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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON

FILE NUMBER: 77-HQ-78164

May 2, 1958

AIRTEL

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To: SAC, Philadelphia
New York
Chicago
New Haven
Washington Field (BCS) Enclosures-2

From: Director, FBI

MARIAN ANDERSON, SPI.

MARION ANDERSON

Department of State requests investigation of above-captioned individual who is being recommended to the President for appointment to a top-level position in the Department of State. Born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, date not indicated, and began her singing career in 1934. Present address is Danbury, Connecticut. Biographical data contained in current issue of "Who's Who." In addition, background information furnished by State Department indicates is married but does not list name or address of husband.

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Sent
Conduct thorough investigation as to character, loyalty, reputation, associates and ability of Miss Anderson, accounting for entire adult life including education, employment and any periods of unemployment. Ascertain and report identity and current address of all immediate relatives and make appropriate checks concerning each. Set out necessary leads by airtel except where more expeditious means necessary to insure deadline met. Surep to reach Bureau by 5/16/58.

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NOTE: Request received 5/1/58 by letter dated 4/30/58 from the Department of State. Copy of summary will be furnished to the Attorney General in view of Miss Anderson's prominence and also inasmuch as it involves a Presidential appointment.

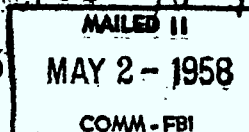
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Tolson ✓
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Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Clayton ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

April 30 1958

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is proposed to recommend to the President that Marian Anderson be appointed to a top level position in the Department of State requiring an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under procedures prescribed for Presidential appointees.

It is requested, therefore, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation conduct the necessary investigation of Miss Anderson. Attached is biographic data concerning her.

Please furnish the results of your investigation to me, through the Director, Office of Security.

Sincerely yours,

Roderic L. O'Connor

Roderic L. O'Connor
Administrator
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs

Attachment:
Biographic data

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

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MARIAN ANDERSON

Born:

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Education:

Public schools, Philadelphia; music education, private study in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, College of Music, and abroad; Mus. D., Howard U., 1938.

Marital Status:

Married.

Experience:

PRE GOVERNMENT:

1924 - Began singing career

1925 - "First prize in competition with 300 others at New York Lewisohn Stadium

- Has made several concert tours of the United States and Europe; one of the leading contraltos of the world.

1940 - Recipient of Bok Award

1940 - Awarded Finnish decoration "probenignitate humana".

GOVERNMENT:

Memberships and Clubs:

Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Office:

Home:

Danbury, Connecticut

Legal Residence:

Connecticut.

Political Affiliation:

Democrat.

PRESENT POSITION:

Contralto.

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ENCLOSURE

May 6, 1958

Mr. Roderic L. O'Connor
Administrator
Bureau of Security and
Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your
letters dated April 30, 1958, in which you requested
investigations of Marian Anderson and [REDACTED] b7C

Please be advised that these investigations
have been ordered and upon completion summaries re-
flecting the results of the inquiries made will be
forwarded to the Secretary of State through the
State Department's Office of Security.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc: File on [REDACTED]

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MAY 5, 1958

AIRTEL

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NEW YORK
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NEW HAVEN
WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
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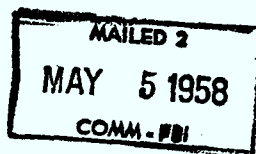
Rebuairtel 5/2/58.

Bufiles reflect name of appointee's husband is
Orpheus H. Fisher. All offices conduct necessary
investigation.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

5/7/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (77-62924)

MARLAN ANDERSON, aka
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*Referred
to another
Government
Agency*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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- 2 - New York
- ① - Bureau
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info)
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Date: 5/8/58

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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To: Director, FBI, and
SACs, NEW YORK
BOSTON
WFO

From: SAC, Philadelphia (77-9562)

MARIAN ANDERSON
SPI
(Buded 5/16/58)

Department of State requests investigation of above-captioned individual who is being recommended to the President for appointment to a top level position in the Department of State. Born Philadelphia, Pa. Present address is Danbury, Conn., and is married to ORPHEUS FISHER.

Investigation of character, loyalty, reputation, associates, and ability of Miss ANDERSON required, accounting for all of adult life including education, employment, and periods of unemployment.

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[REDACTED] advised he has had no contact with ANDERSON since 1941. [REDACTED] said SOL HUOK has been ANDERSON's manager in United States throughout her professional career. [REDACTED] believes PAUL ROBESON was acquaintance of ANDERSON, but does not know degree of friendship existing. [REDACTED] recalled his father stated he was sorry ANDERSON had been acquainted with WILLIAM KING, who was a former accompanist for ANDERSON during the early period of her training at New York City under GIUSEPPE BOGHETTI because he did not like KING's ideals. [REDACTED] said his father did not elaborate further.

- ③ Bureau
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1 - Philadelphia (77-9562)

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Approved: CEH
Special Agent in Charge

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b7C,
b7D [redacted] advised he did not like group of SOL HUOK's employees and others who surrounded ANDERSON early in her career in New York. [redacted]

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b7D [redacted] indicated ANDERSON's [redacted] was also disliked by [redacted] and recalled that his father had described [redacted] as a "slimy character." His father did not elaborate further.

Publication "Current Biography - 1950" reflects that ANDERSON received Honorary Doctor of Music degrees at Howard University and at Smith College. It was also indicated that FRANZ RUPP has been ANDERSON's accompanist since 1941.

b7C An acquaintance of ANDERSON states [redacted] knows her well.

Undeveloped LeadsBOSTON DIVISION

AT [redacted]

b7C Check indices and consider interview with [redacted] unless some reason exists why this should not be done.

AT NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

Will verify ANDERSON's Honorary Doctor of Music degree at Smith College, and interview appropriate person or persons.

NEW YORK DIVISIONAT NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

(1) Conduct appropriate inquiry re group of HUOK's employees and others who surrounded ANDERSON early in her career.

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Special Agent in Charge

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(2) Conduct appropriate inquiry re WILLIAM KING
and [REDACTED] mentioned above.

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(3) Check indices on and consider interviews of
[REDACTED] and SOL HUOK mentioned above.WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICEAT WASH., D.C.Verify ANDERSON's Doctor of Music degree at Howard
University.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/8/58

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)
SUBJECT: CHANGED
MARIAN ANDERSON, aka
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher,
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Re Bureau airtel 5/2/58.

The title is being marked "Changed" to reflect additional names of applicant as reflected in marriage records at Bethel, Connecticut.

Investigation, Danbury, Conn., and Bethel, Conn., reflects applicant born 2/27/08, Philadelphia, Pa. Parents JOHN B. ANDERSON (deceased). ANNIE RUCKER ANDERSON; Sisters, [REDACTED], all residing Philadelphia. Applicant attended William Penn High School and South Philadelphia High School, both Philadelphia. ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER and applicant married 7/24/43 at Bethel, Conn. Applicant's residence "Mariana Farms", Joe's Hill Road, RD 1, Danbury.

Applicant's impressarios SAUL HUOK, [REDACTED], all New York.

Credit records reflect husband operator of King-Fisher, Interior Decorators located 1200 Fifth Avenue, New York City. For information all offices, applicant's autobiography "My Lord, What a Morning" published by Viking Press, New York City.

3-Bureau
1-New York (Info.)
1-Philadelphia (Info.)
1-Chicago (Info.)
1-WFO (Info.)
1-New Haven
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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To: SACs, Philadelphia
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Washington Field (DCS)

From: Director, FBI

MARIAN ANDERSON, SPI.

Discontinue. Survey of investigation
completed to date.

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NOTE: Liaison advised on 5/8/58 that investigation to be
discontinued per call from [redacted] State Dept.,
who advised that Anderson would not be able to accept
position.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON, aka Mrs. Orpheus
Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPI

Re Bureau Airtel dated 5/2/58.

Dept. of State requested investigation of above captioned individual who is being recommended to the President for appointment for a top level position in the State Dept.

Applicant resides "Marianni Farms", Joss Hill Road, R. D. #1, Danbury, Conn.

In report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48, at New Orleans, captioned "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW); SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF); IS-C", New Orleans file #100-759, on page 39 of this report, [REDACTED] who is identified as [REDACTED], Barnard Printing Co., New Orleans, advised that the name MARIAN ANDERSON, R.F.D. #1, Danbury, Conn., appears on the mailing list of the "Southern Patriot", a monthly publication of the SCEF.

New Orleans requested to furnish complete documentation of SCEF, SCHW and "Southern Patriot". Also advise if identity of [REDACTED] mentioned in this report should be concealed.

If so, furnish characterization. Expedite as report must reach Bureau by 5/16/58 without fail.

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1 - New Haven
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Approved: AmB
Special Agent in Charge

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5/9/58

AIRTEL

TO: SAC'S, PHILADELPHIA
NEW YORK
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WASHINGTON FIELD (DCS)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MARIAN ANDERSON
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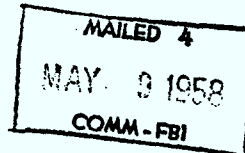
Disregard Buairtel of 5/8/58; however, hold
investigation in abeyance pending instructions.

NOTE: Liaison advised on 5/9/58 that State Department
requested instant investigation held in abeyance rather
than discontinued. State Department will advise by
Monday, 5/12/58, whether to discontinue or proceed with
the investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office CHICAGO	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/14/58	Investigative Period 5/6, 7/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON		Report made by [REDACTED] <i>b7C</i>	Typed By: lac
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis: Appointee's attendance at Chicago College of Music, Chicago, not verified. No credit or arrest record for appointee or her husband, ORPHEUS M. FISHER.

- RUC -

REFERENCES: Bureau airtels to Chicago dated May 2 and 5, 1958.
New Haven airtel to Bureau dated May 8, 1958.
Bureau airtels to Chicago dated May 8 and 9, 1958.

DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

A review of "Who's Who in America", Volume 29, 1956-1957, page 64, column 1, on May 6, 1958, showed that the appointee had received musical training at the Chicago College of Music (no dates shown).

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b7D **[REDACTED]** Chicago Conservatory of Music, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 6, 1958, that the Chicago College of Music went out of business about 15 years ago. She said

Education

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the manager of the Chicago College of Music at that time was Mrs. ESTER HARRIS, now deceased. During the period of its operation, the Chicago College of Music primarily taught the piano, but also offered classes in voice training.

[REDACTED] advised that she could not suggest anyone who might recall the names of the former voice instructors at the Chicago College of Music.

A check of the Illinois Bell Telephone Directories, Chicago City and Suburban, dated June, 1957, on May 6, 1958, disclosed no listing for a Chicago College of Music.

Credit and Arrest

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[REDACTED], Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, advised on May 7, 1958, that a check of the credit files showed no credit record for the appointee or the appointee's husband, ORPHEUS N. FISHER.

A check of the arrest files of the Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, on May 7, 1958, revealed no arrest record for the appointee or her husband.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

DATE: May 14, 1958

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (77-9807)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the report of SA [REDACTED], dated [REDACTED] and captioned as above, at Chicago, Illinois.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Chicago Office indices are negative regarding appointee's husband.

Arrest check was made by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

Credit check was caused to be made by Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/15/58	Investigative Period 5/12, 13, 14/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON		Report made by SA [REDACTED] b7c	Typed By: jmh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Associate favorable.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Philadelphia Air Tel to Bureau, New York, Boston and WFO dated 5/8/58

DETAILS:

Investigation at Northampton, Massachusetts was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

ASSOCIATE

On May 14, 1958, [REDACTED] a concert singer, advised that he heard MARIAN ANDERSON sing many years ago in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the time, she was just beginning her career. He said he was impressed with her ability and he asked her to appear in a

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concert of his which was given in Washington, D. C. She was approximately 15 to 18 years of age at the time of this concert, he said.

He was well acquainted with her at the time but in 1920, [REDACTED]

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Since 1931, he has known of the appointee mainly by reputation, since has not seen anything of her since her early youth. Therefore, he said he is not personally acquainted with any of her activities, except for the fact that she has become world reknown as the result of her singing ability.

He said he does not know what her persuasion is, that is, her political beliefs and ideology. He stated everything he has ever heard about her has been entirely complimentary, therefore, he would have no reason whatsoever, to furnish any adverse comments concerning her character, associates and loyalty.

MISCELLANEOUS

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On May 14, 1958, [REDACTED] Office of the President, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, advised that MARIAN ANDERSON, because of her outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the field of music, had been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Music at commencement exercises in June, 1944. *How age*

She said Miss ANDERSON would not be known personally to anyone at the college.

- RUC -

May 21, 1958

AIRTEL

**TO: SAC'S, PHILADELPHIA
NEW YORK
NEW HAVEN
NEW ORLEANS
WASHINGTON FIELD**

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78164)

**SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
SPI**

ReBuairtels 5/2 and 5/9/58.

**Complete investigation in accordance with
instructions contained in ReBuairtel 5/2/58.**

Surep to reach Bureau no later than 5/25/58.

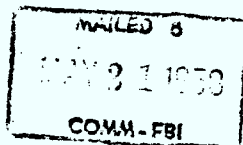
NOTE: State Department advised Liaison on 5/8/58 to
discontinue investigation. On 5/9/58, State Department
advised Liaison to hold investigation in abeyance. On 5/21/58
State Department advised Liaison to continue investigation as
Anderson would accept position. *2*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78164)
 FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (77-2596)
 RE: MARIAN ANDERSON, aka
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New Haven airtel, 5/9/58, requested complete documentation of SCEF, SCHW and "Southern Patriot". New Haven also desired to know if identity of [REDACTED] mentioned in report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48, at New Orleans, captioned, "Southern Conference for Human Welfare, "SCHW", Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), IS - C", should be concealed.

Requested information was furnished to New Haven by airtel, May 13, 1958.

No report submitted by this Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office PHILADELPHIA	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/27/58	Investigative Period 5/7,9,10,12,13,22,23/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: cpc
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

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No birth record located for ANDERSON at Philadelphia. Education, South Philadelphia High School, verified. [REDACTED], Temple University, who does not know ANDERSON personally, believes ANDERSON should not be placed in high level Government position because he is under impression she is a "typical temperamental musician."

[REDACTED] critical of her former accompanist. WILLIAM KING, and [REDACTED] Philadelphia Orchestra [REDACTED] and other associates recommend highly. [REDACTED]

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Credit and arrest negative at Philadelphia. ANDERSON listed as one of national sponsors of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in 1955. ANDERSON's name appeared on a special mailing of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Council for a Democratic Greece. [REDACTED]

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Approved <i>C. E. H.</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below			
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PH 77-9562

REFERENCE: Bureau airtels, 5/2, 5/9, and 5/21/58.
Philadelphia airtel to Director, 5/8/58.

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DETAILS: Investigation at the Philadelphia Board of
Education and Philadelphia Bureau of Vital
Statistics was conducted by SE [REDACTED] and the
remainder of the investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

At Philadelphia, Pa.

BIRTH

Bureau of Vital Statistics,
City Hall Annex

On May 9, 1958, a clerk of the Philadelphia
Bureau of Vital Statistics reviewed birth records on file
there for the month of February in the years 1900 through
1910 and located no birth certificate for MARIAN ANDERSON.

EDUCATION

Philadelphia Board of Education
21st and Parkway

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b7D [REDACTED] advised on May 8, 1958,
that school records there reflect ANDERSON was graduated from
South Philadelphia High School in 1921. No birth data was
reflected in her school record.

Honorary Degree,
Doctor of Music,
Temple University

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b7D [REDACTED]
Temple University, advised on May 7, 1958, that Temple
University conferred a Doctor of Music Degree on MARIAN
ANDERSON in June 1941.

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me [redacted], Temple University, advised on May 7, 1958, that he is not personally acquainted with ANDERSON; therefore, he does not know much about her. He said his impression of her, which he has obtained second-hand from other people whose names he did not recall at the time, is that she, like many other musical people, is not temperamentally well balanced. He said he believes she is a "typical temperamental musician." He said for that reason he does not believe she is suited for any high level position in the Government.

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me [redacted] Temple University, advised on May 7, 1958, that he is acquainted with ANDERSON, but is not a close personal friend. He said he admires her greatly as a singer and a person. He said she is a noble and dignified person who in the eyes of the entire music profession has been admired as an artist and an exceptionally fine person.

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b7D [redacted] said that she has a great social consciousness and pointed out that many white, as well as Negro singers, have benefited from the Marion Anderson Award. He said this award is made annually to deserving young people coming up in the music world.

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b7D [redacted] said that [redacted] has known ANDERSON well since her childhood and is one of her close friends. He said ANDERSON has suffered many indignities throughout her lifetime and has never shown any cynicism as a result. He said she has remained aloof and dignified.

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b7D He said there is no question in his mind concerning her ability, her loyalty, or her patriotism. [redacted] recommended her for a high level Government position.

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b7D [redacted] said he does not believe there was any close relationship between PAUL ROBESON and ANDERSON. He said their abilities in the music world were far apart and that while ROBESON undoubtedly admired ANDERSON greatly, he does not believe this admiration was returned by ANDERSON.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he has had personal contact with ANDERSON since 1941. He said SOL HUROK has been her manager in the United States throughout her entire professional career.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he did not like the group of SOL HUROK employees and others who surrounded MARIAN ANDERSON early in her career in New York. He said he felt they were individuals who were not necessarily Communists but who left the impression with [REDACTED] that they had no love for the United States. He said these people constantly placed emphasis on racial problems and stressed the fact that ANDERSON was becoming successful in spite of her color rather than because of it. [REDACTED] said he always refrained from seeking MARIAN ANDERSON as a friend because he was afraid that some of the reputation of the group surrounding her "might rub off on him."

He said he knows nothing of a concrete nature to indicate that group of people to be disloyal but said they were a group that never gave any indication by actions or words that they had any respect for the United States.

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b7D [REDACTED] said that in fairness to ANDERSON, it should be considered that in the entertainment field nearly all rising stars have a "swarm of parasites and admirers around them and sometimes it is difficult to distinguish the parasites from the honest admirers." He said these so-called "parasites" seem to cling more to rising Negro entertainers than to others.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he has never heard ANDERSON express any unhappiness with her lot. He said she is a very religious person and that she has a tremendous presence and dignity and has a "mood-building power out of this world as though she were in touch with God himself."

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b7D [REDACTED] said that his father disliked ANDERSON's [REDACTED] and said his father had referred to [REDACTED] as a "slimy character." He said his father did not elaborate on this. He said his father had also once told him that he was sorry MARIAN ANDERSON had been acquainted with WILLIAM KING, who was a former accompanist for ANDERSON

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during the early part of her training at New York City under GIUSEPPE BOGHETTI, because his father did not like KING's ideals. He said his father did not elaborate on that statement either.

[REDACTED] stated that he believes PAUL ROBESON was an acquaintance of ANDERSON, but said he did not know the degree of friendship existing between them. He recalled that ROBESON attended some of her concerts in New York and Philadelphia. *Robeson*

[REDACTED] said that ANDERSON's mother, ANNA, [REDACTED] lived at 752 South Martin Street in Philadelphia. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stressed the fact that he has never heard anything derogatory against ANDERSON.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] prominent Negro attorney and member of [REDACTED] is a long-time friend of ANDERSON.

Interview
[REDACTED] at Philadelphia, Pa.

ASSOCIATES

Interview
[REDACTED], advised on May 8, 1958, that he is fairly well acquainted with ANDERSON. He said he has never heard an unfavorable view expressed pertaining to her and said that she is a person with an absolute minimum of political interests. He said she is a person of great compassion for humanity in general and described her as a very good citizen of the United States and a very fine woman in every respect. *acquaintance*

He said in his opinion ANDERSON has already demonstrated her great abilities by her trip last year through Korea, Malaya, and other countries for the State Department. He said she has demonstrated her ability to deal with people under varying circumstances in an effective and friend-winning manner.

He said he believes MARIAN ANDERSON to be a person of ~~good~~ ^{good} ~~repute~~ ^{repute} and loyal to the United States. He said ANDERSON is one of the few persons against whom he has never heard anyone speak a derogatory word.

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[redacted] Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music, advised on May 8, 1958, that MARIAN ANDERSON is a fine lady who is respected by all who are connected with her. He said she has a good reputation in the music world and said he does not have much knowledge pertaining to her personal life, but added that he has never heard anything unfavorable concerning her in any way. He stated that one of ANDERSON's friends in the Philadelphia area is [redacted] a prominent woman in Main Line society, [redacted] incl

[redacted] recommended ANDERSON for a high level position in the Government. He said he does not question her loyalty or patriotism to the United States.

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[redacted] Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music, advised on May 7, 1958, that she has been acquainted with MARIAN ANDERSON mostly in a professional manner [redacted] She said that MARIAN ANDERSON has given her services for various charitable purposes in the Philadelphia area and has been a very wonderful person to work with throughout the years. She said MARIAN ANDERSON has appeared as a singer with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Philadelphia about eleven times since 1938.

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She described ANDERSON as a humble person and said she is one of the finest persons who ever sang with the Philadelphia Orchestra. She said ANDERSON has a good reputation and as far as she knows maintains good associates. She said she believes ANDERSON is a patriotic and loyal American. She said ANDERSON appears to have abilities in all fields and she recommended her for a high level position in the Government.

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[redacted] Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music, advised on May 7, 1958, that he has known ANDERSON for [redacted] and said he has found her to be a fine person in every respect. He said her character and reputation are excellent in every way,

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and that he can say nothing but the best concerning her. He said he has never heard a derogatory word concerning her reputation or associates. He said her abilities are great and that she is highly adaptable to nearly any situation. He said he believed ANDERSON is a perfectly loyal American.

[REDACTED] and Member of [REDACTED], advised on May 23, 1958, that he has known MARIAN ANDERSON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said he is also well acquainted with ANDERSON's husband, ORPHEUS FISHER. He said that his family and MARIAN ANDERSON's family have exchanged numerous visits [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said ANDERSON's character is the finest, without a single blemish. He said she is undoubtedly one of America's finest ladies and perfect in every way. He said she has a good reputation and that she is a good family person.

[REDACTED] said that MARIAN ANDERSON comes from a fine Philadelphia family and that her mother, ANNA, [REDACTED] are wonderful people in every respect. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that ANDERSON's associates are all good and that she is a person of great ability in every way. He said she is capable of the highest of assignments and has equipped herself well. He said she is a person who knows her limitations and will state them when necessary if placed in a position beyond her limitations. [REDACTED] said ANDERSON would lend dignity and prestige in any Government position. He recommended her without reservation for any position she seeks or is being considered for.

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[REDACTED] advised on May 10, 1958, that she has known MARIAN ANDERSON and said she considers her to be a person of excellent character with a fine reputation. // Comm

She said MARIAN ANDERSON is respected by everyone who knows her and that she has never heard the slightest derogatory thing concerning her or her associates.

She said she knows little of ANDERSON's abilities other than her singing ability, but said she is a person with such determination that she believes she could do almost anything she set out to do.

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[REDACTED] said she believes ANDERSON is a loyal American and recommended her for a high level position with the Government.

At Philadelphia, Pa.

CREDIT AND ARREST

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On May 13, 1958, the files of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau Inc. were searched by a clerk of that organization and no record was located for MARIAN ANDERSON, Mrs. ANNA ANDERSON [REDACTED]

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On May 9, 1958, the criminal files of the Philadelphia Police Department were searched by [REDACTED] Central Records and Communications Section, and no record of MARIAN ANDERSON, Mrs. ANNA ANDERSON [REDACTED]

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On May 12, 1958, the files of the Intelligence Squad, Philadelphia Police Department, were searched by [REDACTED] Detective Division, and no record of ANDERSON and her above-mentioned relatives was located.

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At all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and unavailable for review.

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[REDACTED] advised on May 8, 1958, that he is not personally acquainted with ANDERSON, but that he has a favorable personal impression of her. He said if utilized in proper channels of Government dealing with Asiatic, South American, or colored people, he believes she would be wonderful in Government service. He said he believes her charm can be utilized personally in many places; however, he said he personally feels she should not be put in a position of policy-making level. He said that she appears to be a person way above the rest of her race and is a very high type person. He said not being personally acquainted with her, he felt he could not comment further concerning her.

Concerning MARIAN ANDERSON

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Philadelphia Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who is not personally acquainted with MARIAN ANDERSON, furnished on May 4, 1955, a copy of the April 1955 News Bulletin of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Names of national sponsors for the 40th Anniversary include the name MARIAN ANDERSON.

The informant furnished a pamphlet issued by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom which stated:

"The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is an international and inter-racial organization whose aim is to establish by democratic methods those political, economic, and psychological conditions which will insure the inherent right of men and bring peace among nations."

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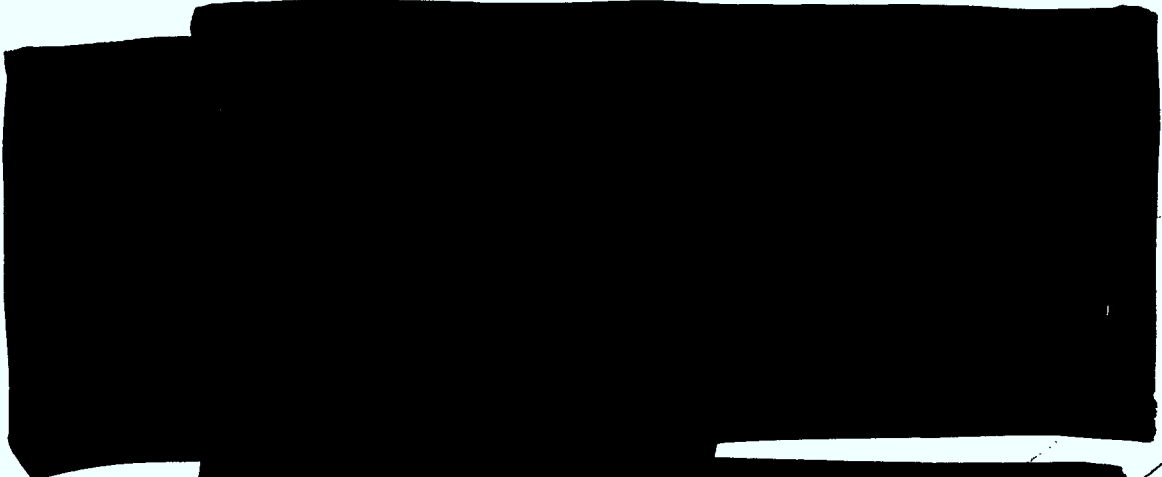
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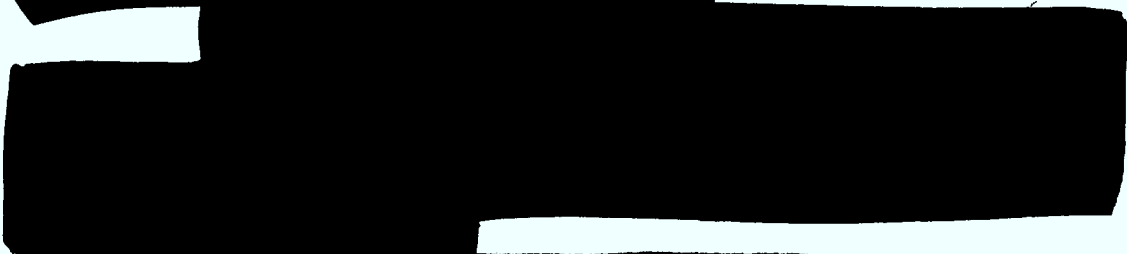
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Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art
American Committee for Spanish Freedom
American Youth for Democracy
Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.


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The National Lawyers Guild was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers Guild, House Report No. 3123, September 21, 1950, as follows:

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The files of the Philadelphia Bulletin were searched during the course of this investigation and nothing pertinent to this investigation was noted which has not been reported herein.

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TO : Director, FBI (77-78164)

DATE: 5/27/58

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (77-9562)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY

67C Transmitted herewith are two copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/27/58, at Philadelphia; together with two copies of a letterhead memo evaluating informants.

Administrative Data

Newspaper clippings in the library of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin reflect that two of the first music teachers of ANDERSON in Philadelphia were MARY PATTERSON and AGNES REIFSNEIDER. A check of the Philadelphia Telephone Directories, inquiries of ANDERSON's associates, and a review of newspaper files failed to develop further information concerning these two music teachers or their present whereabouts or if they are still living.

New York teletype to Director, 5/27/58, recommended Philadelphia check indices on WILLIAM KING and consider interviewing him.

67C [REDACTED] was recontacted on May 27, 1958, concerning the present location of WILLIAM KING. He could furnish nothing additional concerning him since he has not seen or heard of KING for about 18 years.

67D Philadelphia indices are negative concerning WILLIAM KING. Philadelphia does not plan to conduct further investigation to locate him as it is not indicated that anything of value would be obtained if he were located and interviewed.

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Informants

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 27, 1958

MARIAN ANDERSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY

67C
Reference report of SA [REDACTED] dated
May 27, 1958, at Philadelphia.

All Confidential Informants utilized in
referenced report have furnished reliable information
in the past.

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URGENT 5-27-58 1-55 PM MTR
TO DIRECTOR 6 AND SAC LOS ANGELES
FROM SAC NEW YORK 2 P

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MARIAN ANDERSON, AKA. MRS. ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER, MARIAN ELINA BLANCHE ANDERSON, SPI. BUDED MAY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT. DEPARTMENT OF STATE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF ANDERSON, WHO IS BEING RECOMMENDED TO PRESIDE^{AT} FOR APPOINTMENT TO TOP LEVEL POSITION IN STATE DEPARTMENT. BORN TWO TWENTY SEVEN ZERO TWO PARENTHESIS OR ZERO EIGHT CLOSE PARENTHESIS IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, BEGAN AMERICAN CAREER UNDER SOL HUOK IN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE, WHO HAS MANAGED HER SINCE. HUOK IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH SOVIETS FOR TWENTY YEARS, ALLEGEDLY FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES. [REDACTED] DURING EARLY PRE DASH

HUOK DAYS OF CAREER COMMENTED UNFAVORABLY RE LOYALTY OF WILLIAM KING, ANDERSON-S ACCOMPANIST DURING SAME PERIOD. ANDERSON-S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOW TRAVELING WITH [REDACTED] COMPANY AND STAYING KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, UNTIL MAY TWENTY NINE NEXT, THEN TO
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WHITCOMB HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO. HUOK [REDACTED]
STAYING AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, THEN TO MARK HOPKINS OR SAINT
FRANCIS HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO, WITHIN VERY FEW DAYS. LOS ANGELES INTER
[REDACTED] HUOK RE ANDERSON. INQUIRE RE ASSOCIATION WITH WILLIAM KING^{VIA}
AND EXTENT OF ASSOCIATION, IF ANY, WITH PAUL ROBESON.

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FROM SAC NEW YORK 1 P

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TWENTYNINE, VERIFIED. MANAGED BY SOL HUOK SINCE NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE,
ASSOCIATES REGARD HER FAVORABLY. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE, SOCIAL
FRIEND, [REDACTED] ASSOCIATE ON GOODWILL TOUR OF ASIA, AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALL RECOMMEND HER. NO INFO OBTAINED RE WILLIAM KING BUT
THREE INDIVIDUALS SAY HE PROBABLY LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA, IF ALIVE.
NO DEROGATORY INFO OBTAINED IN NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, APPOINTEE-S
NY HOME. NO PERTINENT QUOTE NY TIMES UNQUOTE MORGUE INFO. NO
CREDIT OR ARREST RECORD. LENGTHY FILE REVIEW ON APPOINTEE AND MANAGER
UNDER WAY. ADDITIONAL AGENCY CHECKS REQUIRED. CASE GIVEN EXPEDITE
AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION. WILL SUREP BY JUNE FOUR NEXT.

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TTO DIRECTOR 5 AND SAC PHILADELPHIA

FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

MARIAN ANDERSON, AKA., SPI. [REDACTED] AND TWO ASSOCIATES

AT HUOK ATTRACTIONS DO NOT KNOW WILLIAM KING, FORMER ACCOMPANIST TO
APPOINTEE, BUT STATE IF ALIVE, HE PROBABLY LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA CHECK INDICES RE KING AND CONSIDER INTERVIEW.

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Reporting Office NEW HAVEN	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/28/58	Investigative Period 5/7, 8, 26, 27/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka., Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: md/bss
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Background from "Who's Who" and other sources set forth. Applicant was married 7/24/43 at Bethel, Conn., to ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER. One neighbor stated that about 12½ years ago [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Most neighbors were acquainted with applicant's husband but were only slightly acquainted with the applicant. All neighbors and acquaintances, including [REDACTED] of Danbury, Conn., advised that applicant has an outstanding reputation as to character and loyalty, but they were not acquainted with applicant's friends; that applicant is away from Danbury on concert tours most of the year and that applicant's husband has an excellent reputation as to character and loyalty. They stated that applicant is a very religious, charitable person who is active in local civic functions. Applicant and her husband have a satisfactory credit rating and no arrest record at Danbury and Bethel, Conn. Norwalk, Conn., newspapers on 6/5/45 reported MARIAN ANDERSON sent to an organizing meeting of the Norwalk Chapter of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (ICCASP) a telegram of greetings regretting her inability to be present. An

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informant advised in November that the ICCASP was infiltrated, dominated, and controlled by the Communist Party in Connecticut.

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtels to Philadelphia, cc. New Haven,
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WFO airtel to New York, cc New Haven, 5/7/58
New Haven airtels to Bureau, 5/8,9/58
New Orleans airtel to New Haven, 5/13/58

DETAILS: Background and Relatives

The following biographical data concerning MARIAN ANDERSON appeared in the current issue of "Who's Who":

Born:	Philadelphia, Pa. (date not given)
Education:	Philadelphia public schools
Music Education:	Private study in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago; College of Music abroad; music degree from Howard University - 1938
	Contralto
Married:	Husband ORPHEUS FISHER, 7/24/43.
	Sang in Union Baptist Church, Phila., Pa. Won first prize in competition with 300 others at New York Lewisohn Stadium - 1925.
	Began singing career - 1924.
	Concert tours of U.S. and Europe; one of leading contralto singers of world.
	Recipient of Bok Award - 1940; awarded Finnish Decoration (Probenignitate Humana (Finnish Decoration). Member Alpha Kappa Alpha
Home:	Danbury, Conn.

An autobiography by MARIAN ANDERSON entitled "My Lord, What A Morning" published by the Viking Press, listed the following relatives and education of the applicant:

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Father: JOHN ANDERSON (deceased)
Mother: ANNIE (born Lynchburg, Va.)
Sister: ALYSE
Sister: ETHEL

Education: Attended William Penn High School, Philadelphia,
and South Philadelphia High School, Philadelphia

Newspaper articles in the files of the "Danbury News-Times" on May 7, 1958, reflected substantially the same information as listed in "Who's Who" concerning the receipt by applicant of various awards. In addition, these articles reflected that the applicant's mother, Mrs. ANNIE ANDERSON, and her sisters, ALYSE ANDERSON and ETHEL DE PRIEST, resided in Philadelphia.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
at Bethel, Connecticut:

Marital Status

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b7D [REDACTED] Bethel, Connecticut, advised on May 7, 1958, that his records disclosed that MARIAN ANDERSON, age 40, occupation artist, born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was married on July 24, 1943, at Bethel, Connecticut, to ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER, age 43, occupation architect, who was born at Oxford, Pennsylvania, and was divorced. The parents of MARIAN ANDERSON, according to [REDACTED] were: JOHN B. ANDERSON, father, and ANNA RUCKER ANDERSON, mother. He continued that the parents of Mr. FISHER were listed as GEORGE A. FISHER, father, and PAULINE CONKLIN FISHER, mother.

Review of Arrest Records

b7D [REDACTED] Bethel, Connecticut, advised on May 7, 1958, that his files contain no arrest record identifiable with the applicant or her husband.

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b7D [REDACTED] Bethel, Connecticut, Police Department, advised on May 7, 1958, that applicant and her husband had never lived in Bethel.

At Danbury, Connecticut

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] housewife, Joe's Hill Road, on May 26, 1958, advised that she has lived in the neighborhood all her life, that she has known applicant only slightly as a neighbor, and has been a speaking acquaintance of applicant's husband ever since applicant and her husband first came to live on Joe's Hill Road. She stated that applicant and her husband have excellent reputations in the community as to character and loyalty to the United States, but that she was not acquainted with their associates. She said that the applicant is a very religious and charitable person who has done numerous little acts of kindness and neighborliness for the people in the area. She continued that applicant's habits are most temperate and that her life is devoted to her art. [REDACTED] said that she knew of nothing derogatory concerning applicant or her husband.

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[REDACTED] and housewife, Joe's Hill Road, on May 26, 1958, stated as follows:

[REDACTED] has been slightly acquainted with applicant for ten years but has had a speaking acquaintance with applicant's husband during this time. She said that applicant has a wonderful reputation in the community as to character and loyalty to the United States. She advised that she did not know any of applicant's associates. She stated that applicant's husband is a very friendly person who is well regarded by everyone in the neighborhood. She said that the only associates of applicant's husband whom she knew were the people in the neighborhood who were all of good character.

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[REDACTED] and her family first moved to Joe's Hill Road about [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said that she knew of nothing derogatory about the

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said that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning applicant or her husband.

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[REDACTED] Danbury, Connecticut, on May 26, 1958, related that he had been acquainted with applicant for approximately ten years having met applicant at many community functions where the leading citizens of Danbury were present. He stated that in his opinion applicant is an extraordinary person with a magnificent character. He said that when he thinks of applicant, all the superlatives that he knows come to mind as applying to her as far as character, integrity, and dignity are concerned. He declared that he did not know any reason to question her loyalty. He stated that he did not know applicant's associates but that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning them. He added that he did not know anyone who did not have the finest things to say about the applicant.

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[REDACTED] Danbury, Connecticut, on May 26, 1958, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] has known applicant for the last ten years and has found her to have a spotless character. Applicant is held in the highest esteem in Danbury. She associates mostly with people in the musical world and all her associates are of high character. He stated that there never could be any reason to question her loyalty to the United States.

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[REDACTED] stated that applicant travels a great deal in connection with her concert tours and spends about ten months of every year away from Danbury. She is a world famous singer and is a gifted speaker. [REDACTED] advised that applicant is a very devout person and has said that she considers herself to be a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, although she has never officially joined that church due to the fact that she still maintains her connections with a church in Philadelphia. Applicant has had children from the church come to her farm for picnics. She has always been very generous to the New Hope Baptist Church and also to the Danbury Community Chest. [REDACTED] recommended applicant without reservation for a position of trust in the United States Government.

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[REDACTED] continued that applicant's husband, ORPHEUS FISHER, is an architect by education and at present manages applicant's farm in Danbury. He is a very genteel person, of good reputation as to character, loyalty and associates. No other members of applicant's family live in Danbury, although her mother and sisters have visited applicant at times. [REDACTED] knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning applicant or her husband.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] on Joe's Hill Farm Road since September, 1957. He said that applicant is gone on tours most of the time, however, her husband remains at home and takes care of her business interests. He said that he and his wife have visited in the applicant's home on occasions, and that he was amazed at what a world of knowledge applicant possessed. He said that applicant is a very gracious, humble-type of individual. He stated that when she is resting at home between concert tours, applicant cooks, sews, gardens and enjoys doing things around the home, like any other housewife. He continued that applicant is a very friendly person and that both he and his wife enjoy talking and visiting with applicant and her husband. [REDACTED] said that he has never heard the applicant or her husband make any derogatory remarks about our democratic way of life, and that he definitely believes that she is completely loyal and patriotic to her country. He said that he has never heard or known of anything of an adverse nature concerning applicant or her husband. He related that all the people in and around Danbury think very highly of applicant. He said that he definitely would have no hesitancy whatsoever in recommending her for a responsible position with the U. S. Government.

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b7D [REDACTED] of the Danbury "News Times", Main Street, Danbury, Connecticut, advised on May 7, 1958, that she first met the applicant approximately 15 years ago when applicant first came to Danbury, Connecticut, to make her home. She said that she has not seen applicant more than a dozen times during these years because applicant is off on tours about seventy five percent of the time. She related that when applicant is at her home in Danbury she keeps out of public affairs as much as possible. She stated that applicant's home is known as Marianna Farms and is located in the outskirts of Danbury. She declared that the applicant has contributed financially to the New Hope Baptist Church, which is located on Cherry Street in

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Danbury. She continued that although applicant very rarely attends this church, applicant is very much interested in the girl scout troop at this church and have had them out to her farm on occasions for picnics.

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[REDACTED] went on to state that she knew of no one in Danbury with whom applicant was real friendly and explained that most of applicant's acquaintances are from New York City. She continued that the applicant is highly regarded by the people of Danbury, and she had never heard or known of anything of an unfavorable nature regarding applicant. She said that applicant has contributed generously to various organizations and functions in time and money. She went on to say that the applicant is such a well known figure throughout the world and so many tributes and awards have been bestowed upon her that there certainly could be nothing said adversely against her.

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[REDACTED] stated that applicant's husband usually remains at home to look after the farm when applicant is on tour, and that he, too, is a person who is well regarded and held in high esteem by the people of Danbury. She said that there has never been anything said or known to her that would keep her from recommending the applicant for a responsible position with the U. S. Government.

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[REDACTED] Danbury "News Times", Main Street, on May 7, 1958, stated that he was not personally acquainted with applicant.

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[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Danbury, 195 Main Street, advised on May 7, 1958, that her records indicated that the applicant and her husband enjoy a satisfactory credit rating. She said that her files contain nothing of a derogatory nature concerning them.

Review of Arrest Record

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[REDACTED] Danbury Police Department, on May 7, 1958, related that the files of his department fail to contain any arrest record identifiable with the applicant or her spouse.

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Connections With Independent Citizens
Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

The "Norwalk Hour" for June 5, 1945, contained an article reflecting that an organizational meeting of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was held on the previous evening. The article stated, in part, that a telegram of greeting from MARIAN ANDERSON, noted singer, was read.

The "Norwalk Sentinel" for June 5, 1945, contained an article to the same effect as that in the "Norwalk Hour", mentioned above. It stated that the telegram from MARIAN ANDERSON regreted her inability to be present at the meeting and wished the project all success.

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In November, 1950, New Haven [REDACTED] advised that the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was infiltrated, dominated and controlled by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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New Haven [REDACTED] does not desire that her identity be disclosed, to make a signed statement, or to testify before a hearing board.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 28, 1958

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka.
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b7C Enclosed are three copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at New Haven; and a copy (1) of New Orleans airtel to New Haven, 5/13/58, a copy of which was not sent to the Bureau.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The following references in the New Haven Office indices to MARIAN ANDERSON were not included in the details of the report due to the fact that they fail to show any activity or cognizance on the part of applicant, and they are being set out for the information of the Bureau.

b7C Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/3/45 at New Haven, Connecticut, captioned "CONNECTICUT STATE DIVISION OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS, Inc., IS-C," at Page 14 reflects that according to Confidential Informant [REDACTED] the committee had made plans for having well known people, including MARIAN ANDERSON, appear at a rally on November 4, 1945, sponsored by that committee but that it was discovered that the only one the committee could obtain was ADAM CLAYTON POWELL.

b7C Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48, at New Orleans, Louisiana, captioned, "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE; SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, Inc., IS-C," at Pages 31-33 and 39, reflected that the name of MARIAN ANDERSON, RFD 1, Danbury, Conn., was on a mailing list maintained by JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI as head and administrator of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which organization published

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The letter also explained that according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee, a Confidential Source of the Memphis Division, many persons mentioned on the mailing list for the "Southern Patriot" came about as a result of their attending a lecture by Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1942, which was supported by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

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A documentation of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the "Southern Patriot" and the Southern Conference Educational Fund, as furnished by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) or by [REDACTED] referred to above, was set out in New Orleans airtel to New Haven, May 13, 1958, cc of which is being enclosed with this letter.

INFORMANTS

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW HAVEN (77-3643)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (77-2596)
RE: MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka.
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher,
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
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Re New Haven airtel to the Bureau, 5/9/58.

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[REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Barnard Printing Company, New Orleans, La., in
the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/48 at
New Orleans, captioned "Southern Conference for Human Welfare,
Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., IS-C," should be
concealed in any report submitted. She should be described
as a [REDACTED] who is familiar with some
phases of the activities of the Southern Conference Educational
Fund. She should be characterized as having furnished reliable
information in the past.

In accordance with your request, the following is
the documentation of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare,
the "Southern Patriot" and the Southern Conference Educational
Fund, Inc.:

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been
cited as a communist front organization "which seeks to attract
southern liberals on the basis of its seeming interest in the
problems of the South" although its "professed interest in
southern welfare is simply an expedient for larger aims serving
the Soviet Union and its subservient Communist Party in the
United States." By the Committee on Un-American Activities,
House Report 592 dated June 16, 1947.

The "Southern Patriot" has been cited as the "organ"
of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare by the Committee
on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, dated June 12, 1947.

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ENCLOSURE

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An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., and listed its purposes as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 29, 1956, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, Inc., rank and file Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. Informant stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years certain Communist Party members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further Communist Party principles.

Informant considers James Dombrowski, the Executive Director of the SCEF, as a Communist Party member because he follows Communist principles, but he is not under Communist Party discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on June 21, 1957, that the status of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., remains unchanged.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED]

This informant does not desire identity disclosed, to make a signed statement or to testify before a hearing board.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Haven, Connecticut

May 28, 1958

MARIAN ANDERSON, Aka.
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher,
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 28, 1958, at New Haven, Connecticut, in captioned matter.

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[REDACTED] mentioned in referenced report has furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/28/58	Investigative Period 5/5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 22, 23/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON, aka Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson		Report made by [REDACTED] b7c	Typed By: mlh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Records at Howard University reflect appointee was awarded an honorary degree in 1938. Acquaintance at Howard University described appointee as loyal and person of good character.

Referred to another government agency

[REDACTED] Credit and police record checks negative for appointee. No additional pertinent info re appointee in files of HCUA. No record of appointee in files of CSC. Passport record favorable.

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REFERENCES: Bureau airtels, May 2, 5, 8, 1958.
New Haven airtel, May 8, 1958.
Philadelphia airtel, May 8, 1958.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EDUCATION

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[REDACTED] Office of Recording, Howard University, advised SA [REDACTED], on May 6, 1958, that she could locate no scholastic record for the appointee. She stated that the records indicated that the appointee had not attended the university but had been awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Music from Howard University on June 10, 1938. [REDACTED] advised that the records contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee. *How*

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[REDACTED] Howard University, advised SA [REDACTED] on May 22, 1958, that he has been personally acquainted with MARIAN ANDERSON for about 25 years. *associate*

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[REDACTED] said Miss ANDERSON is a woman of impeccable character as well as a great artist. He described her as a wonderful woman, tolerant, completely balanced, and possessing excellent judgement.

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He said the appointee is not a "joiner" and has wisely chosen her friends and associates. [REDACTED] said, in his opinion, Miss ANDERSON is completely loyal to the United States.

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[REDACTED] said he knows of nothing but the best regarding MARIAN ANDERSON. He continued that she personifies everything that is good and fine. [REDACTED] stated he would recommend MARIAN ANDERSON without reservation for a position of trust and confidence with the government.

EMPLOYMENT

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The following, interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on ^{b7C} May 6, 1958, stated that there is no record of the appointee in the files of their office:

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[REDACTED] Foreign Service Staff Officer, assigned to the Personnel Locator, Office of Personnel.

[REDACTED] Clerk, Personnel File Room, Management and Services Division, Office of Personnel.

[REDACTED] Clerk, Recruit Files, Employment Division, Office of Personnel.

CREDIT AND POLICE RECORD CHECKS

SE [REDACTED] determined on May 6, 1958, that there is no credit record for the appointee in the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C.

There is no record for the appointee in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., checked on May 6, 1958; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and unavailable for review.

There is no record for the appointee in the files of the United States Park. 1 e, checked on May 6, 1958.

MISCELLANEOUS

b7c The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, checked by SE [REDACTED] on May 6, 1958, contained no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee. *Have a no add put*

It was determined on May 6, 1958, that there is no record of the appointee in the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission. *NR*

b7c The appointee's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, lists the appointee's name since May 1, 1957, as Mrs. ORPHEUS H. FISHER and prior to that date as MARIAN ANDERSON. Her passport file was reviewed by SE [REDACTED] on May 22, 1958, and reflects that the appointee was issued Passport Number 772464 on April 28, 1943, for a six weeks' concert tour to Mexico. She was issued Passport Number 55755 on May 5, 1947, for a three weeks' concert tour to Cuba and Jamaica. On April 1, 1949, the appointee's passport was renewed for two years and revalidated for use for a four months' concert tour and short vacation to England, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland and four Scandinavian countries. *PP info*

The file also reflected that the appointee was issued Passport Number 405175 on March 30, 1951, for a two months' concert tour to Cuba, Panama, Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico and Uruguay. On February 4, 1953, the appointee's passport was renewed until February 3, 1955, and use for travel of seven weeks on a concert tour to Hawaii, Japan and possibly Korea and Singapore.

The file further reflected that she was issued New York Series Passport Number 54166 on August 27, 1952, for approximately two months' concert tour to Scandinavia and England. (The reason this passport was issued was due to the fact that she had misplaced Passport Number 405175. Upon her return to the United States she located Number 405175 which she returned to the Passport Office, Department of State, for cancellation.) On February 25, 1955, Passport Number 54166 was renewed for four years and she would be using the passport for travel for a concert tour for three months to Israel, Algiers, Portugal, Spain, Italy, France and England.

The file reflected that the appointee was issued Passport Number 173169 on August 22, 1956, for a two months' concert tour to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, and West Germany. The file also reflected that the appointee was born February 27, 1903, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The appointee listed her husband as ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER who was born June 11, 1900, at Oxford, Pennsylvania. They were married on June 24, 1943.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78164)

DATE: 5/28/58

FROM : SAC, WFO (77-62924)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON, aka
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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67C SA [REDACTED] Enclosed are two copies of the report of [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

The outstanding investigation in this case for WFO is to report the results of the check re the appointee at CIA and Security Office, Dept. of State, when received.

WFO will also review and report the results of the review of the appointee's passport file for the years prior to 1943. It should be noted that the passport file for the years prior to 1943 are maintained at the Federal Records Center, Alexandria, Va., and personnel at the Passport Office have informed that it would be approximately one week before the file could be made available.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (77-62924)
MARIAN ANDERSON aka
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5/28/58

Re WFO report 5/28/58.

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The files of the Passport Office, Dept. of State, reviewed on 5/27/58 by SA [redacted] reflected that the appointee was issued passport #550124 on 6/10/38 for a five month concert tour to France, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, and Chile. The file reflected that the appointee was born 2/27/03 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *info*

No additional pertinent data appeared in the file other than fact appointee issued passport in 1934. Washington Field attempting to locate same.

Files Office of Security, State Department reviewed May 27, 1958, no additional pertinent info noted. *sf*

WFO will RUC upon receipt CIA and additional passport record.

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Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/29/58	Investigative Period 5/27-29/58
TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON, aka Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: pra
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis: **b7C**
b7D [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] business associates and personal friends of appointee, recommend appointee.

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REFERENCE: New York teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles, 5/27/58

DETAILS:

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b7D [REDACTED] temporarily residing at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel, 1714 North Ivar Street, Hollywood, California, advised on May 28, 1958, that he has known the appointee for [REDACTED]. He said [REDACTED] and considers himself a warm personal friend of the appointee.

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b7D [REDACTED] said he has the greatest admiration for the appointee and described her as very religious and not militant. He said she has endured slights and slurs because of her race with the attitude that these things are done out of habit or ignorance, and that time will bring understanding. **2**

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b7D [redacted] stated that appointee has travelled and given concerts throughout the world and is loved wherever she has gone. He said the people of the world respect her as an artist and a person and he said she has made many friends for the United States, especially among Negro and oriental peoples. [redacted] said that he personally thinks appointee is one of the greatest women in the world today.

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b7D [redacted] stated that he knows appointee's friends and associates and that they are all reputable, loyal, professional people. He said that appointee herself is solidly loyal to the United States and is a patriotic citizen.

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b7D With regard to WILLIAM KING, [redacted] said that he knew of KING as appointee's accompanist when she first began her career. He said his understanding is that KING was a young struggling musician as was appointee and that he accompanied her for about one year. [redacted] said that KING lacked the professional qualifications, however, to continue as appointee's regular accompanist. He stated that this occurred before he became associated with appointee and he said he does not think appointee has had any association with KING since and stated he thought what association there has been was limited strictly to their professions.

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b7D [redacted] stated that appointee knows PAUL ROBESON and respects him as an artist. He stated, however, that appointee feels ROBESON is wrong in his militant approach to the racial question and feels he has not chosen his associates or advisors wisely. He said he knows appointee disagrees completely with ROBESON's philosophy and ideas.

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b7C [redacted] concluded that appointee will make an excellent representative of the United States and will make many additional friends for the United States and he strongly recommended her appointment.

b7D [redacted] temporarily residing at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, stated on May 28, 1958, that he [redacted] He said their

b7D mutual respect for each other is evidenced by the fact that [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] said he would call the appointee the "first lady of the world." He described the appointee as a great lady and said they have become close friends, and related that he has boundless admiration for the appointee. He said the appointee is a great person not only as an artist, but as a human being and will be a tremendous asset to the United States in the present struggle between the totalitarian and the free world.

b7D [REDACTED] said the appointee had sought his advice concerning acceptance of the appointment tendered her, and he said he advised her she is needed by the country, and that she should take this appointment even though it will represent a considerable personal and financial sacrifice to her. [REDACTED] said that the United States and the State Department could not find a greater or more loyal person to represent and promote the interests of the United States.

b7D [REDACTED] said that WILLIAM KING was the appointee's accompanist in about 1926 or 1927. He stated he does not know how the appointee and KING became associated professionally, but he said he thinks the association was limited to their professional relationship only. He said KING was dropped as the appointee's accompanist because he lacked necessary talent. [REDACTED] said he does not believe the appointee has had any association with KING since the late 1920's.

b7D [REDACTED] stated that the appointee knows PAUL ROBESON only as another professional. He stated that any association that has existed between them had their mutual interest of music, because he stated the appointee has no sympathy with ROBESON's political ideas.

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TO DIRECTOR 1 AND SAC SEATTLE

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MARIAN ANDERSON, AKA. MRS. ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER, MARIAN ELINA
BLANCHE ANDERSON, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED MAY TWENTY EIGHT. DEPARTMENT
OF STATE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF APPOINTEE, RECOMMENDED TO PRESIDENT
FOR APPOINTMENT TO TOP LEVEL POSITION STATE DEPARTMENT. BORN PHILADELPHIA
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b7C [REDACTED], MARCH TWENTY NINE FORTY SIX, CAPTIONED QUOTE JOINT ANTI
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FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE TWO TWO FOUR FIVE, ON PAGE EIGHT REFLECTS
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TITLE OF CASE MARIAN ANDERSON, aka., Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: kto
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

b7C Appointee's career *[REDACTED] b7C*
verified. Returned from Europe and began career under
management of SOL HUOK, her present manager. Information
regarding SOL HUOK set out. Associates at Hurok
b7C Attractions, *[REDACTED]* and professional associates
b7D regard her favorably. Neighbors at New York home recommend
her. No pertinent information, "New York Times" morgue.
No credit, BSS, or arrest record. MARIAN ANDERSON
appears on letterhead of American Committee for Spanish
Freedom as a sponsor. Newspaper article reflects she
spoke before 1946 meeting of Council on African Affairs.
These two organizations designated by Attorney General
of US pursuant to Executive Order 10450. MARIAN ANDERSON
reportedly agreed to be a sponsor of congress "To Free
EARL BROWDER". BROWDER was General Secretary of
Communist Party. No Board of Elections information
located. NY confidential informants gave no information
concerning appointee.

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DETAILS:

Professional Career

[REDACTED] on June 2, 1958,

[REDACTED] advised that he has

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she was attending South Philadelphia High School for Girls and did occasional singing to supplement the family income.

According to [REDACTED] she studied music in Philadelphia until about 1924, when she won a competition at Lewis and Clark Stadium in New York and began more frequent concerts. He explained that she had considerable difficulty in winning recognition and her concerts were irregular and infrequent.

[REDACTED] during these years, from about 1918 to the early 1930's. Further, he said her [REDACTED]

Her next accompanist was ROSE [REDACTED] now deceased.

[REDACTED] continued that the

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appointee's [REDACTED] and he said he has never had cause to question the appointee's associates. As a young girl, she was very steady, not given to snap judgments, and has always been of very stable disposition. He added she has never expressed herself to any degree on political matters, inasmuch as she is not primarily interested in politics. In his estimation, Miss ANDERSON'S beliefs fall well within the framework of the major political party system and he said she believes an artist can do her people more good if the artist remains in the artistic field. He said she has done this herself and very much disapproves of the political activities of PAUL ROBESON. [REDACTED] said Miss ANDERSON knows Mr. ROBESON as a professional colleague but there has never been any personal friendship between them. According to [REDACTED], Miss ANDERSON has known and admired [REDACTED] another professional colleague.

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[REDACTED] added that the appointee is a patriotic American who can be relied upon to act with good judgment in any capacity she may undertake. He feels she is richly endowed with humility, depth of character, generosity, and kindness.

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He said she is extremely well fitted to occupy a position requiring discretion, tact, and trustworthiness. [REDACTED] advised that he has seen her only infrequently since [REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] related that during the years [REDACTED] Miss ANDERSON, her professional contacts were limited. For this reason, and due to the passage of time, he could suggest no one who would be acquainted with her early career.

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[REDACTED]
Columbia Artists Management, Inc.
(formerly Columbia Concerts)
113 West 57th Street
New York, New York

Investigation in this caption was conducted on
May 27, 1958, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that

[REDACTED] He stated he was

[REDACTED] She studied and toured in Europe
until about 1934, when SOL HUOK offered the appointee
a guaranteed contract. Miss ANDERSON tried to get
[REDACTED] to match the guarantee but he said he could not
at that time and she subsequently returned to America
under SOL HUOK'S management and has remained under his
management to the present. [REDACTED] noted that Miss
ANDERSON'S career began when she won a competition at
Lewisohn Stadium in New York and shortly thereafter
began singing [REDACTED] added that
Miss ANDERSON originally came from Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] stated he recalls one WILLIAM
KING who was accompanist for the appointee for a brief
period but he has not heard of KING for a number of
years and knows nothing about him. He stated he has no
reason to question Mr. KING in any way. [REDACTED] also
stated that the appointee has surrounded herself with
professional managers at Hurok Attractions and he has
never had reason to question her associates there.

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[REDACTED], stated she first met Miss ANDERSON about twenty-five years ago and has seen her socially several times since that time. Both [REDACTED] stated that they have never heard of the appointee being connected with any political movement and they stated they know her to be truly American and one of the finest persons they know. They stated they have never heard of any association Miss ANDERSON has had with PAUL ROBESON and they stated Miss ANDERSON is a person of the finest patriotism, character, reputation, and integrity. They believe she is a person whom the whole world would approve of in any position and they unreservedly recommended her for a position of responsibility, trust, or confidence.

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New York [REDACTED] on November 3, 1955, advised that in June, 1955, the Council on African Affairs dissolved and at the time of dissolution PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the organization.

The Council on African Affairs and the Communist Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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New York [REDACTED] in June, 1950, advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to him, prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

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New York [REDACTED] in April, 1944, advised that PAUL ROBESON'S Communist Party name was JOHN THOMAS.

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[REDACTED] advised that he could think of no one else who would be familiar with this period of the appointee's career.

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[REDACTED] advised that he was affiliated with Miss ANDERSON from approximately

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1926 to 1929, [REDACTED]. He stated the appointee had not furthered her career to the extent that she desired in the late 1920's and he advised her to go to Europe. He noted that SOL HUROC became aware of the appointee in Europe, in about 1934, brought her to America, and has been her manager since. He stated Miss ANDERSON was refused the right to sing at Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C., in the late 1930's, and in its place, Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, wife of the former President, planned an open-air concert for Miss ANDERSON. He stated this concert won the appointee national acclaim. [REDACTED] continued that he has had no business contact with the appointee for five or six years but he had close contact with her through her present manager in prior years. To his knowledge, the appointee never had any association with PAUL ROBESON and he stated he knows her to be a person of excellent patriotism, character, reputation, and loyalty. Further, he stated Miss ANDERSON conveys deep sincerity and has won the admiration and respect of the world. Miss ANDERSON comports herself with dignity and can adapt herself to any situation. He stated the appointee is highly suitable for any government position requiring the utmost in loyalty, discretion, and judgment.

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Hurok Attractions, Inc.
730 5th Avenue,
New York, New York

Investigation in this caption was conducted on May 26, 1958, by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised he has known Miss ANDERSON for eighteen years both professionally and personally. He stated she is very temperate and very Christian and her life is based on these principles. Further, she practices her Christian beliefs and is a person of the highest moral character, reputation, and undoubted patriotism. [REDACTED] stated her associates

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have never been other than loyal citizens of good reputation. [redacted] recommended her without reservation for a government position in which access to restricted information and undoubted patriotism are required. He noted that SOL HUOK is presently in California, and will not return to New York for approximately ten days.

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[redacted] stated that he has been associated with Miss ANDERSON for 12 years through this office. He added that she is truly a "great lady" and he trusts her implicitly. [redacted] stated that in show business one has the opportunity to meet famous people without their aura of publicity and Miss ANDERSON is a great person, both professionally and personally, with or without attendant publicity. [redacted] noted that SOL HUOK has managed the appointee for the greater part of her American career and brought her to America from Europe, in December, 1935. He stated he is not acquainted with the earlier, relatively unknown phases of Miss ANDERSON's career and has no knowledge of WILLIAM KING, her accompanist during her early days. [redacted] stated the appointee is worthy of any position requiring unquestioned patriotism, character, and reputation.

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Concerning SOL HUOK, the following information is noted:

The New York "Herald Tribune", dated March 18, 1956, reflected that S. HUOK, American impresario, and VLADIMIR STEPANOV, head of the Foreign Department of the Ministry of Culture, announced at a joint press rally in Moscow, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, on March 17, 1956, that Hurok Artists, Inc. will handle future American visits of Soviet artists.

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[redacted] was interviewed on October 31, 1956, by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated that he has been in frequent contact with [redacted]. These contacts, he stated, have been exclusively of a business

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b7D and cultural nature involving his occupation [REDACTED]

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Records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, as reviewed on November 30, 1956, by SA [REDACTED] revealed that S.M. HUOK (Producer), was, on October 28, 1941, a sponsor of the Russian War Relief, Inc. These records further reflect that HUOK was listed as a guest to be seated on the platform at a rally held under the auspices of Russian War Relief at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on June 22, 1942. The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, 2nd Session, pages 364 - 365, reflected the following:

Mr. Sullivan

"Communist Party, under whatever name it has operated, has maintained front organizations and conducted enterprises for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union. Some of the more important of these fronts and enterprises have been Russian War Relief."

These records further reflected that S. HUOK was on the mailing list of the American Council on Soviet Relations (ACSR), New York City, February 17, 1941. The ACSR has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A pamphlet entitled, "Investigation on Un-American Propaganda Activities in the United States, Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, MARTIN DIES, Texas, Chairman", reflects on page 1202 that S. HUOK was a sponsor of a Congress of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 232 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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b7D [REDACTED] advised that Mr. HUOK signed Miss ANDERSON in June, 1935, and first presented her in December, 1935. He stated she has been under Mr. HUOK's management since that time and had previously been singing in Europe. He stated that previous to her European experience, she had been [REDACTED] In [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] estimation, Miss ANDERSON is the greatest lady that this office knows and is probably the greatest person, from a personal standpoint, of the artists managed by this office. He stated her patriotism, background, demeanor, and integrity are unquestioned and he recommends her highly for a responsible or trustworthy position.

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b7D [REDACTED] stated that she has known Miss ANDERSON for the entire time she has been managed by Mr. HUOK, or approximately 22 years. She noted that the appointee had previously been traveling in Europe, and under contract [REDACTED]. She stated that the earliest days of the appointee's career were [REDACTED]

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b7D [REDACTED] and that WILLIAM KING was her accompanist during the earliest days of her career. She has no knowledge concerning Mr. KING and stated the appointee has known PAUL ROBESON only as a professional colleague. She stated Mr. ROBESON and Miss ANDERSON have never been close friends and that Miss ANDERSON has nothing in common with Mr. ROBESON's point of view. According to [REDACTED] she has never had any reason to doubt Miss ANDERSON in any way and she considers her to be a patriotic, reliable, kind, trustworthy, and very discreet person. She recommends the appointee highly for any work requiring discretion or good judgment. She added that Miss ANDERSON's [REDACTED] currently in California.

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b7D [REDACTED] New York, New York, advised that [REDACTED] and has known her since 1939. He noted that [REDACTED]

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for the appointee is now dead. He was aware that WILLIAM KING was Miss ANDERSON's accompanist in the beginning of her career but he stated he has no information about KING. He added, however, that he has never had reason to doubt KING in any way. [REDACTED] stated he and Miss ANDERSON have worked together closely for 18 years. She was born in Philadelphia, attended high school there, and came to New York, where she won a prize in a competition at Lewisohn Stadium. A few years thereafter she went to Europe for study and Mr. HUOK subsequently became her manager. He noted that she lives at Marianna Farm, Danbury, Connecticut, but also has an apartment at 1200 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, which is also the business address of her husband, ORPHEUS FISHER, an architect. [REDACTED] continued that the appointee is acquainted with PAUL ROBESON but their differences in politics make their contacts very infrequent and superficial. He explained that Miss ANDERSON has never been involved in politics and is primarily interested in her music and in her Connecticut farm. He stated she does not approve of Mr. ROBESON's political activities or affiliation. He continued that the appointee's character, reputation, and patriotism are above reproach and she enjoys very great stature and respect. He stated her conduct on her recent goodwill tour in Asia was exemplary and her statements were non-political, which is typical of her attitude. [REDACTED] recommended Miss ANDERSON.

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[REDACTED] advised that the appointee's family consists of her husband, ORPHEUS FISHER, her mother, ANNIE ANDERSON, and her two sisters, ALYSE ANDERSON and ETHEL ANDERSON DePRIEST, the latter three of which live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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[REDACTED] American National Theatre and Academy, (ANTA), 1545 Broadway, New York, New York, stated that his knowledge of Miss ANDERSON

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is purely professional but he has found her to be a person of the finest character, patriotism, and reputation. He stated she is a great person, who is charming, intelligent and dignified. He noted that ANTA has a charter from Congress in the performing arts field as an agency

Department of State for arranging tours of selected artists, which tours are subsidized to the extent that the expenses are not earned. Miss ANDERSON went on such a goodwill tour under contract to ANTA and under the auspices of the Department of State. He stated this tour covered the Far East and South East Asia and extended from September 19, 1957, to November 30, 1957. Her husband,

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[redacted] accompanied her and [redacted] stated the tour was a resounding success. He stated that proof of Miss ANDERSON's patriotism and good judgment is shown in her statements during the tour in which she handled herself with dignity and restraint. He feels that her patriotism and character are of the highest and he recommended her without reservation. He noted that he had [redacted] and he could suggest no one else in this organization who would know her well.

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[redacted] See It Now staff, Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, on May 27, 1958, advised SA [redacted] that in connection with the above show, [redacted] the appointee, her husband [redacted] on a goodwill tour of the Far East and South East Asia, sponsored by ANTA and Department of State, from approximately September to December, 1957. He stated he was closely associated with Miss ANDERSON and her husband during this period and has met them on occasions since. He was not professionally acquainted with the appointee but during the above association he found her to be an intelligent, articulate, and diplomatic individual who ably and favorably represented her country. He mentioned that she has excellent personal habits and always has complete control of her faculties. Nothing has ever come to his attention that would cause him to question the character, reputation, associations or loyalty of either Miss ANDERSON or her husband and he highly recommends her for a government position requiring tact, discretion, confidence, and undoubted patriotism.

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1200 5th Avenue
New York, New York

b7C Investigation under this caption was conducted
on May 27, 1958, by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Miss ANDERSON and her husband, ORPHEUS FISHER, an architect, have lived at this address for approximately the past year. He stated their home is a farm in Connecticut, but when the appointee is in New York she lives here. He estimated she spends approximately one third of her time here. He stated the FISHERS have been [REDACTED] and are well regarded by their neighbors. Their conduct is above reproach, according to [REDACTED] and he has had no reason to doubt their loyalty or character. He stated he would recognize PAUL ROBESON from newspaper publicity and he has never known ROBESON to visit Miss ANDERSON'S apartment. He considers her to be a devout person who is devoted to this country and he recommends her.

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b7D [REDACTED] of the above address, [REDACTED] stated that she has known Miss ANDERSON socially for twenty years and as a neighbor for the past year or so. She also knows SOL HUOK, whom she stated has closely guided Miss ANDERSON'S career since 1934. She stated she is acquainted with WILLIAM KING who was the appointee's first accompanist in about 1923. He has not been accompanist with Miss ANDERSON since the late 1920's. She stated she does not know KING well but has never had reason to question his patriotism or character. In her opinion, Miss ANDERSON is extremely devoted to her career as a contralto singer and is most anxious to use her talent to further the best interests of this country. She stated there is no question as to the appointee's associations or patriotism and she is positive that Miss ANDERSON has had no social contacts with PAUL ROBESON. She stated they have nothing in common except their music. She highly recommends the appointee.

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b7D [REDACTED], of the above address, a housewife, stated she has known Miss ANDERSON and her husband as neighbors for about the past year. She occasionally visits in the FISHER apartment and has had the opportunity to discuss political ideas with Miss ANDERSON. She stated that the latter expressed a strong loyalty to this country and is anxious to use her talent to further the foreign policies important to this country. She stated the character, conduct, reputation, and associates of the appointee and her husband are above reproach and she has never known PAUL ROBESON to be associated with Miss ANDERSON. She recommends the appointee as an extremely loyal American, a very devout person, and one who would be well qualified for a position of trust.

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b7D [REDACTED], of the above address, [REDACTED], advised she has known the appointee as a neighbor and social acquaintance for the past year and has closely followed her career for the past thirty years. She stated WILLIAM KING, the appointee's accompanist during the early days of her career, is presently the organist at St. Luke's Church in New York City. She stated she has no reason to question KING and has never known Miss ANDERSON to be associated with PAUL ROBESON except to have possibly appeared on the same program with him. She characterized Miss ANDERSON and her husband as loyal citizens of good character, reputation, and associates and recommends Miss ANDERSON without hesitation.

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b7D [REDACTED], of the above address, a housewife, stated she has known Miss ANDERSON for the past ten years and highly recommends her in every respect. She stated the appointee's patriotism, character, demeanor, and associates are above reproach.

Credit

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b7D Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked on May 9, 1958, by [REDACTED] for SA [REDACTED], reflected no information concerning MARIAN ANDERSON, also known as, Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian Elina Blanche Anderson; or Orpheus Hodge Fisher.

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Arrest Record

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On May 9 and 13, 1958, SA [REDACTED] caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by [REDACTED], Bureau of Criminal Identification; Acting [REDACTED], Information Unit; [REDACTED], Old Record Room (all of the above are of the New York City Police Department); [REDACTED], Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located concerning the appointee or her husband as named above.

Miscellaneous

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[REDACTED] New York, on May 27, 1958, advised SA [REDACTED] that he has known the appointee on a social basis as well as a [REDACTED] basis from ten to fifteen years, but stated he is not intimately associated with her. He stated Miss ANDERSON has good traits, is very tactful, and very dignified, and makes a good impression. He stated Miss ANDERSON and PAUL ROBESON have nothing in common except their music and he doubts very much if there has been any association between them. He stated he would recommend the appointee without hesitation in regard to character, patriotism, and suitability for a position of trust.

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[REDACTED] New York, on May 27, 1958, advised SA [REDACTED] she has known Miss ANDERSON for the past twenty-five years and considers her one of her best friends. She characterized the appointee as a great human being as well as an artist of international stature. In addition, she stated Miss ANDERSON has a deeply rooted belief in freedom and democracy, is a deeply religious person, and is incapable of resentment or anger. [REDACTED] stated she has never heard any personal criticism of the.

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appointee and Miss ANDERSON is humorous, outgoing, warm, and of unquestioned patriotism and integrity. She stated further that Miss ANDERSON furthered good relations in all the countries she visited on her recent g ill tour and her warmth, affection, and generosity were obvious to all. In her estimation the appointee is always gracious and responsive to the simplest people as well as to world-famous individuals and she feels the appointee is an excellent choice for a government position requiring tact, responsibility, and trust or confidence. She stated Miss ANDERSON knew PAUL ROBESON several years ago but has had no contact with him for many years. She explained that Miss ANDERSON feels that ROBESON'S way of thinking is no way of accomplishing good and she was never a friend of him. Further, Miss ANDERSON feels badly about ROBESON'S political activity and has felt that her job as an artist is to sing and not to be affiliated with any organization. [REDACTED] added that she never knew WILLIAM KING and has never had reason to doubt any of the appointee's associates.

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New York, [REDACTED], advised SA [REDACTED] on May 27, 1958, that he has been on a joint program with the appointee a few times but has had little association with her. He considers her to be a gracious lady concerning whom he has never heard any unfavorable information. He stated he has had no reason to question her patriotism, integrity, or character and he has no reason to think that her associates have ever been other than loyal Americans. He stated he recalls one WILLIAM KING, who was a piano accompanist. He stated that he has never recalled him playing for the appointee. He stated he has not heard of KING for years. He stated he is insufficiently acquainted with Miss ANDERSON to enable him to comment in detail but has no reason to think that she would not be qualified for a government position.

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On May 28, 1958, SA [REDACTED] caused the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, to be checked by [REDACTED]. No record was located concerning the appointee, as named in the title of this report, or for ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER.

Records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, as checked on May 28, 1958, reflected no information concerning the appointee or her husband, at 1200 5th Avenue, New York, New York, for the years 1950 through 1957.

A number of confidential informants, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York area, were contacted during May, 1958. They can supply no information concerning appointee, as named in the title of this report, or concerning ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER.

An article entitled "How It's Done" in the February 27, 1942 edition of "P.M.", a former New York daily newspaper, reflects that the Dies Committee lists the Marian Anderson Citizens Committee as a Communist front group. The article went on to say that this Committee was formed in the Spring of 1939 after the Daughters of the American Revolution had denied Miss ANDERSON the right to appear in Constitution Hall in Washington. It related that the Committee sponsored her appearance at the Lincoln Memorial there.

An article on page 3, column 3, of the September 17, 1941 "Daily Worker" identified Miss MARIAN ANDERSON as Co-Chairman

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of the Citizens Emergency Conference for Inter-Racial Unity. This article also states that "A widely representative executive committee of the conference includes..... Dr. Max Yergan, Council on African Affairs."

The "Daily Worker" of April 22, 1947, described MAX YERGAN as Executive Director of the Council on African Affairs.

Information concerning the Council on African Affairs has been set out above.

The "Daily Worker" is a former East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

b2, b7D New York [redacted] who is not available for recontact in January, 1946, made available a letter on the stationery of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. On the rear of this letterhead stationery appears a list of sponsors of the organization and this list contains the name "Marian Anderson" not further identified.

The American Committee for Spanish Freedom has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b2 New York [redacted] advised in January, 1946, that the Council on African Affairs held a mass meeting on January 7, 1946, at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 138th Street, near Seventh Avenue, New York City. Two to three thousand people were present and one of the speakers was Miss MARION ANDERSON. - New York [redacted] continued that Miss ANDERSON said the audience, as members of her race, should stand by the Council on African Affairs and support it with contributions of money and foodstuff. The informant also said PAUL ROBESON sang 3 numbers and asked

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the audience for complete support of the Council.

New York [redacted] was recontacted on May 28, 1958, and could furnish no additional information concerning the above meeting or Miss ANDERSON.

See p 3 Robeson doc.
An article entitled "ROBESON, ANDERSON Pack 'Aid to Africa' Meeting", on page 40, columns 1 and 2, of the January 12, 1946 edition of "The Peoples Voice", a New York newspaper, reflects that MARIAN ANDERSON and PAUL ROBESON addressed a meeting sponsored by the Council on African Affairs at the Abyssinian Baptist Church on the previous Monday night. This article stated that MAX YERGAN, founder and executive director of the Council, addressed the meeting. The article went on to say that "Miss MARIAN ANDERSON received a standing ovation that lasted for several minutes before she was allowed to speak. After declaring that she wanted to go to Africa in the near future, she said she knew the audience would 'give until there was no more to give for the suffering South Africans'"... "PAUL ROBESON was the climax speaker and he had the audience hanging on his every word."

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New York [redacted], who is not available for recontact, in March, 1942, advised that MARIAN ANDERSON (not further identified) had agreed to be a sponsor of the congress "To Free EARL BROWDER".

The "New York Herald Tribune" of October 1, 1952, a New York daily newspaper, refers to EARL BROWDER as General Secretary of the Communist Party from 1930 through 1944. An article by LOUIS BUDENZ in the "Daily Worker" of May 23, 1944, page 2, reflects EARL BROWDER was elected President of the Communist Political Association on May 22, 1944.

The Communist Political Association has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-78164)

DATE: 6/3/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (77-23894)

SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON, aka
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, Marian
Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Enclosed herewith are 2 copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED], dated and captioned as above, and 2 copies of a
similarly dated and captioned letterhead memorandum.

Identity of Informants

[REDACTED] Used in documenting PAUL ROBESON.
Information re the Council on
African Affairs meeting of 1/7/46 was
given to SA [REDACTED] and is
located in [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] was recontacted on 5/28/58 by
SA [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] is LOUIS BUDENZ, [REDACTED]

Identity withheld by request. Used
in documenting PAUL ROBESON.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

Identity withheld by request. Used
in documenting PAUL ROBESON.

[REDACTED] is a confidential source connected with the [REDACTED]

The information appears
in NY 100-69125-99 and the
informant is not further identified.

[REDACTED], discontinued in 1946. Logs have been
destroyed. The information is reported
in NY 100-4931-1800, page 2.

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The identity of the confidential informants mentioned in enclosed report is as follows:

b2 b7D [redacted] contacted on 5/29/58 by SA [redacted]
[redacted] contacted on 5/29/58 by SA [redacted]
[redacted] contacted on 5/29/58 by SA [redacted]
[redacted] contacted on 5/29/58 by SA [redacted]
[redacted] contacted on 5/28/58 by SA [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] American National Theatre and Academy, whose comments appear in enclosed report, voluntarily commented that he dislikes appointee's [redacted], because he failed to make some of Miss ANDERSON's appearances on her recent tour of Asia available through all News media, as [redacted] said he had agreed to do. He added that he recognized it is [redacted] job to be "hard headed" and he has no other reason to distrust or question [redacted]. He specifically said the above, which he feels was failure to live up to the ANTA contract, does not reflect on [redacted] patriotism. The above is being mentioned because of [redacted] recollection of his father's opinion of [redacted] set out in Philadelphia airtel to NY, 5/8/58, and was not deemed pertinent for inclusion in enclosed report.



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
June 3, 1958

MARIAN ANDEPSON, Also Known As,
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher,
Marian Elina Blanche Anderson
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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The confidential informants, mentioned in
report of Special Agent [REDACTED] June 3, 1958,
have furnished reliable information in the past
[REDACTED], and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] also mentioned in above report, have furnished
reliable information in the past. Contact with
[REDACTED] has been insufficient to determine
reliability.

This is for your information and should not be
disseminated to any unauthorized person or agency.

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MARIAN ANDERSON
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Re WFO airtel Bureau May 28, 1958.

The files of the Passport Office, Dept. of State, reviewed on 6/3/58 by SE [REDACTED], reflected that the appointee was issued passport # 461443 on 9/27/27 for twelve months travel to Great Britain, France, Italy and Switzerland. The appointee was issued passport # 215623 on 4/29/30 for one years' travel to Germany for the purpose of studying and giving recitals. On 9/1/33 passport #215623 was renewed and would expire on 4/29/34.

The file reflected that the appointee was issued passport #42 on 4/24/34 by Consul General, at Stockholm, Sweden. No travel plans were indicated on this passport. The appointee's passport #42 was renewed on 4/17/36 by American Consul, Rome, Italy, for two years and to expire on 4/24/38. No travel plans were indicated on her renewal application of the passport.

No additional pertinent data appeared in the file.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (77-62924)
RE: ANDERSON, aka
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ReWFOairtel June 5, 1958.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *ferm*

DATE: June 13, 1958

FROM : G. C. *Gallian*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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#373638SUBJECT: MARIAN ANDERSON,
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Request received 5-1-58 from State to investigate Anderson for top-level position in State. On 5-8-58, State requested investigation be discontinued; on 5-9-58, requested investigation held in abeyance; on 5-21-58, requested investigation be completed. She was born 2-27-03, Philadelphia, Pa. Since 1924, has been self-employed as singer, studying in Europe from approximately 1929 to 1935. Since 1935, has been associated with Sol Hurok who was a sponsor of Russian War Relief, Incorporated in 1941, which was cited by House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA); was on mailing list of American Council on Soviet Relations in 1941; and was sponsor of a congress of National Council of American-Soviet Relations. Latter 2 organizations designated by Attorney General (AG) under E.O. 10450.

Long-standing acquaintances of Anderson are
Philadelphia, Pa., and

All these organizations designated by AG.

Marian Anderson's name appears on special mailing list of American Council for a Democratic in 1947 which was cited by AG. Her name also on mailing list of Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which published the "Southern Patriot" in 1948 which has been cited by HCUA. She was on mailing list of American Committee for Spanish Freedom in 1946 and appeared at a mass meeting of Council on African Affairs which has been designated by AG. Paul Robeson on same program. He was identified by informant as concealed Communist Party (CP) member. Associates of Anderson advised she has no sympathy with Robeson's political beliefs and there is no known association with him.

RECOMMENDATION

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That the enclosed summary memorandum be furnished to the White House, Secretary of State and Attorney General.

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Enclosure

sent 6-12-58

June 13, 1958

BY COURIER SERVICE

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with the request of
Mr. Roderic L. O'Connor, in his letter dated April 30,
1958, an investigation has been conducted by this
Bureau of Marian Anderson, also known as Mrs. Orpheus
Hodge Fisher. The results of this investigation are
contained in the enclosed summary memorandum.

It is noted Miss Anderson reportedly resided
abroad from 1929 to 1935. Inasmuch as this Bureau has
no facilities for conducting investigations overseas,
the enclosed summary memorandum contains only the results
of the inquiries conducted in the United States.

The investigation of Miss Anderson covered
inquiries as to her character, loyalty, general standing
and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the
sources of her income.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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Note: See cover memo 20846 Callan to Rosen, dated June 13, 1958.

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Adams:

By letter dated April 30, 1958, Mr. Roderic L. O'Connor of the Department of State requested an investigation of Marian Anderson, also known as Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher. Mr. O'Connor advised it is proposed to recommend to the President that Miss Anderson be appointed to a top-level position in the Department of State.

The results of this investigation are reflected in the enclosed summary memorandum, a copy of which is being furnished to the Secretary of State.

It is noted Miss Anderson reportedly resided abroad from 1929 to 1935. Inasmuch as this Bureau has no facilities for conducting investigations overseas, the enclosed summary memorandum contains only the results of the inquiries conducted in the United States.

The investigation of Miss Anderson covered inquiries as to her character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of her income.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Note: Since this involves a Presidential appointment, a copy of the summary is being furnished to the White House.

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MARIAN ANDERSON
also known as
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher

D.C., PA, ILL, N.Y., CONN.,
FOREIGN, MASS.

SUMMARY

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Marian Anderson was reportedly born February 27, 1903, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John B. and Annie Rucker Anderson. No information concerning her was found in the files of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; however, the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect the above.

Education

Marian Anderson was graduated from South Philadelphia High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1921, exact date not indicated, according to the records of the Board of Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. No further information concerning her was available in these records.

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She reportedly attended the Chicago College of Music, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] of the Chicago Conservatory advised that the Chicago College of Music has been defunct for approximately fifteen years and the manager of the school is now deceased. No information concerning former teachers of the Chicago College of Music was developed during this investigation.

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Miss Anderson reportedly studied music in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, until 1924. During the early part of her training, [redacted] were reported to have been and [redacted]. No information concerning [redacted] was obtained from either available records or Miss Anderson's associates. She was also coached by Giuseppe Boghetti in

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New York City subsequent to 1924, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] recalled that [REDACTED]

She studied music in Europe from approximately 1929 to 1935, according to associates who have known Miss Anderson since the 1920s.

Miss Anderson has been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Music by the following:

Howard University, Washington, D. C., June, 1938; Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June, 1941; and Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, June, 1944.

Marital Status

Marian Anderson married Orpheus Hodge Fisher on July 24, 1943, in Bethel, Connecticut. She has continued the use of her maiden name throughout her professional career. Miss Anderson and her husband permanently reside in Danbury, Connecticut; however, they maintain an apartment in New York City. No children have been born of this marriage.

Employment

Miss Anderson began her professional career as a singer in 1924 when she won a contest at Lewisohn Stadium in New York City in competition with approximately three hundred other singers, according to associates. She has been self-employed since that time.

From approximately 1927 to 1928, she was under contract to Columbia Artists Management, Incorporated (formerly Columbia Concerts), New York City, and was managed by a representative of that firm.

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From approximately 1929 to 1935, according to associates, she studied music and gave concerts in Europe. She returned from Europe in approximately 1935 and, since that time, has been managed by Sol Hurok who owns and operates Hurok Attractions, Incorporated, New York City.

Beginning in September, 1957, Miss Anderson toured several Far Eastern countries giving concerts under the auspices of the International Cultural Exchange Service, Department of State. The tour ended in approximately November, 1957.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interviews

The following persons interviewed during this investigation highly recommended Miss Anderson for a position of trust and confidence:

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[redacted] Howard University, Washington, D. C. [redacted] advised he has been personally acquainted with Marian Anderson for approximately twenty-five years. He said she is a great artist and a woman of impeccable character. He described her as a tolerant woman who possesses excellent judgment. [redacted] said Miss Anderson is a loyal citizen.

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[redacted] New York City. [redacted] advised he was

[redacted] noted that her career began when she won a contest at Lewisohn Stadium in New York City and has been an outstanding contralto since that time. He advised that she studied and toured Europe from approximately 1929 to 1935. [redacted] advised that Miss Anderson is a person of the highest character and she is without doubt a loyal citizen.

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[REDACTED] New York City, advised that he has known Miss Anderson since 1927. He stated she was refused the right to sing in Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C., in the late 1930s and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the former President, planned an open-air concert for her which won her national acclaim. [REDACTED] stated Miss Anderson is sincere and has won the admiration and respect of the world. He stated she is suitable for any position requiring the utmost loyalty, discretion and judgment.

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[REDACTED] American National Theater and Academy, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that he is acquainted with Miss Anderson on a professional basis only and has found her to be a person of the highest character, patriotism and reputation. He also stated she is a person who is charming, intelligent and dignified. [REDACTED] noted that the American National Theater and Academy has a charter from Congress in the field of arts as an agency of the Department of State for the purpose of arranging tours of selected artists. He said Miss Anderson went on such a tour and that it was a resounding success. He stated that proof of Miss Anderson's patriotism and good judgment is shown in her statements during the tour in which she handled herself with dignity and restraint.

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[REDACTED] City of Danbury, Danbury, Connecticut. [REDACTED] advised he has known Miss Anderson and her husband for approximately five years, having met them at a number of civic

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b7D functions. [redacted] continued that Miss Anderson has an excellent reputation in the community and he has no reason to question her loyalty. He related that Miss Anderson's associates who are known to him have all appeared to be people of good character.

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b7D [redacted] Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, [redacted] advised he is acquainted with Miss Anderson but not as a close personal friend. He said she is a noble and dignified person who, in the eyes of the entire music profession, has been admired as an artist and an exceptionally fine person. He said there is no question in his mind concerning her ability, loyalty or patriotism.

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b7D [redacted] personal acquaintance, Danbury, Connecticut.

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b7D [redacted] the "News Times," Danbury, Connecticut.

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b7D [redacted] Philadelphia Orchestra, Academy of Music, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

b7D [redacted] personal acquaintance, New York City. [redacted] advised he

[redacted] He said their respect for each other is evidenced by the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] described Miss Anderson as the "first lady of the world." He also said she is a great person, not only as an artist but as a

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human being, and will be a tremendous asset to the United States in the present struggle between totalitarianism and the free world. [REDACTED] said Miss Anderson sought his advice concerning the acceptance of the appointment tendered her and he said he advised her that if she is needed by the Government she should take this appointment even though it will represent a considerable financial sacrifice to her. [REDACTED] said that the Government could find a greater or more loyal person to represent and promote the interests of the United States.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York Police Department, New York City, revealed that Sol Hurok (producer), was a sponsor of Russian War Relief, Incorporated, on October 28, 1941. These records further revealed that he was listed as a guest to be seated on the platform at a rally held under the auspices of Russian War Relief, Incorporated, at Madison Square Garden on June 22, 1942. The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, 78th Congress, second session, reflected the following:

"Communist Party, under whatever name it has operated, has maintained front organizations and conducted enterprises for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union. Some of the more important of these fronts and enterprises have been . . . Russian War Relief."

The records of the Bureau of Special Services further revealed that S. Hurok was on the mailing list of the American Council on Soviet Relations, New York City, on

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February 17, 1941. The American Council on Soviet Relations has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A pamphlet entitled, "Investigation on Un-American Propaganda Activities in the United States, Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 78th Congress, Martin Dies, Texas, Chairman," reflects on page 1202 that S. Hurok was a sponsor of a congress of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, New York City. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] and
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advised he has known Marian Anderson [redacted]
[redacted] He said that his family and
Marian Anderson's family had exchanged
numerous visits throughout the years.
[redacted] said Miss Anderson's character
is without a blemish and she is undoubtedly
one of the great ladies of America.
[redacted] said Miss Anderson's associates
are all above reproach and she is a person
of great ability. He said she would lend
dignity and prestige to any Government
position and he described her as a loyal
citizen.

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The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The American Committee for Spanish Freedom has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On November 29, 1947. [REDACTED]

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The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On December 21, 1949. [REDACTED]

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The National Lawyers' Guild was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, report on the National Lawyers' Guild, House Report Number 3123, September 21, 1950, as follows:

"Cited as a Communist front which is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions and which since its inception, has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

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[REDACTED] advised she has known Marian Anderson for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

*Anonymous
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considers her to be a person of excellent character and reputation. She said Miss Anderson is respected by everyone who knows her and that she has never heard anything unfavorable concerning her or her associates. She said Miss Anderson is a person with such determination that she believes she, Miss Anderson, could do almost anything she set out to do. [REDACTED] said Miss Anderson is a loyal citizen.

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On May 2, 1942, [REDACTED]

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On May 8, 1946, [REDACTED]

Agency Checks

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Miss Anderson has been issued ten passports for travel abroad from 1927 to 1956 for study and business reasons and for concert tours. No additional pertinent information was available.

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities; Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission; Office of Security, Department of State; Central Intelligence

* G-2, Department of the Army

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Agency; and the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent identifiable information concerning Miss Anderson.

Relatives

b7C Miss Anderson's father is deceased. Her mother [redacted] reside at 752 South Martin Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [redacted]

Her only other living immediate relative is her husband.

b7C [redacted] The Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Credit and Arrest Checks

The files of the appropriate law enforcement agencies and credit bureaus were checked during this investigation and no pertinent identifiable information concerning Miss Anderson or her living immediate relatives was obtained.

Miscellaneous

A confidential informant,** who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is not personally acquainted with Miss Anderson, advised on November 15, 1947, that the name Marian Anderson, 752 South Martin Street, appeared on a special mailing list of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Council for a Democratic Greece, which advertised a public council

* Anonymous

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meeting to be held on November 20, 1947. The American Council for a Democratic Greece has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The June 5, 1945, issue of the "Norwalk Hour," a newspaper in Norwalk, Connecticut, contained an article reflecting that an organizational meeting of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was held on June 4, 1945. The article stated, in part, that a telegram of greeting from Marian Anderson, the noted singer, was read. The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions was cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report dated April 1, 1951.

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A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1945 that the name Marian Anderson, RFD 1, Danbury, Connecticut, was on the mailing list of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, which was utilized in sending out the publication entitled the "Southern Patriot." This informant pointed out that many persons carried on this mailing list had not subscribed to the paper of their own accord. A confidential informant* who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has some knowledge of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, advised that the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, was originally an adjunct of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare prior to its demise in 1948. This informant stated the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, continued as a separate and independent organization, stressing the fact that it was nonpolitical in nature. Continuing, this informant stated it has devoted its efforts primarily to race relations, campaigning against discrimination and segregation and, further, that the principal leaders of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, were the same as those of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. In conclusion, this informant advised that the Communist Party was interested in infiltrating and controlling the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, but it has given little indication of interest in the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated.

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The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, as a communist-front organization "which seeks to attract ~~and~~ ^{own} liberals on the basis of its seeming interest in the problems of the South," although its "professed interest in southern welfare is simply an expedient for larger aims serving the Soviet Union and its subservient Communist Party in the United States."

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Southern Patriot" was cited as an organ of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, in its report dated June 12, 1945.

A confidential informant^{*} who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available in January, 1946, a letter on the stationery of the American Committee for Spanish Freedom. A list of sponsors of this organization appears on this stationery and this list contains the name Marian Anderson, not further identified. The American Committee for Spanish Freedom has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Another confidential informant^{**} who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1946, that the Council on African Affairs held a mass meeting on January 7, 1946, in New York City and that one of the speakers was Miss Marion Anderson. This informant continued that Miss Anderson said that the audience, as members of her race, should stand by the Council on African Affairs and support it with contributions of money and food. This informant also said Paul Robeson sang and asked the audience for complete support of the council. The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Another confidential informant^{***} who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 3, 1955,

* a confidential source

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that the Council on African Affairs dissolved in June, 1955, and, at the time of dissolution, Paul Robeson was chairman of the organization.

Another confidential informant,* who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1950, that Paul Robeson was known to him to be a concealed communist prior to 1945.

Another confidential informant,** who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1944, that Paul Robeson's Communist Party name was John Thomas.

Associates of Miss Anderson's, who have been acquainted with her for a number of years, advised that she has had no social contacts with Paul Robeson and they have nothing in common except their music. They further advised she disapproves of his political activities.

* Louis Budenz
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The Attorney General

June 13, 1958

Director, FBI

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By letter dated April 30, 1958, Mr. Roderic L. O'Connor of the Department of State requested an investigation of the above-captioned individual. Mr. O'Connor advised it is proposed to recommend to the President that Miss Anderson be appointed to a top-level position in the Department of State.

The results of this investigation are reflected in the enclosed summary memorandum, copies of which are being furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams and the Secretary of State.

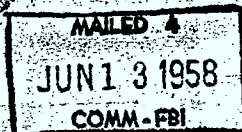
It is noted Miss Anderson reportedly resided abroad from 1929 to 1935. Inasmuch as this Bureau has no facilities for conducting investigations overseas, the enclosed summary memorandum contains only the results of the inquiries conducted in the United States.

The investigation of Miss Anderson covered inquiries as to her character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of her income.

Enclosure

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NOTE: Since this involves a Presidential appointment, a copy of the summary memorandum is being furnished to the Attorney General.

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NAME CHECK

December 15, 1964

MARIAN ANDERSON

Born: February 27, 1902

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In response to your name check request, you are referred to a memorandum concerning Marian Anderson, also known as Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher which was furnished to your agency on June 13, 1958.
(77-78164)

Subsequent to this information, FBI files reveal that in the May 30, 1960, issue of "The Washington Daily News" there was an article regarding a speech made by Premier Fidel Castro at Havana the previous evening. There was also a photograph in connection with this article showing Premier Castro talking with the singer, Marian Anderson, who was presented on a TV concert prior to Castro's speech.

(109-12-210-A 5-30-60, Washington Daily News)

Information was received at the Bureau in July, 1959, that Marian Anderson, along with a number of other prominent individuals was included on the mailing list of an organization known as Gensuikyo, American name, Japan Council for Prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs. This organization has been described by a source as a communist infiltrated organization in Japan.

(105-62469-14, 34)

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NOTE: Information previously furnished to White House on August 20, 1964.

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This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To obtain arrest records request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division.

DEC 17 1964

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

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Subj: ANDERSON, MARIAN

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MARIAN ELINA BLANCHE

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June 10, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 12/17/97 BY SP5 sks
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Reference is made to the request from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for a check of FBI files relative to approximately
130 individuals in connection with a seminar which is to be held
on Monday, June 14, 1965.

Attached is a memorandum listing some 37
individuals concerning whom the FBI has no identifiable
derogatory information in the central files or the files of the
Identification Division. Also enclosed are five memoranda
regarding individuals included in this name check request. The
balance of the names in connection with this request will be
submitted as they are completed.

Sincerely yours,

177-78164-238
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128 JUN 15 1965

Enclosures (6)

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

NOTE: To be delivered by liaison by Mr. DeLoach's Office.
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June 10, 1965

MARIAN ANDERSON
also known as **MRS. ORPHEUS HODGE**
FISHER

Marian Fisher

As a result of a request from the Department of State on April 30, 1958, this Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning Marian Anderson who was being considered for a Presidential appointment to a top-level position in the Department of State. The results of this investigation were contained in a summary memorandum, a copy of which was sent to the White House on June 13, 1958, and a copy is enclosed with this memorandum. (77-78164-35)

Subsequent to this investigation, FBI files reveal that in the May 30, 1960, issue of "The Washington Daily News," there was an article regarding a speech made by Premier Fidel Castro at Havana the previous evening. There was also a photograph in "The Daily News" showing Premier Castro talking with the singer, Marian Anderson, after a recent telecast. (109-12-210-A 5-30-60, Washington Daily News)

Information was received at the Bureau in July, 1959, that Marian Anderson, along with a number of other prominent individuals, was included on the mailing list of an organization known as Gensuikyo, American name, Japan Council for Prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs. This organization has been described by a source as a communist-infiltrated organization in Japan. (105-62469-14, 34)

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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77-78164-38

NAME CHECK

February 21, 1966

Summary
MARIAN ANDERSON
Born: February 17, 1902
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reference your request for information concerning the captioned subsequent to our memorandum dated June 13, 1958.

Our files reveal, in addition to the information furnished in the referenced memorandum, that on May 30, 1960, the "Washington Daily News" contained an article regarding a speech made by Premier Fidel Castro at Havana. A photograph accompanied this article showing Premier Castro talking with the singer, Marian Anderson, who was presented on a TV concert prior to Castro's speech.

Information was also received by this Bureau in July, 1959, that Marian Anderson, along with a number of other prominent individuals, was included on the mailing list of an organization known as Genyikyo, American name, Japan Council for Prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs. This organization has been described as a communist-infiltrated organization in Japan. (77-78164-57)

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Subj: Anderson, Marion
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Subj: Anderson, Marion

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July 14, 1970

BY LIAISON

DECLASSIFIED BY SPS JCL/KS
ON 12/17/97
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Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

b7C Reference is made to your name check request concerning [REDACTED] and some other individuals.

b7C Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

b7C ~~Mrs. ORPHEUS HOOGE FISHER~~
[REDACTED]
Mr. and Mrs. Orpheus Fisher
[REDACTED]

This letter of transmittal may be declassified when the enclosure bearing a classification is removed.

Sincerely yours, [Signature]

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Enclosures (15)

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

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July 14, 1970

MR. AND MRS. ORPHEUS FISHER

ORPHEUS HODGE FISHER
SUMMARY

X SUMMARY
Mrs. Orpheus Hodge Fisher, who you advised resides with her husband at Marianna Farm, Joe's Hill Road, Danbury, Connecticut, and is known professionally as Marian Anderson, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI during 1958. The results of that inquiry were summarized in a communication dated June 13, 1958, a copy of which is attached. (77-78164)

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This Bureau received information during July, 1959, that the name of Marian Anderson, along with the names of a number of other prominent individuals, was included on the mailing list of an organization known as Gensuikyo, also known as the Japan Council for Prohibition of Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs. Gensuikyo has been described as a communist-infiltrated organization in Japan.

The May 30, 1960, issue of "The Washington Daily News" contained an article regarding a speech made by Premier Fidel Castro at Havana. A photograph accompanied the article showing Premier Castro talking with the singer, Marian Anderson, who was presented on a television concert prior to Castro's speech.

The central files of the FBI contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with captioned individuals.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President

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MARION ANDERSON

~~MARION ANDERSON~~
Captioned individual, who you advised was born February 17, 1902, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the subject of a White House name check in 1970 under her married name of Mrs. Orpheus Fisher. A copy of the FBI memorandum dated July 14, 1970, concerning Mr. and Mrs. Orpheus Fisher and FBI summary memorandum dated June 13, 1958, concerning Marian Anderson are attached.

(77-78164-35, 40)

The central files of the FBI, including the records of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Per request of [REDACTED] Staff Assistant
(Security), The White House.

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