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### Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

June 22, 2018

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR. SUITE 1203 27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD CASTAIC, CA 91384

> FOIPA Request No.: 1408021-000 Subject: PALMER, RAYMOND ARTHUR

#### Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Below you will find informational paragraphs relevant to your request. Please read each item carefully.

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A search of the Central Records System maintained at FBI Headquarters indicated that records responsive to your request have been sent to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Since these records were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, we are providing you a copy of the previously processed documents.

Please be advised if this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your information needs for this request, you may make a request to NARA at the following address, using file number 100-HQ-400198 as a reference:

National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road College Park, MD 20740-6001

Enclosed are 32 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the <a href="www.fbi.gov/foia">www.fbi.gov/foia</a> website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

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You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing <a href="mailto:ogis@nara.gov">ogis@nara.gov</a>. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing <a href="mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov">foipaquestions@fbi.gov</a>. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

David M. Hardy Section Chief,

Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
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- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence:
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- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service he release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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January 9, 1953

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- 18 RAY PALMER. EDITOR "OTHER WORLDS"

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.Attached for your information are two copies of a letter forwarded to the Bureau by Mr. Walter Winchell. the contents of which are self-explanatory.

Bureau files reflect no identifiable information relating to Ray Palmer of the publication "Other Worlds."

Although the location of Palmer and the publication of which he is the editor is not reflected in the incoming communication, this data is being forwarded in the event either Ray Palmer or the publication "Other Worlds" comes to the attention of your office.

You should search the files of your office forany pertinent data concerning Ray Palmer or the publication "Other Worlds" and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions regarding the handling of security investigations.

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NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY.

Records maintained by Publication Desk and Bureau Library fail to reflect any information concerning Ray Palmer or the publication "Other Worlds."

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Dear Walter Winchel,

Knowing your anti-Communism, I'd like to call your attention to Amazing Stories, Jan. 1953. If the two stories, Frontiers Beyond the Sun (40,000) and Death Beyond the Veil (30,000) are not the rawest Commie propaganda I ever saw, I'm totally blind, w

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO LRA REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY NEW YORK 2/18,26,27; CHARACTER OF CASE PALMER EDITOR MISCELLANEOUS-OTHER WORLDS" INFORMATION CONCERNING b6 (INTERNAL SECURITY) Informant made available letter SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: alleging RAY PALMER, Editor of publication "Other Worlds" has been espousing "peace at any price editorials." Offices of publication "Other Worlds" located at 1144 SURLINGER Ashland Avenue, Evanston, Ill. RAYMOND A. PALMER identified as the editor of "Other Worlds." Information regarding publication "Other Worlds" set forth. RUC DETAILS: At New York, New York This investigation was predicated upon the receipt of a letter from , which was made available by Confidential Informant T-1. of unknown reliability but an individual employed in a responsible position; the letter alleged that "RAY PALMER, Editor of Other Worlds', has been putting out some 'peace at any price editorials' that taste phony." The letter which was furnished by T-1 1952 and carried the address of dated December 15. The letter was addressed to the informan COPIES DESTROYED 107 JUL 25 1963 APPROVED AND FORWARDED: DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES IN CHARGE COPIES OF THIS REPORT Bureau (RM) Chicago (MM) - San Antonio (Info.)
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and the contents were as follows:

"Knowing your anti-Communism, I'd like to call your attention to Amazing Stories, January, 1953. If the two stories, Frontiers Beyond the Sun (40,000) and Death Beyond the Veil (30,000) are not the rawest Commie propaganda I ever saw, I'm totally blind.

"For some time the magazine has been losing quality in its fiction. Apparently it is being sacrificed to the 'red' message.

"If you agree on this kick hell outs them."

tained the following postscript:

"P.S. Ray Palmer, Editor of Other Worlds" has been putting out some 'peace at any price editorials' that taste phony. F. J. "

Investigation at the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42 Street, New York, New York, revealed in a book entitled The Writers Market, 13th Edition, 1951, published by Writers Digest, Cincinnati, Ohio, that the offices of the publication "Other Worlds" are located at 1144 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. RAYMOND A PALMER was identified as the Editor of "Other Worlds." The information in The Writers Market reflected that the publication "Other Worlds" is issued bi-monthly and costs 35 cents a copy. "Other Worlds", according to the data in The Writers Market, utilizes science-fiction stories ranging from 2,000 to 30,000 words and "Other Worlds" contains no photographs or poetry, but pays 1 cent a word and up on the acceptance of any material for publication.

A review of the March, 1953 edition of "Other Worlds" reflected that the publication was published by the Clark Published ing Company, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois. The edition of "Other Worlds" indicated that the publication was distributed by the American News Company, Incorporated, New York, New York, and

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the staff of the publication was identified as follows:

Editors

RAY PAINER BEAMAHAFFEY

Art Director

MALCOLM HASMITH

The March, 1953 edition of "Other Worlds" contained an editorial written by RAY PAIMER; signed by his initials, "RAP". The editorial was an explanation of how the editors of "Other Worlds" work; how they get their material, their ideas, and how they sometimes make mistakes. PALMER stated that his theme of the editorial was that "BEA MAHAFFEY and I are going to take you on a confidential revelation of the 'inside! of "Other Worlds." There was no mention made of "peace at any price" or the Soviet Union or Communism.

The edition also contained seven short stories of the science-fiction theme. One of the stories, entitled "Diagnosis", 4,000 words in length, was written by RAY PAIMER. The story made no allusions to a "peace at any price" theme, and it was evidently written as a science-fiction adventure with a purely fictional background of incidents and characters.

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Bureau letter to New York Office, January 9, 1953, for-warded two copies of the letter made available to the Bureau by Mr. WALTER WINCHELL, and directed that although the location of PALMER and the publication of which he is editor is not reflected in the letter forwarded to the Bureau by WINCHELL, the data was being for-warded to the New York Office in the event either RAY PALMER or the publication "Other Worlds" came to the attention of the New York Office. The Bureau letter advised that no identifiable information relating to RAY PAIMER or the publication "Other Worlds" was contained in Bureau files. The Bureau letter also requested that the New York Office search the office files for any pertinent data concerning RAY PAIMER or the publication "Other Worlds" and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions regarding the handling of security investigations. A seach of the files of the New York Office failed to reflect any data identifiable with RAYMOND A. PALMER, RAY PALMER, or RAYMOND PALMER. No data was located that was identifiable with the publication "Other Worlds". LEADS CHICAGO. At Chicago; Illinois Will conduct search of office indices on RAYMOND A. PALMER and the publication "Other Worlds", 1144 Ashland Avenue Evanston, Illinois, for any pertinent data concerning them contained in the office files.

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letter received from "

Mr. WALTER WINCHELL, who forwarded

Veteran" to Bureau, and whose identity is kept confidential in view of his responsible position.

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Will conduct search of office indices on BEA MAHAFFEY and MALCOLM H. SMITH, identified as members of staff of publication worker Worlds."

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## At San Antonio, Texas

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Bureau letter to New York, dated January 9, 1953.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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	REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY  1/22/53 3/25; 1/6/53  DE
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がはなる か		MOND A. PALMER, or Clark Publishing Company.  First National Bank of Evanston records revealed officers of Clark Publishing Company as CURTIS FULLER, President; MARJORIE PALMER, Vice-President; MARY MARGARET FULLER, Secretary; and RAYMOND A. PALMER, Treasurer, and publica-
		tions as Fate, Other Worlds, Venture Books; Wenture Press, Harland Wilson.  b6 b7c
	DETAILS:	AT EVANSTON, TLLINOIS  Investigation at 11th Ashland Avenue, disclosed  that the premises are presently being utilized as  warehouse for the Alan-Robertson Company, 2735
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	OPIES DESTROYED 107 JUL 25 1963	The records of the Evanston Police Department were checked on April 6, 1953, and revealed no information on RAY PALMER or "Other Worlds."
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The files of the Evanston Credit Bureau which were reviewed on April 6, 1953, contained a clipping dated November 7, 1946, from an unknown newspaper captioned "Named Editor." This clipping reflected that RAYMOND A. FAIMER, 2514 Grant Street, Evanston, has been promoted to editor of the Ziff-Davis fiction division, according to an announcement this week by B. G. DAVIS, President of the Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, in Chicago.

Mr. PALMER lived in Evanston with his wife and two daughters for the past four years. He joined the staff of Ziff-Davis in 1938, after becoming known in the publishing world as a free-lance writer. His first duties were as managing editor of "Amazing Sories."

In 1939 Mr. PAIMER became managing editor of "Fantastic Adventures" in addition to his original assignment. In his present position he will serve as editor of "Mammoth Adventure," "Mammoth Detective," "Mammoth Western" and "Mammoth Mystery" as well as the other two.

On April 6, 1953, Mr. JOHN R. KIMBARK, Vice-President of the First National Bank and Trust Company, Sherman and Davis Streets, Evanston, made available from his bank records the following information relative to the Clark Publishing Company, 806 Dempster Street.

The former address of the Clark Publishing Company was listed as 1146 Ashland. On a Corporate Resolution form dated January 13, 1953, officers of the Corporation were listed as:

CURTIS FULLER - President
MARJORIE PALMER - Vice Fresident
MARY MARGARET FULLER - Secretary
RAYMOND A. PALMER - Treasurer

RAYMOND A. PAIMER'S current address was noted as RT #2, Box 36, Amherst, Wisconsin.

The bank records further reflected the following publications which are published by the Clark Company:

Fate Other Worlds Venture Books Venture Press Harland Wilson CG. 100-3490

On April 8, 1952, the Chicago Office of the FBI received a letter dated April 7, 1952, from CURTIS FULLER, President of the Clark Publishing Company, 1111 Ashland Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, who advised that he had received correspondence from proposed that FULLER Publish an article which FULLER stated was apologetic toward and held praise for the Nazis.

FULLER further stated in this letter, that "Fate" magazine publishes unusual stories, including stories of psychic-phenomena and parapsychology. It has a circulation of approximately 65,000. "Fate" is published by the Clark Publishing Company, which is incorporated under the laws of Illinois, has second-class entry, and is distributed by the American News Company.

To a letter dated February 22, 1952, addressed to FULLER stated that the Clark Publishing Company, is not interested in publishing any material or article apologizing for or praising the Nazis.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

A check of the Chicago indices reflected no derogatory information concerning RAYMOND A. PALMER, MALCOLM H. SMITH, BEA MAHAFFEY or "Other Worlds." There was no derogatory information regarding CURTIS FULLER or MARY MARGARET FULLER, officers of the Clark Publishing Company.

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Mr. E. Hoover F.B.I. Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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In the August 1954 issue of "Mystic" magazine there was a very fantastic story by Paul M, West entitled "Venusians Walk Our Streets:" published as a "true" story. The author claims that the F.B.I. has a heavy plate of the hardest alloyed steel which a man from space marked with a half inch deep streak by simply, and without effort, passing his fingernail over it. A report from a "foremost laboratory" in Los Angeles states" that the gouged mark in the steel plate would require pressure of over 1700 pounds to produce, and that analysis revealed the presence

All I want to know, is did the F.B.I. receive such a plate? (And of course anything else that can be reveiled at this time.)

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July 8, 1954 SE 44 4,00/90 RECORDED-91 INDEXED-91 No Dear Your letter of June 30, 1954, has been received, and the thought prompting your writing me is appreciated. For your information, the FAI has never received a steel plate such as the one to which you make reference. Sincerely yours HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED BYSPIGSFA John Edgar Hoov DATE 5/14/80 Director 2 CC's - Chicago, with two copies of the incoming and two copies of article appearing in the August, 1954, issue of "Mystic Magazine." ATTENTION SAC: Your office is being furnished Photostats of the article mentioned by correspondent which appeared in the August, 1954, issue of "Mystic Magazine." This magazine is published by Palmer Publications, Incorporated, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois, and its editor is Ray Palmer. It is to be noted that the story in question states that information regarding persons from Venus and reports of the steel plate in question have been made available to the FBI; however, the persons who supposedly submitted such information to the Bureau are either not named of are described by the use of ficticious names. On the basis of information furnished, no record is located in Bufiles that such information has ever been made ap Boardman available to the Bureau. (continued on next page) Nichols. Belmon NOTE: (see next page) milwale Follow-up made for July 21 1954 Tamm  $extit{DCL:djg}$ COMM -- FBI JUL 81954 Miss Gand MAILED 27

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You are instructed to have an Agent contact Editor Palmer in the very near future and advise him that we have no record of information such as he described being submitted to the Bureau and that we do not appreciate having the name of the Bureau used in fantastic stories appearing in his publication to add credence to his stories and articles. Advise the Bureau of results of your contact under caption "Ray Palmer, Palmer Publications, Incorporated, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois, RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)" no later than July 19, 1954.

NOTE: The article "Venusian's Walk Our Streets!" is a fantastic tale of certain characters who appear to be human beings and who have been personally known by the article's author Paul M. Vest, but who, it is advanced. are men from the planet Venus: A newspaper reporter, referred fictitiously to by author Vest as "Max Morton of the Los Angeles World," stated to Vest that he (Morton) had known a Venusian personally and that this being had run his thumb across a steel plate with no effort whatsoever gouging a streak over half an inch deep. The article went on to state that "Morton" said a full report was The article then given to the FBI, along with a laboratory analysis of the piece of gouged steel. It will be noted that current correspondence states that the steel plate was forwarded to the Bureau, whereas the article merely states that the report relative to the plate was submitted to us. Laboratory personnel cannot recall having received in the past any related data, per telephone call.

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SAC, Milwaukee

July 14, 1954.

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RAY PAIMER
Palmer Publications, Inc.
Route One, Amherst, Wisconsin
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

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Attached herewith for the attention of the Milwaukee Office is a copy of a letter referred to above, a copy of a letter from to the Director, and a photostatic copy of the article "Venusians Walk Our Street" by PAUL M. MEST.

Instructions concerning the handling of this matter are set forth in referenced letter.

Mrs. LEE GILMOUR, Circulation Department, Clark Publishing Company, 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Illinois, advised that RAY PAIMER moved his office space from this location a little short of a year ago; however, still retaining an interest in this firm.

Mrs. GILMOUR advised that RAYMOND PAIMER with his business, the Palmer Publications, Inco., had moved to Route 2, Amherst, Wisconsin, which he advised is his home and utilized as his place of business. Mrs. GILMOUR also stated that the publication "Mystic Magazine" is owned solely and published by RAYMOND PAIMER from his residence at Amherst, Wisconsin.

Milwaukee is requested to make this contact pursuant to the instructions contained in referenced letter and to furnish the results of such contact to the Bureau no later than July 19, 1954, as is also instructed by the Bureau.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Bureau for information in view of the change in caption as previously set forth by the Bureau.

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: Director, FBI TO

DATE: July 22, 1954

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Palmer Publications, Inc. 806 Demster Street. Evanston, Illinois RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Rebulet to

RAY PALMER

dated July 8, 1954.

RAYMOND PALMER, Route #2, Amherst, Wisconsin, owner and editor of "Mystic Magazine," was contacted on July 19, 1954 relative to the anticle appearing in the August 1954 issue of "Mystic Magazine" entitled "Ventsians Walk Our Streets." He stated that this article was written by PAUL M. TVEST, 709 17th Street, Santa Monica, California, noting that Mr. VEST is a writer for various magazines. Mr. PALMER stated that a reference to the FBI in the above mentioned article was not "caught" by him at the time he edited this article. Mr. PAIMER was advised that no such report ever reached the FBI. Mr. PAIMER apologized for having included this reference to the FBI in VEST's article and volum tarily stated that in the next issue of "Mystic Magazine" he would inform his readers that the FBI never received any such report as mentioned in the above article. Mr. PALMER stated that he desired to "keep the records straight" inasmuch as subscribers to "Mystic Magazine" may contact the Bureau to ascertain the veracity of VEST's article. Mr. PALMER indicated that he was very skeptical of VEST's article.

During the course of the interview, Mr. PALMER advised that he receives approximately 50 letters per week concerning flying saucers and pointed out that he takes those letters which appear to be the most feasible and furnishes the information to the Central Intelligence Agency in Chicago, Illinois, noting that he has been advised that they are interested in flying saucer reports. He also mentioned that he occasionally furnishes information relative to flying saucers to FRANK EDWARDS, nation-wide news commentator.

Mr. PAIMER stated that the next issue of "Mystic Magazine" will be published in about October and stated that in the event there was any objection to his plan to refute VEST's claim that the FBI received RECORDED - 72

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a full report concerning people from Venus walking our streets, he would be glad to insert an article agreeable to the Bureau. PAIMER was advised in this connection that the Bureau had no recommendation to make in this respect and that whether or not he desired to refute part of VEST's article was solely up to him.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 01-30-2009 BY 60322 uc/lp/stp/fls

September 29, 1954

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed carbon of a letter from me to Mr. Ray Palmer, editor and publisher of MYSTIC MAGAZINE, is self-explanatory. I was about to mail the original to Mr. Palmer when it occurred to me that it might be better to withhold same until I learned from you whether I would be spoiling anything by thus putting him on notice, or whether it is advisable to go ahead.

Therefore, will you kindly let me know as early as it is feasible whether I should withhold this letter from him indefinitely, or whether as far as the FBI and the ends of pro-Americanism are concerned, I should mail it to him. It happens that I am a member of AWARE, a fairly new organization begun in New York City., for combating Communism in the entertainment fields. I had thought to acquaint it with the situation in regard to Mr. Palmer, but shall also refrain from doing this until I hear from you.

MYSTIC was shown me by some friends. Published bi-monthly, the August, 1954 edition referred to is the fifth. However, Mr. Palmer, as revealed by paragraph two of the editorial discussed, is also publisher of FATE, a much older monthly periodical, now in its seventh year, ninth issue. Both are issue from 806 Dempster Street, Evanston, Ill., FATE by the "Clark Publishing Co."

Awaiting your reply,

Yours very truly,

Mr. I. Edgar Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

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September 24, 1954

Dear Sir:

Your editorial in the August, 1954 issue of MISTIC Magazine contains some shocking and obviously false statements. You convey as though it were a truth that the character, objectives and methods of the USSR, etc. are the same as those of the democracies, meaning foremost in this case, since you deal with this country, the U.S. You state that the struggle is not between democracy and communism but two identical groups, in effect out for identical power.

While you claim, with your exceptional abilities, to be privy to truth which is withheld from the rest of us, is you know anything at all, you must know that the above constitutes as flagrant a falsehood as any which can be devised.

Doubtless you are acquainted with the Marx-Engels' Manifest, and perhaps with the Theses and Statutes of International Congresses of the Communist International as far back as 1920. These outline in greatest detail the plot to take over physical, compulsive domination of the entire world, by any expediency available. Yet you pretend not to know that there is no descency, whatever its shortcomings may be in comparison with its ideals and goals, which has any such aim. Nor is there any democracy actively engaged in the internal and external aggressions against all freedom and decency in human relations as are the so-called Communists.

It is unnecessary to go here into this great matter to any degree, because one, it is so conspicuous that far from there being any truth in equating desormacy and so-called Communism, you know as well as everyone else that if you were living in any captive Communist country — and they are all that — you could not possibly be publishing MYSTIC. You not only rould have no printing facilities such as presses and paper svailable to you for this putative personal choice, but if you tried any-how, you would wind up in a slave labor camp, or merely be executed without any genuine trial, if at all.

Two, the reason for your evil propagands is plain. You try to cover your purpose with the first part of the sentence, p. 79, m Naturally we Americans would like to see Communism banished forever from our daily fare, but you give yourself away with the remainder "because in its present state, it is a terror to us." This is the claim of many heds and their friends, wiz, that Communism is OK, only Stalin distorted it. But the fact is that the seeds of all the agressions, brutalities including unheard-of-tortures, and the many errors in it its politice-economic system which practice has thoroughly disclosed are all either explicit or implicit in Marx-Engels themselves. The very expression, "dictatorship of the proletariat" is a typical sementic delusion with which to seduce and cheat people since the expression is without any validity thatsoever. A dictatorship is always absolute rule by a very few or one person at the top.

Characteristically with you people, you devote your editorial firstly to sympathy for the the poor, benighted American dubs who do not know what a what because they are fed solely propagands and then, having greased this demoralizing slide, you club them with the most breen misrepresentation, not to say treasmable — to humanity, all good and the U.S. — as the truth.

It is particularly base for you to seek to subvert people through their quest for truth concerning the eternal spiritual life. Again, if as you imply, you, unlike the beclouded ignoromuses by whom you are surrounded here in the U. S., have any understanding of what you are saying, you must also know that Marx not only set

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out to destroy God and all religion, but, incidentally, the soul as well. (Il theses on Feuerbach). In an entirely material concept of mankind and life, whether you would be permitted its publication or not, there would just be no place for such a magazine as MYSTIC.

However, there is nothing mystic about what you are up to. It needs to be exposed.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Ray Palmer Editor, MYSTIC MAGAZINE Palmer Publications, Inc., 808 Dempster Street Evenston, Ill.

October 5, 1954

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Your letter of September 29, 1954, with enclosure, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In connection with the copy of the letter you enclosed. I could like to point out that it is not possible for me to advise you whether or not to send the letter in question to the editor of the magazine you mentioned. You may be sure that your communication will be made a matter of record in our files.

If you believe you have any additional information of interest to the FEI, please feel free to contact the representatives of our office located at 290 Broadway, New York.

COMPY - FRI TOUT DE 1954 DIAILED 28 Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover

cc - New York, with a copy of the incoming and the enclosure.

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NOTE: Raymond Palmer of Amherst, Wisconsin, is owner and editor of "Mystic Magazine." He was formerly treasurer of the Clark Publishing Company of Evanston, Illinois, which publishes "Fate," "Other Worlds," Wentere Books," "Venture Press" and "Harland Wilson." Palmer still retains an interest in the Clark Publishing Company. "Fate" magazine publishes unusual stories, including stories of psychic-phenomena and para-psychology. (100-400198-5) (See next page)

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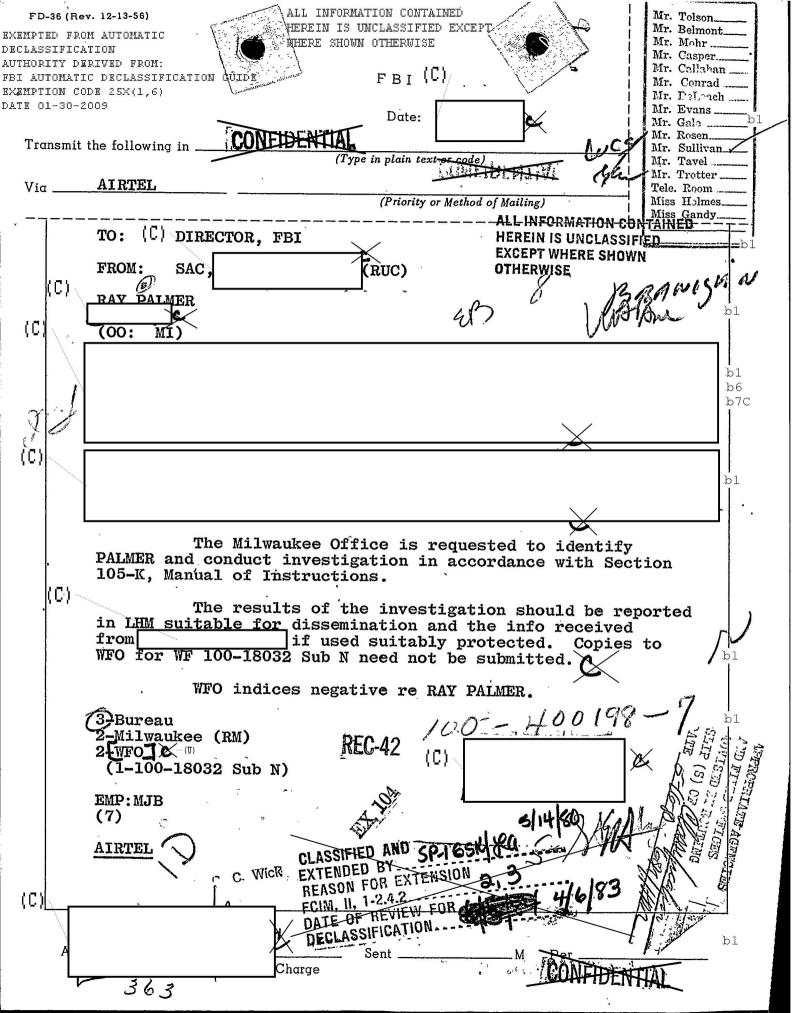
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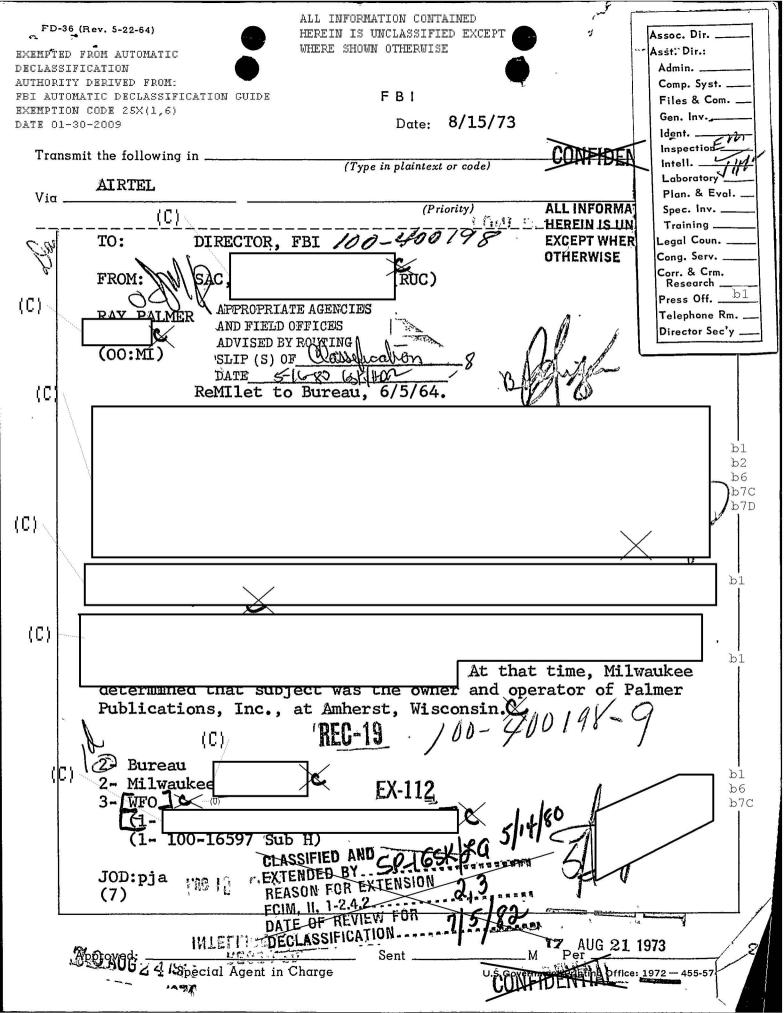
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