of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-

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Nixon Assails Birch Society

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 18 (AP).—Former Vice President Nixon, in a letter to the Los Angeles Times, has indorsed the newspaper's editorial stand against political techniques advocated by the John Birch Society, an anti-Communist organization.

Mr. Nixon wrote in part:

"I can well understand how many well-intentioned people, who are justifiably concerned about the threat which subversive groups present to our free institutions, tend to reach the conclusion that the only effective way to fight such organizations is to use the same evil methods they employ. . . .

"But there could be no more dangerous fallacy. One of the most indelible lessons of human history is that those who adopt the doctrine that the end justifies the means inevitably finds the means become the end."

The Times, in a front-page editorial March 12, said, "Every loyal American must agree devoutly with the (John Birch) society's immediate intention of 'stopping the Communists and destroying their conspiracy, or at least breaking its grip on our government and shattering its power within the United States.' "

But, the Times said, it could not go along with methods of the society . . . "to fight Communists in Communist fashion."

The editorial described Robert Welch as the society's "absolute master" and said quotations from Mr. Welch and his lieutenants "nail down the treacherous fallacy that an honorable or noble objective justifies any means to achieve it."

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Birch Society Keeps Names Secret to Help Find Reds

By DICK TARPLEY
Reporter-News News Editor
(Second of a series)

"Somebody is feeling the effects of the John Birch Society," an Abilene member of the ultra-conservative, anti-communist organization surmised this week in explaining a recent Time Magazine article about the nationwide group.

Dr. J. A. Wolfe, a chiropractor, said the society's local organizations are not called "cells," however, as the Time article reported, but are "chapters."

Oilman Frank J. King, who paid his dues as a member of the Home Chapter of the Society but says he does not belong to a local chapter (and didn't even know any were organized here as chapters), was not fazed by the Time article.

Fear Power Plot

"My reaction was no different than it was to lots of things I read in Time Magazine," he grimaced. "My impression was that they (Time) were attacking him (national Birch Society Founder Joseph Wolfe of Massachusetts) because they fear he is seeking power personally. They fear the society was formed for the purpose of making him powerful." He added that he does not believe Welch is as much of a dictatorial role in the Birch Society as Time asserted in its article.

Dr. J. Isby Fox, physician, said he is a member (but not active in a chapter) of the John Birch Society, whose present national aim is the impeachment of Earl Warren as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Fox said he knows there is more than one chapter of the Birch group here, but he's not sure if more than two have been formed. And none of the local members contacted by The Reporter-News would estimate the number of members in Abilene.

Dr. Wolfe and Elvin Allen, a radio and television repairman, each reported his chapter meets once a month. Neither would disclose where meetings are held nor who the officers of the chapter or chapters are. They were interviewed separately and it was not known if they are even in the same chapter.

Inspired by Speech

Allen said he had been a member about a month, but that he joined after long thought which began when Actor Ronald Reagan made a stirring Abilene Chamber of Commerce speech in 1959 about the dangers of communism and socialism and the loss of individual freedoms in the United States. Both Allen and his wife are active. They live at 757 Elm St.

Allen said the Birch chapter does not have formal programs or speakers, but the group discusses issues and projects.

Why the secrecy?

There is no secrecy, local members said, except in the names of the members. Purposes, plans, etc. all may be obtained by writing the society at Belmont, Mass. In return, Welch will send his "Blue Boook" which outlines the reason the society was started, ways it can fight communism and socialism and big government, rules of the society which require members to resign if they decide they can't follow the decisions of retired candymaker Welch, and some of the plans for society action.

Ferret Out Communists

But names can't be generally released, Dr. Wolfe said. "To publicize our membership would destroy our ability to ferret out communists in our society."

Allen said if everyone "knew of our activities," the enemy (communists and their supporters) would "work against us."

Fox said it is up to each in-

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dividual as to whether he objected to it being known that he was a member of the society. Fox and Allen each agreed to call their chapter president and ask him if he objected to his position being known and, if not, to have him call the reporter. But no call was forthcoming and the names of chapter presidents or other officials here are still a secret.

Allen said that following the Ronald Reagan speech, he began to read patriotic and conservative material, listened to "Life Line," the conservative, anti-big government, anti-communist radio program with Wayne Poucher as radio minister, and finally heard about the John Birch Society.

He said he made inquiries, got the "Blue Book" from Welch and decided a month ago to join. Society dues are $12 a year for women and $24 a year for men, with the society sending a bulletin each month about society activities, letters, etc.

"I wouldn't belong to anything I thought was bad," Allen said.

Much Reading

He said that before the Reagan speech, he used to read just the comics and sports pages. Now he said he stays up until midnight reading anti-communist books, material on "returning to the Constitution" and elimination of excessive government.

Allen stressed that he and his wife are against anything that is "against the Constitution."

He said a member does not have to write a letter or "participate" unless he wants to. Mrs. Allen has written two letters to the Reporter-News urging impeachment of Earl Warren, the first of which was printed. This is based on his leadership of the Supreme Court during the past eight years and his vote 36 out of 39 times (according to material supplied in a Welch publication) in support of the liberal side in matters involving communism, or greater federal government control.

Allen said the Birch society uses only constitutional means in seeking to achieve its goals, primarily writing congressmen.

While Allen has been a member only a month, King got his start in the society last summer when he called a group of friends together at Foremost Dairies Auditorium to see the lengthy (3 1-2 hour) film in which Welch gives a series of speeches along the same lines as his "Blue Book."

King disagreed with a Time Magazine charge that "the society accepts the hard-boiled, dictatorial direction of one man."

"While it's inherent in every man to want power and influence," King said, "I don't think there's any desire on his (Welch's) part to become a dictator of these United States. I haven't had such an impression and neither have any people in the Society (from Dallas) with whom I've talked."

Film Shown

King said he did not know any members of the society in Abilene, that he first learned of its existence when talking with friends in Dallas. As a result of these talks, he later was contacted by Buck Mann of Odessa, area coordinator for the John Birch Society. Thus the film was arranged and shown here. No chapter was formed as a result of that meeting, however, King said.

Robert J. Tiffany, insurance executive, who said he attended this recruiting meeting, reported that he arrived late after returning from Dallas, saw only about two hours of the film and personally objected to the recruiter's pressure that a society be formed. He said the recruiter (Tiffany thought he was from Dallas) said each member of the society was required to send letters "when we tell you to." Tiffany said he wanted to be his own judge as to when to write letters and as to what stand he wanted to take.

"I made a motion that the society not be formed at that time," Tiffany added. He said he bought $2 worth of books the recruiter had for sale (others also bought the books) and left the meeting. He said he's heard nothing more about the society and has made no further inquiries about it.

Declined to Join

Attorney C. G. Whitten said he also attended the meeting and declined to join, although he bought some literature.

"Based on my limited experience with the John Birch Society," Whitten said, "it would appear to me that the organization is one that uses totalitarian methods to accomplish its ends, and that the program of the society itself is based upon an abounding ignorance of our American heritage of civil liberties and freedom of thought, and totally lacking in the Christian attitude of charity toward the disadvantaged and weak.

"It is hard for me to understand how a well-educated and well-read person living in this country today could embrace such a program. I predict that the responsible conservative element in our community will reject it totally."

TOMORROW: How Robert Welch started the Birch Society, his philosophy and goals.

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Mabley's Report

How Jack Lifted Lid on Hate Society

BY JACK MABLEY

The public exposure of the John Birch society, a national anti-communist, anti-democracy organization, began with a phone call to this columnist last July.

JACK MABLEY

The exposure was climaxed last Wednesday in the United States Senate when Sen. Young of North Dakota denounced the organization, and put into the Congressional Record this reporter's original exposure.

The call in July was from a man who had been persuaded to attend a meeting of a suburban "cell." He had stood up in the meeting and asked about a book written by the society's leader, Robert Welch, of Boston.

In the book, Welch charged that President Eisenhower and most of the top officials around him were Communists. He described Eisenhower's action as "treason."

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THE MAN WHO stood up was derided and scorned. He was told he had no business seeing the book, that for anyone other than a leader of the society to have the book was "like telling a first year medical student to go out and cure cancer."

I conducted an investigation of this secret society. It was ascertained that Welch was a fanatical retired Boston candy manufacturer.

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He was so persuasive that he talked three former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers into serving on the society's board.

I wrote two articles which were published, not by coincidence, on the opening days of the Republican national convention, when most of the nation's conservative leaders were in Chicago. I was then working for the Daily News.

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IMMEDIATELY ALL copies of Welch's book, titled "The Politician," were taken out of circulation.

When questioned, Welch insisted that if it existed, it was merely a long letter to friends. He neglected to note this long letter had a title, was printed, had hard covers, and was 302 pages long. Some letter.

The Milwaukee Journal, with help from this reporter, was next to print an exposure of the Birch group. The publicity, however, did not stop its growth.

It thrived in the west and southwest. It was in these areas that attacks on responsible leaders were most vicious and harmful. To oppose the society was to invite smearing as a "Communist."

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THE SOCIETY WAS condemned almost without exception by newspapers in the west and southwest. The fight attracted nationwide attention. The sordid story of Welch and the growth of his group was detailed last week in Time magazine.

Sen. Young, in putting into the Congressional Record the column of July 26, told the Senate:

"I hesitated to give further publicity to this dastardly attack [on the President].

"It is unbelievable that any sane person would make such accusations against President Eisenhower, who has devoted his life to the service of this country and who led all of the allied forces in the European theater during World War II.

"The only reason why I am reluctantly giving publicity to the vicious charges made by the leaders of this society is that I believe it will serve to give needed information to people in my state and elsewhere who may be influenced by this organization."

It must now be determined whether further exposure is necessary, or whether the society will sink to the oblivion it deserves.

[Mabley is on WBBM at 8 week nights].

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Lists Two Rhode Island Backers

Birch Society a National Irritant

By LEWIS W. WOLFSON

Richard Cardinal Cushing, Catholic Archbishop of Boston, confirmed today that he had written a letter endorsing the John Birch Society, an extreme right wing group, but said he intended to look into the society's operation further.

The letter was reproduced in a booklet issued by the society, based in Belmont, Mass.

The society's agitation for causes on the extreme right has begun to be felt throughout the country, causing considerable discussion of its operation and investigation of its strength.

Two Rhode Islanders, Robert B. Dresser of Providence and Norman D. MacLeod of Kenyon, who are listed on the Committee of Endorsers, today confirmed that they are backers.

The Birch Society was denounced on the floor of the U.S. Senate last week by Sen. Milton R. Young, a notably conservative North Dakota Republican. He was joined in the denunciation by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont.

Cardinal Cushing told the Journal-Bulletin this morning that he had only met Robert H. W. Welch Jr., the society's founder, "once or twice a few years ago" and "didn't know anything about his society."

He said that he was impressed with Mr. Welch's anti-communist attitude and endorsed the society "as part of his program. I thought it undoubtedly reflected his own anti-communist attitude and thinking."

The Cardinal added that "if he's going to be attacking people, I'm just going to withdraw my name."

Cardinal Cushing said he felt that any stir that might be raised about his letter was "a lot of nonsense." He thought that the society might well be "one of those things that have gone to the extreme right just as some go to the extreme left."

He said he would look into it after he returns from a projected trip to Ireland.

The letter is reproduced in one of the latest of the society's publications, a compilation of its supporters and endorses with a statement of aims, which was shown to the Journal-Bulletin last night.

It was dated April 28, 1960, and addressed to a Mr. C. M. Crawford, Los Angeles, Calif. It read:

"Dear Mr. Crawford:

"Replying to your recent letter, I beg to advise you that I do not know of any more dedicated anti-communist in the country than Robert Welch.

"I unhesitatingly recommend him to you and endorse his John Birch Society.

"Under separate cover I am sending you some literature that may be of interest to you."

Mr. Dresser reached by telephone in Sarasota, Fla., said

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Birch Society a National Irritant

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that he is an endorser of the society but refused to make any further comment.

Mr. MacLeod said he had been a member of the society since it started. "I have known Bob Welch a great many years. He and I had often talked about communism and subversion." He said that "eventually he (Mr. Welch) thought up this plan" to fight communism.

He said that there are two or three persons in Rhode Island in the "Home Chapter," the group's members-by-mail unit. He said he had talked with Mr. Dresser about the Birch Society.

He thought the society had tried to start a "cell" in the state "some little time ago but I don't know what came of it."

He has not been asked directly to do any particular work for the society but "they would like me to do what I've been doing for quite a while."

Founded in 1958

The John Birch Society was founded in December, 1958, by Mr. Welch, retired executive of the James O. Welch Candy Company in Cambridge.

In the two years since, Mr. Welch has privately published two major tracts outlining a militant anti-communist movement; claimed the organization of cells in 34 states; built the membership to a figure variously estimated between 100,000 and 200,000 persons; launched a campaign to propagandize, and to influence teaching methods and the choice and writing of textbooks, and energized various causes such as those to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren of the U.S. Supreme Court, abolish foreign aid, denounce NATO and summit meetings—particularly through front groups.

In his manifesto, "The Politician," which he claims is not necessarily a bible for the Birch Society, Mr. Welch dropped a couple of bombshells that in recent weeks have exploded into the headlines: He has labeled as Communist agents, former President Eisenhower, his brother, Milton, the late John Foster Dulles, and his brother, Allen, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Milton Eisenhower is supposed to be his brother's "superior and boss within the Communist Party" and "treason" is cited as the only word for the former president's "purposes and actions."

FDR, Truman Named

Also, either "knowingly" or "unknowingly" used by the Communists were former Presidents Roosevelt and Truman.

"The Politician" and the "Blue Book," a handbook for society members, have gradually leaked out to the press, in addition to Welch bulletins to chapters and his longtime monthly "American Opinion."

Mr. Dresser, an attorney who has been associated with the National Economic Council, the Committee for Constitutional Government and other ultra right wing groups, led the successful fight against fair housing legislation in Rhode Island. Recently, he has campaigned in support of the work of the House committee on un-American activities which has come under fire.

Mr. MacLeod also was an opponent of fair housing bills.

Gordon D. Hall of Boston, a writer and lecturer, conducted a personal probe of right wing groups for 15 years, says he has no knowledge of any John Birch cells yet in operation in Rhode Island.

He told an audience at the First Unitarian Church, Providence, last night, that "to the best of my knowledge there are no organized hate groups in Providence or in any other large city in the state."

He praised Mr. Dresser for taking a stand and sticking by it, but noted that from his past writings, "the Dresser role here is very obvious."

Mr. Hall felt that Mr. Dresser "fails to distinguish between a really legitimate conservative cause and one that spills into the extremist areas."

Mr. Hall felt that the reason for the exposure of the John Birch movement is that it has begun to make itself felt all over the country, with its harassing of school officials, lectures, textbook writers and the like.

Although no "cells" apparently have been organized here, Mr. Welch in his latest pamphlet notes there are members of the "Home Chapter," for mail correspondents, in every state.

'Volunteer Coordinators'

He says that many members first come in through the Home Chapter and later are transferred to local chapters as they are formed. He said there are now "Volunteer Coordinators" in 30 states and they will be appointed in other states. The ultimate aim is a million members, "of fervent patriotism and unassailable character."

John Birch was a Navy captain who, while doing intelligence work in the Orient during World War II, became a missionary for his strong fundamentalist faith. He was killed in cold blood by the Chinese Communists a few days after the war ended.

Society dues are $24 a year for men, $12 for women and $1,000 for a life membership. The home office is at 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass.

The John Birch Society

Readers are well acquainted by now with the John Birch Society. The principles of the society, which describes itself as dedicated to combatting Communism, and of its founder, Robert Welch, who has accused such Americans as Dwight Eisenhower, Milton Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles and General George C. Marshall of being Communists, have been set forth in some detail in this newspaper. We have touched in a previous editorial on the kind of thinking organizations like this represent. Pros and cons on the subject have been extensively set forth in letters to the editor.

Members of the John Birch Society have characterized as lies and distortions factual reports concerning their organization that are based on direct quotations from their own publications. They claim their only purpose is to fight Communists and to promote conservatism—less government, more responsibility, a better world.

While few of us could quarrel with such aims, they do not, in themselves, sanctify the society. The German-American Bund was against Communism. So was Hitler. We don't seek to compare this group with any of this sorry lot, but it is pointed out to demonstrate again that to be against Communism does not necessarily give one an Olympian status. And we think there are ways to fight Communism and ways not to.

No one in his right mind can deny that the threat is real both internally and externally. A careful and thorough treatment of the internal threat has been given by J. Edgar Hoover in "Masters of Deceit," a book we commend to your attention. But the John Birchers, while they make this book a text of their own, don't seem to have absorbed some of Mr. Hoover's sound advice about witch hunts.

Says Mr. Hoover:

"Smears, character assassination, and the scattering of irresponsible charges have no place in this nation. They create division, suspicion, and distrust among loyal Americans—just what the Communists want—and hinder rather than aid the fight against Communism."

Such disruptive influence has been felt already in some neighboring communities. A disgraceful whispering campaign was directed against a number of candidates in a nearby school board election. There has been harassment by phone. One of the stated aims of the John Birch Society is to drive hundreds so-called pro-Communist speakers from the lecture platforms of the nation, by heckling and other pressure, to pave the way for their own "Americanist" speakers.

But Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, more or less set the pace for smearing and character assassination in his private bill of goods called "The Politician." Some John Birch leaders deny with some violence that they agree that the Eisenhower brothers, the Dulles brothers or Marshall were Communist traitors, while others seem to evade the issue. All seek to separate the John Birch Society from this book, however, and with a peculiar sense of logic.

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They point out that it was written years ago. It was started, in truth, in 1954, and supplemented up through 1958, the year the Society was formed, and printed by photo offset that year for distribution to Mr. Welch's friends and the leaders of the Society.

Mr. Welch, in his "Blue Book," says he has a nose for Communists. We will wonder, in view of these loony charges, just what kind of nose. We would think that the more responsible John Birch Society members who can't swallow these charges of high treason might wonder about Mr. Welch as an authority on anything else having to do with Communism.

We can't think, as a matter of fact, of anything the Communists themselves could enjoy more. The fear and hysteria created by the extremists of the John Birch group probably delight them. What better for them than to divide good Americans, to make neighbor view neighbor with suspicion? What better smoke screen for their own foul activities could they design?

We feel that the vast majority of John Birch members are decent, honest, patriotic Americans, but we feel they have been misled and carried away, by an admittedly dynamic and hypnotic leader, in their legitimate anxieties about our growing welfare state and the Communist conspiracy against us.

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Peril to Conservatives

(An Editorial)

The Times published last week a heavily documented series of articles which defined the nature and methods of the John Birch Society in the words of its absolute master.

The quotations from Robert Welch, and from some of his lieutenants, nail down the treacherous fallacy that an honorable or noble objective justifies any means to achieve it.

Our fear of the John Birch Society is based on our own findings, on the meticulously researched articles written by Gene Blake. In them it can be read, within quotation marks, that Communists must be fought with their own weapons, smear for smear. Even—and the quotations are brutal—with sedition.

Every conservative must adhere to the general purpose of the society as it is stated by Robert Welch: "to promote less government, more responsibility and a better world."

Every loyal American must agree devoutly with the society's immediate intention of "stopping the Communists and destroying their conspiracy, or at least breaking its grip on our government and shattering its power within the United States."

And every informed American must agree with the society's tenet that the United States is actually now engaged with Soviet Russia in a struggle for the survival of our system.

With all honorable Americans, this newspaper looks with disgust and dread upon the godless materialism and blood-soaked tyranny of the Communist conspiracy. It is because of our people's disgust and dread that the Communists must seek their ends by secret subversion, by seducing officials, by discrediting our institutions, sowing distrust among us, aggravating union and racial disputes, entering without conscience into any course that will serve the purpose of Moscow.

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Then what is likely to happen to the member of the John Birch Society who abandons all the rules by which he has lived his decent life, and adopts instead the techniques and the rules of conspiracy to fight Communists in Communist fashion?

If the John Birchers follow the program of their leader, they will bring our institutions into question exactly as the Communists try to do. They will sow distrust, and aggravate disputes, and they will weaken the very strong case for conservatism.

What are we to think when our last three Presidents, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower, are accused either of being Communists or Communist dupes?

What are we to think when these charges are leveled against Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, against his brother Allen who heads our vital Central Intelligence Agency, against the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court?

What are we to think when the honor and integrity of the Vice President of the United States, the Republican Party's nominee for President, are questioned?

What are we to think when we are told that our nation's press almost without exception is Communist infiltrated and inspired?

What are we to think when we are told that our churches almost without exception are corroded with active agents of Moscow?

What is happening to us when all loyal Americans are accused of being Communist dupes unless they subscribe to the radical and dictatorial direction of one self-chosen man?

All sincere conservatives must ask themselves these questions. And they must answer them.

The Times believes implicitly in the conservative philosophy. It has challenged all these men and most of these institutions on the soundness of one or more issues. But The Times does not believe that the argument for conservatism can be won—and we do believe it can be won—by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree.

Subversion, whether of the left or the right, is still subversion.

OTIS CHANDLER,
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Editor denounces secret hate group

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LOS ANGELES

Fires are being kindled by believers in old-fashioned American democracy under the John Birch society and the "cells" of this semi-secret hate group which has gained a foothold in the Southland.

Biggest blast was leveled at the society recently in the News-Press of Santa Barbara, where the society seems to have made the greatest headway in this area. The News-Press took after the society in a front page editorial, a "statement of principles" and a foreword by Thomas M. Storke, editor of the paper.

Two of the inside editorial pages were taken up largely by a verbatim report of a sermon preached by John K. Crane, minister of the Santa Barbara Unitarian church, against the society.

What seems to have aroused Editor Storke, in the first instance, is a movement instigated by the founder of the society, Robert Welch, a retired Massachusetts candy manufacturer, to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren as a "traitor."

PRINCIPLES STATED

Aside from being a fellow Republican, Storke is said to have formed close personal association with the Chief Justice during the years he was Governor of California. But Storke's concern became more than one for the integrity of a personal friend.

This was made plain in the statement of principles, which declared:

- That democratic institutions can be endangered as much by the extremists of the right as those of the left.
- That Democracy can be strengthened only through open discussion of issues, in the spirit of the Constitution and Bill of Rights — that secret or semi-secret political organizations have no place in our society.
- That our democratic institutions are sound enough to withstand the give and take of open political discussion and examination of all ideological beliefs.
- That Democracy suffers when fear of Communism leads to irresponsible, unsubstantiated charges of treason or evil connivance against our political, religious, educational or cultural leaders.
- That traitors should be dealt with by the courts, not vigilante groups.

The editorial condemned "the dictatorial, undemocratic structure" of the John Birch society. It revealed Santa Barbarans who had the temerity to question the society's purposes had been subjected to anonymous telephone calls from members and sympathizers of the society.

Bible of the society is its "Blue Book," in which founder Welch announced a goal of 1 million members at a minimum of $24 a year for men and $12 a year for women and he was quoted as saying that "for reasons you will understand, there can be no accounting of funds."

Figuring that if men and women joined in equal numbers, Welch with 1 million members would have an $18-million kitty for his use, the News-Press added, "Quite a sum to play with without accountability."

THEORY CHALLENGED

In his sermon, Rev. Crane hit at the theoretical premise on which the John Birch society operates. This, he said, is that as the government has intervened in more and more areas of the nation's life, it has moved inevitably "down the road toward collectivism and Communism."

Given this premise, "every act of the federal government carries with it the menacing threat of Communism," said Rev. Crane. "When the government forced integration in the South, this was clearly Communism at work. Or consider the Social Security system — obviously Communist. Likewise the income tax."

MEMBERS LEAVE

But the storm raging in Santa Barbara was evidence that this conservative haven of the well-to-do was not accepting the Welch brand of McCarthyism.

Some members of the John Birch society are reported to have resigned. The News-Press front paged a news story that a member of the society from nearby Goleta had asked Welch to explain his charge that former President Eisenhower was guilty of "treasonable acts."

This is another member of the society on his way out. Welch has set it down as the first principle of organization that he, as leader, will not tolerate dissent and/or questioning of his actions on the pain of expulsion.

Welch has boasted his society has organized in some 20 states with 25 "cells" in the Boston area alone with membership strongest in Tennessee, Texas and Southern California. Somewhat the same kind of storm, as in Santa Barbara, has been raised in Pasadena over the society. More may be on the way.

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Mabley's Report

Here's Proof Welch DID Call Ike 'Red'

munists with his knowledge and acquiescence, as the price he consciously paid for their making him president. In the third stage, in my own firm opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and his actions. That word is treason.

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ACCUSING PAGE FROM WELCH BOOK
Mabley documents case against author.

BY JACK MABLEY

This column today offers documented proof that Robert Welch, leader of the John Birch society, has accused President Eisenhower of being a Communist, and of treason.

JACK MABLEY

These despicable allegations are made in the suppressed book, "The Politician," written by Welch.

Since the John Birch society was exposed by this writer last July 25, Welch has called in all copies of the book, and has virtually denied its existence.

Reproduced above is a section of the book which contains the most scurrilous statements. The book itself is 302 pages long, with offset type, and hard covers. It was circulated only among the top lieutenants in Welch's society.

THE JOHN BIRCH society is an "anti-communist" organization. Welch is the absolute dictator. The society is gaining a foothold in most large cities. In Chicago and suburbs there are believed to be thousands of members in various "cells."

They have adopted many communist techniques. They form front organizations, using different names. They infiltrate clubs and school groups and similar organizations. They organize letter-writing campaigns.

They are responsible for vicious attacks on patriotic citizens who dare disagree with their methods.

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Sen. Milton R. Young, North Dakota Republican, Wednesday placed in the Congressional Record two columns by this writer, then with the Daily News, from last July 25 and 26.

Said Sen. Young:

"Welch has made accusations against the President of the United States and other top officers far beyond anything the late Senator Joe McCarthy even thought of.

"To label some of our most loyal and dedicated people as communists plays right into the hands of communists."

The Senate majority leader, Mike Mansfield, praised Sen. Young for denouncing the Birch society.

HERE ARE SOME other statements by Welch, who, incidentally, will be in Chicago Sunday on a mission for his society.

"Communist influences are now in almost complete control of our federal government.

"I am proposing the formation of the John Birch society . . . under completely authoritative controls at all levels . . . we mean business every step of the way."

Welch formed the society in a private meeting in an Indianapolis club in December, 1958. He told the businessmen he called together from all parts of the country, "Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

WELCH WAS SO irrational that responsible leaders who watched his organization believed it would wither as members became aware of their leader's fanatacism.

However, Welch toned down after being exposed by this column after he called in all copies of "The Politician," members refused to acknowledge that such a book even existed.

Welch has continued to persuade well-meaning citizens to join the society.

HE NO LONGER can be ignored. His capacity for undermining government authority and the democratic processes is growing. He can do grave damage to the country, and serve the communists well under his "anti-communist" guise.

More documentation will appear in these columns.

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Group Lists Eisenhower As Red, Senate Is Told

By the Associated Press

Senator Milton R. Young, Republican of North Dakota, said in the Senate yesterday that leaders of an ultra-conservative and semi-secret group operating in many States have falsely accused former President Eisenhower of being a Communist.

Senator Young said the organization is known as the John Birch Society, claims to be fighting communism and has accused Senator Young himself of "being about every kind of scoundrel, including a Communist or pro-Communist."

Names Leader

He said the leader of the Birch Society is Robert Welch, a retired business executive of Belmont, Mass.

Democratic Leader Mansfield of Montant lauded Senator Young for his denunciation of the society. He said he has heard of the group in his own State and "something is wrong somewhere."

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Cites Reports on Society

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Senator Scores Extremist Unit That Views Eisenhower as Red

Young Deplores Expansion of John Birch Society—Mansfield Joins Attack

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Senator Milton R. Young said today that leaders of an ultra-conservative, semi-secret group operating in many states had falsely accused former President Eisenhower of being a Communist.

The North Dakota Republican, on the Senate floor, said the organization was known as the John Birch Society. It contends to be fighting communism, he said, and has accused him [Mr. Young] of "being about every kind of a scoundrel, including a Communist or pro-Communist."

He identified the leader as Robert Welch, a retired business executive of Belmont, Mass.

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Senator Milton R. Young

It explained that John Birch was a Navy captain who had been killed by Chinese Communist guerrillas after the surrender of Japan. Mr. Young said most of the group's criticism "is leveled not against liberal public officials, but against the more middle-of-the-road and even conservative Republicans."

"From a practical political point of view," he said, "such charges actually are of some help. It is sort of a medicine to some liberal-thinking people who often have accused me of being a reactionary consrvativ."

Membership Unknown

The society was founded, according to Mr. Welch, to fight communism and work for less government and more individual responsibility.

It first came into the limelight last summer. The society's home office is at 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Mass., a suburb of Boston. Its annual dues are $24 for men and $12 for women. A life membership cocts $1,000. The number of members is not known.

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(BIRCH SOCIETY)

WASHINGTON--SEN. MILTON R. YOUNG, R-N.D., AND SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD, MONT., TODAY SOUGHT TO RALLY PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, WHOSE TOP OFFICIAL ACCUSED FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER OF BEING A COMMUNIST AGENT.

IN SEPARATE SENATE SPEECHES, YOUNG AND MANSFIELD DEPLORED THE ORGANIZATION'S GROWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE DAKOTAS AND MONTANA, ALTHOUGH YOUNG QUOTED A (TIME) MAGAZINE ARTICLE AS REPORTING IT HAS ACTIVE "CELLS" IN MORE THAN 35 STATES. ONE NORTH DAKOTA CITY ALONE HAS FOUR CELLS, YOUNG SAID.

HE SAID THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES "SOME OF THE MOST ABLE AND INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN EACH COMMUNITY." ITS CRITICISM, HE SAID, IS LEVELED "NOT AGAINST LIBERAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS, BUT AGAINST MORE MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD, AND EVEN CONSERVATIVE, REPUBLICANS."

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HE SUBMITTED AN ARTICLE FROM A CHICAGO NEWSPAPER (NEWS) IN WHICH WELCH'S BOOK, "THE POLITICIAN," WAS SAID TO HAVE TRIED TO PROVE THAT EISENHOWER "IS A CONSCIOUS, DEDICATED AGENT OF THE COMMUNISTS," AND HIS ADMINISTRATION "CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY."

MANSFIELD JOINED IN CRITICIZING THE ATTACK ON EISENHOWER, AND IN URGING THE PUBLIC TO "JUDGE THIS ORGANIZATION FOR WHAT IT IS."

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Birch Society Denies Commie List

By THOMAS THOMPSON and DON BOYETT

An Amarillo official of the John Birch Society today denied any connection between that organization and an alleged list of at least five Amarillo men accused of being Communists or leaning toward communism.

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) William L. (Jerry) Lee, volunteer co-ordinator for the society, told The Globe-Times if such a list of alleged fellow travelers does exist, it is not a product of the John Birch Society. "And as far as I know none of our people had anything to do with it," he added.

"As far as I know there are no Communists in Amarillo," the retired commander of Amarillo Air Force Base said, though he did add that some people in Amarillo may be unknowingly used as dupes of communism.

The rumored list includes the names of two ministers, a candidate for the City Commission, an attorney and a City of Amarillo department head. Some of

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the men on the list say they have been told that such a list exists and that their names are on it, though none have seen it.

Gen. Lee blamed the rumor on possible Communist tactics. "The Communists would like nothing better than for us to be divided and fighting among ourselves," he said.

The rumored list climaxes several weeks of edginess built up here by clashes between John Birch members and others who consider the society is too extreme in its method of fighting communism. A few crises have built up in Amarillo churches over the issues and some ministers fear serious splits will develop in their churches.

Gen. Lee says friction in the churches is caused by the ministers defending the National Council of Churches, which he says is Communist infiltrated. "We have documented proof that the National Council has been infiltrated by Communists," he said, "and some of these ministers just won't listen to us.

"Until we can convince them that the National Council has some Communist followers in it there is going to be some friction," he added.

The retired general said that not long ago he had been accused of calling a minister here a Communist. He said that this is a false accusation.

"Preachers don't become Communists; Communists become preachers," he said.

He went on to say that singling out prominent local people could be the handiwork of "fellow travelers. That's a prime technique of the Communists."

The John Birch Society is a nationwide organization dedicated to fighting the spread of communism. It was started in 1958 by a Boston candy maker, Robert Welch, who is the self-appointed head of the organization. International headquarters of the society are at Belmont, Mass.

The first chapter was organized here last August by Lee, who had been a member of the home chapter at Belmont. Since his retirement from the Air Force Gen. Lee has dedicated his life to the fight against communism and has selected the John Birch Society as his primary vehicle in that fight.

Lee estimates there are now some 16 chapters in Amarillo, each with from 12 to 20 members. Many other chapters are located in other Panhandle and South Plains cities and he figures there are as many as 60 chapters in Houston alone.

Lee says the main credo of the organization is "less government, more individual responsibility and a better world."

In contacts with the public, he said, the members speak only as individuals and never sign their name in letters as members of the John Birch Society. Members of the chapters band together to study the spread of communism and the workings of their own government.

Most of their activities consist of writing letters to editors, as well as to congressmen and senators concerning national issues. One goal of the society as set forth in its "Blue Book" is the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, a point referred to in many letters to the editor here.

Members of the Birch Society were instrumental in asking the Amarillo City Commission recently to ban a "Great Decisions" discussion series from being held at Mary E. Bivins Memorial Library.

Citing a booklet prepared by an American Legion Post in Atlanta, Ga., the opponents of the program contended it was left-inspired.

The discussion series is sponsored in a number of U. S. public libraries by the 42-year-old Foreign Policy Association, an educational institution supported by foundation grants, individuals and subscriptions, and claiming endorsements of President Kennedy, former Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, former Vice President Richard Nixon and all former American presidents to Woodrow Wilson.

The city commission refused to bar the discussion series from the library.

Lee said most of the Birch Society members are people who have only recently become aware of the spread of communism and must be educated to the fact.

The society also has fostered a large number of splinter groups here, which possibly include even more members. Most of these groups were started after some people attended John Birch Society meetings, but felt the authoritarian type organization was not the answer.

Many of these groups are now conducting their own study courses for informative purposes, but are not tied to any formal organization.

The bulk of John Birch Society membership here is composed of doctors, dentists, insurance men and realtors, though by all means not all in these professions and businesses subscribe to the movement. Few if any attorneys are members.

Lee spends most of his time making speeches against communism and showing the John Birch Society information film. This film is a speech by Robert Welch which gives the background of the organization, along with a running history on the spread of communism over the

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world.

In recent months the society has made rapid advances all over the United States. Lee says it's "growing like toadstools" in all parts of the country and the founders hope it will live for hundreds of years.

It has remained out of the limelight, primarily through efforts of Welch and most of its members. This is probably because what publicity has been given the society has not all been favorable.

Most damaging of this publicity has been stories in several newspapers which quoted from a book which Welch printed and distributed to a selected few members. In the book, "The Politician," Welch, according to the Milwaukee Journal and Boston Herald, tried to prove that former President Eisenhower is a dedicated conscientious agent of the Communist Party.

It claims that Mr. Eisenhower's brother, Milton, is the former president's superior in the party and that a dozen other highly placed former government men are either outright Communists or tools of the party.

Congressman Walter Rogers told The Globe-Times today that he had written Welch several months ago and asked for a copy of the book. "Welch wrote back that he couldn't let me see it," Congressman Rogers said.

"He said it was extended for his helpers, that he was calling them in because the Communists were using it against him."

Rogers said he told Welch that he was against communism, too, but "I wanted to oppose it according to the Constitution. What the Communists want most is for us to abandon our Constitutional way of doing things."

Rogers indicated he hadn't taken a position against the John Birch Society, but he told Welch that "people are entitled to know both sides."

The Pampa congressman said he had become very interested in the organization. He said he has had mail from people who identified themselves as members of the society, and much mail from people in his district who don't say so, but who obviously are members.

Also, he has had anti-John Birch Society mail, he said.

Members of the Texas Legislature have not been the target of John Birch mail or anti-John Birch mail, they report. The assumption is that most of the letters attacking alleged fellow travelers are going to Washington.

However, Rep. Ted Springer of Amarillo said this morning that he received more than 400 letters over the weekend on a variety of issues, mostly opposed to pari-mutuel horse racing.

Film On Red Riots Viewed In Jackson

A film on the Communist-led student riots in San Francisco against the House Un-American Activities Committee was the sparkplug of a drive today for Jackson members of the John Birch Society.

Titled "The San Francisco Story" it was shown to an audience at the King Edward Hotel Wednesday night with a lively panel discussion afterward.

In the opening the film carried an introduction from Dick Morphew, staff member of the Citizens Councils' Jackson headquarters.

On the panel were Dr. Medford Evans of Natchitoches, La., area coordinator for the John Birch Society; Dr. Curtis W. Caine of Jackson, and Louis W. Hollis, executive director of the Jackson Citizens Council.

Both Dr. Caine and Hollis belong to the John Birch Society, an anti-Communist organization allied with right-wing causes.

The Jackson chapter of the John Birch Society, headed by rooting executive William T. Clark, announced it was enlisting members in the Society's national drive to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court.

Dr. Caine spoke up for the proposed 23rd Amendment which he said would force the federal government out of private enterprise. The Washington government runs about 700 unconstitutional corporations, he declared.

"Uncle Sam holds a gun in your back, while he has his hand in your pocket," Dr. Caine said.

Dr. Caine urged that Mississippians get behind the legislature next year to endorse the 23rd Amendment resolution which died on the calendar of the 1960 session.

Evans declared that the Warren impeachment drive "is not in order to attack the institutions of government, but to restore constitutional government."

Formerly chief of security for the Atomic Energy Commission, Evans branded "peaceful co-existence" as part of the Communist Party line. Other parts he said, are to halt nuclear tests, integrate public schools and recognize Red China.

He charged that the National Council of Churches has followed the Communist Party line "on all its major points."

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Sumner's Report

Ike a Red, John Birch Leader Says

By BILL SUMNER

It is difficult to quarrel with the stated aim of the John Birch Society.

"Our dedicated purpose," states one of its manifestos, "is to alert persons of good character—regardless of race, color or creed—to the dangers of Communism, and to point out by means of films, tapes, books and pamphlets, documentary evidence of Socialist and/or Communist advances within this country."

Some of the many hundreds of well-meaning people who have been attracted to the Society in this area might be interested in just how far the founder and boss of this organization feels the Communist conspiracy has gone.

Robert Welch, 71, the founder of the John Birch Society, stated flatly in a booklet he had printed in 1958, that President Eisenhower is a Communist.

He wrote, in "The Politician":

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

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COPIES OF this book were given to the leaders of the movement, but efforts are being made now to withdraw it from circulation.

Evidently there is disagreement in the organization on the infallibility of Founder Welch in at least this one instance.

Dr. Granville Knight, Santa Barbara physician, and a member of the national Council of the John Birch Society, described it as a confidential document containing Welch's personal opinions.

Welch is the man, at any rate, who directs the team in such activities as letter writing, school book censorship and political action. He is the man who has urged his members to take over the PTAs to "make such groups the instrument of conservative purposes, with the same vigor and determination that the liberals have used the opposite aims."

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AND HE has the backing of a group of considerable importance in this country, members of his Council, which includes Dean Clarence Manion, T. Coleman Andrews, Adolph Menjou and Spruille Braden.

Locally, and in this area, the Society seems to be attracting men and women of some substance. It would not pay to dismiss them as a group of fanatics and crackpots worthy only of a passing snort.

Two candidates in the recent La Canada school board election, for example, one of them successful, feel that the Society had some influence in that election. How much it would be difficult to say, but both candidates seemed to regard the Society as faintly menacing and potentially dangerous.

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MENACE? A danger? I think at the moment that may be reaching. But there is a feeling of some discomfort. I have the feeling that here is a group of dedicated men and women, with some potential for power, who do not believe in the democratic form of government.

I may be wrong in this conclusion, but there is nothing to suggest that I am. This, I guess, is the season for understatement.

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Introducing the John Birch Group

By BILL SUMNER

We have in our midst a growing, increasing active group of ultra conservatives doing business as the John Birch Society. More than likely this is the first time that many of you will have heard of it. It is not a secret organization, but it has avoided publicity while gaining strength.

It is a national organization dedicated to the destruction of communism in this country and a rebuilding of this nation in the conservative image. It seeks to educate the public, as with some local sponsorship of documentary films and aims at local political influence.

Until recently, the members of its cells have sought to influence with letter writing campaigns such as that demanding the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, but now has a record of influence in at least one school board campaign, that of La Canada, and has as a target the defeat of so-called left-wing elements in the PTA.

It is a dedicated, disciplined group which probably numbers in the hundreds in this area. The objective in the United States is a membership of a million.

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THE SOCIETY was founded in Indianapolis on Dec. 9, 1958, by Robert Welch, 71, formerly the head of the candy company which bears his name. It was named for a John Birch, a captain in the U.S. Army who, it is said, was murdered by Chinese Communists 10 days after VJ Day.

Welch is a well-educated man. He is a native of North Carolina and graduated from the university there. He attended Annapolis 1 [illegible] years, Harvard Law School for two more and has lived in Boston since 1917.

He is not only the founder of the organization, but its absolute boss, as well. No bones are made about this. Potential recruits are told frankly at organization meetings that Welch will do their thinking. Such is the nature of the emergency in regard to the Communist conspiracy that there is no place for dissent within the ranks.

Welch, in fact, has been quoted as saying:

"Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud."

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LOCALLY, recruiting efforts are staged in homes and consist mainly of a four-hour movie in which Welch explains the aims and methods of his group. Welch is the sole occupant of the screen, and it is understood that this is merely a segment of a 12-hour-long movie, also of Welch.

After explaining the origins of the Society, he goes on to say that there must be complete obedience within the group. He states that Communists would infiltrate with any other process and make their work useless.

He explains that the Society is organized on a cell theory of operations. Each cell director attends monthly meetings to get directions from a district director and then reports back to his own group.

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A DIRECTOR is responsible for his group's cooperation. Anyone who does not cooperate faces immediate expulsion.

Assignments also come in the monthly John Birch Bulletin, edited by Welch.

What is not discussed at this preliminary meeting is a booklet written by Welch, called "The Politician," which identifies former President Eisenhower, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and others of the Eisenhower administration as Communists.

We'll go further into this one on Monday.

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The Wrong Way To Fight Reds

Birch Society Is Recruiting

BY JACK MABLEY

THE John Birch Society is going to Chicago area churches chambers of commerce and civic organizations, to recruit members.

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Jack Mabley's Story

Inasmuch as 99.9999 per cent of us are anti-Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens asks, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

Group Founded In Indianapolis

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

This organization must be run by a hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss, says Welch and he is it.

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WELCH HAS written a privately printed book called "The Politician." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Chief Justice Earl Warren and former defense secretary Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

Some Excerpts From the Book

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems ti put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: ". . . there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

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WE REPRINT these words only because they are totally idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in his mind.

The Communist threat in this country is real enough. The country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the Communist evil.

But the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work.

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Even though Dr. Granville Knight, Santa Barbara member of the 28-man national council of the John Birch Society, declined to divulge the identity of the local leader as well as other society members, some of the members themselves discussed their participation in its activities.

Mrs. Rose H. Bradbury, 2 Rosemary Ln., said: "I think it's a very fine organization. I've never missed a meeting." The first local chapter was formed a little over a year ago after Robert Welch, founder and president

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of the national organization, spoke at a meeting for specially invited persons at the Biltmore Hotel.

Mrs. Bernard R. Foy of San Marcos Trout Club said that she is a member. Asked whether she had been informed that the soceity is secret, she answered "no," but that it is "not too public either."

'EXCELLENT PLAN'

Saying that she highly approves of the society, Miss M. B. Phillips, 209 W. Micheltorena St., said that she has been a member for nearly a year. She said that she believes that Welch has an excellent plan, but that she does not necessarily agree with every statement he has made.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Goodnow, 700 Park Ln., said that they are proud to be associated with such an organization. Asked if they subscribe to Welch's opinion that President Eisenhower is a dedicated agent of international Communism, they said that they would not call him (the President) a Communist. "If he is one, he doesn't know it," they said.

Kirke Connor, 4395 Via Esperanza, also said that he is a member, describing the society as a "fine movement." However, he said that he could hardly believe that Welch had called Eisenhower a Communist, and that he would not agree with that sort of statement. When contacted, other persons believed to be active in the society said that they had no comment to make.

STRUCTURE SHOWN

The semi-secret structure of the society is shown in one instance by a San Marcos High School teacher who is known to have passed around among other teachers a question-and-answer letter on "why the John Birch Society is what responsible citizens have been waiting for. Yet when asked about his interest in the society, he said that he had no comments about it. He said that he had been to one meeting and that he was planning to attend another.

Dr. Knight said that the society has not sought publicity, and that membership is by invitation only. In addition, since study groups are part of the organization's setup, the presence of antagonistic members could completely disrupt such meetings, he said. "The society has been criticized for not making public the names of members," he said. "This is to protect those who do not wish to be disturbed by nuisance tactics." He said that the membership here runs into "the hundreds."

In his Blue Book, the society's "bible," Welch not only discusses what he believes are Communistic leanings of high government officials. Writing about the nation's clergy, he says that "one-third of the ministers are not true believers in the Divine names or the Divine history and Divine teachings to which they give lip serv-

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ice as they go through their conventional motions on Sunday morning." He claims that some of them are using their pulpits to preach outright Communism.

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He also has a word or two about the press, saying in one of his Bulletins, circulated among society members, that "a well-intentioned management has no conception of how far the termites have crept into the solid-looking framework of their news gathering and news writing."

Welch told the men attending the organizational meeting in Indianapolis two years ago that the time had come for this country to get out of the bed of a Europe that is dying with the cancer of collectivism, and breathe "our own healthful air of opportunity, freedom and enterprise." Then, he said, the cancer that we already have, even though it is of considerable growth, can be cut out.

He told the group that his society would operate under complete, authoritative control at all levels. Describing himself as a hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss, Welch said that "the men who join the society are going to do so because they believe in me and are willing to accept my leadership." He said: "Whenever differences of opinion become translated into a lack of loyal support, we shall have shortcuts for eliminating both without going through any congress of so-called democratic processes."

COUNCIL MEMBERS

In addition to Dr. Knight, the following are some of the members of the national council: Dr. N. E. Adamson Jr., a Boston surgeon; Thomas Anderson, editor and publisher of Farm and Ranch; Coleman Andrews, forme commissioner of internal re enue; Spruille Braden, forme U.S. ambassador; Col. La rence E. Bunker, former pe sonal aide to Gen. Dougl MacArthur; James Simps Jr., former congressman, se eral businessmen, a Adolphe Menjou, the actor.

The purpose of the coun is to give "your founder t benefit of the council's advi and guidance, both in proce ural and organizational m ters, and in substantive m ters of policy" and "to selec with absolute and final autho ity, a successor to myself head of the John Birch Society, if, and when, an accident, 'suicide' or anything sufficiently fatal is arranged for me by the Communists, or I simply die in bed of old age and a cantankerous disposition."

Regarding the organization of local chapters, Welch says in the Blue Book that each shall have a chapter leader, appointed by headquarters, which is in Belmont, Mass., or appointed through officers of the society, in the field, who have themselves been duly appointed by headquarters.

Stressing that it takes money "to do wonders in adding new courage and new confidence to the anti-Communist fight," and that $1,000,000 and 1,000,000 members are needed, Welch said that the dues are "whatever the member wants to make them, with a minimum of $24 per year for men and $12 for women." A life membership may be bought for $1,000, which may be paid in two installments of $500.

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These Days

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By George E. Sokolsky

Jumping Jupiter!

NOW ALONG comes a very sure person, Robert Welch, of The John Birch Society of Massachusetts, who wishes to impeach Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States. One may disagree with, dislike, oppose Earl Warren, but impeachment is another matter. It involves a bill of particulars, specific, clear-cut, subject to evidence and analysis. Welch does not provide that. He says:

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"... we believe that the impeachment of Warren would dramatize and crystallize the whole basic question of whether the United States remains an independent republic, or gradually becomes transformed into a province of the world-wide Soviet system."

But this is not the issue at all. This is a private opinion, not a fact. What is necessary is to indict Earl Warren for high crimes and misdemeanors that will stand up in a trial. Thus far, only one President of the United States has been impeached, and unsuccessfully, and no Chief Justice of the United States has been impeached. That does not mean that none ever should be. It does, however, mean that this is not a simple process for indicating opposition. Under our system, it is extremely difficult. Robert Welch thinks otherwise:

"We further believe that it is entirely possible to bring about that impeachment in the present House of Representatives, through insistent enough demand by the American people, if even one-half of the known present conservative leaders will give their energetic support to this undertaking ..."

APPARENTLY, Welch has no conception of the procedure involved in an impeachment.

Certainly in the present composition of our Congress, there is no possibility that the time will be allotted by the leadership of either party for such an impeachment. For what would have to be proved? The indictment could not show that the Chief Justice's views were unpleasant, for there are eight other Justices who could have voted him down. It would have to be shown that he was corrupt, that he accepted bribes, that he was subversive, that his conduct was opprobrious to the United States and the Court.

No matter what can be said of Earl Warren, it cannot be said that he has been corrupt, which means accepting bribes, or that he has been subversive, which means, in this context, that he is engaged in transactions to damage the United States in the interest of a foreign foe. No bill of particulars can be brought forth to prove such charges. Therefore to talk of impeachment is nonsense.

I CALL attention to this not because it is of any significance of itself but because conservatives need to use common sense in their agitations. There are things to be said and to be done but these need to be focused on ideas, not on impractical proposals to impeach the Chief Justice because there is disagreement about his views or to discover an invisible government which has controlled all the administrations from Herbert Hoover to John Kennedy.

The conservatives of this country are numerous but not always coherent. Unless they find intelligent leadership that relates what they do and say to the realities of American life, they will make no greater progress in the new Democratic Administration than was made in the old Eisenhower Administration.

One of the first points of a conservative program must be that the United States cannot tolerate the cost of unemployment or racial or creedal battles while this country is engaged in a life-struggle against the Soviet universal state. And the one absolute essential is that the American dollar should again become hard money, well secured and safe. The conservatives need to decide whether they prefer to fight against Communism or against each other.

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Not a 'Hate' Society

Anti-Red Group Weakest in N.E.

By STANLEY EAMES

(Third of three stories)

Is the John Birch Society a "hate" organization?

Robert H. W. Welch Jr. of Belmont, its 60-year-old founder and boss, who once termed President Eisenhower a Communist agent subject to the orders of his brother (and alleged superior in the Party), Milton, denies it forcefully.

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"We haven't got a 'hater' anywhere in our membership. And our membership reaches into about 20 states, with about 25 chapters in Greater Boston alone," he says.

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Welch insists the organization is no more nor less than a society dedicated to the eradication of Communism and the substitution of less, and better, government for big, bad government.

Although he says time and again the group is not a secret society, Welch is vague about its size and the degree of its influence on national affairs.

Organized by Welch in 1958 before what he terms a meeting of top U. S. industrialist, it has mushroomed into all parts of the nation. He says it is strongest in Tennessee, Texas and Southern California—strongholds respectively of arch-conservatism and various kinds of fanaticism.

Hardest Area

"We're not too strong in New England," he admitted. "This is the hardest part of the country in which to wake up people against

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His periodically-in lists one to 20 10 to 20 persons each New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, California, Oregon and Washington. This would imply a membership somewhere in the thousands, possibly in the low hundreds of thousands.

"We went out for a million members, but that may have been the result of talking before experience," he said. "We find that getting the solid, dedicated members that we want —not just anti-Communists— is a **slower process than we expected. We have also found out," he said," that what we can accomplish through small chapters is immensely greater than we thought."**

Named for a U. S. missionary-chaplain murdered by Chinese Communists, the Society now has 17 home-office and 35 field employes.

Welch works through an organization of "coordinators", who organize chapters with the help of movies of Welch delivering speeches, one of which lasts six hours with a coffee-break.

McCarthy Admirers

Ninety-five per cent of the Society's membership, he says, are admirers of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, with whom Welch once shared a platform here. But members "are all kinds of people," he said, "ranging in age from 16 to 90.

"In one large Texas city we have two or three chapters. One is made up of top financial people, another of carpenters who worked for our coordinator, another of Negroes, mostly servants." The Society is bitterly against "forced integration" as a violation of state's rights. Some college chapters are being launched, but with "adult leaders," Welch revealed.

The Society levies dues of $24 annually for men and $12 for women: a life membership costs $1000. It has been in the black at all times "because we don't know until we can afford it," he said. Although details of the Society's finances are secret, he once launched a drive "to raise an additional $1,000,000 a year." Coordinators are paid, chapter leaders—and the top leader, Welch—are not.

Every member signs a pledge to agree that he or she can be fired from the Society without reason at any time, but Welch says it has not been used.

"I lean on my Council, but I have to take the ultimate responsibility," he told The Herald. On occasion, he will admit in his bulletin that members have criticised slogans (to Ike, on the summit conference: "If you go, don't come back!") as being in bad taste. On those occasions, he reminds members that nobody is forcing them to stay.

"Democracy," he told this reporter, "is desirable in small organizations. In larger ones you need a republic, the best of all possible forms of government." Some members have muttered that Welch is running a dictatorship.

Not Bound

Welch periodically issues "assignments" to members, although they are not bouund to carry them out. A recent list included writing to discourage Rep. Walter from leaving the House un-American Activities subcommittee; and starting a drive to abolish foreign aid. Another such list urged the support of an anti - Communist school in Illinois; read a book on Welch's "proved" list; send anti-Castro postcards to Secretary of State Herter (who somehow has miraculously escaped Welch's charge of Communism); fight the import of foreign nails; heckle speakers at United World Federalists' meetings; don't believe — and do promptly report—rumors about Welch.

The founder's philosophy of government is simpel: the less the better.

"If we can stimulate enough against the Communists," he said, "we will become as strong force of individuals working very hard to bring about an era of less government and more individual responsibility."

What, he was asked, would be done about the sick and the poor under the kind of government he envisions?

People Sounder

"If you could keep Social Security out of business," Welch replied, "with charitableness in the American heart, you would see the best pension plans the world has ever known. You've got a demagogic leadership telling the American people they want this and that. The people are sounder than their government. Bellboys and cab drivers are more alert to the Communist menace than bankers." The burden of his philosophy appeared to be that people will take care of their own better than government—if government doesn't do the job for them.

What will be the future of his Society?

"That depends on how fast the Communists win." Welch said. "They're taking the world pretty dam fast. Just look at the scoreca'. We are in danger."

In "The Life of John Birch," one of several books by Welch, the Belmont crusader uses the story of a Georgia farm boy-turned-missionary to point up what he considers "the ordeal of this age."

MISSIONARY WORK

Birch, a descendant of John Alden, volunteered for missionary work in China; what he did was intelligence work, for the most part, and according to the late Gen. Claire Chennault he was extremely good at it. Becoming an Army captain, he saved many downed fliers, set up radio networks, penetrated enemy lines, supervised the building of airfields, and through it all found the time and will to preach the Gospel.

He was a missionary-spy with courage, dash and humor, and sufficiently dedicated to break off an engagement to a Red Cross girl when it seemed his life would be too rough for a woman to share.

At the war's end Birch was singled out from a party of Chinese and Americans, and was shot and bayoneted by Chinese Communists—a fact, according to Welch, that the War Department kept buried as long and as deep as it could.

In Birch's death, Welch sees the whole capitalist-communist issue symbolized and dramatized. His book, after dealing with Birch's life and death, goes on to allege that the U.S. government is Communist-riddled, and says his purpose is to make sure that "John Birch did not die in vain."

It is climaxed by Welch's bald statement that Christianity or Communism "must be completely destroyed."

The John Birch Society, with its intemperate viewpoint and its founder's shotgun-accusations, is his vehicle for fighting his own private war against Communism

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Belmont Seat of Birch Society

Extreme Rights Take Aim at Lefts

By STANLEY EAMES

(This is the first of three stories.)

Extremists in search of a political home never have lacked for strange places to rest their heads. This year, with a moderate government in prospect regardless of the election's outcome, disciples of the Far Right are being offered a haven in the John Birch Society.

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The Society is the creation of Robert H. W. Welch Jr., ultra-conservative, retired Cambridge candy manufacturer. It might have remained a behind-the-scenes organization, as Welch intended it to be, had it not been for its founder's 100,000-word "letter to a friend," titled "The Politician."

In "The Politician," Welch charged that President Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious Communist agent, answerable to his brother Milton (Ike's alleged boss in the Party), and for whose actions "there is only one word—treason."

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"The Politician" also described fromer Presidents Truman and Roosevelt as tools of international Communism, along with the Dulles brothers and various other high government officials.

Written in 1954 and added to from time to time, "The Politician" was intended as a semi-secret document outlining the progress of Communism, and particularly in the United States.

In the black-bound tome Welch describes the contents as "completely private and confidential" but in the midwest, where the John Birch Society is perhaps at its strongest, a copy leaked to a newspaper, together with the implication that it is the society's bible.

Welch this week heatedly denied any connection between the society and his hand book.

NOT FOR PRINT

"Four-fifths of our members never have seen it and most of those who have don't agree with it," he said in an interview in his Belmont office.

"Do you still think Eisenhower is a Communist?" he was asked.

"I never felt that way enough to say it in print," Welch replied. "Now I don't know what I think. Eisenhower may be too dumb to be a Communist".

(On Jan. 1, 1960, Welch added as a footnote to "The Politician": "A huge majority of Eisenhower's appointments during the past year make no sense whatever except as a part of a plan to help the Communists".)

"The Politician" grew like Topsy; Welch is a prolific and ersuasive writer; years ago he also wrote with wit and charm. After the first copy, intended to go to "one friend" and expanded to a few more, he says the demand for it grew.

"I added to it every time I got requests for it," he said. "By 1956 it had grown to 6,000 words. By 1958, it was up to 80,000. At that point I decided to reproduce it by offset — but it's still just a long letter to a friend."

He declined to reveal how many copies are out, except to say it is "in the low hundreds". Its major purpose, he insists, is simply to alert its readers to "the incredible pattern of help to Communism by our government."

SEEKS WITHDRAWAL

Nevertheless, he added, he now intends to try to withdraw each copy, and get it out of circulation as quickly a spossible.

If he suspected President Eisenhower of Communist leanings, Welch was asked, how about the four Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates?

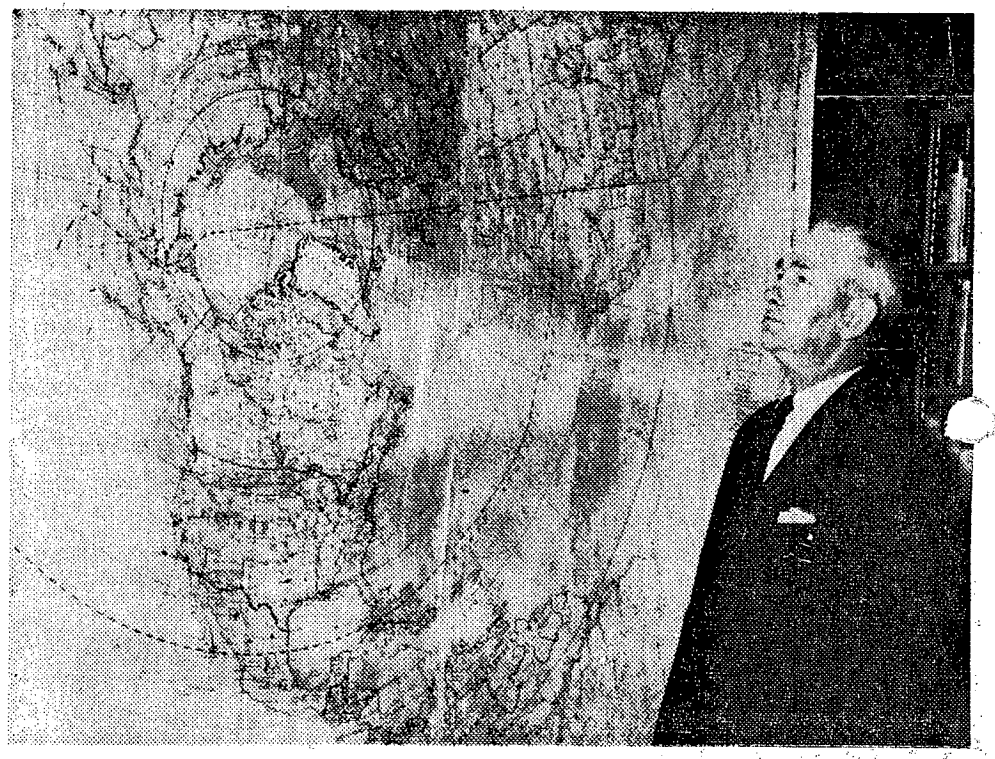
"I don't think any one is a Communist," he said, "or favorable to Communist aims. But every one of the four is willing to be soft on Communism and to be blind to the fact that their actions help the Communist purpose — to get the left-wing support needed for election."

What will the John Birch Society, which Welch bosses almost completely, do in the coming election?

"I have to let the members know in September what I'm going to do," he said. "we were all set for a write-in drive for Goldwater, but he doesn't want it. I do know that I can't vote for Nixon and Lodge."

The John Birch Society is not essentially political, he said: "We are not out to start a third party, but we can be a strong force behind a third party if that's the only way. The society didn't for the Presidential nomination, but a lot of the members did as individuals." Welch himself was a prime organizer of the abortive Goldwater rally at the Republican national convention.

In fact, when Welch was outlining the formation of the society at a meeting in Indianapolis on Dec. 9, 1958, he briefly considered



A COMMUNIST WORLD?—Fear of spread of Red influence has moved Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, who once called President Eisenhower a Communist, to form the John Birth Society, a controversial organization with which he opposes Communism and welfare state.

Goldwater as its leader, but found several reasons why it wouldn't do. He considered even more brief Vice-President Nixon ("one of the ablest, shrewdest and slipperiest politicians on the American scene, but not a leader").

He concluded, not surprisingly, that he was the man for the job. And he laid down some tough requirements for membership, chief among which was something approaching unquestioning obedience.

In his "Blue Book", consisting of the 174-page speech he delivered in several marathon sessions at Indianapolis, Welch said the society "is to be a monolithic body.

"Democracy," he declared, "is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, a perennial fraud." He spoke of the "advantages of firm and positive direction of the society's energies", and pledged:

"We are going to cut through the red tape and parliamentary briar patches and roadblocks of confused purpose with direct authority at every turn. The men who join the John Birch Society . . . are going to be doing so primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership anyway.

"And we are going to use that loyalty, like every other resource, to the fullest possible advantage.

MUM ON SIZE

"Those members who cease to feel the necessary degree of loyalty can either resign or will be put out before they build up any splintering following of their own inside the society" .

Welch this week said this position was taken to avoid Communist infiltration within the society.

Apparently, although Welch refuses to give figures on the size of the society, it has a substantial membership willing to adhere to these conditions.

Society publications, including the magazine "American Opinion", give the Belmont post office its largest single source of revenue, approaching $25,000 a year.

(TOMORROW: What is the John Birch Society, and what is it doing?)

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Probe John Birch Group in Wisconsin

A Wisconsin newspaper has begun an investigation of the John Birch Society in that state.

The society, which accuses President Eisenhower of treason and brands him a Communist, has grown to 10 chapters in Wisconsin during the past year, according to the Milwaukee Journal.

Two articles concerning the society appeared in the Daily News in Jack Mabley's column last week.

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THE OSTENSIBLE purpose of the organization is to fight communism and influence American politics.

The society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch Jr., 61, of Belmont, Mass., described by the Journal as "a persuasive speaker, conservative and the author of "The Politician'."

The 302-page privately reproduced volume which Welch has sent to leaders of the society says former President Franklin D. Roosevelt was used unknowingly by the Communist party and ex-President Truman was knowingly used.

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Bares Secrets— Of 'Red-Haters'

They Think Ike Is a Communist

BY JACK MABLEY

THE John Birch Society is an organization of ultra-conservatives, banded together to fight communism in America.

It is not a secret society in the normal sense of the word, but it tries to avoid publicity. Until this moment, it has been successful.

Jack Mabley's Story

The head — and absolute head—of the John Birch Society is Robert Welch, of Boston. The society has members in every state and active chapters in half the states. There are 10 chapters in the Chicago area.

The goal is a million active members.

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WITH ITS announced program of fighting communism, the society has attracted thousands of well-meaning, conscientious men and women throughout the country.

It was founded Dec. 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, and named for John Birch, a captain in the U.S. Army, allegedly murdered in cold blood by Chinese Communists 10 days after VJ Day.

Welch gave up his career as a candy company executive to lead the society.

He was educated for four years at the University of North Carolina, two years at the U.S. Naval Academy and two years at Harvard law school. He was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers for several years.

Rich Businessmen Support the Society

The society has the backing of wealthy conservative businessmen. Three former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers are listed by Welch as members of the "council" of the society.

I have seen the appeal of this society in my own suburban community of 18,000. There are four active units in the village. At a meeting two weeks ago tonight, more than 200 persons turned out.

The organization is monolithic, or, to use another word which Welch himself introduced, dictatorial. He is the absolute and unquestioned head, the "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss" needed to run such an organization. The quotes are his.

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THE ABOVE facts relate closely to the following. I have obtained a copy of a book written by Welch intended for secret distribution only to the leaders of the society.

It is a 302-page, black paperbound book, reproduced by the photo-offset process, with loose leaf binders. The title is "The Politician." The book accuses President Eisenhower of treason.

It flatly calls him a Communist, and for 302 pages attempts to document the charge.

It accuses most of his aides—John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, Chief Justice Earl Warren, former Defense Secretary Neil McElroy and dozens of others, of being a part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

Attacks Ike as A 'Dedicated Red'

Here is an exact quote from the book:

"While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He also says of the President: ". . . . there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason."

The immediate reaction on confronting this writing is to dismiss it as the work of a crackpot. However, the circumstances of Welch's position and influence dictate further examination.

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WHEN I phoned Welch in Boston and asked him about "The Politician," he stated, "That cannot be mentioned." I told him I had read the book. I asked if it accurately reflected his views.

"I have absolutely no comment," he replied.

This will be discussed further tomorrow.

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