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PAUL ROBESON, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject employed as chairman of the Council on African Affairs, Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom," and self employed as a concert singer. ROBESON resides at 22 E. 89 St., NYC and Enfield, Conn. Subject's passport was revoked by the State Department. Subject reported to have spoken at rallies and meetings of various front groups. Subject made national concert tour in the spring of 1952, and was banned in some cities. ROBESON reported to head a committee to campaign for the release of imprisoned Communist leaders. Subject reported as making statement regarding his alleged Communist affiliation. The Provisional Committee to Restore ROBESON's Passport formed. Suit to revalidate ROBESON's passport was thrown out of court. ROBESON made various statements on recent elections, civil rights, and the ROSENBERG case. Informant advised ROBESON attended National Negro Labor Council second annual convention in Cleveland, Ohio 11/21-23/52. Subject reportedly admits being Communist [redacted] b7I

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DETAILS:

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Residence

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that the subject maintains his residence at 22 East 89 Street, New York City, c/o HAROLD McGEE, and also receives his mail at this address. T-12 further advised that he believes the subject has a residence in Enfield, Connecticut. b7D

Employment

The "Daily Worker" of July 6, 1952, page one, columns two and three, contained an article captioned "Robeson Tour a Triumph for the Artist and the People," written by JOHN HUDSON JONES, this article stated that ROBESON gave fifteen concerts in as many cities, before nearly seventy-five thousand people. It further stated that the tour honored the fifty-fourth birthday of the subject. This tour, according to the article, was sponsored by the United Freedom Fund, and exceeded all expectations.

The great crowds and the struggles carried on by the people against official opposition in many cities made him express the feeling that in all his career, he had enjoyed this tour the most, according to the article.

The "Daily Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, furnished a news release of the Council on African Affairs, dated August 18, 1952 which listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman of this organization. b7D

The Council on African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The September 1952 issue of "Freedom" a monthly publication of Freedom Associates listed the subject as Chairman of the Editorial Board of this newspaper.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that previous to February 1952, "Freedom" published by Freedom Associates had been suspended for approximately three b7D

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months and that through the efforts of PAUL ROBESON the paper is again being published.

It is noted that Confidential Informant [redacted] had previously advised that the members of the editorial staff and editorial board of "Freedom" a monthly publication of Freedom Associates, 53 west 135 Street, New York City, are Communists active in racial matters. b7D

Activities

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that a New York State Civil Rights Congress leadership meeting took place on [redacted] at [redacted] He further advised that WILLIAM PATTERSON at this meeting stated that the Civil Rights Congress must widely use the statements, such as the statement of Judge DELLAPLY, linking PAUL ROBESON with Communism. PATTERSON stated "DELLAPLY is helping to merge Communism and the fight of the Negro people by linking ROBESON with the Communist Party and the struggle for peace. b7D

"The trials of the Communists must be brought to the attention of the Negro people, because the Negro people are associating the Communist Party with the struggle for their liberation...the linking of ROBESON with Communism should be utilized by us on a wide scale among the Negro people; ROBESON is fighting for the Negro people and for peace. ROBESON is a Communist. The Communist Party is fighting for the same principles. So, the Communist Party is our Party!"

It is noted that WILLIAM PATTERSON is National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, which organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that the Citizens Emergency Defense Conference held a rally on March 16, 1952 at City Center, 135 West 55 Street, New York City. This rally was held for the defense of the Smith Act victims. b7D

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally. According to the Informant, ROBESON stated that we must fight for the Communist and for the Communist Party because it is the vanguard of the working class. It is part of a movement which is sweeping all over the world. We are ready for a determined onslaught against the Smith Act.

Confidential Informant [redacted], reported that ROBESON further stated, "In defending DENNIS and BEN DAVIS and ARNOLD JOHNSON, we are defending the rights of the Negro people."

He further stated, according to [redacted], "The African people and the Negro people from other parts of the world told him that they would not go to war against the Soviet Union. Let the warmongers remember this, and let them also remember that the people of the world know that civilization was saved at Stalingrad."

The "Daily Worker" of April 8, 1952, page three, columns two to four, carried an article which stated that the Citizens Emergency Defense Conference declared its specific purpose to be the defense of the sixteen New York Smith Act victims facing trial at Foley Square.

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Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that ROBESON addressed a meeting at the Yugoslav-American Home, New York City on April 17, 1952 which meeting was to welcome delegates who attended the Inter-continental Peace Conference at Montevideo, Uruguay. According to the Informant ROBESON compared the oppression of Chinese and Indians in South America to the oppression of Negros in the United States and South Africa, stating that all were slaves.

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ROBESON, according to the Informant, claimed that the United States was stealing valuable resources from Latin America. According to [redacted] ROBESON pointed out that the French Revolution had a world-wide effect and that the Russian Revolution is inevitably having a similar effect. ROBESON further stated according to the Informant that it is the duty of Americans to encourage this Revolution so that it would spread as fast as possible.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] both of known reliability, advised that the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41 Street, New York City is one of the largest centers of Yugoslav Communist activity in the New York area.

The "Daily Worker" of April 6, 1952, page four, columns two to five carried an article captioned "Washington Exposes its own hand in Robeson Passport Case." This article stated that the Secretary of State lifted ROBESON's passport under the National Emergency and on restrictions imposed on travel in November 1941 to prevent Nazi and Japanese spies from operating.

The article further stated that ROBESON's lawyers argued that he had been deprived of his property rights without due process of the law under the Fifth Amendment, that he has been deprived of freedom of speech, thought, assembly, petition and travel in violation of the First Amendment. They further argued that the Secretary of State acted illegally and unconstitutionally, according to the article.

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[redacted] advised that the Council on African Affairs held a rally on April 5, 1952 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Lenox Avenue and 125 Street, New York City. The Informant further stated that PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at this rally. The Informant quoted ROBESON as follows: "This South African campaign will bring to all the Africans and darker races of the world, the struggle for liberation. This is a direct challenge to all Negros to fight, "How long can we take this treatment?" said ROBESON. He further stated, according to the Informant, that if the South African people win some freedom, we are going to win some in America. b7D

The "Daily Worker" of April 30, 1952, page three, columns one to three carried an article captioned "Paul Robeson to Open National Tour with Concert at Rockland Park." This article stated that ROBESON's birthday concert at Rockland Park on May 8 will be part of a nation-wide series of concerts at which the great Negro artist will be honored. It further stated that the concerts will protest the "house arrest" of the artist who has been denied a passport by the State Department. It further stated that greetings and invitations to sing have been pouring in from almost every nation in the world to ROBESON.

The New York "Amsterdam News" of May 17, 1952, page forty-one, columns three and four contain an article captioned "Frisco Mayor, Board Ban Robeson Concert." This article stated that San Francisco last week became the latest city to ban PAUL ROBESON, noted baritone, in his current concert tour of American cities. It further stated that when the Board of Trustees spurred, by Mayor ELMER ROBINSON, voted to deny the singer permission to sing in the opera house, San Francisco joined Oakland, California and Seattle, Washington, as cities which have refused to allow the singer to sing.

The Mayor was quoted as follows: "It's time to quit compromising with the Communists. I don't say ROBESON should be banned from singing in San Francisco - that is up to those who have halls to hire. But I don't believe that ROBESON should be permitted to sing at the tombstone of those who gave their lives

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for this kind of government that they believe in and ROBESON opposes."

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON will head a committee to campaign for the release of the imprisoned Communist leaders. This campaign is just being planned and will be nation-wide. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised concerning the activities surrounding a concert given by PAUL ROBESON in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 29, 1952. The Informant reported [redacted] ROBESON stated that one thing he wanted to destroy was fear in the minds of our presses that he was a Communist. "The question is not whether PAUL ROBESON is a Communist or not - if that were true and they could prove it, they would have already hauled me before a Congressional Committee or Court." ROBESON stated, according to the Informant, "many times I have offered to go before any committee and present my feelings and to qualify my stand. Yes! I have stated that I liked what I saw in Soviet Russia during my visits there. The great Transfiguration of a people that was shown and that had taken place between my first visit in 1936 and my last visit in 1947, makes me like what I saw. For that reason I educated my son there. But the real core of my fight is not political but is based on the sympathy and the love of my people and all colored people of the world. I am determined to strike down all 'Jim Crowism' and second class citizenship wherever I find it. The only thing we must concern ourselves with is Negro liberation to full citizenship in all the world and world peace." b7D

The New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" of June 14, 1952, page nineteen, column six carried an article captioned "Robeson Will Sing in Street if Necessary." This article stated that the American House in St. Paul cancelled a contract for the singer's appearance there after veteran and civic organizations protested on the basis of ROBESON's alleged political activities."

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, furnished a throw-away issued by a "Provisional Committee to b7D

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Restore Paul Robeson's Passport," located at 2206 7 Avenue, New York City. This throw-away listed MARGARET McCADEN, secretary of the above captioned committee and quoted her as follows: "For more than one year PAUL ROBESON has been imprisoned within the geographical boundaries of the United States. In violation of our constitutional guarantees of freedom and speech and the right to secure and own property, the State Department has cancelled PAUL ROBESON's right to travel abroad to fill the numerous requests to hear him sing and speak.

"Recently, representatives of various peace organizations, cultural, Civil Rights, and labor groups, as well as individuals came to give and form a Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport."

This committee believes that the denial of Mr. ROBESON's right to travel abroad is a threat to the freedom and security of all Americans in all walks of life. Consequently we are in the process of organizing a national campaign around the case of PAUL ROBESON's passport."

This throw-away was in the form of a letter appealing for financial support of the above captioned committee.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, has advised that MARGARET McCADEN was a member of the Communist Party or the Communist Political Association sometime in 1945 or 1946. b7D

The "Daily Worker" of August 7, 1952, page one, column one, carried an article captioned "Paul Robeson Says; Fight Now-Don't Wait For No." This article quoted ROBESON as follows: "Whoever is elected President, Negroes want an FEPC, voting rights and an end to white supremacist terror NOW. There is no reason, if we have the strength and vision to press now for these (civil rights) goals unitedly, why we should have to wait until after the elections to get them."

It is further quoted as ROBESON saying, "None of the candidates for the highest offices in this land, take a forthright position on civil rights and back it up with action except the nominees of the Progressive Party, VINCENT HALLINAN, for president,

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"and that great and courages woman, Mrs. CHARLOTTA BASS, for Vice-President."

ROBESON further stated according to the article: "The two old party leaders, the statement charged, have chosen an alliance with the Dixiecrat South and said to Negroes and the nation: Your rights be damned. We are interested in war and conquest, not peace and equality."

The "New York Times" of August 6, 1952, carried an article captioned "Curb on Robeson Stands," this article stated that the suit by PAUL ROBESON, singer, to have the State Department revalidate his passport was ordered thrown out of court today, August 7, 1952.

The article further stated that the United States Court of Appeals sent the issue back to the District Court with instructions that it be dismissed, since, it held, nothing concrete remained of the case.

The article went on to say that the court had reasoned that, since the passport expired January 5, 1951, and no application for renewal was shown to have been made, there was nothing left at issue. The article further stated that the singer's complaint, filed December 19, 1950, said the invalidation of his passport prevented him from making a concert and speaking tour abroad and thus deprived him of a property right.

The article concluded by stating that when the passport was cancelled in August 1950, a State Department spokesman said that the department felt that Mr. ROBESON's actions were not always in the interest of the United States.

The "Daily Worker" of October 15, 1952, page six, column three carried an article captioned "Robeson". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON, a leader of the Progressive Party and the Council on African Affairs, had made a statement

in regard to the ROSENBERG case as follows: "The refusal of the Supreme Court to review the case of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG is the latest evidence of the callous disregard for human life and elementary justice which is the bitter fruit of the current war hysteria."

The article further quoted ROBESON as saying, "But in the United States, a young couple is condemned to the electric chair on the basis of flimsy evidence, in the atmosphere charged with pro-war and anti-Semitic bias, and the Supreme Court succumbs to the mania of the moment and fails to discharge its responsibility to extend due process."

He was further quoted as saying, "The preservation of popular liberties in this country depends upon the insistence of the American people that the court reverse its decision and grant the ROSENBERG's a hearing."

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that a broadcast emanating from Peiping, China, concerning the Asian Peace Conference which adjourned October 12, 1952, stated that one of the major purposes of the conference was the establishment of an organization known as the Asian Peace Liaison Committee, to be headed by SUN YAT-SEN. This broadcast listed various phases of the afore mentioned committee and stated that PAUL ROBESON would be the United States Representative of the Peace Liaison Committee.

An article from the "Shanghai News" for October 4, 1952 contained a statement of PAUL ROBESON as follows: "With profound shame and indignation, I join with you and with human men and women everywhere in demanding that the government of the United States stop immediately the unspeakable crime of bacteriological warfare and conform without further excuse to the international convention to outlaw such barbaric weapons.

"To overthrow the long-embattled Republic of Viet-Nam, the United States Government, violating the democratic traditions of the American people, is furnishing its French Imperialist lackeys with money and materials of war, not sparing the most recent devices of mass murder."

This article containing the statement of ROBESON was addressed to the Asian Peace Conference and his statement generally

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dealt with the efforts of the American Peace Crusade to obtain a cease fire and total truce in Korea.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that PAUL ROBESON was in attendance at the second annual convention of the National Negro Labor Council at Cleveland, Ohio, November 21-23, 1952 and that during that convention ROBESON [redacted] stated that he got a great kick out of watching the police and government "watch dogs" watching the various people who got out of taxis and otherwise going to the concert, and he said it made him feel very good that "we had them on the run."

The Informant stated that in his opinion the entire Council is still run from New York City and the most influential persons in the operation of the National Negro Labor Council were BILL PATTERSON and PAUL ROBESON.

[redacted] has advised the National Negro Labor Council is a Communist dominated organization which does not deviate from the Communist Party line.

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON spoke at Otisfield Hall, Otisfield, Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts on the night of April 4, 1952. The Informant reported ROBESON as saying, "There is to be an uprising in South Africa, April 6, 1952 by my people fighting for their rights."

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability advised that the Council of Greek Americans, 359 West 26 Street, New York City, sponsored a rally on April 7, 1952 at the Hotel Capitol, 51 Street and 9 Avenue, New York City, to protest the death sentence of eight Greek Communist spies rendered on March 1, 1952, by an Athens Court-Martial. The Informant advised that PAUL ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally and charged that the twelve Communists sentenced last year were framed.

The Informant stated that ROBESON praised United States and Greek Communist Parties and stated that the United States rulers are driving the world into fascism. He further stated that ROBESON praised the North Koreans, Russians and Chinese.

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stating that they were fighting for freedom of the world and peace.

[redacted] advised that the Council of Greek Americans is a new Greek Communist Organization.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability advised that a reception was attended by the subject at the home of JAMES STATE, 2006 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, after the concert given by the subject at the Weaver High School on Saturday Evening, November 15, 1952. He further advised that ROBESON spent the night at the TATE home.

[redacted] stated that [redacted], a young colored woman whose identity is unknown to the Informant, suggested to ROBESON, that there are other ways to help the Negro people besides Communism. ROBESON replied, "My dear girl, my best friends are Communists, I am a Communist and proud to be one, one of my best friends, BEN DAVIS is a Communist and he is in jail right now." According to the Informant, shortly thereafter a male negro, whose identity was also unknown to the Informant stated that he admired ROBESON for his artistic ability, but differed with him in everything he stands for. At this point, according to [redacted] ROBESON replied, "Here's one Negro boy who if he gets a bullet through his chest tomorrow will die happy because I put this government on the spot when I made that speech in Paris that shook all the world."

[redacted] reported ROBESON as having stated "We progressives have been too soft, we must toughen up and come out fighting. I will personally be the first one to punch WALTER WINCHELL right in the nose."

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report important excerpts from subject's speeches and writings.

Will follow and report general Communist Party activity of the subject.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted], made at NY, 3/21/52.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 6, 1953

FROM : W. J. Geiermann

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

At 3:15 A.M., this date, [redacted] phone [redacted] called the Bureau. He stated he is a patient in Ward 10-A at the U. S. Army Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, but is presently on a thirty-day furlough at the [redacted] address.

[redacted] advised he wished to report that he had recently read in a Look magazine that Paul Robeson was listed as one of the "ten most wanted Communists" and that Robeson resides at 1314 East National Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. He further stated that the magazine described Robeson as a "very active Russian agent with the CIO."

Bureau files contain no record of [redacted]

It is noted that file number 100-12304-267 reflects Robeson resided at 1221 Enfield St., Enfield, Connecticut, in June, 1952.

Recommendation:

For your information.

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THE PRIZE WAS CREATED BY THE USSR IN THE NAME OF STALIN; THE DISTINGUISHED LEADER OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE. THE RECIPIENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS IN MOSCOW AT THEIR CONVENIENCE. SUBSEQUENTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO FULFILL CONCERT ENGAGEMENTS IN THE ABOVE COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. PASSPORT OFFICE, WHICH RECEIVED APPLICATION TODAY, WILL GIVE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION THERETO AND MAY COMMUNICATE WITH SUBJECT BY LETTER IN LIGHT OF RECENTLY ADOPTED CHANGES IN PASSPORT REGULATIONS. ABOVE FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND NY.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: February 10, 1953

To: Mr. John W. Ford
Chief, Division of Security
U. S. Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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This Bureau has been advised that the captioned subject recently applied for a passport for a proposed three months' travel to Soviet Russia to receive a peace award from the Soviet government.

As you know the captioned individual is the subject of a current security investigation by this Bureau. For your information there is enclosed herewith one copy each of the following reports regarding the current activities of the subject:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 21, 1952, at New York, New York.

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TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE
(1) PAUL ROBESON	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: In 1948 informant felt ROBESON aligned himself with Communists for publicity purposes. The subject helped raise funds for the Abraham Lincoln School in 1943; attended American Peace Crusade functions in 1951 and was active in the Civil Rights Congress in 1948-1949. ROBESON assisted the National Negro Labor Council in 1951; attended TWO functions in 1945 and 1950; and took part in Progressive Party meetings in 1948 and 1950 and 1952. Subject participated in the South Side Negro Labor Council in 1951 and sang at the Washington Park Forum in 1952.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party, USA has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835 as a subversive organization which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by un-constitutional means.

History of Activity in the Communist Party

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[redacted] of known reliability on [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON had recently

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refused to testify before a Congressional Committee as to whether or not he was a Communist. The informant said that this was stupid because ROBESON had previously stated on one occasion that he was a Communist, and that what ROBESON did in refusing to testify was a detriment to the Negro race. The informant feels that ROBESON has aligned himself with the Communists for publicity purposes only, and that he, ROBESON, does not actually feel that Communism is desirable.

[redacted] of known reliability

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on May 31, 1952 one dozen roses were purchased from the funds of the 8th Ward of the Communist Party Club Treasury, and, according to the informant, these roses were for PAUL ROBESON who was, at that time, visiting in Chicago.

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Abraham Lincoln School

The Abraham Lincoln School has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835 as a Communist organization.

[redacted] of known reliability

[redacted] stated on May 5, 1943 that PAUL ROBESON was planning to come to Chicago to assist in some manner with the finances of the Abraham Lincoln School, and that in this connection negotiations were being made whereby a citizen's committee was to sponsor a musical festival on July 24, 1943 which would pay the Abraham Lincoln School approximately $2,000 if ROBESON appeared on the program to be sponsored by them.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that approximately $3,600 was collected at the PAUL ROBESON reception held at the Abraham Lincoln School on July 25, 1943.

The American Peace Crusade

The American Peace Crusade has been cited as an organization

which "the Communists established as a new instrument for their peace offensive in the United States and which was heralded by the 'Daily Worker' with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objective". This citation appears in the House Committee on Un-American Activities Report No. 378 on the Communist Peace Offensive dated April 25, 1951.

[redacted] of known reliability

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on [redacted] he observed PAUL ROBESON at a meeting of the American Peace Crusade in the Chicago Coliseum.

[redacted], of known reliability

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON spoke at a conference of the American Peace Crusade held on June 29-30, and July 1, 1951 in the Chicago Coliseum, 15th and Wabash Streets, Chicago, Illinois. Informant said that ROBESON's theme in his speech was world peace.

[redacted] of known reliability

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON spoke at a meeting of the American Peace Crusade on June 30, 1951 at the Coliseum at 15th and Wabash Streets, Chicago, Illinois. The informant stated that PAUL ROBESON spoke on sources of influence and the keeping of the peace. He said that ROBESON stated that "All questions of peace stem from the colonization" and informant said that ROBESON accused the United States of dominating the U.N. and that the Soviet Union has always had struggles for liberation and they look to the Soviet Union because of its help in the past, and decided to throw off the yoke of exploitation and separation.

The Civil Rights Congress

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835 as a Communist organization.

[redacted] an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on August 27, 1949 at an open-air meeting of the Civil Rights Congress at the Congress Street Plaza, Chicago, Illinois, SIDNEY ORDOWER, Legislative Director of the Progressive Party of Illinois, stated "I want to pay tribute to the two great party leaders of the Progressive Party, HENRY WALLACE and our co-chairman, PAUL ROBESON. As I said, ROBESON and I will be glad to say it again. Under such leadership the Progressive Party will continue to fight and will meet with even greater success in the future".

[redacted] on [redacted] informed that the Civil Rights Congress has made the following arrangements for three rallies, featuring singer, PAUL ROBESON:

Friday, 8:00 PM
9/23/49
Baker Hall
218 W. Oak Street

Saturday, 8:00 PM
9/24/49
Rose Bowl
4724 S. Cottage Grove

Sunday, 3:30 PM
9/25/49
Peoples Auditorium
2547 W. Chicago Avenue

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on September 23, 1949 a PAUL ROBESON Rally under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress was held at Baker Hall, 218 West Oak Street. The informant stated that at this rally PAUL ROBESON gave a speech in which he explained how he had changed his way of life in order that he could do the most for his people.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on September 24, 1949 the

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Civil Rights Congress held a PAUL ROBESON Rally in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 5130 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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[redacted] on [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON was present at a reception of the Civil Rights Congress honoring WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, held on September 19, 1948 at 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The informant advised that at that reception PAUL ROBESON gave a speech in which he stated that PATTERSON was his best friend and the most progressive and brilliant in the fight for betterment of humanity and democracy. The informant said ROBESON further stated that the fight against Communism is the first step of Fascism, and that such people as WILLIAM L. PATTERSON are needed to spearhead the fight against these attacks on the Communist Party, and concluded by stating "It is only through WILLIAM L. PATTERSON that I am what I am today".

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and HOWARD FAST were members of a delegation which went to Washington, D. C. to see Attorney General J. HOWARD MC GRATH, but were only successful in contacting MC GRATH's assistant.

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, but who holds a responsible position, advised in [redacted] that he regards HOWARD FAST as a Communist, although he has no proof of FAST's Communist Party membership. He stated that judging from FAST's jokes, if he is not a Communist, he is at least sympathetic to Communist causes.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that MARGARET GROSS BURROUGHS, Executive Secretary of the Artists Council of the Civil Rights Congress, sponsored a money raising party for PAUL ROBESON the last time ROBESON was in Chicago. I LL

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Chicago Negro Labor Council

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON sang at a meeting of the Founding Convention of the National Negro Labor Council held on October 27-28, 1951 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The informant said that in addition to singing, PAUL ROBESON gave a speech in which he related his activity as a fighter for the oppressed peoples of the world, and made mention of the great strength of the darker peoples of the world.

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The informant said [redacted] stated that this was out of the question, as PAUL ROBESON had stated that he would not appear for any affair that was anything else but a freedom affair exclusively.

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised in [redacted] that HILLIARD ELLIS

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was active in the Communist Party Trade Union, District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois, and had admitted Communist Party membership in the public press.

International Workers Order

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[redacted] stated on [redacted] that on March 23, 1950 PAUL ROBESON appeared at a meeting of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order held at 224 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois. The informant said that PAUL ROBESON sang several songs and closed the performance by stating "It is time that we stopped being afraid".

Progressive Party

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[redacted] supra

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON spoke at a HENRY A. WALLACE Rally sponsored by the Progressive Party held at Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois on September 14, 1948.

The informant said that ROBESON spoke previously on the importance of eliminating "Jim Crowism", segregation and racial prejudice and also entertained the audience with five songs.

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON appeared at "A Peoples' Concert" at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 4130 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on March 15, 1950. The informant stated that this affair was sponsored by the Progressive Party of Illinois. The informant further advised that PAUL ROBESON sang a few songs and in a short speech remarked that he would fight the people who want to blow up the whole world because they can't take it with them.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on September 16, 1950 PAUL ROBESON spoke at a mass election rally sponsored by the Progressive Party of Illinois at the Arcade Ballroom, 3456 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. The informant stated that ROBESON sang a few songs and then remarked that his passport had been declared null and void but, however, recently he had been advised by the State Department that his visa would be returned if he would shut up. The informant said that ROBESON criticized anti-Communist legislation and praised Russia for teaching the people to love people of the colored race.

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that on September 16, 1950 PAUL ROBESON was the guest of honor at a Progressive Party Cabaret Party at the Packinghouse Labor Center, 49th and Wabash, Chicago, Illinois. The informant stated that ROBESON made no speech, but merely watched the entertainment.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on November 1, 1950 PAUL ROBESON attended an open-air rally held by the Young Progressives of Illinois, together with the Progressive Party of Illinois. The informant said that at this meeting ROBESON made a speech in which he stated that he had been

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fighting the cause of the colored people all his life and had shown no fear. The informant further advised that ROBESON stated that although the State Department had refused him permission to travel, he still reaches the free peoples of the world through reporting.

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[redacted] on [redacted] advised that on September 16, 1950 a PAUL ROBESON Cabaret Party sponsored by the Progressive Party was held at the Packinghouse Workers Center, 49th and Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The informant said that ROBESON also entertained here and sang a few songs.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on September 16, 1950 PAUL ROBESON attended an Illinois Progressive Party kick-off election rally held at the Arcadia Ballroom, 3456 South State Street. The informant added that ROBESON spoke on the persecution of the Negro race by the white chauvinists, not only in the United States but also in the colonial countries of the world.

The informant said that ROBESON praised the U.S.S.R. as being the only republic where the Negro had freedom and can exert it without being "Jim Crowed". The informant said that ROBESON urged the people to support the Progressive Party in every fight because the Progressive Party represents the Negro and also the working people and because it is their party, that is the Party of the poor people, and the working peoples' Party.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON sang at a Progressive Party convention held on July 5, 1952 at the Ashland Boulevard Auditorium.

South Side Negro
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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on February 25, 1951 PAUL ROBESON was present at a conference of the South Side Negro Labor Council at the Packinghouse Center, 49th and Wabash, Chicago, Illinois. The informant said that ROBESON gave a talk in which he stated that he had given up the concert stage to campaign for Negro rights and was proud to be a "people's artist". The informant said that ROBESON stated that the colored people were fighting for their liberation, and that the concert he had given on February 24, 1951 at 4106 South Parkway, was the first concert he had given which was sponsored by his own people. The informant further advised that ROBESON stated that the great music is the property of the common people as is the wealth of the earth, and that people must make plans to regain the wealth of the earth. ROBESON stated he is presently pre-occupied with a struggle for peace.

[redacted] on [redacted] stated that at a meeting of the South Side Negro Labor Council on March 22, 1951 it was announced that the PAUL ROBESON concert sponsored by the South Side Negro Labor Council on February 24, 1951 netted $100 profit for the organization and $400 for PAUL ROBESON.

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[redacted], supra

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on February 24, 1951 PAUL ROBESON appeared at a concert under the auspices of the South Side Negro Labor Council held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway. The informant stated that ROBESON sang a few classical songs and remarked that he no longer sings at the Metropolitan Opera House, but that he is now solely a "peoples' singer". The informant further advised that ROBESON stated that now is the time for the people to take their destiny in their own hands if they are to have freedom.

Washington Park Forum

[redacted] supra, advised on [redacted] that OTIS HYDE, Chairman of the Washington Park Forum, gives preference as to speakers at the Washington Park Forum to those who express the Communist Party policy on the subjects under discussion.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on June 1, 1952 a "PAUL ROBESON Jubilee for Peace and Freedom" sponsored by the Washington Park Forum and the Chicago Negro Labor Council was held in Washington Park, 53rd and South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The informant said that ROBESON sang a few songs and made a few remarks. The informant stated that ROBESON stated "The tobacco owners and manufacturers are worried about the workers. We will fight for the workers. The leadership is afraid of the great mass of Negroes. Let's go down to TRUMAN and say 'We want our Civil Rights now' ".

[redacted] supra

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that on June 1, 1952 at Washington Park in Chicago, PAUL ROBESON was honored on his 54th birthday by a meeting co-sponsored by the Washington Park Forum and the Chicago Negro Labor Council. The informant stated that ROBESON sang a few songs and gave a short summary of the occasion. The informant added that immediately following the meeting there was a reception held for ROBESON at the Arcade Ballroom at 35th and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois.

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Associates

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[redacted] advised in [redacted] that CHARLES H. COYLE was a close friend of PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that COYLE contributed to Communist front organizations and had been in attendance at meetings of the Professional Section of the Communist Party.

[redacted] supra

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on August 1, 1949 PETE PRICE was in contact with PAUL ROBESON.

[redacted] supra, advised on [redacted] that [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party, District No. 6 and is considered a very good man by the Communist Party.

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RE: Report of SA [redacted] at New Haven dated 5-29-53 and captioned as above.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject was chairman of the Civil Rights Congress in 1949. He gave a concert in Hartford, Conn. on 11-15-52 which was held to raise funds for the Peoples Party of Connecticut and the National Negro Labor Council. He attended the National Committee Meeting of the American Peace Crusade in 1953

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I. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a reception was held for the subject at the home of JAMES S[illegible]ATE, 2006 Main St., Hartford, Connecticut, after a concert which was given by the subject at the Weaver High School, Hartford, Connecticut, on 11-15-52. The informant stated that a young colored woman whose identity is unknown to the informant suggested to the

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subject [redacted] that there were other ways of helping the negro people rather than through Communism. According to the informant, the subject replied "My dear girl, my best friends are Communists. Iam a Communist and proud to be one. One of my best friends, BEN DAVIS, is a Communist and he is in jail right now". Shortly thereafter a male negro whose identity was also unknown to the informant stated that he admired the subject for his artistic ability but differed with him in everything he stood for. At this point the subject replied "Here's one negro boy who if he gets a bullet through his chest tomorrow will die happy because I put this Government on the spot when I made that speech in Paris that shook the world". The informant also reported that the subject stated "We Progressives have been too soft, we must toughen up and come out fighting".

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as a paid Communist Party functionary in the State of Connecticut. It may be noted that BENJAMIN DAVIS is publicly known as a Communist Party functionary.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a special meeting was held on [redacted] at [redacted] The informant advised that this meeting was attended by Communist Party members only. [redacted] he was traveling throughout Connecticut lining up men to act as a security guard for ROBESON at the Robeson concert which was to be held on 11-15-52.

The informant advised that all of the Communist Party members present at this meeting greatly enjoyed the militent nature of the planning. [redacted] mentioned that 50 men were to come with the subject from New York to Hartford to give him protection. The informant advised that it appeared evident from remarks made by [redacted] that SIDNEY TAYLOR was directing the setup of security for the subject's concert.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were known to the informant as active Communist Party members. The informant further advised that SIDNEY TAYLOR was known to the informant as the State Chairman of the Communist Party in Connecticut.

[redacted] advised that the PAUL ROBESON concert was held on 11-15-52 at Hartford, Connecticut which concert was organized under the direction of SIDNEY TAYLOR. The informant advised that proceeds of the concert were to go to the Communist Party and the Peoples Party of Connecticut which were co-sponsors of the group.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] stated at a meeting on [redacted] which was held at [redacted] that the subject was due in Hartford, Connecticut in the near future. They did not advise the reason for the subject's visit.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member.

The 9-18-49 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald" a daily newspaper in Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflected that the subject formed a National Non-Partisam Committee which was to defend the rights of the twelve Communist leaders. According to the neswpaper article the stated aim of the committee was to stimulate public interest in the proposition that the constitutional rights of the twelve Communist defendants had been and were being violated.

The 11-8-52 issue of the "Hartford Times", a daily newspaper in Hartford, Connecticut, reflected that the subject attended a party on 11-7-52 which was held at the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C. According to the newspaper article, the affair was given to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the October 1917 Socialist Revolution in Russia.

The 11-17-52 issue of the "Hartford Times" contained an article which reflected an interview with the subject after his concert which was held on the evening of 11-15-52 at Weaver High School Hartford, Connecticut. In an emotional outburst following his concert ROBESON told the reporters it was "Nobody's damn business whether or not he was a Communist". The subject also called the newsmen names because they asked "Don't you think you are hurting your cause by allying yourself with Communism?" ROBESON stamped his foot in anger and stated "You ineffective so-called liberals think you know how to get things done, but you accomplish nothing. Communism is not the reason for the attacks on me. The reason is this: the white ruling class of America doesn't like negroes who stand up and talk back and fight for their rights". The subject asked the reporters if they wanted him to bend and bow and shuffle along and be a nice, kindly colored man and say please when he asked for better treatment for his people. He thundered "Well, it doesn't work", as he drove his fist into his hand, "that's what I do to people who get in my way".

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II. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. Civil Rights Congress

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the U.S. Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a pamphlet entitled "Lynching -- Northern Style", which was distributed by the "Committee to Free the Trenton Six". This pamphlet reflected that the subject was chairman of the Civil Rights Congress as of 4-6-49. It may be noted that the Trenton Six were six colored men who were arrested for murder in Trenton, New Jersey. Their case was vigorously defended by the Civil Rights Congress as a case of violation of Civil Rights.

B. National Negro Labor Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the National Negro Labor Council is dominated by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Hartford, Connecticut Branch of the National Negro Labor Council held a meeting on [redacted] at [redacted], Hartford, Connecticut. Plans were announced at this meeting to have PAUL ROBESON for an affair in Hartford which was to be held in either September or October 1952. The stated purpose of this proposed affair was to raise money for the National Negro Labor Council and for ROBESON himself.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was the main speaker on the evening of 11-21-52 at a meeting of the national convention of the National Negro Labor Council which was held in Cleveland, Ohio. According to the informant, the subject dwelt on discrimination and stated that the way it looks at present with the terrible discrimination problem in South Africa, his son might be compelled to fight against the negroes in South Africa.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a meeting of the Hartford Negro Labor Council was held on [redacted] at [redacted] Hartford, Connecticut. Discussions were held concerning

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means of stimulating interest in the Hartford National Negro Labor Council and it was decided to abandon a party scheduled for 3-28-53 which was to be held at the home of JAMES TATE, Hartford, Connecticut and have a discussion period with PAUL ROBESON. Plans were also made to carry out the PAUL ROBESON concert which was planned in the near future for Hartford.

[redacted] advised that the Hartford Negro Labor Council was a local branch of the National Negro Labor Council.

[redacted] advised that JAMES TATE had advised that the Hartford Negro Labor Council was to have the subject in Hartford, Connecticut for a discussion on 4-26-53 which was to be held at 29 Westland Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

C. Peoples Party of Connecticut

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[redacted] advised the Peoples Party of Connecticut, nationally known as the Progressive Party, is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party in Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of unknown reliability, advised that a social event was held on 6-12-48 in Manchester, Connecticut, which was scheduled to be a social event. The informant stated that upon arrival at this social, however, it was apparent that the purpose of the affair was to raise money for the Progressive Citizens of America. The informant stated that the subject was a featured guest at this social and addressed the gathering although he seemed to be guarded in his remarks. The informant stated that the subject stressed the need for obtaining signatures to place the Progressive Citizens of America candidates on the ballot.

The Progressive Citizens of America has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Reports 1947, p. 369, and 1948, p. 354 as a "new and broader Communist front for the entire United States" formed in September 1946 at the direction of "Communist steering Committees" from the "Communist dominated National Citizens Political Action Committee" and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Confidential Informant [redacted], of unknown reliability, advised that the subject attended a Manchester, Connecticut Rally of the Peoples Party of Connecticut (date not given) which was held in a "well-to-do Jewish" home in Manchester, Connecticut. According to the informant, the subject was a main speaker and he told the rally, composed of negroes and whites, that the Peoples Party of Connecticut was fighting for the case of the negro. The informant stated that a collection was taken up for the Peoples Party of Connecticut after the subject's speech and large bills were received in the collection.

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Confidential Informant [redacted], of unknown reliability, advised that the subject attended a social gathering in Manchester, Connecticut, sometime around 9-26-52 which turned out to be a fund raising rally for Communism.

The 9-10-47 issue of the "Stamford Advocate" a daily newspaper published in Stamford, Connecticut, reflected that the subject would be the featured speaker at a Progressive Citizens of America rally which was to be sponsored in New Haven, Conn. on 10-8-47.

The 1-19-48 issue of the "New Haven Journal-Courier", a daily morning newspaper, reflected that the subject was elected Vice Chairman of the Progressive Citizens of America national convention on 1-18-48 which was held in Chicago, Illinois.

The 11-16-52 issue of the "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, reflected that the subject gave a concert on 11-15-52 at Weaver High School, Hartford, Connecticut.

This concert was sponsored by the Peoples Party of Connecticut and all profits went to the Peoples Party of Connecticut, according to JOHN MARSALLA, Executive Vice Chairman of the Peoples Party of Connecticut. Com

JOHN MARSALLA is publicly known as President of the American-Slav Congress.

The American-Slav Congress has been cited by the U.S. Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

D. Connecticut Peace Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Connecticut Peace Council is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a meeting of the Hartford Peace Council was held on [redacted] at [redacted] Hartford, Connecticut. [redacted] attended this meeting and related that at the office of the American Peace Crusade they were preparing motion pictures and tape recordings of PAUL ROBESON and other individuals to take to the World Peace Congress which was to be held in Vienna. b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that the Hartford Peace Council is an affiliate of the Connecticut Peace Council. The informant also advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member.

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The American Peace Crusade has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities statement issued on the March of Treason, 2-19-51 and House Report Number 378 on the Communist "peace offensive" 4-25-51, original date 4-1-51, page 51, as an organization which "the Communists established as a new instrument for their peace offensive in the United States and which was heralded by the Daily Worker with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with Communist objectives".

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a National Committee Meeting of the American Peace Crusade on 3-14-53 which was held at Chicago, Illinois. According to the informant, the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future work of the American Peace Crusade. Methods were discussed by which the local and state peace groups could work with the national organization. The main discussion centered on methods whereby the local groups could be of assistance in obtaining funds for the American Peace Crusade.

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T-3 is [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (oral)	[redacted]
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T-4 is [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted]
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T-7 is [redacted] who requested her identify be kept confidential	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (oral)	100-11781-327
T-8 is [redacted] who requested that her identity be kept confidential	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (oral)	100-8602-175
T-9 is [redacted] who requested that her identity be kept confidential	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (oral)	100-0-26379
T-10 is [redacted]	[redacted]			
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REFERENCE: New Haven letter to New York dated 6-13-52.

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PAUL ROBESON, IS-C. DAYLET. [redacted] ADVISES

THAT LOS ANGELES NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL AND THE HUGH GORDON BOOK SHOP WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPORTING ROBESON'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LOS ANGELES. ROBESON WILL MAKE PRINCIPAL LOCAL APPEARANCE AT A CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE FOURTEEN NEXT AT EMBASSY AUDITORIUM. ~~THIS~~ BREAKFAST IN ROBESON'S HONOR IS TO BE HELD THE SAME DAY ACCORDING TO [redacted] FURTHER ADVISES THAT THERE IS TO BE A "MOBILIZATION" AT THE LOCAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL OFFICE ON JUNE SIX NEXT OF PERSONS TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE PUBLICATION "FREEDOM" AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE SUBSCRIPTIONS. A GOAL HAS BEEN SET TO SECURE ONE THOUSAND NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "FREEDOM" BY THE DATE OF ROBESON'S APPEARANCE.

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PAUL ROBESON HAS APPLIED FOR PASSPORT TO VISIT ENGLAND AND INDICATIONS ARE HE WILL RECEIVE SAME. INFORMANT ADVISED PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PLAY IN THAT COUNTRY. INFORMANT INDICATED THAT ON THIS PASSPORT ROBESON ALSO PLANS TO VISIT OTHER UNIDENTIFIED PLACES.

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Director, FBI (100-387743) (100-12304)

ARNAUD D'USSEAU
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Re New York letter 7-16-53 requesting a copy of Arnaud D'Usseau's testimony before the Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate (McCarthy Committee).

There is attached for information of the New York Office one Photostat of that portion of Volume 127 pertaining to the hearings afforded D'Usseau before the Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate, on July 7, 1953.

There is attached for the information of New Haven Office that portion of Volume 127 dealing with the testimony of Eslanda Robeson before the above committee on the same date.

The attachments contain testimony taken in public session and may be set forth in reports.

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The Photostat of the subjects' testimony is attached for filing [redacted] Likewise, a copy of the executive session testimony of [redacted] The executive session testimony parallels that of a public session testimony and contains no new information not contained in the public session testimony. The executive session Photostat (Volume 97-A, dated July 7, 1953) also contains testimony of [redacted]

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PAUL ROBESON, IS - C, DAYLET. [redacted] ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT [redacted] HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM PAUL ROBESON IN WHICH ROBESON STATED HE WOULD GIVE CONCERT IN NK, N.J., AROUND 11/10/53 AND WOULD APPEAR IN PH FOR CONCERT AROUND 11/12/53. ACCORDING ROBESON'S LETTER, BISHOP CAMERON C. ALLEYNE, PASTOR, AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, 155 N. 52nd ST., WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROBESON'S PH APPEARANCE. ROBESON'S LETTER INSTRUCTED [redacted] TO [redacted] IN OBTAINING PLACE FOR CONCERT AND MAKING OTHER NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. PH INDICES INDICATE [redacted] NEVER MEMBER OF CP: HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH NUMEROUS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. IN 1951, ALLEYNE WAS NATIONAL SPONSOR OF AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN OF PH COUNCIL OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBESON concert in 1950 in Los Angeles sponsored by JPFO, "California Eagle," and IPP. Subject's appearance in Los Angeles in May, 1951 sponsored by CRC. Subject's 1952 Los Angeles appearance sponsored by Los Angeles NLC, IPP and Hugh Gordon Bookshop. Subject was reported in attendance at six functions in Los Angeles from June 14 to 21, 1953, sponsored by Los Angeles NLC, Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and JPFO. Subject's public appearances generally confined to musical recitals but some pertinent remarks of subject set out.

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I. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1950

The "Daily People's World" (DPW) in its issue of April 3, 1950, contained an item which states in part: "PAUL ROBESON... will be brought to Los Angeles by the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) for its 20th anniversary celebration in Embassy Auditorium, May 6 (1950)."

The DPW is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

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

"The California Eagle" in its issue of April 27, 1950, contains an item which states in part: "PAUL ROBESON ... will be presented in concert at Elks Temple, 4016 South Central Avenue, under the auspices of 'The California Eagle,' Friday, May 12 (1950)."

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The DPW in its issue of May 5, 1950 contained an announcement that subject would make three appearances in Los Angeles, sponsored twice by the JPFO and jointly by "The California Eagle" and "IPP."

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In [redacted] advised that ROBESON's appearances at the International Workers Order (IWO) Convention in Los

Angeles on May 6 and 7, 1950 at the Embassy Auditorium and Park View Manor respectively, were "handled" by the LACCP.

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

According to [redacted], ROBESON was one of the main speakers at a meeting of the JPFO of the IWO at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles on May 6, 1950. [redacted] stated that ROBESON said in part: "We hear a lot of nonsense about fear and so forth but I've seen the people from below, among the Negro people, among the Mexican people, among the foreign born, among the workers who are saying we are going to have peace in our time, we're gonna have a decent world for our children whoever they may be, whether they be black or white ... Those kind of people...aren't frightened, they aren't stepping back anymore than you are stepping back tonight... The Fascist America, I will fight against... with every fiber..."

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According to [redacted] ROBESON was the speaker at a meeting of the Young Progressives of America (YPA) at 2125 South Harvard Boulevard on May 9, 1950.

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According to [redacted] subject was presented in a concert and speech by "The California Eagle" and IPP at the Elks Temple, 4016 South Central Avenue on May 12, 1950. [redacted] advised that in his speech, ROBESON stated in part that "The California Eagle" needs "our" support and "we" will raise funds to help insure the "Eagle's" continued growth. ROBESON stated that in Russia there had never been any discrimination or cause of national conflict or class distinction in the government. He stated there has never been such a thing as the daily battles between the big industrialists and the little laboring man in the Soviet Union (such as occurs in America). He said the absence of discrimination clears the way for peace and makes possible a government for the people and by the people. He stated that such words as these spoken by him caused "Fascists" of this country to rise to a hate campaign against him and all individuals and organizations that fight against a war with Russia. b7D

ROBESON appeared as speaker on the same platform with CHARLOTTA BASS, 1952 IPP Vice Presidential candidate.

[redacted] advised that while in Los Angeles in 1950, subject stayed at the Dunbar Hotel at Central Avenue and 42nd Place upon his arrival and that he was scheduled to then stay at the home of JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, May 7 through 9, 1950.

With reference to JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, in 1951 in public sessions of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, LAWSON was identified in sworn testimony of fifteen witnesses as a Communist Party member.

II. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCES IN LOS ANGELES IN 1951

[redacted] advised that subject appeared in concert and as a speaker at a Civil Rights Congress (CRC) sponsored meeting on May 14, 1951 at 5851 Avalon Boulevard Boulevard, Los Angeles. [redacted] stated this was advertised as a WILLIE McGEE memorial meeting and that ROBESON eulogized McGEE in his speech.

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

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According to [redacted] subject appeared at a CRC sponsored meeting at 5851 Avalon Boulevard on May 14, 1951. [redacted] were also present at the above meeting and heard ROBESON's remarks. [redacted] stated that ROBESON said that the fight will go on in connection with WILLIE McGEE "until we achieve victory in all aims and until every Fascist and reactionary is destroyed and until all peoples are free and equal" [redacted] quoted ROBESON as stating, "Our enemies in this country would want us to kill our brothers in Korea, China and Europe... Our enemies would like to conquer Korea, China, then move to Brazil, Europe, Far East, and finally South Africa." Informant advised that when ROBESON used the term "enemies" he was referring to what he termed "Fascists" in the United States. b7D

III. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCES IN LOS ANGELES IN 1952

A. Concert on May 25, 1952

[redacted] advised that subject was present in a non-political musical program at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, on May 25, 1952. [redacted] stated this concert was sponsored by the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC) and United Freedom Fund. This concert was partly in the nature of a birthday celebration for ROBESON and [redacted] stated he received a thunderous standing ovation. According to [redacted] programs distributed at the concert included a plea for contributions to the United Freedom Fund and contained the following statement: "The Negro Labor Council and the people of Los Angeles salute Mr. PAUL ROBESON on the occasion of his 54th birthday."

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According to "Freedom," Volume 2, Number 3, Page 2, March, 1952, the United Freedom Fund is the name given to a coalition of various organizations to celebrate PAUL ROBESON's birthday on a nation wide tour. "Freedom" is a monthly newspaper published in New York whose issues reflect that subject is Chairman of the Editorial Board.

[redacted] were also present at the ROBESON concert on May 25, 1952 and corroborated its sponsorship as outlined in the paragraph above.

[redacted] advised of a private reception for PAUL ROBESON at 2103 South Harvard Boulevard in the evening following his concert at Embassy Auditorium on May 25, 1952. [redacted] stated that ROBESON discussed the need to build the LANLC and to elect Negroes to public office.

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B. Reception on August 26, 1952

According to [redacted] a reception was held at 4818 South Avalon Boulevard on August 26, 1952 under the auspices of the IPP honoring subject and CHARLOTTA BASS.

[redacted] stated that ROBESON sang two songs and then spoke in favorable terms in support of the IPP and Mrs. BASS. He also spoke of the oppression of the African people and other "colonial" peoples of the world whd are under "capitalistic domination", and who are beginning to rise up in revolt, "which means some changes are going to be made." [redacted] were also present at the above reception and heard subject's remarks.

According to [redacted] the regular Section meeting of the 62nd A. D., LACCP, was postponed so that the entire Section could attend this reception.

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[redacted] stated he was informed this reception was an invitational affair sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Club of the IPP.

C. Mass IPP Rally on August 27, 1952

[redacted] provided a throwaway leaflet announcing a mass meeting of the IPP on August 27, 1952 at Culver City Stadium stating that subject would be the featured speaker.

According to [redacted], it was announced at a regular Section meeting of the [redacted] LACCP, on [redacted] that 100 "bodyguards" would be needed for ROBESON's appearance on August 27, 1952.

[redacted] also advised concerning this meeting of the [redacted] Section, that members thereof were appointed to be ROBESON's bodyguards.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] LACCP, met at Culver City Stadium on August 27, 1952 for the IPP rally at which subject spoke.

[redacted] stated that at this rally, subject presented a concert and spoke briefly in support of the IPP Presidential candidate.

[redacted] advised that in subject's speech, he stated that nothing on earth could change the course of those countries that are now Communist.

In reporting on ROBESON's remarks, [redacted] stated that subject criticized the "power in Washington who wants to enslave the Negro people and other minorities as before 1776." He further stated the "war mongering forces in Washington cannot reverse the gains of the Russian people and the heroic Chinese people of today who are marching forward."

[redacted] advised that subject appeared on the same platform with VINCENT HALLINAN, 1952 IPP Presidential candidate, and CHARLOTTA BASS, 1952 IPP Vice Presidential candidate.

[redacted] also was at the above rally and remarked that ROBESON praised the Russian and Chinese people for their brave struggles in the past and condemned the United States for its aggression.

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[redacted] advised that this rally last from approximately 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and that a crowd of 10,000 resulted in a collection of over $10,000 which was ostensibly marked for the IPP.

The following informants were also present at the above rally in Culver City Stadium, observed ROBESON in attendance and overheard his remarks: [redacted]

D. Subject's Appearance at Hugh Gordon Bookshop

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[redacted] has advised that on September 2, 1952, an autograph party was held at the Hugh Gordon Bookshop in order that subject might autograph one of his books.

E. 1952 Residence

[redacted] has advised that while in Los Angeles in 1952, subject stayed at 236 East 102nd Street, which is the home of an officer of the LANLC.

IV. SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1953

A. General

In [redacted], [redacted] advised that ROBESON's appearance in Los Angeles from June 14 to June 21, 1953, would be under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee. [redacted] stated that the Los Angeles Citizens Committee is composed in its entirety of members of the LANLC.

[redacted] has also furnished information concerning this matter and stated that the Los Angeles Citizens Committee is a temporary group set up by the LANLC for the purpose of lending an apparent public spirited support of ROBESON.

However, [redacted] has advised, on June 13, 1953, a group of persons known to him to all be members of the LANLC met at 4118 South Central Avenue, preparatory to proceeding to the International Airport to meet subject on his arrival.

According to [redacted] a meeting of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee was held on June 14, 1953 at 847 South Grand Avenue to welcome subject to Los Angeles.

B. Mass Meeting, Embassy Auditorium, June 14, 1953, under the auspices of Los Angeles Citizens Committee (See IV-A above)

[redacted] stated that ROBESON sang several songs and made comments from time to time concerning the ROSENBERG case, (See IV-C). [redacted] said ROBESON stated he had traveled extensively throughout the United States and countries abroad telling everyone that "his people" were going to have a first class citizenship because they are going to fight for it.

[redacted] were also present at the above rally and observed and heard the subject.

[redacted] mentioned in passing that admission to this concert ranged from $1.20 to $4.00 per ticket and T-46 stated that the tickets for this concert were completely sold out before June 12, 1953.

C. Emergency Meeting of the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (LACSJRC), June 15, 1953 at Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles

With reference to the LACSJRC, [redacted] advised in [redacted] that this organization was formed in early 1952 for the

avowed purpose of preventing the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG who were sentenced to death on April 15, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiring to commit espionage by furnishing United States atomic secrets to the government of the U.S.S.R. (subsequently executed).

[redacted] has advised that the LACSJRC is controlled and dominated by the LACCP through the assignment of Communist Party members to the steering committee of the LACSJRC. The LACSJRC receives advise and directives on all important issues from leaders of the LACCP.

According to [redacted] subject appeared at the meeting of the LACSJRC on June 15, 1953 at 607 South Western for a brief program of songs and a speech in behalf of the ROSENBERGS. [redacted] stated that ROBESON spoke concerning the fact that he identified himself with "this kind of struggle" because he, himself, is a member of a minority group and felt very keenly the kind of punishment these people (the ROSENBERGS) were faced with since his own people had been inflicted with this type of punishment for many decades. He stated that the ROSENBERGS must be saved and that the people must do it and not depend on the courts.

[redacted] in reporting subject's speech, stated that ROBESON said, "We have hundreds of millions of friends throughout the world and we cannot lose the battle for freedom as long as we, the Negroes and Jews, stick together and fight."

[redacted] attended the above meeting and advised that ROBESON spoke of the oppression of the Negro people throughout the world and the fight he is having in spreading his belief in a world community.

[redacted] also attended the above meeting and observed subject and overheard his remarks.

D. Reception for Subject, [redacted]

[redacted] has advised that a reception for subject was held at [redacted] on [redacted] under the auspices

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of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee. As previously noted the Los Angeles Citizens Committee was in reality the LANLC. Informant stated there were approximately fifty persons present and that ROBESON spoke on the oppressive conditions in Africa.

E. LANLC Meeting, [redacted]

According to [redacted] the above meeting was held at [redacted] the theme of which centered around placing of Negroes in trade unions and the upgrading of jobs for Negroes. [redacted] stated that ROBESON brought out that the church is a good place for Negroes to fight for equal rights. He was asked about Russia and the Negro and stated that being an American, he was concerned with the Negro in America not the Negro in Russia. He went on to state that he had been accepted in Russia, that Russian children are taught to love black people, and that Russia was the first country to accept the Negroes as equals.

[redacted] was also present at the above LANLC meeting, observed subject and overheard his remarks.

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F. 23rd Anniversary Celebration of JPFO, June 20, 1953

The DPW in its issue of June 17, 1953, Page 7, Columns 3 through 5, refers to subject's concert "before a crowd of 2,000" under the sponsorship of a "citizen's committee of leading Negro men and women" on "last Sunday" (June 14, 1953). The item states that subject will appear again at the Embassy Auditorium on Saturday, June 20, 1953, "on the program celebrating the 23rd jubilee of the JPFO."

[redacted] attended the above celebration and stated that ROBESON in his speech said that the peoples of Africa would obtain their freedom, that the common struggle of the Jewish and Negro peoples must continue, that the most recent loss of two martyred victims was not in vain and that the common enemy shall be defeated. He gave greetings to his many friends in their native tongues.

[redacted] advised that one of ROBESON's songs included a Russian song about a starving begger boy ignored by all passers-by. When ROBESON completed the song he remarked, "As I have often said, that is why we had to have some

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changes made." Informant stated he understood this remark to be a reference to the Russian Revolution.

[redacted] were also present at the above celebration, observed subject in appearance and overheard his remarks. b7D

G. Concert at First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles, June 21, 1953

It is noted that the pastor of the First Unitarian Church is STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN.

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In connection with the First Unitarian Church concert, it is of note that [redacted] has advised that the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council instructed its membership to be at the First Unitarian Church to hear subject on June 21, 1953.

In [redacted], [redacted] stated that the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, which is the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, was the most important Communist controlled organization in the Hollywood professional field at that time and its policies paralleled the Communist Party line on all important issues. [redacted] has pointed out, however, that membership in the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council, of itself, however, does not connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party. b7D

[redacted] advised of being in attendance at the above concert and estimated that attendance was in excess of 1200 people and that when ROBESON made his appearance, he had an escort of bodyguards.

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H. Miscellaneous

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During subject's appearance in Los Angeles from June 14 to June 21, 1953, he stayed at 236 East 102nd Street.

According to ROBESON's manager, the proceeds of his 1953 Los Angeles concert are to go to ROBESON.

This informant stated that as a result of the ROBESON concert held at the Embassy Auditorium on June 14, 1953, about $1,500 was realized. Informant stated that this concert was the one actually sponsored by the LANLC under the name of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee. [redacted] Of the $1,500 which was raised, $1,000 was given to ROBESON. [redacted]

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At one point ROBESON wanted to know who would be the LANLC representative to attend the National Convention of the Negro Labor Council and seemed very much disturbed and criticized the Council when it was announced they did not have enough money to send a delegate.

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Inasmuch as New York is office of origin in this case, no recommendation is made concerning subject's security index status.

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At Los Angeles, California: Will continue to follow and report subject's Los Angeles activities.

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The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist Newspaper on 12/24/52, page 3, cols. 1-4 carried an article entitled "Robeson accepts Stalin prize on behalf of United States Peace Fighters". The article states the prize established for Premier Stalin's 70th birthday consists of a gold medal and a 100,000 rubles payable in the currency of the winner's country, roughly equivalent to $25,000.00 in American currency. Their was no explanation on the cable advice as to the reason for the payment to Robeson.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PAUL ROBESON arrived Seattle, Wash., via air 8/14/53. While in Seattle he resided at 132 - 20th North, the residence of EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE. Confidential Informant [redacted] advises that EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE are members of the District Committee, Northwest District, Communist Party. On 8/16/53 ROBESON sang and spoke at a concert at Blaine, Wash., which was sponsored by the British Columbia District, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Vancouver, B. C. On 8/18/53 ROBESON attended the trial of the six Smith Act subjects in Seattle, Washington, and during intermission was observed talking with the defendants. ROBESON also had lunch with Dr. HERBERT PHILLIPS, an admitted member of th Communist Party, who is presently incarcerated in the King County Jail, Seattle, on a contempt of court citation.

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DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the tentative schedule of a concert tour for PAUL ROBESON. This schedule had PAUL ROBESON at Cleveland, Ohio July 19-28, 1953; August 11-14 at Seattle, Washington; August 16 at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Washington; August 18-19 at Portland, Oregon.

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The July 31, 1953 edition of the "People's World" (Northwest Edition) on page 3, column 3, carried the following article:

"Invites Out To Robeson Aug. 16 Concert

"Seattle, July 30 - Two mobilizations to spread information on the Paul Robeson concert at Blaine Peace Arch Aug. 16 are scheduled this weekend, the U. S. committee supporting the concert said this week.

"Attractive, illustrated invitations to the concert, sponsored again this year by the British Columbia District of Mine, Mill & Smelter Union, will be distributed from 1 p.m. Saturday and again from 12 noon Sunday.

"The mobilization point will be at 1809 Jackson St.

"Information on the concert is available at LO 0745 or LA 4392 in Seattle."

On May 14, 1951 the Committee on Un-American Activities U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., released a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications". On page 131 of the above described publication the "Daily People's World" is described as "the officia organ of the Communist Party on the West Coast".

On [redacted] made available the following letter, which he received in the mail. This letter contained a photograp of PAUL ROBESON in the upper right-hand corner. The letter is as follows:

"BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT
International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers
Phone: Marine 0640
Vancouver 3, B. C.

"May 1, 1953

"Dear U. S. Friends:

"Once again this year our union has the honor of being host to your own fellow countryman--and beloved citizen of

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the world,--Mr. Paul Robeson at the International Peace Arch which stands as a symbol of brotherhood on the borders of our two countries.

"Last year some 40,000 persons, mostly from Canada, greeted and heard Mr. Robeson in an inspiring concert. From all sides came demands that we make this an annual event. This we hope to do. We know that many thousands more from your country would have attended last year had they known about it. This year we know it will be different when Mr. Robeson sings on Sunday, August 16.

"All of us are proud of our symbolical Peace Arch, built by the pennies from the school children of Canada and the United States, as well as of the beautiful parks maintained by our two countries as a lovely setting for it.

"So it is a pleasure to invite all of you our neighbors--regardless of race, creed, color or beliefs, to join with us in an afternoon of song and international fellowship.

"Mr. Robeson will sing at 1:30 p.m. So we say pack a picnic lunch and bring the family.

"Hoping to see you Sunday, August 16 at the Peace Arch.

"Fraternally,

/s/ E. L. Walker Canada
E. L. Walker - Secretary Treasurer
B. C. District Union-IUMM&SW"

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On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council was attemptin to obtain some church group in Seattle, Washington, to sponsor

a concert featuring PAUL ROBESON, but as yet the Council was unable to find such a sponsor.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised [redacted] that the Seattle Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council is completely dominated and controlled by members of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON left Seattle at approximately 10:30 a.m., August 16, 1953, for Blaine, Washington. According to the informant, VINCE and DOT DAVIS picked up PAUL ROBESON at the home of EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE 132 - 20th North, Seattle, Washington. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that EARL GEORGE and VIVIAN GEORGE are members of the District Committee, Northwest District, Communist Party, and VINCE and DOT DAVIS are known to him to be members of the Communist Party in Seattle, Washington.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, stated that he attended a concert featuring PAUL ROBESON, which was held at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Washington, on Sunday, August 16, 1953. According to the informant, the concert was sponsored by the British Columbia Local of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

According to the informant, the master of ceremonies at the concert was HARVEY MURPHY, an official of the British Columbia Local of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

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According to [redacted] MURPHY then introduced ROLAND LAWRENCE, who stated that he was a member of the Negro Citizens League of Vancouver, B. C. However, he was speaking as an individual and not for the League. ROLAND LAWRENCE praised ROBESON for his fight against discrimination and then introduced PAUL ROBESON to the audience.

ROBESON sang several songs, such as "Let My People Go", "Old Man River", "Water Boy", and "Joe Hill". According to the informant, ROBESON changed the words of several of these

songs so that they would conform to Communist Party line.

HARVEY MURPHY made the collection speech and the collection was very well organized with numerous members of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers immediately canvassing the audience with small cartons. MURPHY also stated that by coming to the platform you could buy a record album of PAUL ROBESON for $5.00, which PAUL ROBESON would gladly autograph. PAUL ROBESON also was soliciting subscriptions for his newspaper "Freedom", which will be described in a later section of this report.

After singing several more songs ROBESON made a speech in which he stated that he is from the common people and that he is their voice for freedom. ROBESON continued that now that the Korean armistice has been signed there should be political amnesty granted to the victims of the Korean war who are presently in pris

With regard to the State Department's refusal to issue him a passport, ROBESON stated that he was furnished with a legal brief by the State Department which explained that the reason that the State Department refused to grant him a passport was that seve years ago while on a tour in Europe he made a speech in which he advocated independence for his Negro ancestors in Africa. The State Department contends that this speech interfered with State Department policy.

ROBESON called for a united peace drive by all the peoples of the world and stated that he was extending his hands to "the Korean people of the Soviet Union as well as to the people of new Red China, to the peoples of the Caribbean area, to the peoples of South America and to the peoples of Africa".

ROBESON stated that he had several invitations to sing in Canada and also an invitation from the British Actors Equity Union to play Othello in London, and urged all present to write to the State Department and demand that he be issued a passport.

Following ROBESON's speech, HARVEY MURPHY very sarcastically congratulated the RCMP for the "fine coverage" that they had afforded PAUL ROBESON and the concert.

[redacted] estimated that the crowd in the Peace Arch Park was between 3,000 and 4,000. [redacted] pointed out that there were approximately 1500 cars on the American side of the park. However, most of these cars belonged to individuals attending a picnic on the other side of the park and were not

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present at ROBESON's concert. The majority of the people present were Canadians.

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The following article appeared in the August 21, 1953 edition of the "Daily People's World", Northwest Edition:

"25,000 Flock to Peace Arch for Repeat Robeson Triumph.

"By WILL PARRY

"Peace Arch Park, U.S., Aug. 20 - PAUL ROBESON sang songs of peace and freedom to an international audience of at least 25,000 at his second annual outdoor concert here Sunday. . . . .

"Among those greeting and embracing Robeson were Harvey Murphy, regional director, and Ken Smith, president of the British Columbia District, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union. Sponsors for the second consecutive year of the international day of song and brotherhood. . . . .

"While he emphasized he had not changed--'I remain the same Paul you know'--yet, he said, 'Time has made it so everyone must fight harder for the freedom we love. If it were not so, I would be with you in Vancouver today, and traveling all over the Canada I cherish so deeply.'

"Last year's border concert was arranged after U.S. Immigration authorities denied Robeson a passport to sing and speak before the Mine-Mill convention in Vancouver. Estimates of the large Canadian crowd that flooded into this park last year in protest against the denial and to hear Robeson ranged up to 40,000. This year, despite a tight commercial press censorship, the tremendous turnout was repeated. . . . .

"He (Robeson) lashed out at political persecutions in his native land and said: 'Today in America we fight, as this truce is concluded, for amnesty of those leaders who have been imprisoned, so that they may come back and lead the people in the struggle for peace.' . . . .

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On August 18, 1953, PAUL ROBESON was observed in the audience in U. S. Federal Court, where HENRY P. HUFF, Chairman, Northwest District Communist Party; JOHN DASCHBACH, Chairman, Washington State Civil Rights Congress; TERRY PETTUS, Editor, "People's World", Northwest Bureau; BARBARA HARTLE, Educational Director, Northwest District Communist Party; KARLY LARSEN, member of the District Board, Northwest District Communist Party; and PAUL BOWEN, Organizer, Central Region, Northwest Communist Party, are being tried for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. During the recess ROBESON was observed talking with the defendants and ROBESON also visited with Dr. HERBERT E. PHILLIPS, self-admitt member of the Communist Party, who had testified for the defense. Since Dr. PHILLIPS was under a contempt citation he was not permit to leave the court room at the recess. ROBESON met him in the U. S. Marshal's Office, on 8/17/53.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advise that "Freedom" is a newspaper organized, directed and controlled by the Communist Party. It deals with Negro life problems, and has PAUL ROBESON for the Editor. It is published by Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York, N.Y.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON's newspaper "Freedom" was distributed to people at his concert on Sunday, August 16, at Peace Arch Park. Several times during the program, informant states, the individuals present were urged to subscribe to the publication.

On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the following letter which he received from the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Council Member:

"We have adopted 'Freedom' as the official national publication of the Negro Labor Council. 'Freedom' along with our local publication 'Progress' will serve to bring to the Negro community national and local news--news of strug and aspirations of the Negro people. This kind of news is generally noticeably absent from the widely read Negro press.

"It is incumbent upon all members of NLC first to subscribe and read 'Freedom' and then proceed to sign up your friends and neighbors. Let me suggest that you send in a dollar ($1.00) for your subscription to Earl George at the above address, and then get others to do likewise.

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"Mr. Robeson, the great artist for Negro Liberation and the editor of the newspaper 'Freedom' will be here to sin the songs of his people soon. Let us all compete to present Mr. Robeson with at least 200 additional 'Freedom' subs.

"We need at least 10 'Freedom' builders to go to work at once selling this paper in the Negro Community. Will you volunteer to become a 'Freedom' builder? Contact me at 131 - 30th, Seattle.

"Fraternally,

/s/ Eugene Wilkins

Eugene Wilkins,
Chairman, 'Freedom' Committee

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that EUGENE ~~WILKINS~~ b7D is a member of the Communist Party.

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"THEY WON'T DARE TO PUT PAUL ROBESON IN JAIL." MRS. ROBESON ALSO REMARKED CONCERNING HER APPEARANCE BEFORE A SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE HEADED BY SENATOR MC CARTHY, AND STATED THAT SHE "MADE MONKEYS OBT OF THEM." SHE ADDED THAT "MC CARTHY HAD ME ON TV, BUT AFTER HE WAS ON HE WISHED HE HAD FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME BECAUSE HE WAS ASKING ME ABOUT SOME OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND I WAS TALKING TO HIM ABOUT THE STRUGGLES OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE."

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The following information has been furnished to SA [redacted] of this office by [redacted] on the dates indicated. (U) 67C 67D

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TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS (McCARTHY COMMITTEE) ON THE "STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION PROGRAM - INFORMATION CENTERS," PART V, IN PUBLIC SESSION ON JULY 1, 2, and 7, 1953

This printed copy of Part V sets forth public session testimony of above-captioned persons, all of whom are writers whose works were reportedly purchased by the Government for inclusion in information centers abroad. All were uncooperative witnesses invoking the privilege of the Fifth Amendment as to past or present Communist affiliations.

The Executive Session testimony of all of these persons has previously been received and reviewed as well as the public session testimony of d'Usseau and Robeson (62-98810-102; 100-387743-14). The Public Session testimony is substantially the same as that in Executive Session and presents no new information requiring action by the Bureau at this time.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBESON employed as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom", and self employed as a concert singer. Resides at 22 East 89th Street, New York City, in care of HAROLD McGEE. Subject winner of 1952 International Stalin Peace Prize and was awarded a medal and promise of $25,000.00 on 9/23/53. Spoke at Stalin Memorial meeting [redacted] Voiced support of Civil Disobedience Campaign in South Africa which began 4/6/52. Attended Soviet Embassy reception 11/7/52 commemorating the October Revolution. ROBESON'S records being recorded by Othello Recording Company, NYC. Spoke at Steve Nelson Rally on [redacted] Reception held in honor of ROBESON on [redacted] under auspices of the CP Committee, UPWA-CIO District number 1.

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DETAILS:

Residence

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that the subject maintains his residence at 22 East 89th Street, New York City, in care of HAROLD McGEE and also receives his mail at this address.

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Employment

[redacted] of known reliability, advised PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom" and also Chairman of

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the Council on African Affairs. Both of these organizations are located at 53 West 125th Street, New York City.

[redacted] advised that "Freedom" is a monthly publication of Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York City.

Members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board are Communists active in racial matters. PAUL ROBESON, LOUIS E. BURNHAM, and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR. were active in organizing the publication, according to [redacted]

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

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that a PAUL ROBESON concert was held at the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, on September 11, 1953, under the auspices of the Robeson Concert Committee.

Activities

[redacted] of known reliability, furnished a pamphlet entitled "The Negro People And The Soviet Union" by PAUL ROBESON, published in January 1950, in which ROBESON stated:

"I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to join more than half the people of the world in celebrating a great anniversary. Yes, with fully half of humanity -- and even this is an underestimation. For it would be a mistake to assume that this 32nd anniversary of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is an occasion of joy and pride and thanksgiving only for the eight hundred million people who live in the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe and China.

"True, these eight hundred million, as direct beneficiaries of the establishment of the Soviet Union and of its policies of struggle for peace and democracy, are rejoicing because of the new economic security and political liberty, the new promise of a fuller and richer life for all, which they enjoy because they live in the Soviet land or in countries of the People's Democracies. The feelings of all these people must be very like those of the President of the Chinese People's Republic, Mao Tse-tung.

"The Soviet Union is the friend of the African and West Indian peoples. And no imperialist wolf disguised as a benevolent watchdog, and not Tito disguised as a revolutionary, can convince them that Moscow oppresses the small nations. Africa knows the Soviet Union is the defender and champion of the rights of all nations -- large and small -- to control their own destinies.

"The Soviet Socialist program of ethnic and national democracy is precisely the opposite of the Nazi, fascist, South African and Dixiecrat programs of racial superiority...

"Finally, my friends, I want to say that I believe the great majority of the American people will come to realize their identity of interests with the people of the Soviet Union and the growing People's Democracies. In this era of change, normal trade relations and peaceful cooperation can be the only answer.

"I am and always will be an anti-fascist and a fighter for the freedom and dignity of all men. We anti-fascists -- the true lovers of American democracy -- have a tremendous responsibility. We are not a small band -- we are millions who believe in peace and friendship. If we mobilize with courage, the forces of world fascism can and will be defeated -- in Europe, in Africa and in the United States.

"Because of this, I am and always will be, a firm and true friend of the Soviet Union and of the beloved Soviet people."

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 24, 1952, page 3, columns 1-4, stated, "PAUL ROBESON, sole American winner of one of the 1952 Stalin peace prizes as 'the standard bearer of the oppressed Negro people' yesterday accepted the award not as an individual but as a part of the growing peace movement in the United States."

ROBESON gave the press copies of his cablegram to DMITRY SKOBELTSYN, Russia Chairman of the Committee on International Prizes in the Soviet Union, in which he declared, "For the peace fighters in America, this award has the greatest significance Already the prize has called forth profound gratification and pride among many sections of the Negro people and the progressive forces of our land. For me personally, it is a moving experience

a great award and honor which I shall cherish all my life. Again, my deep and sincere thanks".

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that a reception was given for PAUL ROBESON at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City, on September 23, 1953, on the occasion of ROBESON being presented with the International Stalin Peace Prize. b7D

HOWARD FAST said that it was a great honor to be asked by the Soviet People to present the award to Mr. ROBESON. Mr. FAST stated all other awards have been presented in Moscow, but the United States prevented ROBESON from going there to receive it. FAST read a cablegram from Moscow acclaiming ROBESON as a great American hero of peace. FAST then presented the award and a promise of $25,000.00 to ROBESON.

ROBESON stated he would accept the award in the name of the people all over the world who wanted peace. ROBESON told of his visit to the Soviet Union in 1937, and his great admiration for STALIN and the Russian way of life, where all people are equal and there was no discrimination.

[redacted] of known reliability, furnished a "New Release" pamphlet dated April 24, 1953, which reflected the following statement issued by PAUL ROBESON on behalf of the CAA concerning the Justice Department's order for that organization to register under the McCarran Act: b7I

"The consistent job of the Council on African Affairs through the years since its establishment in 1937 has been to provide accurate information on the conditions and struggles of the peoples of Africa and to support their efforts toward liberation. In recent months the Council has endeavored to rally American assistance for the desperate fight of black and brown South Africans against Malan's fascist oppression, and for the Africans of Kenya whose struggle for land and survival the British seek to crush with the most ruthless and inhuman punitive measures.

"This attack upon the Council represents an attempt to frighten and silence all those Americans, particularly the Negro people, who are in any way critical of U.S. policies in Africa.

"The real issue in our case is the right of advocacy and support for the freedom of Africa's enslaved millions, --including the descendants of Africa who have yet to achieve their full liberty and rights here in the United States.

"The Council on African Affairs will continue to carry forward its work and will fight all efforts to restrict its usefulness to the cause of African freedom by means of the unconstitutional and un-American McCarran Act."

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 12, 1953, page 7, column 1, reports, "Before an audience of 400 guests, including about 100 students of the Jefferson School, speakers from the University campus, the trade union and the most active political battle fronts join together in denouncing the Smith Act, the McCarran Act, McCarthyite Congressional 'witchhunts' as war inspired efforts to stifle independent thought and that all, with varying emphasis, re-examine America's need for Marxist teachings.

"PAUL ROBESON expressed pride in the Jefferson School and called for its support 'because of the clarity it has brought to the struggles of the American people' the leadership it has so unsupportedly given."

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

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that a STALIN memorial meeting was held at [redacted] on [redacted] under the auspices of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

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

According to [redacted], at this same memorial meeting PAUL ROBESON described his seeing STALIN at a concert in Moscow at the time when his son graduated from a school in Moscow. He said that STALIN held himself as a plain man.

"He didn't look for honors nor glory." He said that "equality of nationalities in the Soviet Union is real. Here the talk of equality are only empty promises." He declared that "the socialist world expended under the magnificient leadership of Stalin. The colonial people of Africa and Asia are marching to freedom and their inspiration is STALIN and the Soviet Union." He underlined that "STALIN has led us in the struggle for world peace." He recited in English a poem "Sleep well beloved comrade." He recited a poem in Russian about STALIN, "the great motherland, the Soviet Union and their struggle for peace. He exclaimed in Russian: "Slava Stalinoo" - glory to STALIN. He concluded his speech with: "sleep well, beloved comrade. We pledge: the fight will go on until victory will be ours."

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has advised that the CAA is a Communist Front which was under the direction of PAUL ROBESON and MAX YERGAN for a number of years. It was completely under the control of the Communist Party.

In the "Daily Worker" issue of April 4, 1952, page 3, columns 3 and 4, it was reported that, "The New York State Committee of the Communist Party on April 3, 1952, called upon labor and the democratic forces here to back the people of South Africa in their civil disobedience campaign. The Committee urged full support for the week long picket line beginning Monday before the South African Consultae which is sponsored by the Council on African Affairs.

"The New York Communists statement declared:

"'The vicious white supremacist drive of the Malan regime to impose the most fascist-like measures of segregation and political discrimination on the African, Indian, and colored peoples of this area follows the fascist pattern of U.S. imperialism and its allies the world over. Chauvinism and racism are the chief stock in trade of the imperialists in their drive to war and in their increasing attacks on the national independence and freedom of peoples everywhere.

"'These fascist actions of the Malan government are a threat to world peace and the democratic liberties of all peoples, as well as to the eleven million persons affected in South Africa itself. They are being met first and foremost by the united action of the African National Congress and South African Indian Congress which launched a national civil disobedience campaign opening April 6 and called for international support.

"'The Communist, labor and the democratic forces in America have a special responsibility in answering this call, for it is our own imperialists and State Department who have taken the lead in pushing U.S. jimcrow and white supremacist practices wherever they set foot.'"

According to [redacted] and the "Daily Worker" issue of April 7, 1952, page one, columns two and three, the CAA, Freedom Associates and the Greater New York Negro Labor Council sponsored a rally at 126th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City, on April 5, 1952, to voice support for a civil disobedience campaign in South Africa which began April 6, 1952.

PAUL ROBESON, chairman of the CAA, declared, "If the South African people win some freedom, we'll win some here." ROBESON said that the South African campaign would electrify the liberation struggles throughout Africa, and, he added, "It is a challenge to us Negroes from the Africans, who are saying to us, 'How long are you going to take it'?"

[redacted] of known reliability, advised on [redacted] that the National Negro Labor Council is a Communist dominated and inspired organization which does not deviate from the Communist Party line.

It is to be noted that the Greater New York Negro Labor Council is a branch of the National Negro Labor Council.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, advised that the National Negro Labor Council Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 21, 1952, accepted "Freedom" as sole authoritative newspaper to be sold during the convention. PAUL ROBESON was present at this convention.

[redacted], of known reliability, advised PAUL ROBESON attended the Soviet Embassy Reception on November 7, 1952, at Washington, DC, commemorating the October Revolution.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 24, 1953, page nine, column one, reflects ROBESON has made a record album entitled "Robeson Sings" through the Othello Recording Company, New York City, and is in the preparation of another album entitled "Solid Rock".

[redacted] of known reliability, advised Othello Recording Company, New York City, was organized to make records for PAUL ROBESON and any persons in the Progressive Movement that find it difficult to secure recognition through other recording companies to put their talent on wax.

[redacted] advised that a rally for STEVE NELSON was held at [redacted], on [redacted] PAUL ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally and stated that everyone is admiring the courage of STEVE NELSON in his three year fight. He stated that NELSON symbolizes the struggle needed today in the fight of all humanity. He declared that fighting for NELSON, we fight for all that is best in this land of ours. He spoke of the fight of the Negro people in the United States, of the fight of the African and Colonial people for peace, freedom and the dignity of man. He said that "The Soviet Union is fighting for the peace of the world and for the freedom and dignity of all men". He said in Russian, "Shiroka Moya Rodina Beskoneichie Steppi" (Wide is my motherland. Endless are the steps). "I can hear the people of Stalingrad, named after the great STALIN, and of all over the world say this struggle will not end until total victory is won. The great STALIN has left a monumental heritage to the people of the Soviet Union and the people all over the world in the struggle for peace, and especially peaceful coexistence". ROBESON praised the Civil Rights Congress, which organized this meeting under the leadership of WILLIAM PATTERSON.

STEVE NELSON is a convicted Smith Act victim of Pittsburgh and has been convicted of sedition at Pittsburgh.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted], of known reliability, advised that a reception was held in honor of PAUL ROBESON on [redacted], at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. According to informant this reception was held in conjunction with the American Peace Crusade Policy meeting held in Chicago on March 14 and 15, 1953.

[redacted] and [redacted] both of known reliability, advised that the American Peace Crusade was organized in February of 1951 under the direction of FRED FINE, Secretary of the Public Affairs Department of the Communist Party, USA.

[redacted] advised that FINE instructed that hundreds of "peace committees be organized throughout the country for the purpose of bringing back the American troops from Korea". b7D

[redacted] advised that ROBESON attended a party on May 8, 1953, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress in honor of its Seventh Anniversary.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised a ROBESON concert was held at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California, on June 14, 1953. ROBESON sang several songs, of which many were in Russian.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised a birthday musical festival was held for ROBESON on [redacted] at [redacted] Detroit, Michigan. ROBESON stated the common peoples' desires throughout the world were peace instead of war, to a great extent were centered on the African situation and incensed the entire audience against the Malan government, which he called the tool of American big business and also a tool of England's big business. He stated that the working people of this country are threatened by action as that of Anaconda copper whom he stated has moved her factories to Africa because of the cheap slave labor over there. He was implying that the people of this country should refuse to fight, especially

the Negroes whose forefathers came from Africa if a situation should arise in Africa similar to Korea, and he also implied that this situation could come about in Africa soon.

An announcement was made that PAUL ROBESON would appear at many other churches throughout the city during his stay.

[redacted], of known reliability, advised ROBESON attended a meeting of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, report number 1954, dated April 19, 1949.

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 20, 1953, page two, column two, reflects ROBESON presented a concert on August 19, 1953, at Peace Arch Park, United States-Canada border near Blaine, Washington, before an audience of approximately 25,000.

[redacted] of known reliability, advised that a special reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held on [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the Communist Party Committee, UPWA-CIO, District number one.

[redacted] advised that ROBESON attended a "Truce Celebration" sponsored by the New York Council of the American Peace Crusade at City Center Casino, New York City, on August 12, 1953.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of PAUL ROBESON.

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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

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TITLE: PAUL ROBESON

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Additional information concerning subject's concert in Los Angeles in June, 1953 set out. Subject arrived in Los Angeles August 25, 1953 and departed for New York September 1, 1953. Subject's August, 1953 visit not publicized and subject made no public appearances, however met with CP and LANLC members. Subject reported suffering from heart trouble.

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DETAILS:

The Los Angeles County Communist Party will be hereinafter be referred to as the LACCP.

All sources in this report designated by T symbols are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

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I BACKGROUND

A. Residence in Los Angeles

[redacted] has advised that he believes subject to have resided at 236 102nd Place during his August visit to Los Angeles, California.

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B. Status of Health

[redacted] stated that he learned in [redacted] that subject has a "heart condition." [redacted] was able to obtain no details concerning this matter.

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II ACTIVITIES

A. Subject's Activities in Los Angeles in June, 1953

[redacted] has advised that the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC) met at [redacted] on [redacted] stated that ROBESON was present at this meeting and in his conversation stressed the importance of Negro Labor Council members concentrating in local churches.

[redacted]

On June 15, 1953 the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case (LACSJRC) met at 607 South Western Avenue. PAUL ROBESON was the featured guest.

With regard to the LACSJRC, [redacted] stated in [redacted] that the LACSJRC was formed in early 1952 for the avowed purpose of preventing the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG who were sentenced to death on April 15, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for conspiring to commit esponage by furnishing United States atomic secrets to the government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The LACSJRC is controlled and dominated by the LACCP through the assignment of Communist Party members to the steering committee of the LACSJRC. The LACSJRC receives advice and directives on all important issues from the leaders of the LACCP.

On [redacted] the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (LACPFB) met at [redacted] with subject in attendance.

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With respect to the LACFFB, [redacted] advised in March, 1952 that this organization is an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign born. It activates on a local level policies as laid down by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] a reception for subject was held at the home of [redacted] has been identified by [redacted] as a member of the LACCP.

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B. Subject's Activities in Los Angeles in August, 1953

According to [redacted] subject arrived in Los Angeles by plane on August 25, 1953. He departed from Los Angeles for New York by plane on September 1, 1953.

[redacted] has advised that subject's August visit to Los Angeles was not to receive any publicity and the subject was to make no speeches or public appearances.

[redacted] advised concerning a reception held for subject at [redacted] was not able to state who or what organization sponsored this reception, however ROBESON's remarks are set out as of interest.

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ROBESON lead a discussion period which he started by inquiring for the most important issue which should be discussed stating that the answer should be considered on a world-wide basis and indicating that the appointment of BYRNES (former secretary of state JAMES BYRNES) to the United Nations by the President is a matter of grave importance. ROBESON also stated he is called a Communist because he fights for the Bill of Rights. He continued by saying there will soon be fighting in the African region at the instance of the United States Government because the United States is desirous of obtaining the minerals which exist in that country. Subject stated that as chairman of "African Affairs" he is familiar with the culture of the African people. He stated that a one man fight for the rights of Negroes is a difficult problem. Subject stated he was denied a passport by the United States when he attempted to travel to Africa two years ago because he has fought for the rights of Negroes.

[redacted] advised that the Women's Committee of the LANLC met on [redacted] with subject in attendance.

According to [redacted] subject was the guest at a reception in the home of [redacted] (supra) on [redacted]

[redacted] has also advised concerning the above reception.

III MISCELLANEOUS

According to [redacted] subject's concerts in Los Angeles from June 14 to 21, 1953 resulted in his acquiring about $2,600 to finance the newspaper "Freedom" and other activities. Subject stated he thought the concerts to have been a financial but not a political success and criticized the LANLC for not having better infiltrating the churches of Los Angeles.

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Remarks made by subject during his June concert tour in Los Angeles are not included in this report where they have been previously furnished in reference report.

RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation concerning subject's Security Index status is made since New York is the Office of Origin.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated September 15, 1953 at Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: December 9, 1953

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-8032)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Card U.I.D.
1-4-54

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 408 West 128th St., Apt. 20
New York, New York

Business Address: Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

X This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
X This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
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The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

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Report of SA [redacted] at Springfield, 4-7-44.
Report of SA [redacted] at New Haven, 4-10-47.
Report of SA [redacted] R U C at New Haven, 6-26-52.

A supplementary summary will be prepared.

cc: New York Division (Enc.)
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TITLE CHANGED:
ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, nee,
Eslanda Cordozo Goode, aka,
Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson,
Essie Robeson

CHARACTER OF CASE
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SUMMARY REPORT

Subject resides at 408 West 128th Street, New York City. She associated with Communist Party members in Connecticut in 1952 and was described as a Communist Party member in 1950. She testified before the Committee on Government Operations, U. S. Senate, on July 7, 1953 and refused to state whether she was a Communist Party member. She was Chairman of the PPC in 1952 and attended PPC meetings in 1953. She has been identified with CP front groups.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the subject's true name as given by subject when testifying before the Committee on Government Operations, U. S. Senate, on July 7, 1953, as ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON.

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwide indicated.

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I BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was residing with her son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., at 408 West 128th Street, New York City, as of November 6, 1953.

II CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] told the informant on [redacted] that the subject would be at [redacted] on [redacted] for a meeting. The informant was unable to advise what type of meeting was referred to.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member in 1952.

Mrs. Paul Robeson

[redacted] has identified ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, wife of PAUL ROBESON, as a concealed member of the Communist Party on June 29, 1950.

The February 8, 1953 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflects that the subject signed an appeal for amnesty for the 11 leaders of the CP convicted under the Smith Act. The article reflects that the subject's signing was announced by an organization called Families of Smith Act Victims.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Connecticut Committee to Aid Victims of the Smith Act was an organization formed by the Communist Party leaders in the State of Connecticut to raise funds for the second level Communists on trial in New York City.

The January 27, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist publication, contained an article which reflected that the subject was one of 150 women who signed "an appeal for amnesty for the 11 leaders of the Communist Party under the thought control provisions of the Smith Act".

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The July 8, 1953 issue of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, reflected that the subject was called before the Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations, at which time she refused to state whether she was a Communist.

The July 8, 1953 issue of the "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, contained an article which reflected that the subject appeared before the Senate Investigations Committee headed by Senator Joseph R. Mc Carthy. While before this Committee, the subject stated she had "never heard anybody anywhere under any circumstances" advocate overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence. The subject stated she does not think the Communist Party is dedicated to that aim.

The subject testified before the Committee of Government Operations of the United States Senate on July 7, 1953, at which time Senator Mc Carthy asked,

> "I am asking you the simple question, do you feel that if you gave us an honest, truthful answer as to whether you are a Communist today, that honest, truthful answer would tend to incriminate you?"

The subject answered,

> "It might tend to incriminate me."

Mr. MATTHEWS, of the Investigating Committee, asked the subject if she had written any articles for the Communist press such as the "Daily Worker". The subject again took refuge in the fifth amendment. Mr. MATTHEWS then asked the subject if she has participated in the work of the Civil Rights Congress. The subject stated that she made a speech in Detroit a few weeks ago under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress. The subject stated that she does not believe that the Civil Rights Congress is a Communist organization.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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III ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. Peoples Party of Connecticut

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut, nationally known as the Progressive Party, is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC rally on September 19, 1952 at Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant stated that all the speakers spoke about the same old issues, which included peace in Korea now, and unity between "Black and White". The informant advised that VINCENT HALLINAN, publicly known as the Presidential candidate on the Progressive Party ticket, in the 1952 general election, was the principal speaker. The informant further advised that the subject spoke at this rally, but the informant did not furnish the text of her speech.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] verified the subject's attendance at the above function.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC State Convention on June 21, 1952 at Lithuanian Club, Front Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that the subject was one of the main speakers at this convention. The meeting was opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and there was laughter at "the land of the free and the home of the brave". The informant stated that the subject was chosen as a delegate from Connecticut to attend the National Progressive Party Convention at Chicago. These delegates would be sent by the State Central Committee of the Peoples Party of Connecticut. The subject was nominated to run for Congress at this convention and she said that she would put up a good fight as always. She stated that she was the wife of PAUL ROBESON and "as you all know, he is a Communist and a good one, and a good leader".

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a

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PPC meeting on September 18, 1952 on the corner of Canton and Main Streets, Hartford, Connecticut. The subject spoke at this meeting and made promises of benefits to the people if she were elected on the PPC ticket. According to the informant, BERT GILDEN and JAMES TATEalso spoke briefly at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BERT GILDEN was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member. This informant further advised that JAMES TATE was known to the informant as a paid CP organizer in the State of Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] verified the subject's attendance at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC reception on September 18, 1952 at the Hotel Garde, Hartford. The subject stated during this reception that she had been away from the United States for 12 years and that when she returned to America and became a citizen again, there was nothing in the United States she could vote for until the PPC was born.

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet published as notice of a PPC meeting to be held on November 9, 1952 at 37 Howe Street, New Haven. This leaflet reflected that JOHN ABT National legal counselor of the Progressive Party, would analyze the campaign and election results.. This leaflet was signed ESLANDA G. ROBESON, as PPC Chairman.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a State meeting of the PPC on November 9, 1952 at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that very little took place at this meeting, as all those in attendance were in a poor frame of mind as a result of the sad showing of the Progressive Party in the election. [redacted]

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended

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a PPC rally on August 24, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, Hungerford Street, Hartford. The subject spoke about a recent peace rally at Randall's Island, New York City, and told how her husband, PAUL ROBESON, had a security guard around him of his own choosing. She stated that he had to have his own security guard, as the New York Police would kill him.

[redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to the informant as a Communist Party member under the name JOHN THOMAS. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that JOHN MARSALKA mentioned the name of the subject on June 5, 1952 as a possible delegate to the National Convention of the Progressive Party.

JOHN MARSALKA is publicly known as President of the American Slav Congress.

The American Slav Contress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated on [redacted] that the subject was an ardent worker, a very smart and trustworthy woman, and that the members of the PPC were going to do everything in their power to elect her in the coming election. b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC picnic on July 27, 1952 at East Berlin, Conn. BERT GILDEN spoke on the poor social conditions of the worker in the United States, and stated that if the Progressive Party could take over the country, such social conditions would improve. Informant said that subject at this picnic spoke along the same lines as GILDEN. [redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

[redacted] advised that the PPC was distributing a letter from the subject dated August 6, 1952 which reflected that the subject was chairman of the PPC. Informant advised that this letter requested $1.00 from each recipient, to be used for the PPC. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC rally and reception for VINCENT HALLINAN on September 18, 1952 in Hartford, Connecticut. The informant stated that the subject advised that if she were brought before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, she would not admit that she was a Communist. The subject stated that she was not afraid of

being called before such a committee because she had never signed any cards or any papers. The informant interpreted the subject's remarks as meaning that she may have been, or is currently a Communist Party sympathizer, but is not actually a card-carrying or dues-paying member of the Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC rally on October 25, 1952 at Weaver High School, Hartford, Connecticut. The informant advised that a collection was taken up at this rally to be used by the Progressive Party [redacted] The informant advised that VINCENT HALLINAN was the main speaker and in his speech he criticized both major political parties. He stated that the Progressive Party had the only answer to peace.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was Chairman of the PPC as of July 27, 1953.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the PPC State Central Committee on [redacted] at [redacted] The informant advised that the subject presided at this session. The informant advised that the main discussion at this meeting concerned an account of the 1953 election.

Confidential Informant [redacted] verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a rally sponsored by the Progressive Party in Washington, D.C. which was held in Washington, D.C. sometime in May, 1953. The subject was a speaker at this convention and talked along lines of discrimination and segregation in the United States. She stated that the negro people are carrying on a passive resistance against their oppressors in Africa and Asia and some day they will achieve their goal which is, according to subject, complete freedom.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a Peoples Party meeting on [redacted] at [redacted]. The subject spoke at this meeting on the African people. According to the informant, the subject

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stated that all the African people want is for the white people to get out of Africa and leave them alone. The informant stated that the subject said that the reason for the Mau Mau is to drive the white people out of Africa.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended the National Convention of the Progressive Party in Chicago, Illinois, which was held July 4 through July 6, 1952. The informant stated that the subject was listed as a member of the Platform Committee of this convention. The informant did not furnish any activity participated in by the subject.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended an evening session of the platform hearing of the Progressive Party National Convention on July 3, 1952 at Chicago. The informant did not furnish the agenda of this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a State Convention of the PPC on June 21, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, New Haven, Connecticut. [redacted] did not know the agenda of this meeting.

The June 19, 1952 issue of the "New Haven Register", a daily newspaper published in New Haven, Connecticut, reflects that the subject was nominated as United States representative-at-large at a PPC State Convention which was held on June 18, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, New Haven, Conneeticut. Informant advised that the subject was identified as State Chairman of the PPC in this article.

The September 21, 1952 issue of "The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist publication, reflects that the subject spoke at a PPC rally on September 20, 1952 at Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven. The article did not contain the text of subject's speech.

B. Connecticut Peace Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Connecticut Peace Council is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a CPC meeting was held on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The subject was elected to the Colonial Affairs Committee of the CPC at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a CPC meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that the principal speaker was Dr. W. E. B. DUBOIS, who spoke on African Colonial Matters. The informant advised that during his talk, DUBOIS defended communism.

LOUIS BUDENZ has identified W. E. B. DUBOIS as a Communist Party member.

The May 3, 1953 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflected that the subject was a sponsor of the CPC as of that time.

C. Hartford Negro Labor Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Hartford Negro Labor Council is an affiliate of the National Negro Labor Council. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the National Negro Labor Council is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at a meeting of the Hartford Negro Labor Council on [redacted] at [redacted], Hartford. The subject stated that "the Mau Maus in South Africa are doing a wonderful job", and added that "all that the natives of South Africa desire is the land that belongs to them and for the whites to get out of the country". She stated that "the colonial people are going mad because they occasionally find a dead white person, after exploiting the natives for years". She added that the "lily whites all left their land behind and moved into the big cities and the Mau Maus are happy because they had obtained what they want, their land". The subject continued by stating that "the same thing is happening here in the southern part of the United States. If fifteen million negroes could forget themselves and come out fighting, it would be a terrible mess for the lily whites down south and around Mississippi."

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

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D. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

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

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was elected to the Board of Directors of the NCASF in 1953. The informant advised that the subject was a member of the NCASF at that time.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was Co-Chairman of the Committee of Women, of the NCASF, as of December 18, 1952.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was nominated as a member of the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee of the NCASF, as of March 31, 1953

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a member of the NCASF as of April 14, 1953.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised that the subject was a member of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, as of April 23, 1952.

E. "The Worker" and "Daily Worker"

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist daily publication.

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F. Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant T-16 advised that the subject was a member of the Minute Women for Peace, as of June 26, 1952.

[redacted] advised that the Minute Women for Peace is dominated by the Communists and its members are largely Communists, Communist sympathizers, and persons who will always favor the cause of Russia when that cause conflicts with the policies of the United States.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a sponsor of a pamphlet entitled "You Can End The War In Korea Now", as of October 6, 1952.

The informant advised that this pamphlet was published by the American Peace Crusade.

The American Peace Crusade has been cited by the Congressional Committee on UnAmerican Activities statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report #378 on the Communist "peace" offensive, April 25, 1951, original date April 1, 1951, page 51, as an organization which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for the peace offensive in the United States, and which was heralded by the 'Daily Worker' with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives:"

The July 8, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject had become associated with the "New World Review" as editorial consultant on negro and colonial questions at that time. The subject was scheduled to submit a regular monthly feature for the "New World Review", according to this issue of the "Daily Worker". This article further reflected that the subject had been in Soviet Russia on an extended stay.

The name of the publication "New World Review" was changed to "Soviet Russia Today" in March, 1951.

"Soviet Russia Today" has been cited by the Special Committee on UnAmerican Activities report, March 29, 1944, page 167; also

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cited in report June 25, 1942, page 21, as a Communist front.

The August 21, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject was a sponsor of a nationwide peace referendum sponsored by the American Peace Crusade to request immediate cease fire in Korea.

The August 22, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject attended a peace rally at Randall's Island Stadium in New York City. The article reflected that the subject talked on imperialism of Wall Street and the spreading of war bases by bankers of Wall Street.

The March 19, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article by the subject addressed to the President of the United States. This article reflected that the subject believed that the United States should recognize the Peoples Republic of China and should end the Korean war immediately.

The May 13, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject and WILLIAM SENTNER, identified by the "Daily Worker" as a UE organizer and a Smith Act victim, would address a rally against"MC CARTHYISM"on June 7, 1953 at the Madison Ballroom, Woodward at Forest Avenue, New York City.

The June 1, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject would attend a public hearing on June 4, 1953 and testify in behalf of the wives and families of the 87 Smith Act Victims who have been "branded as subversive" by the Attorney General. The article reflected that this hearing would be held on the next Thursday evening at 306 West 52nd Street, New York City. The article reflected that Mrs. ESTHER JACKSON and Mrs. PEGGY DENNIS would also speak at this rally.

Mrs. ESTHER JACKSON is publicly known as the wife of Dr. JAMES JACKSON, who is publicly known as a functionary of the CP. Mrs. PEGGY DENNIS is publicly known as the wife of EUGENE DENNIS, who is publicly known as a functionary of the Communist Party.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 6/26/52, New Haven.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 1/11/54

FROM : SAC, ~~NEW HAVEN~~ (100-8032)

Card U.T.D. 1-26-54

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, nee,
Eslanda Cordozo Goode, aka.,
Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson
SECURITY MATTER - C

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

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

NAME ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

ALIASES Eslanda Cordozo Goode, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson

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COMMUNIST ___ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ___ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ___

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 1/15/54

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

Card U.T.D.
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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT. RE PAUL ROBESON, IS - C. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, AN ARTICLE BY COLUMNIST CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER IN THE NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN, 1/12/54 STATES, "PAUL ROBESON SUPPOSEDLY HAS FINALLY SEEN THE LIGHT, AND WOULD LIKE TO BREAK WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE ONLY OBSTACLES ARE HIS WIFE AND HIS COMMUNIST TRAINED SON, WHO THREATENED TO EXPOSE THE FACT THAT ROBESON WAS A 'SECRET COURIER' BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND COMMUNIST PARTY IN AMERICA." FILE OF THE NYO REVEALS NO INFORMATION OF DISSATISFACTION ON PART OF ROBESON, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT IS LIVING APART FROM HIS WIFE, ESLANDA ROBESON. ESLANDA PRESENTLY LIVING WITH SON, PAUL ROBESON, JR., NYC. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, SUBJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR [redacted] - 67E INTERVIEW BY NYO. [redacted] LETTER WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR INTERVIEW.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Jan. 27, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON

[redacted] of Time Magazine, called to advise that they had picked up a tip in the Cholly Knickerbacker column stating that Paul Robeson would quit the Communist Party except that he fears that his wife and son would expose him as a Communist courier.

I told [redacted] that obviously we could make no comment.

cc - Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)
Attention: Assistant Director A.H.BELMONT

DATE: 1/25/

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: CP, USA - [redacted] b7E (4)
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Remyair-tel, 1/12/54, captioned "PAUL ROBESON; IS-C," which reported the following item in CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER'S column in the "New York Journal American:"

"This is a hot one that comes to us from left wing - literally. Paul Robeson, the Communist entertainer, has supposedly finally seen the light, and would like to break with the CP. The only obstacles are his wife and his Communist-trained son, who threatened to expose the fact that Robeson was a 'secret courier' between the Kremlin and the CP in America."

No information has been received by this office indicating defection by PAUL ROBESON from the CP. However, his name is being submitted to the Bureau for its consideration as a person to approach [redacted] b7E

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

PAUL ROBESON was born on 4/9/98, at Princeton, N.J.

Marital Status

MRS. PAUL ROBESON
ROBESON

PAUL ROBESON married ESLANDA GOODE on 8/21/21, at Port Chester, NY, and they have one son, PAUL ROBESON, JR. It has been reported that, at the present time, PAUL ROBESON is not living with his wife.

Nationality and Citizenship

ROBESON is a Negro and is a citizen of the US.

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Education

ROBESON graduated from Rutgers College in 1919 with a BA degree, and he received a Law degree in 1923 from Columbia University. At college he came into prominence in 1918, when he was selected by WALTER CAMP, as a member of the 1918 All American Football Team.

Employment

PAUL ROBESON is a concert singer and actor. In 1925 he gave his first concert and, since that date, has gained international fame as a singer. He travels throughout the country on his concert tours and appears as guest artist at numerous Communist-sponsored functions. He is also employed as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs and is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom," a monthly publication of Freedom Associates. Both of these organizations are located at 53 W. 125th St., NYC.

Residence

PAUL ROBESON resides at 22 E. 89th Street, in care of HAROLD C GEE. ROBESON receives his mail at this address and is reported to reside there at irregular intervals. [redacted] has advised that ROBESON is out of town most of the time, but does stay at that address when in NY. It has been reported that ROBESON is estranged from his wife and son, and they have sold their home in Connecticut.

CP Affiliations

In April, 1944, it was reported that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the CP Political Association under the name JOHN THOMAS. It was reported that in 1948 ROBESON refused to testify before a Congressional Committee as to whether or not he was a Communist. However, various informants have reported that ROBESON has been a member of the CP for many years. ROBESON has been associated with numerous CP front organizations and, over the years, has been a favorite guest artist at Communist sponsored conferences.

In the August, 1936 issue of "Soviet Russia Today," ROBESON is quoted as having said "The Soviet Union is the only country I've ever been in where I've felt completely at ease. I've lived in England and America and I almost circled the globe - but for myself, wife, and son the Soviet Union is our future home. For awhile, however, I wouldn't feel right going

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"there to live. By singing its praises wherever I go,I think I can be of most value to it. It's too easy to go to the Soviet Union, breath free air, and live happily ever afterwards."

In an interview with ROBESON quoted in the "British Daily Worker," on 4/18/49, ROBESON was quoted as saying that he loved what he found in Russia, and that until the war he returned there every year. He further stated that in Moscow he had studied Marxism and had found it "enthralling."

ROBESON'S son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., was educated in Moscow, and it was reported that his wife had two brothers living in Moscow. ROBESON has been observed marching in numerous May Day Parades in NYC. During the trial of the 11 members of the National Board of the CP, USA, ROBESON on 1/23/49 attended the trial and shook hands with the defendants. He was quoted as saying, "I came here too, as I too am on trial."

In April, 1949 at a concert given by ROBESON in Stockholm, Sweden, the affair turned into a political row when ROBESON sang the Russian anthem. In 1949, ROBESON received considerable publicity in connection with the public riot at Peekskill, which took place at a concert given by ROBESON.

In 1952, PAUL ROBESON was awarded the Stalin Peace Prize, on the 83rd birthday of the Soviet Premier. This award by the Soviet Union also gave ROBESON $25,000.00 in connection with it. This award to ROBESON was publicized in a booklet entitled, "Negro History Week, 1953," prepared by the Education Department of the NY State CP. ROBESON spoke at a rally for STEVE NELSON on 3/8/53, held at Rockland Palace, NYC. ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally and,during his praise of STEVE NELSON, he was quoted as saying in part "the Soviet Union is fighting for the people of the world and for the freedom and dignity of all men."

ROBESON continues to be active as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, an organization designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He also is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom," a monthly publication of Freedom Associates. It has been reported that members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board of Freedom Associates are Communists active in racial matters. ROBESON has been involved in litigations with the State Department as a result of the latter's refusal to issue him a passport.

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On [redacted] it was reported that PAUL ROBESON was among those invited to a dinner to be given by ANDRE VISHINSKY. On 11/7/52, ROBESON had attended the Soviet Embassy reception commemorating "The October Revolution." On 12/14/53 it was reported that, early in December, 1953, ROBESON was in a hospital in Washington, D.C., for a rest cure. It has been reported that ROBESON is suffering from a heart ailment. b7D

On 7/7/53, a special reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held in Chicago, under the auspices of the CP Committee of the United Public Workers of America - CIO, District # 1. It has been reported that ROBESON is a life member of the UPWA. The UPWA was reported to have been ousted by the CIO because of its Communist infiltration.

The name of PAUL ROBESON is included in the Security Index.

PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact PAUL ROBESON, in accordance with existing Bureau instructions [redacted] b7E It is contemplated that such an interview will be conducted during the week of February 8, 1954 or soon thereafter, as circumstances permit.

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In view of the subject's background and insufficient information indicating a contact with him should be made at this time, authority to approach Paul Robeson [redacted] is denied.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 12, 1954

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-33120)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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On [redacted] furnished the following information to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b7D/b1-1 b7C

Informant attended a PAUL ROBESON concert on January 31, 1954 at the Galilee Baptist Church, 148 Clinton Ave., Newark, N. J. The church was filled to capacity, with the informant estimating about 1,000 persons in attendance. There were no speeches, no literature, and no political implication to the concert. The only speaker was Rev. CLARK, Pastor of instant church, who introduced ROBESON and the latter's accompanist.

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[redacted] JOHN GRAY, [redacted] b7C

[redacted] is now engaged, apparently on a full-time basis,

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as an agent for ROBESON. [redacted] he resides in New York City, is located at "Freedom", and that his wife, HAZEL, is presently employed at the United Packing House Workers office in Camden, N. J. [redacted] HAZEL commutes to New York City on week-ends. Informant was unable to obtain any further information regarding JOHN and HAZEL GRAY.

[redacted] GEORGE MURPHY and LOIS BURNHAM, are also part of ROBESON's traveling party.

[redacted] MURPHY and BURNHAM had been assigned by the CP in 1950 to give "political guidance" to PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] this meant the control and direction of ROBESON's activities to conform with the desires of the CP and to insure that there was no deviation on his part. [redacted] MURPHY has long been a close associate of ROBESON. [redacted]

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Informant stated that ROBESON, while in Newark for a concert, was chauffeured by WILLIAM RIX [redacted] an Organizer for the United Packing House Workers in New York City. [redacted]

Informant was unable to furnish any further information concerning the above at this time [redacted]

[redacted] advised that through a pretext, it was learned that HAZEL GRAY is employed by the UPWA - CIO, District 6, 33 Arch St., Camden, N. J.

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Instant letter also stated that JOHN MATTHEW GRAY, husband of [redacted] HAZEL, has been employed for about a year and a half as "advance agent" for PAUL ROBESON. While he and his wife have maintained a residence at 3334 West Grenshaw, Chicago, during this time, GRAY has traveled extensively and has resided in Chicago only for short periods.

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[redacted] Chicago has been advised of the above information furnished by [redacted] by separate communication.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 2/10/54

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Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions, New World Review, Suite 201, 23 West 26th Street, New York City

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1954

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/29/54

FROM : SAC, Newark (100-33129)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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On [redacted] furnished the following information to SA'S [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] JOHN GRAY, [redacted] has been given the party job of watching over PAUL ROBESON and seeing that he is led along the right political track [redacted]

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[redacted] discrimination against Negroes in public interstate transportation [redacted] apparently at one time was given high priority, but now the Party seemed to be turning from this and is shifting to a political struggle in connection with the Newark Council race with the further idea of building a strong machine so that they can enter a candidate in the Congressional race in the fall. He stated that the Party has somewhat abandoned the race struggle

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Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson
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SUMMARY REPORT

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Synopsis:

Subject resides at 408 West 128th Street, NYC, and employed as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions for "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to informants, ROBESON has attended and spoken at numerous meetings of CP front groups and has associated with CP members. Attended Soviet Embassy reception, Washington, D.C. on 11/7/52. Attended Progressive Party National Committee meeting, NYC, on 1/16-17/54. Review of activities set forth.

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, but aware of subject's residence, advised ESLANDA ROBESON is residing with her son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., at 408 West 128th Street, New York City.

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B. Employment

According to [redacted] ESLANDA ROBESON has remained in the background since moving to New York, and has not entered into any new activities. ROBESON continues to write articles for "New World Review" located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The January, 1954 issue of "New World Review" lists ESLANDA ROBESON as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions.

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON is receiving mail in care of "New World Review," Suite 201, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 8, 1952, page 7, columns 1-3, states, "With the July issue, Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON, distinguished anthropologist and author, becomes associated with 'New World Review' as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions, a statement in the current issue of 'New World Review' announces. The magazine is devoted to the countries of the 'new world' - the Soviet Union, China, the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe, the colonial peoples - and the growing movement for peace."

"'Soviet Russia Today' is among the 'more important' Communist-front organizations 'for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 169.)"

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that "Soviet Russia Today" is a Communist Party activity and the magazine is on sale at all Communist bookshops and Communist Party section organizations.

[redacted] advised in January, 1951 that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" would change its name to "New World Review," but the purpose of the publication and its officers would remain the same and would be published by Soviet Russia Today Publications, Incorporated.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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[redacted] advised a meeting which was held at the Centennial Christian Church, Aubert at Fountain Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on March 13, 1950, was addressed by ESLANDA ROBESON under the auspices of the Division of World Work of the Centennial Christian Church. The subject of ROBERSON's talk was a report on the Women's International Democratic Federation Council held in Moscow and Peking, attended by her. According to the informant, this meeting was afforded considerable publicity by the Communist dominated Progressive Party of Missouri, the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and the St. Louis Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. This meeting was attended by approximately 150 to 200 persons, and a large number of Communist Party members were observed in this number.

"The Women's International Democratic Federation was cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement.' (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the Congress of American Women, House Report No. 1953, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949.)"

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[redacted] of unknown reliability, has advised that the above organization is completely dominated by the World Communist Movement. The Women's International Democratic Federation is the parent organization for, and controls the Congress of American Women.

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

The September, 1948 issue of "Political Affairs," which identifies itself as a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism, contains on page 943 the election platform of the Communist Party, which is set out in part as follows:

"...The New Progressive Party is an inescapable historic necessity for millions who want a real choice between peace and war, democracy and Fascism, security and poverty."

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist-front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 1954, April 19, 1949.

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON is a member of the Communist Party. According t[redacted] ROBESON has spoken at Communist Party sponsored meetings and was a delegate to the International Women's Congress in 1949.

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[redacted] furnished a receipt of the "Daily Worker" and the Sunday "Worker" dated May 28, 1951 for $8.75 made out to Mrs. PAUL ROBESON.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 5, 1952, page 8, columns 1 and 2, states, "A conference on 'Political Action for Equal Rights-Equal Justice' will take place in Brooklyn at the Hotel St. George Roof Sunday at 1:30 PM. The conference, which will plan a program in defense of equal rights for the Negro and Puerto Rican people, is sponsored by the Kings County American Labor Party.

"Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON and Dr. ALPHEUS HUNTON will speak on 'The Fight for Freedom of the African and other Colonial Peoples - Its Meaning to the People of the United States.'"

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party, and that it is regarded as a political obligation of every Communist Party member in New York State to enroll and vote in the American Labor Party.

[redacted] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is a Communist. He attended the Marxist Institute of the Jefferson School of Social Science during the term 1948 to 1949.

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

[redacted] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is known to him as a Communist.

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ALPHAEUS HUNTON is Secretary of the Council on African Affairs, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, SR. attended a Soviet Embassy reception in Washington, D.C. on November 7, 1952, commemorating the October Revolution.

According to [redacted] ESLANDA ROBESON wrote upon STALIN's death:

"On Stalin's Death

"JOSEF STALIN is dead. May he rest in peace and honor.

"He will live in history. He will live in the minds and hearts of billions of people who are infinitely better off because he and his comrades - together with

"the Russian People - studied, worked, fought, sacrificed and endured to build the Soviet system, to translate their ideas and ideals into living practicing reality.

"As a woman and a Negro, I am one of those billions of people who are infinitely better off, and therefore I salute JOSEF STALIN, his comrades, the Russian People, and the Soviet system, and I say: Thank you.

"The Russian People, under the wise and brilliant leadership of LENIN and STALIN and their co-workers, have brought Russia up from obscurity to the position of Number One (or at the very least the Number Two) Nation in the world. They have also helped to bring the small nations of Eastern Europe out of obscurity into dignified participation in world affairs. They have also laid it down, spelled it out, and proved it to be a fact-of-life that human beings are not inferior nor superior because of sex, color, religion, national origin and previous condition.

"I must say I was dismayed, embarrassed, and saddened by the behavior of some of our American leaders on the occasion of STALIN's death. No dignity, no manners, no ordinary decent human courtesy and respect.

"In all my studies of anthropology I have never come across a people - any people - who did not behave with some dignity toward the dead.

"Some of our leaders behaved like vultures, circling overhead, as vultures do, waiting to wheel down and pick a carcass. They refuse to understand that there is no carcass, that STALIN was part of a Whole; the Leader, yes, but definitely part of the whole Russian People and the Soviet system. The Russian People developed STALIN, and he in turn, together with his comrades, developed the Russian People and the Russian State. The vultures will have to look elsewhere for prey.

"And I say, respectfully, to these sorrowing Soviet People, do not grieve for STALIN. Be glad and proud and grateful that you could and did produce and develop such a leader, that he lived a long and useful life with you, that he lived to see the success of the ideas and ideals he, together with you all, translated into living working reality so quickly.

"If there were a way to fly a flag - not at half mast, but above the mast, - I would fly it so in honor and tribute and gratitude to STALIN."

[redacted] advised a meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party, Cleveland, Ohio, was held on [redacted] at which meeting invitations were given to several persons concerning a luncheon in honor of ESLANDA ROBESON to be given by Freedom Associates at York Mason's Hall, 135-12 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 19, 1953.

Freedom Associates, located at 53 West 125th Street, New York City, has chapters located in various cities in the eastern half of the United States. This organization issues a monthly publication called "Freedom".

[redacted] advised that the members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board of "Freedom" are Communists who are active in racial matters.

III. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[redacted] advised a Peace and Democracy Rally was held at the St. Paul Baptist Church, 1938 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana, on October 7, 1949, and was sponsored by the St. Paul Baptist Church and the Progressive Party. This rally featured Mrs. PAUL ROBESON who spoke on the Peekskill Affair.

[redacted] advised that the Peekskill disorders of August 27, 1949 and September 9, 1949 in the

vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

It is to be noted that PAUL ROBESON is the husband of ESLANDA ROBESON.

[redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was in close contact from 1937 to January, 1948 with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, HENRY WINSTON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., members of the National Committee of the Communist Party. b7D

ROBESON was also in close contact with EARL BROWDER, General Secretary of the Communist Party for a period following 1937.

[redacted] advised that during the 1930's PAUL ROBESON served as a confidential courier for the Communist Party in the Caribbean area. Upon his return to the United States from concert tours, he would report to Communist Party Headquarters. b7C b7D

[redacted] advised a "Rally for China" held on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City, was sponsored by the Council on African Affairs. ROBESON began her talk at this rally by telling what a wonderful country Russia was and how the Chinese people welcomed her as an American who was in sympathy with the Chinese people's cause. She praised the African people in their fight for freedom against opposition by the English, Dutch and American Governments, and that the purpose for which she entered on this tour was to bring back to the American Progressive people the truth as she saw it in China, Russia and particularly Africa.

[redacted] advised that ROBESON attended a meeting sponsored by the Peace Information Center at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted] According to the informant, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Korean war, the Far East and world peace.

The Peace Information Center has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised subject attended and spoke at a meeting of the Labor Youth League, Harlem Section, held at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted]

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] advised on August 8, 1950 that subject was listed as co-chairman of the American Women for Peace.

[redacted] advised on March 2, 1951 that the American Women for Peace is strongly influenced and infiltrated by the Communist Party.

[redacted] advised that the Communist Party members [redacted] New York in November, 1950 were instructed by their officers to support the American Women for Peace delegation to the United Nations, November 30, 1950.

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke at a conference sponsored by the China Key to World Peace Committee at the Hotel Brevoort, 8th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, on November 11, 1950. The theme of this conference was Peace in Korea.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised subject attended an "Educational Conference" on the question of "How To Avoid War and Make Peace" at the Hotel Brevoort,

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New York City, on March 3, 1951 sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"ESLANDA ROBESON spoke on the awakening of the colonial people. She said that the people of Asia and Africa - the colonial people all over the world are engaged in a struggle for economic and racial equality. She stated that the colonial world is in a revolution for freedom and independence; that the Soviet Union, China and the countries of the peoples' democracies are serving the cause of inspiration in the march of the colonial people to freedom and independence.

"Mrs. ROBESON spoke about the economic and political inequality of the people of Africa and she underlined that the war in Korea is only one part of the revolution which is enveloping the colonial people of the world; that the U. S. is trying to halt this revolution through the might of dollars, the atomic bomb and with arming the reactionary world. She predicted that the U.S. will fail in this reactionary mission because the people are just tired of being slaves. They want freedom and they are going to get it."

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[redacted] advised subject made a speech after the showing of a film at the Jefferson School of Social Science on [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON was a speaker at a dinner in honor of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON at the Central Plaza Hotel, 111 Second Avenue, New York City, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress.

The February, 1951 issue of "Masses and Main Stream," a Communist Party quarterly publication, contained an article by MICHAEL GOLD entitled "WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Militant Leader". In this article PATTERSON is quoted as saying: "I joined the Communist Party and went down to the International Labor Defense and offered them my life."

[redacted] advised subject attended a meeting of the Peace Festival of American Women for Peace on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 24, 1951, page 2, column 1, lists ESLANDA ROBESON as a speaker for a reception for the Families of the Smith Act Victims to be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City, on September 26, 1951.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised a reception was held on September 26, 1951 at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City, sponsored by the Families of the Smith Act Victims. According to [redacted] ROBESON spoke and had as her theme that she was a member of various families which she learned about as she was growing up. First, she learned of a negro family after she had thought she was at first just a member of the "good GORDOZA" family. Next, as she grew up, she found she was a member of the American family; next of the African family, and finally of the freedom family. She explained that latter family by remarking that near her home in Massachusetts was a photographer who had come forward to put up bail for one of the recent seventeen Communists. He is also a member. To be a member of this family, you have to fight.

[redacted] advised on August 26, 1952 that the Families of the Smith Act Victims is an organization which is devoted to the collection of funds for the benefit of families prosecuted under the Smith Act.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of June 3, 1953, page 5, column 2, carried an article by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN which states that the Families of the Smith Act Victims was set up in 1951 for those who had been arrested under the Smith Act in New York City. Later, following other arrests, Family Committees were set up in Los Angeles, Baltimore, Seattle, St. Louis and Detroit. According to this article, the purpose of this organization is to give mutual aid and protection for families and help to the prisoners.

[redacted] advised ROBESON spoke at a meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held on October 27, 1951 at the Brevoort Hotel, New York City.

[redacted] advised the Eastern Seaboard Conference of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice met with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women for a luncheon at the YMCA, 180 West 135th Street, New York City, on March 23, 1952. According to [redacted] this luncheon was attended by ESLANDA ROBESON.

[redacted] advised on May 29, 1952 that the Sojourners for Truth and Justice was organized in September, 1951 by an Initiating Committee composed of fourteen negro women. According to [redacted] the stated aims and objectives of this organization are as follows:

1. To fight discrimination, mob rule, Jim Crowism in the Armed Forces and lynch justice.

2. To advocate passage of anti-poll tax, anti-lynch law, and fair employment practice legislation.

3. To work for the release from prison of ROSA LEE INGRAM.

4. To work for conferences with other nations to attain world peace.

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5. Demand a stop to the persecution of the Negroes.

[redacted] advised that the officers of this organization are either members of the Communist Party or Communist Party front organizations. According to T-13, the Sojourners for Truth and Justice follow the Communist Party line.

[redacted] advised that the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order had a women's section known as the Emma Lazarus Division. The "Morning Freiheit," an East Coast Communist Yiddish language daily newspaper, on January 25, 1951 reported that a National Conference on January 20-21, 1951 of the Emma Lazarus Division, adopted a new constitution and changed its name to the Federation of Emma Lazarus Jewish Womens Clubs.

The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and the International Workers Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke at the "Peace Under the Stars" rally held at Tri-Boro Stadium, New York City, on August 20, 1952, which was sponsored by the New York Peace Institute.

ROBESON gave a political speech on behalf of the Progressive Party. She said that both other parties said of the other that it was THE War Party. And, that she regretted to say that BOTH OF THEM ARE RIGHT: That the only peace party is the Progressive Party. She said that at their Convention, there was a terrific demand for peace, contrary to the column of I. F. STONE of the "New York Compass" newspaper.

She said that while Wall Street wanted war, and wanted to launch their imperialistic war aggressively, the pressure of the people was stopping them. She pointed out that they had had to cut their planned number of divisions because of this.

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She called on the USA warmakers to end the war in Korea today; to stop the cruel bombings, the Napalm Bombs and throw all the Jellied Gas in the ocean. She also said the peoples would have to force the Wall Street forces to stop their aid of the British and French in their Imperialistic fighting.

She said that the people everywhere, especially in the Colonial Countries, were now actively fighting for peace.

According to the "Daily Worker" of May 13, 1951, page 1, columns 1 and 2, the New York Peace Institute held its first session on April 19, 1951, at which meeting the delegates voted to set up the New York Peace Institute as a permanent "center" for peace activities in New York State to help win world peace.

[redacted] has advised that the Headquarters of the New York Peace Institute is located at 125 West 72nd Street, New York City, in the same office as the American Peace Crusade. [redacted] stated that although the New York Peace Institute does not publicly admit any connection with the American Peace Crusade, it is in fact a group concerned entirely with furthering programs of the American Peace Crusade.

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The American Peace Crusade has been cited as an organization which "the Communists established as a new instrument for their 'peace' offensive in the United States and which was heralded by the 'Daily Worker' with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 1, 1951, page 51.)"

[redacted] and [redacted] advised the American Peace Crusade was organized in February, 1951, under the direction of FRED FINE, Secretary of the Public Affairs Department of the Communist Party, USA. [redacted] advised

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that FINE instructed that hundreds of "Peace Committees be organized throughout the country for the purpose of bringing back the American troops from Korea."

[redacted] UNKNOWN RELIABILITY advised ESLANDA ROBESON attended a demonstration at Rockland Palace, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on November 28, 1952, in support of the African Resistance movement.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 11, 1953 states political and educational leaders will pay tribute to the achievements of JOSEPH STALIN at a memorial meeting at the Jefferson School of Social Science Sunday evening. ESLANDA ROBESON was listed as a speaker.

[redacted] advised subject attended a lecture sponsored by the Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted]

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[redacted] advised ROBESON attended a Progressive Party State Convention held at 2205 Brookfield Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, on April 19, 1953.

[redacted] advised subject spoke at a Progressive Party affair held on April 18, 1953 at 2014 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the Fourth Congressional District of the Progressive Party.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke on [redacted] at a Civil Rights Congress meeting sponsored by the Committee of One Hundred, at the [redacted], Detroit, Michigan. According to [redacted] ROBESON made no specific reference to Communism, but characterized America as the main body of imperialism. Subject's remarks referred to Africa, Peace and Civil Rights, Korea, and generally followed the "Daily Worker" line.

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On June 12, 1950 [redacted] advised that the International Workers Order had formed the Committee of One Hundred, 147 Fourth Avenue, New York City. According to [redacted] the Committee of One Hundred was organized at the instigation of the General Council of the International Workers Order for the purpose of taking action to support the defense activities of the International Workers Order.

[redacted] advised subject spoke on mannerisms, culture, manner of dress, education, and wealth of Africa at a Freedom Associates meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

According to [redacted] and [redacted] the subject attended a meeting of Freedom Associates on [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] advised ROBESON attended a meeting at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted] which reported on the World Congress in Defense of the Rights of Women held in Denmark in June, 1953.

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According to [redacted] ROBESON attended a rally "In Defense of the Right to Read" held on December 11, 1953 at the Manhattan Towers, Broadway and 76th Street, New York City, which was sponsored by the New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

ROBESON told of her run-in with Senator McCARTHY and stated she was surprised and happy to hear that her books were on the shelves overseas. ROBESON said she was not asked if she was a Communist sympathizer by McCARTHY, but added "I am."

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON attended a "send-off" party sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress and given for the delegates participating in the delegation traveling to Atlanta, Georgia as part of the campaign for the freedom of ROSA LEE INGRAM. This party was held [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

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It is to be noted that ROSA LEE INGRAM is presently serving time in Atlanta, Georgia. The Civil Rights Congress is attempting to seek her freedom.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised subject attended the "McCarthy Trial" held at the St. Nicholas Arena, 66th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, on January 6, 1954, sponsored by the Trade Union Veterans Committee.

According to [redacted] ROBESON condemned McCARTHY for his threat and intimidations of people in all walks of life, the methods he uses and what effect it has had and will continue to have if he is not stopped now. The Negro People, Labor Unions, the arts, the sciences, all have felt his Nazi-like investigations, and all this with the stamp of approval of the present administration. This war-monger, murderer of innocent people, must be brought to justice by the American people who alone can judge him for what he is worth. This meeting will go down in history as having incited a move which will eventually wipe out McCarthyism.

[redacted] furnished a pamphlet entitled "Trade Union Veterans Committee" addressed to the Civil Rights Congress which states, "A group of trade unionists who are World War II and Korean war veterans are holding a public trial of Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY, Wednesday, January 6, 1954, at St. Nicholas Arena. The purpose of this trial is to expose the evil of McCarthyism as well as McCarthy's record of political and moral corruption. This trial will also bring to light McCarthy's association with pro-Nazi and Big Business groups. This trial, in our opinion, will help to mobilize the struggle against the anti-labor forces who are running rampant in our country. It will show that McCarthyism has become the chief weapon of reaction in its efforts to destroy the democratic and civil liberties of American labor and the people."

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ROBESON employed as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom", and self-employed as a concert singer. Resides at 22 East 89th St., NYC in care of HAROLD MC GEE. Attended Annual Rally of National Council of American - Soviet Friendship, 11/12/53; 3rd Annual Convention of the National Negro Labor Council in Chicago, 12/4,5,6/53; Progressive Party National Committee meeting, 1/16/54; National Convention "Jamboree" of Labor Youth League, 2/19/54; ALP meeting, 2/24/54; 10th Anniversary Dinner of Jefferson School of Social Science, 3/5/54 and the May Day demonstration, 5/1/54. Cultural salute to ROBESON held on 5/26/54.

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RESIDENCE

[redacted] advised that the subject maintains his residence at 22 East 89th Street, New York City, in care of HAROLD MC GEE and continues to receive his mail at this address.

EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom" and also Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Both of these organizations are located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City.

[redacted] advised that "Freedom" is a monthly publication of Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City. According to [redacted] members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board are Communist, active in racial matters. PAUL ROBESON, LOUIS E. BURNHAM and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR. were active in organizing the publication.

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

[redacted] advised that a PAUL ROBESON concert was held at the University of Chicago, Mandel Hall, on May 8, 1954. According to [redacted] this was a conservative concert with no speeches.

[redacted] advised a PAUL ROBESON concert was held at the Galilee Baptist Church, 148 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey on January 31, 1954.

ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to open the mass rally of the Convention of the National Negro Labor Council to be held in Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 5 and 6, 1953.

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The National Negro Labor Council has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised ROBESON attended the Annual Rally of the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship on November 12, 1953 at the Hotel Capitol's Carnival room, New York City in honor of the 20th anniversary of the founding of diplomatic relations between the United States and the USSR, and the 36th anniversary of the founding of a Soviet State.

According to [redacted] ROBESON stated, "It is a privilege to be here. An attack on the USSR is really an attack on the people. We must follow in the tradition of JEFFERSON and DOUGLAS. The struggle becomes fiercer. There is no retreat until the Smith Act is repealed or until BOB THOMPSON walks out of jail. Liberals must become allies of peace or perish. We who are living in this great time must preserve freedom and the dignity of man."

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

ROBERT THOMPSON has been convicted for violation of the Smith Act, 1940 and is presently serving time. THOMPSON convicted in October, 1949, US District Court, Southern District of

[redacted] advised a "Peoples Conference to Fight the MC CARRAN Law Prosecutions and MC CARTHYISM" was held at the Yugoslav - American Home, New York City on October 24, 1953 under sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress.

According to [redacted] a message from PAUL ROBESON was read to the Conference which called upon the Progressives to mobilize the people in the fight against the MC CARRAN Law and MC CARTHYISM which are leading this nation and the whole world to war. The message stated that the Negro people will fight against reaction and for civil liberties. ROBESON advocated, "We must remove the DULLES and the MC CARTHYS from the path and march on to freedom and peace."

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised ROBESON was presented with the International STALIN Peace Prize on September 23, 1953 at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, which consisted of an award and a promise of $25,000.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised ROBESON stated he finally received the $25,000 he had coming from Russia.

[redacted] advised ROBESON attended the 3rd Annual Convention of National Negro Labor Council, held at the Pershing Hotel, Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 5 and 6, 1953.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 24, 1953, page 5, column 3, reflects an article entitled, "On the Way", which states, "The enemies of culture and of peace have killed PAUL ROBESON a hundred times. Not only have they sought to kill his art and still his voice, they once attempted to murder him physically. That was at Peekskill, where officially-sanctioned storm troopers carried through an orgy of violence against men, women and children concert-goers in the late summer of 1949. But ROBESON lives and lives, and sings and sings."

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

[redacted] advised that the Peekskill disorders of August 27, 1949 and September 9, 1949 in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

[redacted] advised ROBESON attended a dance of the Labor Youth League (LYL) held at Rockland Palace, New York City on December 18, 1953.

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

[redacted] advised ROBESON spoke at a session of the Convention of the National Negro Labor Council at the Pershing Hotel, Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 1953. ROBESON stated that he had willingly deserted a career that had brought him wealth and fame in order to fight against JIM CROW and discrimination. ROBESON stated that he would not be frightened or turned from this course. He stated that the men who run this country are steadily leading us toward war. The oppression of the Negro people today has sharpened more than ever before and that the National Negro Labor Council stands as one of the strongest bulwarks in this country for peace and equality. ROBESON concluded his remarks by calling upon Negro and white youth to march side by side in the fight to create a new and better world. 67D

[redacted] advised ROBESON attended and spoke at the Progressive Party National Committee meeting held at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West 23rd Street, New York City on January 16, 1954. 67D

The September, 1948 issue of "Political Affairs" which identifies itself as a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism, contains on page 943 the election platform of the CP, which is set out in part as follows:

"...The new Progressive Party is an inescapable historic necessity for millions who want a real choice between peace and war, Democracy and Fascism, security and poverty."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 2, 1954, page 3, column 1, reflects the following article entitled, "ROBESON Called Jefferson School Drive for Students a Must."

This article states, "All who cherish peace and freedom in our land should rally now to build and defend

the Jefferson School, declared PAUL ROBESON in a statement issued here yesterday...We have learned through the years to be mighty proud of the Jefferson School. We have seen the clarity it brings to the American people translated into hard-fighting practice and struggles for peace, for trade union unity, for Negro rights, for intellectual freedom; and never before has the work of this school been more needed than in these fateful days of 1954."

The Jefferson School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised ROBESON attended the Labor Youth League National Convention "Jamboree" held at Hunts Point Place, Bronx, New York on February 19, 1954.

ROBESON stated in a speech at this "Jamboree" that he was "honored to be here for he has always been close to youth." ROBESON stated that youth set an example in the fight for peace and declared that he would fight reaction until he was no longer a "second-class citizen" and urged the youth to fight for peace and unity. ROBESON further stated "hands off Indo China and Guatemala and freedom for Puerto Rico."

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[redacted] advised that a PAUL ROBESON reception was held at Reverend HILL's Church, Detroit, Michigan on November 16, 1953. [redacted] noted that the audience which nearly filled the church was almost without exception Communist Party members. After singing several songs, ROBESON spoke of a struggle of the African people to throw off the yoke of oppression. ROBESON stated that he considered it a great accomplishment for his race when he was able to convince Premier NEHRU of India that the Hindu people should join forces with the native Africans in a common struggle against their exploiters and oppressors. A record from one of ROBESON's albums was presented as a reward to each of those individuals who helped organize the gathering.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised ROBESON attended a rally

in defense of Guatemala sponsored by the Provisional Committee on Latin - American Affairs at Manhattan Plaza, 66 East 4th Street, New York City on March 12, 1954.

On [redacted] advised that the Provisional Committee on Latin - American Affairs had been established to acquaint Americans with the real facts about the Guatemalan crisis.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on March 9, 1954 RICHARD GREENSPAN was acting secretary of this Committee.

[redacted] has advised that RICHARD GREENSPAN is a member of the Communist Party, United States of America and of the Commission on Latin - American Affairs of the Communist Party, United States of America.

[redacted] advised that the American Labor Party in the garment center held a rally on February 24, 1954 at the Yugoslav - American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, which was attended by PAUL ROBESON. PAUL ROBESON gave a resume of the history of the Negro in the United States of America and stated the Negroes are on the move all over the world. Negroes in Africa are fighting for their freedom and are inspired by Red China and their victories. Mr. DULLES, who is going to the Inter-American Conference, does not represent the real America; we are the real Americans. ROBESON further stated since his father came from North Carolina, and himself and his son have come from the soil of this United States of America, and he is going to make a place for himself in this United States of America and no one has the right to tell him who he must choose as his friends, domestic or international. ROBESON sang several songs of which a few were sung in Russian.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party and that it is regarded as the political obligation of every Communist Party member in New York State to enroll and vote in the American Labor Party.

According to [redacted] ROBESON attended the 10th Anniversary Dinner of the Jefferson School of Social Science held on March 5, 1954 at the Hotel Mc Alpin, New York City.

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON attended a reception held in honor of HOWARD FAST at the Hotel Mc Alpin, New York City on April 22, 1954. HOWARD FAST was presented with the STALIN International Peace Prize at this reception.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that HOWARD FAST is a member of the Communist Party.

SA [redacted] attended a rally of the International Workers Order (IWO) at Chateau Gardens, Houston Street and Second Avenue, New York City on February 22, 1954 and observed PAUL ROBESON in attendance.

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

According to [redacted] the 32nd anniversary of the "Morning Freiheit" was celebrated at Town Hall, 150 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 3, 1954. According to [redacted] PAUL ROBESON attended this celebration.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 13, 1943, page 6, columns 4-6, stated, "that the National Council of Jewish Communists advised on January 12, 1943, that it had dissolved itself and that the editorial and political control of the 'Morning Freiheit' passed from the National Council of Jewish Communists to the Morning Freiheit Association on January 11, 1943."

Instant article stated, "...Furthermore, it was recognized by the National Council that the liberation of the projected plan would enable the Jewish Communists by collaborating with known Communists to fulfill their duties to the 'Morning Freiheit' without the need for a National Council of Jewish Communists."

The "Daily Worker" December 9, 1946, page 7, column 1, in an editorial, referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as the Jewish language Communist paper.

[redacted] furnished a letter of the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims dated May 10, 1954 advertising an Amnesty Rally dedicated to freeing Smith Act victims for June 10, 1954. PAUL ROBESON was listed on the program for this Rally.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was held at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City on June 14, 1952, at which time a National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was formed. According to the informant, the purpose of this organization was to promote amnesty for Communist Party leaders who had been indicted or convicted under the Smith Act and for all "Smith Act victims."

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON attended the May Day demonstration of the United May Day Committee held at Union Square, New York City on May 1, 1954.

The United May Day Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" of May 11, 1954, page 8, column 1, article entitled, "ROBESON Salute Will Open Fight for Travel Rights" states, "A cultural salute to PAUL ROBESON to be held May 26 at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street at 7th Avenue, New York City, will be the opening event at a National Campaign to Restore the Distinguished Artist Right to Travel Abroad."

[redacted] advised a cultural salute to PAUL ROBESON was held at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City on May 26, 1954 under the auspices of the Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport. According to [redacted] this meeting consisted principally of entertainment, although several speeches were made demanding the State Department to restore ROBESON's passport.

"Negro Affairs" Quarterly, volume 2, number 1, 1954,

page 5, issued by the National Negro Commission of the Communist Party, United States of America, states, "Be it subversive to support Africa's liberation, to make known to the American people the vicious 'apartheid' laws and to rally aid from Negro and white in this country against the daily terror in Malan's Africa?

"...Because the United States Government has an economic and political stake in the suppression of South Africa's masses, giving loans and guns to Malan's regime, to enable it to carry on, it is anxious to silence the Council on African Affairs. The MC CARRAN Act is its instrument. The people of South Africa know the work of the Council on African Affairs and take courage from it.

"...PAUL ROBESON, Chairman of the African Council; Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS, its Vice-Chairman; W. A. HUNTON, its Secretary - these are the men whom BROWNELL persecutes because they provide to Americans the truth about Africa."

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that W. E. B. DU BOIS was a Communist.

[redacted] knew W. E. B. DU BOIS to be a member of the Communist Party as of [redacted]

[redacted] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is a Communist. HUNTON attended the Marxist Institute of the Jefferson School of Social Science during the term 1948 to 1949.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PAUL ROBESON arrived via air at Seattle, Wash., 7/29/54 and departed via air 8/7/54. While in the Seattle area ROBESON sang and spoke at a peace rally at Blaine, Wash., which was sponsored by the Vancouver, B.C. local of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union. On 8/6/54 ROBESON gave a public concert at the Senator Auditorium, Seattle, Wash. ROBESON also attended a "People's World" fund raising dinner on 8/1/54 at Bellingham, Wash. He attended a reception at the Shipscaler's Union Hall, Seattle, on 8/6/54. The Communist Party, Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council, and the "Daily People's World" were all active in behalf of PAUL ROBESON.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, has advised that the members of the editorial staff and board of "Freedom" are communists who are active in racial matters. This informant also advised that "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of the "Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast communist newspaper.

On [redacted] the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council held a meeting at [redacted] One of the principal speakers at this meeting was PAUL BOWEN, who on October 10, 1953, was convicted in Federal Court for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. BOWEN on numerous occasions has made public statements that he is a member of the Communist Party. PAUL BOWEN called for the formation within the Seattle Negro Labor Council of a Paul Robeson Concert Committee. The purpose of this committee would be to make arrangements for PAUL ROBESON's concert at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Wash., as well as a public concert to be held in Seattle - both events were planned to take place early in August, 1954.

The Seattle Negro Labor Council has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PAUL ROBESON CONCERT COMMITTEE

On [redacted] the PAUL ROBESON Concert Committee held a meeting at [redacted] At this meeting the following individuals were elected as officers for the Paul Robeson Concert Committee:

Chairman	ROSE CARTER
Secretary	VINCE DAVIS
Treasurer	PEARL CASTLE
Financial Committee Chairman	PEARL CASTLE
Honor Guard (also called Security Guard)	DELBERT CASTLE
Housing Chairman	HAZEL HORDER
Reception Committee Chairman	ANITA MARKEY
Program Chairman	JERRY MARKEY.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that ROSE CARTER is presently an active member of the Central Section, 12th District, Communist Party.

[redacted] advised that VINCE DAVIS, PEARL CASTLE, DELBERT CASTLE were prominent members of the 12th District CP.

[redacted] identified HAZEL HORDER as a member of the CP.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] ANITA and JERRY MARKEY are members of the Negro Labor Council.

[redacted] planned to [redacted] assemble an honor guard (also referred to as a security guard) to escort PAUL ROBESON from Seattle to Blaine, Washington, and return. [redacted]

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DELBERT CASTLE was designated as the individual who would attempt to assemble sufficient union men to sponsor a dinner for PAUL ROBESON at Washington Hall [redacted]

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

On [redacted] the Paul Robeson Concert Committee held a meeting at [redacted]

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On July 9, 1954, PEARL CASTLE and (BILL) SHORT paid a $25.00 deposit on the Senator Auditorium, 7th and Union Streets, Seattle, Wash., for the evening of August 6, 1954. The rent for the auditorium would be $150. It was decided to order 3200 tickets which were to be broken down into the following price categories:

200	Tickets @	$5.00
900	Tickets @	2.00
1600	Tickets @	1.25
500	Tickets @	.50

It was expected that approximately 3,000 people would attend the concert.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] X4 of known reliability.

[redacted] PEARL CASTLE had secured the Senator Auditorium at the cost of $150 and was printing 3200 tickets at the cost of $33.00. [redacted] FRED BARRY would assist in having the Shipscalers Union sponsor a union concert for PAUL ROBESON. ANITA MARKEY [redacted] was still unable to obtain adequate housing for PAUL ROBESON.

SOURCE: [redacted] X4

On July 17, 1954, the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council raised $125 to cover the cost of renting the Senator Auditorium for the PAUL ROBESON concert which was to be held on August 6, 1954.

SOURCE: [redacted]

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On July 22, 1954, the [redacted] Robeson Concert Committee held a meeting at the home of VINCE DAVIS, Seattle. The first point of order at the meeting was a report from the housing committee and ANITA MARKEY advised that the housing committee as yet was unable to secure adequate housing for PAUL ROBESON even though the committee was prepared to pay rent up to $10.00 a day.

[redacted] the Shipscaler's Union is planning a reception on Saturday, August 8, 1954, at 2:00 p.m. [redacted] the offices of the "Daily People's World", the Civil Rights Congress, Frontier Book Store, and the Washington Pension Union were all pushing the concert tickets.

SOURCE: [redacted]

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report of 1948, page 342, states that the "Daily People's World" is "the West Coast mouth piece of the Communist Party.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Frontier Book Store - Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, reported that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Publishers, Inc., the publishing agency of the Communist Party, conferred with the Communist Party leaders in Seattle on June 29, 1950, at which time he was informed by one of the leaders that MARION KINNEY was the one who ordered literature for the Communist Party. On the same date TRACHTENBERG met with the Literature Commission of the 12th District Communist Party, which included MARION KINNEY. In discussing with MARION KINNEY the operations of the Frontier Book Store, THRACHTENBERG remarked that the Party centers around the book store and that she should maintain constant contact with Party leadership. MARION KINNEY stated that the idea that the Frontier Book Store was not a communist book store was a mistake.

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The Washington Pension Union has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

COMMUNIST PARTY SUPPORT OF PAUL ROBESON

On [redacted] the Grays Harbor Section of the Communist Party held a meeting at [redacted] PEARL CASTLE from Seattle, Wash., was present and urged all to attend the Paul Robeson concert which would be held at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Wash., on August 1, 1954 as well as the concert to be held in Seattle on August 6th. After the meeting a clam feed was held and $1.00 was collected from all present. This money was for the Paul Robeson National Defense Fund.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted]* of known reliability.

On [redacted] a branch meeting of the Communist Party was held at [redacted] It was announced at this meeting that PAUL ROBESON would sing on August 1st at Blaine, Wash., and that he would hold a concert in Seattle, Wash., on August 6, 1954. All Party members were urged to support these affairs.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted]*

C.P. FRONT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING PAUL ROBESON

On [redacted] the Northwest Bureau of the "Daily People's World" sponsored a kickoff fund raising conference at [redacted] TERRY PETTUS, Editor, Northwest Bureau, "Daily People's World" and an admitted member of the Communist Party, announced that PAUL ROBESON would sing at the Peace Arch at Blaine, Wash., and urged all attend this function.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

On August 6, 1954, the Frontier Book Store, Seattle, was selling PAUL ROBESON concert tickets.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted]* of known reliability.

On August 15, 1954, an official notice of the State Board of the Washington Pension Union dated August 14, 1954, was released. This notice announced that "In commemoration of the first anniversary of the death of our beloved and honored BILL, there will be a short meeting sponsored by the WILLIAM J. PENNOCK Memorial Association. While they were in Seattle last week PAUL ROBESON and JOSEPH STAROBIN recorded special tributes to "BILL", and ROBESON sang four songs for this meeting!" The notice was signed MABEL CONRAD, WPU Secretary.

It will be noted that WILLIAM J. PENNOCK is an admitted member of the Communist Party who committed suicide while standing trial in Federal Court, Seattle, charged with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

JOSEPH STAROBIN was the foreign correspondent for the "Daily Worker".

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

ROBESON ACTIVITIES WHILE IN THE SEATTLE AREA

On July 29, 1954, PAUL ROBESON, JOHN GRAY, his manager, and ALAN BOOTH, his pianist, arrived at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. That evening a reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held at the residence of EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE, 403 20th Avenue North, Seattle.

In addition to the PAUL ROBESON Concert Committee PAUL and DORTHA BOWEN, TERRY and BERTA PETTUS, MARION KINNEY and BABA JEANNE DECKER attended this meeting.

It will be recalled that PAUL BOWEN and TERRY PETTUS were convicted on October 10, 1953, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

MARION KINNEY is an admitted member of the Communist Party and manager of the Frontier Book Store.

BABA JEANNE DECKER is a member of the Communist Party and organizer of the North King County Section of the CP.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

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The informant added that while in Seattle PAUL ROBESON would reside with EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that he knew EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE to be members of the District Committee, 12th District CP. 67C/67D

On August 1, 1954, the Vancouver, B. C., Canada, local of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union sponsored a concert featuring PAUL ROBESON at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Washington.

HARVEY MURPHY, Regional Director of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced ROBESON. ROBESON sang numerous songs, the majority of which were written by composers from "Iron Curtain" countries. ROBESON also gave a short reading in Russian.

ROBESON made the collection speech and requested that the donations be brought to the speaker's wagon. The response to his appeal was very light and this caused ROBESON to make several comments in an effort to have more individuals donate to his cause.

ROBESON then gave a short talk in which he stated he was the executive editor of the newspaper entitled "Freedom" and was a member of the executive committee for the Council on African Affairs.

> The COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ROBESON complained bitterly over the fact that the State Department has not only refused to issue him a passport but has also denied him permission to leave this country or to even visit such neighboring countries as Canada and Mexico. ROBESON complained that the ordinary citizen does not need a passport to visit either Canada or Mexico. According to ROBESON if he were permitted to go to Europe he could obtain several leading roles in operas which were being presented in Czechoslovakia and other "Iron Curtain" countries.

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He also warned that if the State Department did permit him to leave the country he would not cease speaking out for the independence of the African people even though this was against the policy of the State Department. ROBESON also claimed that the State Department by refusing him permission to travel abroad was denying him the right to make a living.

At the concert PAUL ROBESON introduced JOSEPH STAROBIN, foreign correspondent of the "Daily Worker" to the audience.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

Confidential Informant [redacted] estimated that approximately 2500 people were in Peace Arch Park during the concert.

According to informant over a thousand cars were parked in the vicinity of the Canadian Immigration as compared to only several hundred cars in the vicinity of the United States Immigration Station. Informant stated that on every Sunday there are approximately 300 to 500 people picnicking in the park and therefore he estimated that between 1500 and 1800 Canadians attended the concert, 200 Americans and between 300 and 500 picnickers.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

The following article appeared in the August 6, 1954, issue of the "Daily People's World", page 4, column 3:

"PAUL ROBESON'S VOICE SOARS ACROSS NATIONAL BARRIERS"

"The artistry of Paul Robeson winged unimpeded across an international frontier with the appearance of the world-beloved singer and actor in his third annual concert in beautiful Peace Arch park on the U. S.-Canadian border.

"Although denied a passport to appear in their countries Robeson sang to friends from many lands as the audience was swelled by athletes and visitors from all parts of the British Commonwealth who are in Vancouver for the famous Empire Games.

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"The many thousands who made the annual pilgrimage to the Peace Arch spread out across the smooth green lawns, up the gentle flower-slashed slope that makes the park a natural amphitheater and over-flowed into the trees rimming the Eastern boundary. Estimates ranged from fifteen to twenty thousand. However, a Canadian Mounted Police check of 8000 cars lends weight to the larger figure.

"Although the informality and warmth of an outdoor affair remained, ROBESON this year sang a complete, formal concert program ranging from the spirituals of his people, the folk music of many lands to the somberly dramatic 'Prayer and Death' excerpt from Moussorgsky's 'Bohis Godunov'.

"The artist freely admitted that he had some doubts as to the suitability of this selection for a huge, outdoor audience but these soon vanished. The audience loved it and cheered when the singer expressed the hope that he would soon be able to present it on the opera stage of Europe and 'even in my own country'.

"Since its inception the annual border concert has been linked to the fight to force the U. S. State Department to rescind its ban on ROBESON'S passport. The first was held when the singer was unable to get permission to leave the U. S. to appear in a Vancouver, B. C. concert sponsored by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union. If ROBESON cannot come to us, the union said, we will go to him. So the great artist went to the border and the people flocked to hear him. Each year Mine-Mill has sponsored the concert.

"This year the union put out an elaborate, printed program which contained greetings from many Canadian trade unions and fraternal groups. Included as well were messages from personages all over the world protesting the passport ban. Harvey Murphy, Mine-Mill regional director, introduced Robeson as a 'great American who is loved throughout the world'.

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"Joe Hill

"As a special tribute to the fighting traditions of the Canadian union Robeson presented a reading of the scene 'I Speak For Joe Hill' from the play 'The Man Who Never Died' by Barry Stavis. And the program included, as it does every year, a request for 'Joe Hill'.

"In response to the greetings from Murphy the singer pledged to his audience that he will ' press for the freedom of Africa and all colonial people' and will 'keep fighting for the dignity of my people and all people'.

"During an intermission a young Australian athlete paid tribute to Robeson and presented him with gifts from the youth movement of that country. The gifts included a boomerang and an Australian Empire Games' pin."

On August 1, 1954, immediately after the Paul Robeson Concert at Peace Arch Park, ROBESON, accompanied by TERRY PETTUS and JOSEPH STAROBIN, went to the home of WILLIAM "RED" WALLACE at Bellingham, Wash., where a "People's World" fund raising dinner was held. Approximately 70 people attended this dinner and the main speech was given by JOSEPH STAROBIN. According to the informant, ROBESON did not take part in the proceedings. After the dinner the party returned to Seattle, Washington.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

On August 6, 1954, PAUL ROBESON sang at a concert which was held at the Senator Auditorium, 7th and Union, Seattle. A crowd of approximately 200 to 300 people attended the concert. ROBESON made no political speeches at this concert, however his program consisted of so-called "progressive" songs as JOE HILL, JOHN HENRY, Etc.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted]

The following article concerning ROBESON'S concert at the Senator Auditorium appeared in the August 13, 1954, edition of the "Daily People's World", page 2, column 2:

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"ROBESON, BOOTH SCORE IN CONCERT"

"PAUL ROBESON and ALAN BOOTH, his Seattle accompanist and guest artist, scored a musical triumph at a summer concert in the Eagles Auditorium Aug 6. Although competing with the many public Seafair activities the concert drew an audience of 700.

"The concert was the Seattle debut of Booth as a concert pianist. To the obvious delight of ROBESON the audience gave him ovation after ovation. In addition to such standard concert numbers as a Beethoven sonata and a Chopin ballad, which gave music lovers an opportunity to compare techniques with pianists ranging from Liberace to Paderewski, BOOTH introduced several new program items including a Chinese suite and three African dances.

"As in previous concerts the audience was satisfied with no fewer than a half dozen encores ending with 'JOE HILL'. ROBESON the actor blended with ROBESON the singer in the powerful prayer and death excerpt from Moussorgsky's opera 'Boris Godunov'. ROBESON is scheduled to sing the title role of 'Boris Godunov' in Europe if and when he gets his passport.

"ROBESON spent more than a week in Seattle conferring with community leaders. On Saturday at a trade union conference in the AFL Shipscaler's Hall a continuations committee to help in the passport campaign was set up."

On August 7, 1954, a reception was held for PAUL ROBESON at the Shipscaler's Drydock and Miscellaneous Workers Union, AFL, 2221 Third Avenue, Seattle, Wash. Prior to ROBESON'S arrival at the reception the Civil Rights Congress circulated petitions among those in attendance. ROBESON sang several songs and between songs would comment on different international and local matters. ROBESON'S main point seemed to be based on the theme that the working people were maltreated by the rich. Approximately thirty or forty individuals attended this reception.

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On the evening of August 7, 1954, PAUL ROBESON and his associates were driven to the Seattle-Tacoma Airport where they boarded an airplane for an unknown destination.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] 7/4 67

ROBESON Attempts to Speak Before Local 1-9 ILWU

The following article appeared in the August 15, 1954 edition of the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer", page 17, column 1:

"ROBESON Talk Failure Reason Still Not Clear"

"PAUL ROBESON, controversial Negro baritone, failed in an attempt to speak before a meeting of the Longshoremen's Union here recently, but the reason for his failure was not clear Saturday night.

"One source said the pro-Russian singer's appearance was thwarted when members stayed away from a scheduled meeting, thus preventing a quorum of 200 to vote on whether he should be heard.

"ART OLSEN, secretary of Local 19, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, said the lack of a quorum wasn't unusual. OLSEN said 144 men attended and that fewer than 50 stayed outside.

"ROBESON was in the area to sing at a concert at the Peace Arch near Blaine. He is an honorary member of the union."

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are translations from the following issues of the Hungarian Language, pro-Communist, weekly publication, "Magyar Szo":

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AMERIKAI MAGYAR SZO
(Hungarian American Word)
March 25, 1954
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(Summary)

PAUL ROBESON'S ADDRESS ON THE IDES OF MARCH

The bright spot in the program of New York's progressive Hungarians was the appearance of Paul Robeson. After he sang he delivered this deeply moving and unforgettable speech.

A century may be of fateful importance in the history of a nation. At the time of the world revolutions in 1848 my father was a five year old boy, and a slave. Soon the abolitionist forces became active and their efforts led to the great Civil War.

No more noble page was written in history than that about your father, Louis Kossuth. Today the same old spirit of fellowship exists between my people and yours. We are all real Americans, regardless of our national background.

This America is ours! And our beloved Louis Kossuth and Frederick Douglass urge us to stand fast and continue the battle in the spirit of our land's great heritage.

Today the entire land is upset by McCarthy's fascist tactics. Progressive Americans were the first to realize the danger, to ring the alarm. Now millions of Americans are aware that the situation is serious and they are beginning to act.

We cannot let ourselves be frightened. We can do pioneer work in saving our land, which we will give to our sons as the land of peace and plenty.

I send my sincere best wishes to the people of Louis Kossuth's land, to the Hungarian peoples' democracy, one of socialism's great lands. Let them realize that there is still a decent America which stands guard and which is growing by the addition of millions, a decent America which extends its hand for peace and friendship to all peoples.

The dangerous areas will continue to remain especially in our land torn by waves of reaction. Now the entire world is united in a common

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effort, for a common goal: peace. The powerful army of peace, led by the great people of the Soviet Union, the Chinese Peoples Republic, the peoples' democracies and millions of peace lovers in every land on earth, will bar war.

PEACE WILL CONQUER WAR!

Long live Hungarian freedom!

Translator: [redacted] b7C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 6/30/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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Council on African Affairs and Freedom Associates

Both at 139 West 125th St., New York, New York

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PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached for your information are two copies of a letter dated September 24, 1954, forwarded to the Bureau by Mr. Walter Winchell, which letter was directed to him by one [redacted] New York City, the contents of which are self-explanatory. b/c

The enclosure is furnished for your information.

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October 4, 1954

From Walter Winchell.

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Dear Mr. Winchell:

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After Carnegie hall, Town Hall, etc. — Singing about "Jabon Henry" and talking about when he played football he was fighting for us and so forth; yeah, huh?

Says he's still fighting for us — We don't seem to be doing so bad under "Ike" (Eisenhower) If you want my 4 cents worth — Anyone seen Joe McCarthy?

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

DATE: October 5, 1954

FROM : MR. R. D. SIMPSON

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G-2 has furnished excerpts of information obtained during the questioning of returned prisoners of war from Korea. Attached are excerpts pertaining to captioned individual.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached be furnished to the supervisor handling this case.

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EXCERPT

ROBESON, Paul

Name	Rank	ASN	Dossier No.	Army Area

[redacted] made the following statement concerning Paul Robeson during [redacted]'s interrogation on b7C b7D

ROBESON, Paul was praised by the Chinese for his peace efforts.

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EXCERPT

ROBESON, Paul

Name RANK ASN Dossier No. Army Area

[redacted] made the following statement during his interrogation on [redacted]

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The library in camp had books written by ROBESON, Paul.

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EXCERPT

ROBESON, Paul

Name	RANK	SN	Dossier No.	Army Area

[redacted] made the following statement concerning ROBESON, Paul during [redacted]'s interrogation on [redacted]

Subject could recall no publications suggested to prisoners as reading material for use after their release; however, the general statement made by the Communist was that they suggested certain books for reading and told the address of book stores in the larger cities where such books could be found. They also mentioned such authors as: Paul ROBESON; FOSTER; and Steve NELSON. They also mentioned certain films to see.

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

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November 22, 1954

MR. W. V. CLEVELAND

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ACTION:

[redacted] advised that the Bureau would be kept informed of developments. (u)

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cc-Mr. Belmont
cc-Mr. Branigan
cc-Mr. George Lake
cc-Mr. Ammarell

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TITLE: PAUL ROBESON, wa

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject employed as chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and as chairman of the National Council on African Affairs. Subject also self-employed as concert singer, resides at 22 East 89th St, NYC. Subject attended National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims, 6/10/54; official opening "People's Artists", 6/12/54 and BEN GOLD meeting, 6/16/54, subject attended APC program 6/24/54, Soviet reception in honor of Russian Chess Team, 6/24/54, and a tribute to BEN DAVIS, 6/29/54. Subject in attendance at WILLIAM L. PATTERSON Rally, 8/26/54 and ALP rally, 9/23/54. Subject attended National Negro Labor Council, meetings held 9/24-26/54 and on 10/3/54 attended CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Rally, Chicago, Illinois. Subject and wife honored by dinner sponsored by "New World Review", 10/14/54. On 10/31/54, subject sang at Chopin Cultural Center, Chicago, and on 11/7/54 attended USSR celebration at NYC, and at Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. On 11/8/54, subject attended PATTERSON Rally, NYC, and NCASF meeting, 11/16/54. Subject scheduled to give concert at PUND, NYC, on 12/7/54, and on 12/17/54 attended dinner honoring International Publishers. Miscellaneous information re Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport set forth. "Daily Worker", 12/9/54, notes ROBESON subpoenaed to appear that date before NY State Board Legislative Committee on Philanthropic and Charitable Agencies.

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DETAILS:

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BACKGROUND

Employment

The August, 1954, issue of "Freedom", Volume IV, Number 5, page 2, noted that instant paper is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, and further listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman of the paper's editorial board.

"Freedom", a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates was introduced in November, 1950, the purpose of which was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the viewpoint that is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker and to point out the importance of the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the working class. (The "Worker", issue of December 31, 1950)

The "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] advised i[redacted] that the editorial board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers. According to [redacted] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of the "Worker".

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON was chairman of the editorial board of "Freedom" and also usually wrote the lead article for the paper.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject is chairman of the National Council on African Affairs and is associated with the publication, "Freedom", both organizations being located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City. [redacted] advised that the subject is presently self-employed as he has been for years as a concert singer.

The National Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Residence

On December 17, 1954, [redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON is receiving his mail at apartment 2D, 22 East 89th Street, and, in the opinion of [redacted] this address constitutes PAUL ROBESON's legal residence. He stated that the apartment is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD MC GEE and ROBESON on occasion spends evenings there. [redacted] stated that MC GEE is an unemployed actor who apparently is suffering from a continuing illness which confines him to his bed.

ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

The June 20, 1954 issue of "The Worker", page 10, column 1, contained an article entitled "They Tried to Scandalize His Name - and Failed," which pointed out that the "Get ROBESON Campaign" had failed despite intimidation and name calling on the part of political "know nothings." The article continued to quote a statement given by ROBESON on March 3, 1954, in which ROBESON stated "I know of no force on this earth that can made me retreat one thousandth part of one inch from my firm, well considered, repeatedly declared and fully openly-lived beliefs."

[redacted] advised that the subject attended and was a speaker at a meeting of the National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims held June 10, 1954, at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City, which according to the informant, amounted to an "Amnesty Rally for Smith Act prisoners and a tribute to Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY."

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was held at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on June 14, 1952, at which time the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was formed. According to the informant, the purpose of this organization was to promote amnesty for Communist Party leaders who had been indicted or convicted under the Smith Act. b7D

With regard to DR.EDWARD K. BARSKY, mentioned above, the "Daily Worker" of May 25, 1945, advised that he was president of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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

The "Daily Worker"of April 1, 1947, stated that BARSKY was one of the 17 leaders of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee who was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington,D.C., for contempt of court.

[redacted] advised that BARSKY was a member of the Communist Party. b7D

[redacted] advised that on June 12, 1954, the subject attended an official opening of the new office of "People's Artists", which affair was open by invitation only and was in fact an attempt to raise funds for the organization. ROBESON sang one song and spoke on the importance of "People's Artists" andthe job it was doing for the Progressive Movement.

People's Artists, Incorporated, has been cited as a Communist front. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 342).

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On [redacted] advised that the subject attended a meeting of trade unionists held at the FurWorkers Union Auditorium, New York City, on June 16, 1954, at which BEN GOLD was chairman. [redacted] continued that subject sang and in a speech called on the trade union movement "to take up the challenge of the racists and the trade union haters and to smash their conspiracy against the trade union movement." He pointed out this conspiracy is vividly underlined in the Taft-Hartley conviction of BEN GOLD, who, according to ROBESON, was the greatest union leader in the country.

BEN GOLD, the president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, was convicted in April, 1954, under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act for filing a flase non-Communist affidavit. GOLD has publicly admitted to have been a Communist Party member for over thirty years.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that the subject attended a cultural program sponsored by the American Peace Crusade on June 24, 1954 at the City Center Casino, 135 West 55th Street, New York City. [redacted] and [redacted] advised that ROBESON's part in the program consisted of singing several Negro spirituals and informing the audience that he would fight for freedom in this country as long as he is able.

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on June 24, 1954 that ROBESON attended a Soviet reception in honor of the Soviet Chess Team held at the Soviet Delegation Office, New York City. During the course of same, Mr. V.P. SUSLOV, First Secretary of the Soviet United Nations Delegation, commented that one of the outstanding items of the evening's entertainment would be the singing of "one of our very good American friends, PAUL ROBESON." SUSLOV continued that subject was very fluent in Russian and sang Russian songs and operatic works to perfection. [redacted] further advised that ROBESON did sing several songs after greeting guests in Russian.

[redacted] advised on June 29, 1954, that the subject attended "A Tribute to BEN DAVIS" held at the United Mutual Hall, 310 Lenox Avenue, New York City, which affair was sponsored by the BEN DAVIS Freedom Committee, the Civil Rights Congress and the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership. According to the informant, ROBESON addressed the meeting regarding his trip to Washington, D.C. in attempting to gain parole for DAVIS and attacked the "colonialism" of the foreign policy of the United States especially in Guatemala, where he stated the United States had sponsored the recent revolution.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

BENJAMIN DAVIS was convicted in October, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 10, 1951, page 3, columns 1-4, reflected a community campaign to free BEN DAVIS had begun on the streets of Harlem in early September and was sponsored by the Free BEN DAVIS Committee and the Harlem Civil Rights Congress.

[redacted] on March 1, 1954, made available a leaflet entitled "Petition for Amnesty for BENJAMIN DAVIS", issued by the BEN DAVIS Freedom Committee, same being signed by LOUISE JEFFERS, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, MARTHA CORREA, PAULINE MILOUS and SAUL GROSS. A letter attached to the above petition reflects the aims of the BENJAMIN DAVIS Freedom Committee are to terminate and abolish segregation and discrimination of federal prisoners and to grant amnesty to BENJAMIN DAVIS and all other political prisoners. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, listed above, was listed on this leaflet as national executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress which has been previously described.

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[redacted] advised on February 15, 1954, that LOUISE JEFFERS was an organizer in the Harlem Communist Party, New York City.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that MARTHA CORREA is the Denver County, Colorado, organizer of the Communist Party and is also in charge of the Mexican Section of the Communist Party in Denver.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAULINE MILOUS was a member of the Nat Turner Club of the Communist Party.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, advised in [redacted] that [redacted] had been a member of the International Workers Order for ten years.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised [redacted] a National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership had been formed to stop the attacks against the whole Negro people. On [redacted] stated that the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership is highly infiltrated by the Communist Party and has expanded its energies in behalf of negroes ini indicted under the Smith Act.

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that officers of the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership are in frequent contact with CP, USA Headquarters.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 1, 1954, page 3, column 1, contained an article entitled "Packed Rally Honors BEN DAVIS" which article stated that several hundred persons attended tribute to BEN DAVIS held at 310 Lenox Avenue. The article stated that "DAVIS, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, has brought suit to smash Jim Crow in federal prisons starting with the one at Terre Haute, Indiana, where he is serving a Smith Act frame-up."

In his speech, ROBESON, according to the article, spoke of the betrayal of the Guatemalan people and declared we must not lose sight of the millions in colonial and semi-colonial countries who are suffering "under serfdom imposed by those for whom we vote." The article pointed out that the Stalin Peace Prize Winner (ROBESON) declared "we in America are directly responsible for fighting for the freedom of these peoples."

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[redacted] advised that on July 2, 1954, the USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., requested that two photographs of ROBESON, appropriately autographed, be secured for the Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow, Russia. 67D

The July 11, 1954, edition of the "Worker", page 8, column 1, contained an article entitled "a letter from ROBESON to CHARLES CHAPLIN", in which ROBESON publicly thanked CHAPLIN for a recent message supporting his, ROBESON'S, struggle to obtain a passport. The letter contained various compliments directed by ROBESON to CHAPLIN and concludes "may we meet again soon!"

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 9, 1954, page 1, column 3, contained an article entitled "15,000 Thrill to ROBESON'S Voice in United States-Canadian Border Concert", which article pointed out that ROBESON had sung at the Third Great Peace Arch Rally at the Canadian-United States Border. According to the article, ROBESON sang for approximately two hours and promised to take his passport case to the highest court in the United States.

[redacted] advised that as of August 11, 1954, JESSICA SMITH, Editor, "New World Review", indicated that the "New World Review" was organizing a dinner in honor of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON, same to be held October 14, 1954 at the City Center Casino, 135 West 55th Street, New York City. N.Y 57D

It is noted that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" in March, 1951, changed its title to "New World Review". N.Y.R.I N.Y

Concerning "Soviet Russia Today", the following appears in the booklet, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C:

"Soviet Russia Today"

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 167; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, page 21.)

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"2. Cited as a 'Communist-front publication'. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report Number 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949, page 108)."

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on August 26, 1954, a combination protest rally and birthday party for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, was held at Small's Paradise, 2294 7th Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] and [redacted] continued that ROBESON was among the speakers and eulogized PATTERSON, describing him as a world-wide leader. ROBESON stated that the Communists who earlier had fought against Hitler are now fighting in the liberation of the human race. ROBESON described the imprisoned Communist Party leaders as the "real" patriots of America and called for a fight in their behalf because "their freedom is our freedom". b7D

[redacted] advised that on September 23, 1954, the American Labor Party held a 1954 Gubernatorial Election Rally at the Manhattan Center, New York City, during which various American Labor Party candidates spoke. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON and his wife attended and ROBESON spoke on the desperate need for leadership in the minority groups.

[redacted] advised that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally, these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. [redacted] knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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[redacted] in [redacted] advised that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on September 24, 1954, the National Negro Labor Council held a street meeting under the auspices of its New York Chapter at the corner of 126th Street and Lenox Avenue. PAUL ROBESON was principal speaker in connection with which he asked the audience to attend the forthcoming National Negro Labor Council conference on September 25-26, 1954, at the Hotel Theresa. [redacted] and [redacted] continued that ROBESON sang several numbers and spoke from a sound truck to an audience of approximately 200 people. 67D

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on [redacted] ROBESON was in attendance at the general council meeting of the National Negro Labor Council held at [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] continued that the subject addressed the sixty odd delegates on the progress of the National Council on African Affairs and stated that he, ROBESON, would do whatever he could for the National Negro Labor Council.

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Concerning the/Council on African Affairs, the following appears in the publication, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington,D.C:

"National Coumcil on African Affairs

"1. Cited as subversive and Communist. (Attorney General TOM CLARK, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4,1947, and September 21,1948.)

"2. A Communist-front organization 'formerly known as the International Committee on African Affairs. Its official publication, a monthly bulletin, is called New Africa'. It has received funds from the American People's Fund, a 'Communist financial organization'. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 168 and 320.)"

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[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on October 3, 1954, the CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Rally under the sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress was held at Washington Park, Chicago, Illinois. Informants continued that ROBESON was present and in a speech praised the work of LIGHTFOOT and stated LIGHTFOOT would never go to jail if the people stood together and fought in his defense. Speaking of the United Nations, ROBESON stated the United Nations would have to allow people's China to become a member as well as the small nations of Western Africa.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 1, 1951, page 1, column 1, identified CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as the Illinois Executive Secretary and Alternate Member of the National Committee, Communist Party, USA.

[redacted] advised that on October 14, 1954, a dinner in honor of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON was held at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, New York City, same being sponsored by the "New World Review" and attended by approximately 450 persons. [redacted] advised that many speeches were given during the course of the evening, the general theme of which paid tribute to the ROBESONS for their continuing struggle for a peaceful world and their efforts towards co-existence between nations.

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[redacted] advised that on October 29, 1954, the PAUL ROBESON Concert was held at the Persian Hotel, 64th and Cottage Grove, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the Chicago Committee for PAUL ROBESON. Informant continued this affair was attended by ROBESON and approximately 500 persons.

[redacted] advised that on October 31, 1954, a PAUL ROBESON Concert was held at the Chopin Cultural Center, North Leavitt Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which some 700 people attended. ROBESON was the main attraction of the evening and sang approximately twelve songs.

The Chopin Cultural Center has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] advised that on November 7, 1954, PAUL ROBESON and his wife attended a November 7 celebration at the USSR United Nations Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City.

[redacted] advised that on the evening of November 7, 1954, PAUL ROBESON and his wife attended a reception held at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., same being in celebration of the Great October Revolution.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on November 8, 1954, a "Fight-Back Rally" was held at the Renaissance Casino, New York City, to honor WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary, Civil Rights Congress, and ALPHAEUS HUNTON of the Council on African Affairs.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised the rally was sponsored by the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership, Committee of 100 Women and Patterson Defense Committee, however, these informants felt that same was actually a joint effort of the Civil Rights Congress and the National Council on African Affairs. Approximately 350 people were in attendance and the chairman of same was ESLANDA ROBESON. PAUL ROBESON, in speaking before the rally, called for support of the colonial peoples of the world and stated that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON'S continued leadership in the fight on behalf of the Negro was necessary for the welfare of the oppressed.

The November 7, 1954, edition of the "Daily Worker", page 16, column 1, reflected that a "Fight-Back Rally" for WILLIAM PATTERSON was scheduled for the evening of November 8, 1954, which rally was to be partly sponsored by the Women's Committee of 100.

In the opinion of [redacted], the Women's Committee of 100 had been initiated about the time of the arrest of WILLIAM PATTERSON for the specific purpose of affording protection to political leaders as PATTERSON.

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[redacted] continued that the future plans of the committee encompassed concentration on the struggle for civil liberties and freedom from political oppression. According to [redacted] ESLANDA ROBESON was an officer of this organization.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that ROBESON attended the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship meeting held at the New Rockland Palace, 155th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, which meeting was held in honor of the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet State and the 21st anniversary of the United States diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Union.

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1954, ROBESON, at the above-mentioned meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, spoke and delivered a speech which related the Red Revolution in 1917 with the struggle of the Negro people today in America.

ROBESON stated that just as Lenin and Stalin realized their dreams for their people, the Negro in America must be liberated into full freedom by 1963. He continued that like the USSR and Red China, the people of the world must live in co-existence for peace.

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

[redacted] advised that ROBESON was to give a concert on December 7, 1954, at the Polish United Nations Delegation, New York City.

[redacted] advised that the subject attended a dinner honoring the 30th anniversary of International Publishers and the 70th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, held on December 17, 1954, at the Yugoslav-American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. ROBESON was among those who spoke in connection with the praising of the work of International Publishers.

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"The (Communist) Party's publishing house", headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7686).

[redacted] and [redacted] have described International Publishers as a Communist publishing house.

With regard to ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, [redacted] advised on [redacted] that he was a member of the National Review Commission of the Communist Party, USA, and was secretary of International Publishers, Incorporated.

ALEX TRACHTENBERG was one of the Communist Party leaders indicted on June 20, 1951, New York City, for violation of the Smith Act and was subsequently convicted on January 21, 1953 of same.

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Miscellaneous

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 7, 1954, page 7, column 4, contained an article entitled "World Demand Rises to Let ROBESON Travel", which article stated that scores of protests and pledges of support are streaming into the office of the Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON'S Passport.

[redacted] advised that on November 1, 1951, a leaflet was prepared and distributed by the Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON'S Passport, which leaflet was entitled "the case of PAUL ROBESON'S passport". The leaflet set forth the "facts" concerning the State Department's refusal to grant PAUL ROBESON'S passport and contains suggestions to be taken in having the passport ban lifted. The leaflet also contained a coupon bearing the following: "Miss MARGARET MC CADEN, Secretary, Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON'S Passport, 2286 7th Avenue, New York City", which solicited contributions.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] was a member of the 14th Ward, Communist Party, in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1945 or 1946.

The "Daily Worker" of May 4, 1954, page 6, column 4, reflects that MARGARET MC CADEN was social director at a Decoration Day weekend held at Camp Unity, New York.

[redacted] advised that the program at Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, featured lectures along Communist Party lines and that the bookshop at the camp dealt almost exclusively in Communist literature.

[redacted] has advised that Camp Unity was first set up by the Communist Party as a recreation camp for all races. In August, 1947, [redacted] stated the camp was frequented by Communists of all races.

The "Daily Worker" of December 9, 1954, page 1, column 3, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Subpoenaed" which stated that ROBESON had been subpoenaed to appear on December 9, 1954, before the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Philanthropic and Charitable Organizations in an executive session at 270 Broadway. The article pointed out that the subpoena of ROBESON apparently is in connection with the "committee's attack on the Civil Rights Congress."

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Reference is made to New York letter to the Bureau dated 12/27/54 entitled "Amerikai Magyar Szo," transmitting translations from the October, November and December issues of this Hungarian-language publication.

An article in the November 4, 1954, issue of "Amerikai Magyar Szo" reflected that Mrs. Robeson, who attended a Hungarian meeting in the New York area, had a position in the Press Office of the United Nations.

The New York office is instructed to determine the accuracy of this information and specifically ascertain if Mrs. Robeson is employed in any capacity with the United Nations which would bring her within the purview of the United Nations loyalty program.

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MASS RALLY TO "FREE WILLIAM L. PATTERSON AND BENJAMIN DAVIS" UNDER AUSPICES OF CRC WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED EVENING OF 1/26/55, AT YUGOSLAV HALL, 405 WEST 41ST STREET, NYC. [redacted] ORALLY ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT THE b1/b7C RALLY WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 400 INDIVIDUALS. SAM BARRON INTRODUCED LOU MOROZE OF NEW JERSEY CRC, WHO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RALLY. SPEAKERS INCLUDED LOUISE PATTERSON, CARL MARZANI AND PAUL ROBESON. BEULAH RICHARDSON RECITED POEM ENTITLED "NEGRO AT BAR OF JUSTICE" EULOGIZING PATTERSON. LEON BIBB AND EARL ROBINSON ENTERTAINED WITH SONGS. OTHERS INTRODUCED INCLUDED SMITH

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ACT SUBJECTS JOE BRANDT, JUNIUS SCALES, REGINA FRANKFELD, AND THE WIFE OF JACOB MINDEL. COLLECTION SPEECH WAS HANDLED BY WILLIAM ALBERTSON, AND RAISED APPROXIMATELY $500.00. ALBERTSON ATTACKED THE CONTINUED INCARCERATION OF PATTERSON AND DAVIS, LACK OF BAIL FOR THE ELEVEN, CONVICTION OF CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, AND STATED THAT HE WAS READY TO FIGHT IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENT "PERSECUTION", INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF THE COMMUNISTS. PAUL ROBESON INTERPOLATED HIS RECITAL OF AMERICAN, RUSSIAN AND CHINESE FOLK SONGS WITH REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WAS AS CERTAIN AS HIS STANDING THERE THAT FORMOSA WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE "CHINESE PEOPLE" AND "VERY SOON". ROBESON CHARGED THE UNITED STATES WITH TRYING TO VIOLATE CHINESE TERRITORY AND ATTEMPTED TO DRAW A PARALLEL WITH THE UNITED STATES POSITION IN THE PACIFIC WITH A HYPOTHETICAL CASE INVOLVING POSSIBLE OCCUPATION OF LONG ISLAND BY A FOREIGN POWER WHICH

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WOULD AROUSE PROTEST OF ALL AMERICANS AS THE PACIFIC OPERATION WAS CAUSING PROTEST BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE. ROBESON DESCRIBED THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD AS BEING ON THE MARCH AND CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO STAND UP AND FIGHT. RESOLUTIONS IN THE FORM OF WIRES FORWARDED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM THE MEETING CALLED FOR THE ENDING OF THE PERSECUTION OF PATTERSON, DAVIS AND LIGHTFOOT, AND THE ENDING OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGROES IN FEDERAL PRISONS GRANTING OF BAIL TO ELEVEN CP LEADERS PENDING FURTHER APPEAL. [redacted] COPIES OF THE RECORD "THE INVESTIGATOR" LAMPOONING SENATOR MC CARTHY SOLD AT $3.75 EACH DURING THE EVENING. [redacted] ON [redacted] ADVISED THAT CRC DISTRIBUTED A MIMEOGRAPHED LETTER DATED 1/14/55 CAPTIONED "URGENT" AND UNDERSIGNED SAMUEL BARRON. THE LATTER COMMUNICATION STATES CRC PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO COMPILE A CARD FILE ON ALL CIVIL RIGHTS CASES FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL. CRC HOPES TO PUT OUT A "FACT SHEET" DEALING WITH SMITH ACT CASES AND THEIR AFFECT ON CIVIL RIGHTS, AS WELL AS A MONTHLY PERIODICAL TO BE KNOWN AS "CIVIL RIGHTS LAW LETTER" DEALING IN GENERAL WITH CIVIL RIGHTS CASES, AND

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WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE RATE OF FIVE DOLLARS PER ANNUM, AND WILL DEAL WITH ALL CIVIL RIGHTS CASES, EXCEPT DEPORTATION AND DENATURALIZATION. CRC JANUARY 14 LETTER ASKED THAT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING SAME (1) GET LAWYERS HANDLING CRC CASES TO SUPPLY MATERIAL CONCERNING CIVIL RIGHTS CASES HANDLED BY THEM, (2) FORWARD NAMES OF ATTORNEYS INVOLVED IN CIVIL RIGHTS CASES AND RESPECTIVE AREAS, (3) FORWARD LIST OF ATTORNEYS, LAW LIBRARIES, LEGAL DEPARTMENTS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND UNIONS AND ALL OTHER GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD GET COPIES OF FIRST ISSUE OF "CIVIL RIGHTS LAW LETTER", WHICH WILL BE ISSUED MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY NEXT. OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF INSTANT AIRTEL WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR INFORMATION INDICATING IMPLEMENTATION OF AFOREMENTIONED PROGRAM SET OUT IN JANUARY 14 CRC COMMUNICATION. AUSA GEORGE H. BAILEY ORALLY ADVISED THAT CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS BY TWO TO ONE

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DECISION FILED JANUARY 27, 1955, REVERSED CONTEMPT CONVICTION OF PATTERSON, REMANDED CASE TO DISTRICT COURT, AND ORDERED PATTERSON TO BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. MAJORITY OPINION FILED BY JUSTICE CHARLES E. CLARK WITH JUSTICE JEROME N. FRANK CONCURRING, CHARGES INSUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE THAT PATTERSON HAD CUSTODY OF CRC BOOKS. JUSTICE CARROLL C. HINCKS DISSENTED AND WILL FILE OPINION LATER. [redacted] AND [redacted] BOTH ADVISED OF REVERSAL IN PATTERSON CASE AND INDICATED THAT CP HEADQUARTERS HAD ALSO BEEN APPRISED OF THE DECISION. 1/27/55 ISSUE OF "DAILY WORKER", PAGE FIVE, CONTAINED STATEMENT FROM WILLIAM ALBERTSON OF CRC ATTACKING THE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE NY STATE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGAINST CRC AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS AND ANNOUNCES A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD 1/29/55, AT 23 EAST 26TH STREET TO ORGANIZE A JOINT MASS CAMPAIGN TO "PROTEST THE ORGANIZED SECTIONS OF THE ANTI-MC CARTHY

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Date: February 8, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn BY COURIER SERVICE
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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You have previously been furnished copies of various reports reflecting the activities of this subject.

For your additional information it has been called to this Bureau's attention by a reliable informant that on January 26, 1955, a mass rally to "Free William L. Patterson and Benjamin Davis" was held at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, an organization designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Robeson, a speaker at this rally, reportedly interpolated his recital of American, Russian, and Chinese folk songs with remarks to the effect that it was as certain as his standing there that Formosa would be in the hands of the "Chinese people" and "very soon." Robeson charged the United States with trying to violate Chinese territory and attempted to draw a parallel between the United States' position in the Pacific and a hypothetical case involving the possible occupation of Long Island by a foreign power. This would arouse protests of all Americans as the Pacific operation was causing protest by the Chinese people. Robeson described the people of the world as being on the march and called on the people to stand up and fight.

This matter is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated outside your Agency.

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Subject is on SI. He has recently initiated proceedings to force the State Department to issue him a passport.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

SURVEY OF CHINESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE NY AREA: IS - CH. RE NY TELS 2/2,3,4/55. THE NYO HAS PRESENTLY 59 CHINESE ON THE SI, 27 OF WHICH ARE ALIENS AND 32 ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS. LOCATION OF 57 OF ABOVE SUBJECTS VERIFIED ON 2/2,3,4/55 AS WITHIN TERRITORY OF THE NYO. THE TWO REMAINING SUBJECTS, [redacted] AND [redacted] ARE BOTH REPORTED TO BE OUTSIDE THE US. [redacted] WITH RESPECT TO NON-CHINESE SI SUBJECTS CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND SYMPATHETIC TO CHINESE COMMUNIST, THERE ARE ATTACHED HERETO 24 BLANK MEMORANDA IN DUPLICATE RE SUBJECTS LISTED IN NY TELS OF 2/3 AND 4/55.

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February 4, 1955

Eslanda Robeson
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The following information is being set out concerning the captioned individual, a security index subject of the New York Office, in order to substantiate placing the name of this person on the list of individuals whose close sympathies for Communist China would make them potentially dangerous.

The captioned individual who is the wife of Paul Robeson, is associated with the "New World Review", a magazine devoted to countries of the so-called "New World" such as the Soviet Union, China, and other satellite nations.

Mrs. Robeson stated on March 28, 1950 that she had been in Peiping, China in late December, 1949 and early January, 1950 where she attended a meeting of a conference of some 500 women called by the Chinese Communists. She stated further that she had reached China from Russia travelling into China via the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

Mrs. Robeson also stated on March 28, 1950 that she favors the recognition of the Chinese Communist Government and their right to a seat at the United Nations.

On December 9, 10, 17 and 19, 1950 Mrs. Robeson contacted Mrs. Kung Pu-Shen, International Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a delegate to the United Nations representing the Chinese People's Republic.

Mrs. Robeson also contacted the Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations at the Waldorf Astoria on December 19, 1952.

At a "Rally for China" sponsored by the Council on African Affairs, on February 20, 1950, Mrs. Robeson mentioned how the Chinese people welcomed her as an American sympathetic to the Chinese people's cause.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/10/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
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Rebulet dated 1/7/55.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on [redacted] that ESLANDA ROBESON had been issued a temporary accreditation card as a representative of The New World Review [redacted]

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According to this source, accreditation of press representatives to the U.N. is handled by the Press and Publication Section of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations. Consequently ROBESON was in no way an employee of the U.N. and would not come within the preview of the LEUN program.

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FROM : MR. O. T. MANSFIELD

SUBJECT: ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER (C)
Bureau file: 100-12304
ORIGIN: New York
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PROBLEM:

The file on captioned individual has been reviewed for the purpose of determining whether she is of such professed Communist Chinese sympathy that she would or could present a threat in the event of hostilities with Communist China.

BACKGROUND:

Subject was born December 15, 1895, in Washington, D. C. She resides at 408 West 128th Street, New York City. She is the wife of Paul Robeson

SOUNDNESS OF CASE:

Subject has been a close associate of known Communist Party members and leaders for many years. [redacted] describes her as a concealed Communist - 1950. Subject refused to state whether she was a Communist Party member before the McCarthy Committee - July, 1953, but has since admitted publicly she is a Communist sympathizer. She has been active on behalf of numerous Communist fronts - 1947-1954, frequently as a speaker. Her principal recent activity has been as a member of the Board of Directors, National Council on American-Soviet Friendship - 1953; chairman of Progressive Party of Connecticut - 1952; and activity on behalf of Negroes in front groups and peace groups. She has been employed as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial matters by "New World Review" - 1952. She attended receptions at Russian Embassy - 1943, 1952.

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In 1949 she attended meetings of the Women's International Democratic Federation in Russia and China. In New York she has met with leading representatives of the Chinese Communist delegation to the United Nations - 1950, 1952. She has advocated recognition of Communist China - 1950, 1953. In 1951 she spoke favoring the struggle of colonial peoples in China, Russia, and the "peoples' democracies." In February 1950 she spoke at a "Rally for China" sponsored by the Council for African Affairs extolling Russia and telling how the Chinese people welcomed her as a sympathizer to their cause.

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(5) cc - Mr. Belmont; Mr. Norstrom; Mr. Cox; Mr. Mansfield

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RECOMMENDATION AS TO CONTINUANCE OR CONCELLATION OF SECURITY INDEX STATUS:

Subject should be continued on the Security Index.

RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON LIST OF "NON-CHINESE ON THE SECURITY INDEX WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNIST CHINA:"

Subject is sympathetic to the Chinese Communists. It is recommended she be included on the list of non-Chinese sympathetic to Communist China.

It is observed that subject is primarily pro-Soviet and her expressions of pro-Chinese sympathy are generally expressed as a part of a broader interest in colonial questions. In the event of an emergency, however, she would probably become a propagandist on behalf of the Communist Chinese. Accordingly, the above recommendation has been made.

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Mr Belmont This is one we removed & decided should not be included

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/17/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt.20, 408 W. 128th Street, N.Y. c/o ESLANDA ROBESON

(Subj. constantly travels and is rarely to be found at above address)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reportedly believed to be Communist Party member 1954; sponsor of Connecticut Peace Council 1952; attended Connecticut Peace Council meetings Bridgeport, Connecticut 1954; subscribed to Daily Worker and/or Worker 1952-1954.

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All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. Employment

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject had said she was then a reporter and that she had a good opportunity to know what goes on at the United Nations. The subject did not state for whom she was reporting.

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II. ACTIVITY IN SUBVERSIVE AND COMMUNIST PARTY DOMINATED GROUPS

A. Connecticut Peace Council (CPC)

The Connecticut Peace Council has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as dominated and controlled by the Communist Party in Connecticut.

The April 3, 1952 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained an article which indicated that the subject was a sponsor of the CPC.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject attended a meeting of the CPC at [redacted] on [redacted] This informant advised that WILLARD UPHAUS acted as Chairman of the meeting and introduced the subject as the speaker for the meeting. [redacted] advised that the subject's talk centered around the admission of Red China to the United Nations. This informant further stated that ROBESON stated that it was her belief that the United States would soon have to give in and admit Red China as a highly respected country to the United Nations. The informant advised that Mrs. ROBESON referred to China as the "People's Republic of China."

WILLARD UPHAUS has been described by Confidential Informant [redacted] as "one of the principle individuals involved in the Communist conspiracy to subject the Methodist Church for Communist purposes".

The subject's attendance at the above meeting on November 20, 1954 in Bridgeport, Connecticut was verified by Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]; Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] and Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]

B. American Peace Crusade

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was the featured speaker at Chicago's

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Salute to the 2nd Anniversary of Africa's Fight for Freedom on April 24, 1954 which was held at 41st Street and South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade. According to the informant, Mrs. ROBESON spoke on the advances that are being made by the colored people in the world, and especially in Africa, in combating white supremacy and colonization.

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

C. Daily Worker and Worker

The Daily Worker is a Communist East Coast daily newspaper and the Worker is the Sunday edition of the same.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on February 18, 1954, April 15 and 30, 1954, that one Mrs. E. G. ROBESON, The Beeches, Enfield, Connecticut, was a subscriber to the Daily Worker or Worker in November, 1952, February 1953, July 1953 and April, 1954.

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Summary report of SA [redacted] dtd January 11, 1954 at New Haven. 67C

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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 3/11/55 8:00 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI

PAUL ROBSON. IS - C, DAYLET. [redacted] ADVISES ROBSON ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES ON 3/10/55, TRAVELLING UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME. [redacted] ADVISES ALLEN BOOTH IS TRAVELLING WITH ROBSON AS PIANIST. ROBSON SCHEDULED FOR CONCERTS IN LOS ANGELES 3/12 AND 3/13/55. [redacted] BELIEVES ROBSON WILL DEPART LA ON 3/16/55 FOR SF AND "POINTS NORTH". RE ROBSON'S USE OF ASSUMED NAME FOR TRAVEL, A CHECK WITH TWA REFLECTS THEIR FLIGHT 91 WAS DUE IN LA AT 6:00 AM, 3/10/55, NON-STOP FROM NEW YORK. FLIGHT 91 ARRIVED LATE IN LA AT 8:32 AM. [redacted] ADVISES THAT ROBSON ARRIVED IN LA APPROXIMATELY 8:30 AM, 3/10/55, NON-STOP FROM NEW YORK, APPROXIMATELY 2½ HOURS LATE, FLIGHT AND AIR LINE UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT. BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED.

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cc: Mr. Dooley

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PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Enclosed for your information is one copy of a letter from [redacted] which is self-explanatory. b7D

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 4/5/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, wa
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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HUGO GELLERT'S ART

Paul Robeson's address was a high point of the Gellert Banquet in New York. We present extracts of the address.

"Today was an unforgettable experience for me. It was inspiring to hear Michael Gold's sincere words. It was moving to see Louis Weinstock on the way to prison, full of faith and hope. I am reminded of my people's old song, that when I laugh I do it to cover my tears. We are smiling and laughing today too, but behind our smiles we cry for those from whom we must now part.

But I send this message to the enemies of the people: Beware, for behind our laughter and tears the hurricane of anger is preparing to break its bonds. What can I say to you now that we celebrate a great Hungarian, now that we are among Hungarians, I remember when I was in Hungary in 1939. And I think of modern Hungary. Who in 1930 could have thought that in so short a time the Hungarian people could change the course of history and rule over its own home?

In the battle for human freedom the ways and means vary. The ancestors of those who are in this hall fought for their freedom in various ways. But we must understand the basis sense of this struggle and we must make it understood to men and then we can go into the fight with perseverence.

They must understand that in history every great advance toward a higher and freer society was preceded by a longer period of waiting, decades, or centuries. But the time always arrives, it is unavoidable. Let us examine our Revolutionary War of 1775 and the period that preceded it, let us study the Civil War and the time before it. The Hungarian War for Independence was also preceded by a so called "time of reforms".

Throughout the world the peoples and nations are in this situation. Some have already made the great jump for which they prepared for centuries (China). Others are now preparing. But this is the law of life.

But the nations would not be able to make the great leap if there were not great thinkers who prepared the needs and rules for progress.

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And the peoples would not be able to make the jump, achieve the progress, if there were not artists who enlighten the intellect, make it powerful, bring out hidden beauty and desirability.

A great and irreplaceable representative of this army is he whom we celebrate this day with such great love and for so good a reason. His art is an indestructible weapon of the American people's war for independence. Without this weapon we cannot conquer."

Translator: [redacted] b7C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 1, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (100-0-13070)

10 JUN 1955

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

On May 24, 1955 [redacted] called at this office and produced to SA [redacted] a letter bearing the signature [redacted] who styled herself as [redacted] of the National Association of Negro Musicians. [redacted]

In the letter [redacted] stated that there is a movement in her local branch to have PAUL ROBESON give a recital to the branch. She states she understands that ROBESON is regarded as a Communist and that the question as to whether to permit him before their branch is causing some confusion among the members. She further mentioned that she is in the employ of the Federal Government and will not jeopardize her Federal position by being a party in the movement to obtain ROBESON for the branch and that, furthermore, if he is permitted to appear before the branch she will resign from the association. She did not give the name of any individual who is sponsoring ROBESON. In her letter she inquired [redacted] whether he could not give a directive to all branches on the question of permitting ROBESON to appear before them.

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[redacted] purpose in coming to this office was to seek advice. He was advised that FBI records are confidential and that we could not assist him in replying to [redacted] He indicated he might inform [redacted] to contact the FBI Office in New York or to write to the Attorney General.

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Date: June 16, 1955

To: Mr. Kimbell Johnson
Chief, Investigations Division
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted]
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

[redacted] National Association of Negro Musicians, has furnished this Bureau with the following information concerning captioned individual who, according to [redacted] is employed with the Federal Government in New York City.

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[redacted] of the National Association of Negro Musicians, New York City, wrote [redacted] that certain members of her branch were interested in getting Paul Robeson to give a recital. She was opposed to letting Robeson give the recital and stated she would resign from the association if Robeson appeared.

There is no additional information in the files of this Bureau that can be identified as bearing on the loyalty of [redacted]

This is being furnished for your information since it is possible that captioned individual may contact the Civil Service Commission concerning this matter. This is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance concerning [redacted] No action is being taken under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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TITLE: CHANGED
PAUL ROBESON, was: J. Ward

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject a self-employed concert singer, chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject maintains residence at 408 W. 128th St., NYC, although constantly travels on concert and organizational work. Subject a vice chairman of NCASP, 1948 and 1950. Attended CP meetings [redacted] and listed as member, Executive Committee of Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 1948-49. Subject a member of the Board of Directors, Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 1951. Subject in contact with NCASF 1954; attended Czechoslovakian reception, 12/9/54; on Executive Committee of ALP, December, 1954 and attended Freedom Associates dinner on 12/26/54. Subject sang at YP& concert, 1/10/55; attended CRC rally, 1/26/55; sang at NYC ASP concert, 2/6/55; attended PUND reception, 2/10/55 and CRC Victory Dinner same date. [redacted] attended party in honor of Soviet delegates to Commission on the Status of Women, 3/24/55; spoke at May Day Rally, 4/29/55 and sent greetings to Asia-Africa Conference at Bandung, Indonesia. Subject attended APC dinner, 6/10/55.

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DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked Changed to reflect the alias of J. WARD, under which the subject traveled on March 17,1955, via Trans World Airways, Flight 90, from Los Angeles, California to New York City, arriving March 18, 1955.

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BACKGROUND

Employment

The records of [redacted] were checked on May 31, 1955, by SE [redacted] which records reflected a report dated August 25, 1954, which listed the subject's occupation as a concert singer. These records further reflected that in 1954, the subject was managed by the Metropolitan Musical Bureau, 113 West 57th Street, New York City.

On May 31, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject is a concert singer who can be reached through his agent, Columbia Concerts, New York City.

On June 8, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date the subject was on the staff of the newspaper, "Freedom", although the exact nature of the subject's duties were not known to the informant.

The April, 1955, edition of "Freedom", Volume five, Number four, page two, column two, noted that the newspaper is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City and listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman of the Editorial Board.

The December 31, 1950, issue of "The Worker" contained an article which describes "Freedom" as a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates which was introduced in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the purpose of the newspaper was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the view point that is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker and to point out the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the worker's class.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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In [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers. According to [redacted] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker."

On June 7, 1955, [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish information concerning "Freedom", advised that the newspaper is published ten months per year, the last issue having been published in April, 1955. [redacted] continued that no issue would be published of "Freedom" during May and June, 1955, but that an August, 1955 issue would be forthcoming. [redacted] advised that a year's subscription to "Freedom" sells for one dollar and that the paper is located in Room six, 136 West 125th Street, New York City.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date the subject was chairman of the Council on African Affairs, (CAA), on the Editorial Board of the newspaper "Freedom."

and

With regard to the CAA, [redacted] stated that the Council is in dire financial straits and is not functioning as an organization, although it does engage in activity from time to time, such as the issuing and distribution of a statement within the interests of the CAA.

The CAA has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Residence

On January 24, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on [redacted], the subject indicated that he had sold his home in Connecticut and was then residing on 135th Street, New York City, on a temporary basis while he awaited an apartment.

On November 20, 1954, [redacted], who was in a logical position to furnish information regarding the subject, advised that as of that date [redacted] indicated that PAUL ROBESON could be contacted at AU 6-2667.

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The 1955 Manhattan cross index telephone directory, Bell Telephone Company, reflects the phone number AU 6-2667 is registered to the Reverend B. C. ROBESON, 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. on May 14, 1951 contains the following concerning the NCASP:

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p. 2.)"

On February 9, 1955, [redacted] and [redacted] advised they have resided in the neighborhood and have known Reverend B. C. ROBESON for many years. Both stated that they are familiar with the subject and to the best of their knowledge the subject did not reside with his brother and last visited the Reverend ROBESON for a period of two or three days prior to Christmas, 1954. b7C b7D

On February 9, 1955, [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish information regarding the subject's residence, advised that to the best of his knowledge, the subject does not reside with his brother, Reverend B. C. ROBESON, 155 West 136th Street, New York City, and according to [redacted] has not visited this address for any length of time within the past year. b7D

On May 17, 1955, [redacted] 22 East 89th Street, New York City, was contacted relative to the subject and advised that the subject, subsequent to the b7C b7D

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death of HAROLD MC GEE on February 23, 1955, has not visited this address and no mail addressed to the subject has been observed by [redacted] being delivered in care of MC GEE. She stated that in her opinion, the subject no longer uses the address of MC GEE as either a residence address or an address to which mail could be sent. b7C b7D

The records of [redacted] b7D supra, on May 31, 1955, reflected a report dated August 25, 1954, relative to the subject. The subject's residence as of that time was listed as 408 West 128th Street, New York City, although his permanent home was listed as "The Beeches" at Enfield, Connecticut. Subject's previous addresses were listed as Washington, D. C., 70 Bank Street, New York City, London, England and 55 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City.

According to these records, the apartment at 408 West 128th Street, New York City, is rented in the name of the subject's son and daughter-in-law. These records reflected that the subject and his wife are not actually tenants of the above apartment but reside there from time to time when in New York City.

Mrs Paul Robeson NY

On June 1, 1955, the records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles, were checked by SE [redacted] b7C which records reflected that 1955 New York license 9C-60-80 is registered to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, 408 West 128th Street, New York City, for a 1950 green Oldsmobile sedan.

On February 9, 1955, [redacted] 408 West 128th Street, New York City, advised that the subject's wife, ESLANDA ROBESON resides in Apartment 20 at instant address with the subject's son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., and his wife. [redacted] stated that the subject and his wife seemed to travel a great deal and spend frequent intervals away from the above mentioned apartment. [redacted] stated that in his opinion, the subject is actually paying the rent on the apartment and to all intent and purposes, this apartment constitutes the subject's residence when in New York. b7C b7D

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ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

The April 26, 1947 issue of "People's Voice" page one, contained an article captioned, "'I Am Coming Back,' Fighting Paul Vows," which article concerned the return of PAUL ROBESON to Chicago, Illinois, following his being refused permission to give a concert at the City Hall in Peoria, Illinois. This article quoted ROBESON as stating, "'I've never seen anything like it since Franco-Spain .....Peoria was like an armed camp.'" The article stated that ROBESON was asked whether or not he was a Communist to which he replied, "'There are only two groups in the world today - fascists and anti-fascists. The Communists belong to the anti-fascists group and I label myself an anti-fascist.'"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., on May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning the "People's Voice:"

"1. Among publications which the committee found 'to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system.'
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)"

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the NCASP was held at [redacted] on [redacted] According to [redacted] a leaflet was passed out at this meeting which leaflet listed the National Officers of the organization and noted that PAUL ROBESON was a Vice Chairman - Music.

The NCASP has been previously described.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that time, PAUL ROBESON was a Vice Chairman of the NCASP.

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On [redacted], who was in a logical position to furnish information concerning the subject, advised that during [redacted] the subject was present at [redacted] Communist Party meetings held [redacted]

The "Far East Spotlight," published by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, (CFDFEP), 111 West 42nd Street, New York City, volume four, number two, dated July, 1948, contained a list of the officers of the CFDFEP which listed PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Committee of instant organization.

The CFDFEP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. 67D

On March 9, 1949, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the March, 1949 issue of "Far East Spotlight" which listed PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Committee of CFDFEP.

"The Worker," issue of May 8, 1949, Section Two, page four, columns one and two, contained an article entitled, "The Truth Also Fight For a Free China," which article concerned some of the activities of the CFDFEP. This article noted that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Executive Committee of the CFDFEP.

"The Worker" has been previously described.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date, PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Board of Directors of the CFDFEP.

On November 20, 1954, [redacted], who was in a logical position to furnish information relative to the subject, advised that on November 19, 1954, RICHARD MORFORD, described by the informant as Executive Director of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, (NCASF), congratulated

the subject on ROBESON's appearance at the annual November rally of the NCASF. MORFORD commented on the significance of ROBESON's attendance at the annual meeting of the NCASF and stated, "Command us always when we can help you."

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

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on December 9, 1954, the subject and his wife were among persons present at a reception held at the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation, New York City.

On December 10, 1954, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of December 9, 1954, the subject and his wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON were on the Executive Committee of the American Labor Party (ALP).

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. [redacted] knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 14, 1954, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

On [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAUL ROBESON was to be among the speakers at a dinner honoring the 30th Anniversary of International Publishers and the 70th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, to be held December 17, 1954, at 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," as mentioned previously, contains the following concerning Internation Publishers:

"1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"2. 'Publishing agency of the Communist Party.' (Brief for the United States in the case of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, p. 145.)

"3. An 'official publishing house of the Communist Party in the United States,' and a medium through which 'extensive Soviet propaganda is subsidized in the United States.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Reports, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in Report, March 29, 1944, p. 76.)"

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 22, 1954, page eight, column one, contained an ad announcing a Civil Rights Congress (CRC) mass meeting to be held on January 26, 1955, at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. This ad listed PAUL ROBESON as the main speaker.

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

On [redacted], supra, advised that on December 26, 1954, a cabaret party sponsored by Freedom Associates was held at 35 East 125th Street, New York City. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was the principle guest at this affair, the purpose of which was to raise funds for Freedom Associates.

Freedom Associates has been previously described as the publishers of the newspaper "Freedom."

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The "Daily Worker" dated January 10, 1955, page three, column two, contained an article entitled, "Packed Auditorium at CCNY Hears ROBESON at Concert." This article described a concert given by ROBESON at the College of the City of New York and noted that the appearance of ROBESON was presented by the College of the City of New York Chapter of the Young Progressives of America (YPA).

HERBERT ROMERSTEIN, self-admitted former Communist and YPA member, in testimony before the Sub Committee of the Committee of the Judiciary, United States Senate, on April 12, 1951 and on June 12, 1951, stated that the YPA was set up on the basis of the needs of the Communist Party. YPA members were active within the YPA as Communists and the organization

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was developed along Communist Party lines. ROMERSTEIN also testified that the YPA leadership was composed of Communist Party members and further stated that the founding convention of the YPA had been held in Philadelphia in 1948.

On February 28, 1955, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated the YPA has not been active on a city-wide basis in New York since December, 1953.

The January 20, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page three, column four, a Hungarian language publication, contained an article entitled, "HUGO GELLERT's Celebration in New York", which article stated that a banquet in the honor of HUGO GELLERT's fortieth anniversary as an artist was held in NewYork at the Bronx Hungarian Home. According to the article, PAUL ROBESON was present and spoke on the great issues facing the people of the world and the role which GELLERT filled in his forty years of productive activity.

On February 18, 1954, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "Magyar Szo"consistently follows the Communist Party line as did its predecessor the "Magyar Jovo."

On [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the NCASP would present PAUL ROBESON in an evening of theatre arts at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on February 6, 1955.

The "Daily Worker," issue of January 24, 1955, page four, column four, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Sues for Passport to Prague Concert," which article stated that PAUL ROBESON, through his attorneys, had asked the Federal District Court in Washington, D. C. to direct the State Department to grant him a passport. The article continued that ROBESON had received an invitation to appear at the National Opera House in Prague, Czechoslovakia and

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further ROBESON was naming Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES as defendant in the suit. ROBESON claimed that DULLES' actions in denying him the privilege of travel abroad "are arbitrary, capricious and without warrant or authority in the laws of the United States ..... are contrary to the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights."

On [redacted] supra, [redacted] supra, and [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on January 26, 1955, the subject attended and was a speaker at a mass rally to "Free WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS" which was held under the auspices of the CRC at Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. With regard to this rally, [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON sang American, Russian and Chinese folk songs and stated that it was a certainty that Formosa would be in the hands of the Chinese people soon. He charged the United States with trying to violate Chinese territory and drew a paralel with the position of the United States in the Pacific with a hypothetical case of the occupation of Long Island by a foreign power. ROBESON described the people of the world as being on the march and called on the people to stand up and fight.

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On March 1, 1954, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a leaflet issued by the BENJAMIN DAVIS Committee which leaflet listed WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as National Executive Secretary of the CRC.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. wasone of eleven members of the National Committee of the Communist Party who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The January 27, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page three, column one, contained an article devoted to PAUL ROBESON's address at the HUGO GELLERT banquet in New York which presented extracts from ROBESON's speech. In part the article quoted ROBESON as saying ".....but I send this message to the enemies of the people; beware, for behind

our laughter and tears the hurricane of anger is preparing to break its bonds.....in the battle for human freedom the ways and means vary. The ancestors of those who are in this hall fought for their freedom." ROBESON went on to compare the Hungarian war for independence with the American Revolution of 1775 and the American Civil War pointing out that such periods in world history are proceeded by a time of reforms.

The "Daily Worker," issue of January 28, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "400 at Rally Urge Release of PATTERSON and DAVIS," which article stated that a rally under the auspices of the CRC had been held in New York City at Yugoslav Hall in January, 1955, to protest the continued imprisonment of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and former City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. The article continued that PAUL ROBESON, a speaker at the rally, declared that the American people are "on the edge of winning the things for which PATTERSON and DAVIS have been jailed."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 10, 1955, page seven, column two, contained an article entitled, "ASP Theatre Concert Stirs Overflow Audience," which article concerned a concert presented by the New York Chapter of the ASP held Sunday, February 6, 1955. According to the article, PAUL ROBESON appeared at the concert and sang several classical numbers in addition to a "peace song," an adaptation of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

On [redacted], supra, furnished a copy of the bylaws of the New York Chapter of the ASP; Section b, Article 1, states that this organization shall be affiliated with the NCASP.

The NCASP has been previously described.

On [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 10, 1955, the subject and his wife attended a reception held in honor of the departure of the Polish Ambassador J. WINIERWICZ. [redacted] continued that this affair was held at the Polish United Nations Delegation, New York City.

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On [redacted] and [redacted] supra and [redacted] supra, advised that on February 10, 1955, a CRC Victory Dinner celebrating the release of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON from prison was held at Small's Paradise at New York City with approximately 300 persons in attendance. PAUL ROBESON, in introducing PATTERSON, described the present world dissension as illustrating the awakening of the Colonial peoples. He called upon those present to participate in the fight to win freedom for all political prisoners. b7D

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 28, 1955, page three, column two, contained an article entitled, "PATTERSON, ROBESON Hit Effort to Cripple Defense Organizations," which article concerned the appearance of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and PAUL ROBESON before a New York State Joint Legislative Committee probe into charity rackets held February 25, 1955. In part this article stated, ".....PAUL ROBESON, the singer, who had been subpoened, denounced the Committee for using MATUSOW-like 'stoolies' and 'informers' .....ROBESON said he was proud to be associated with the CRC."

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The "Daily Worker," issue of March 10, 1955, page six, column two, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Urges Struggle to Defeat 'Double Jeopardy' Effort," which article stated in part: "PAUL ROBESON yesterday urged a fight on behalf of the Communist Party leaders and Smith Act victims released from Federal Penitentiary last week and re-arrested as being members of the Party under the Smith Act clause." According to the article, ROBESON stated,

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"The release of the courageous leaders ofthe American people is a cause for deep rejoicing...the struggle of these brave representatives of the masses of our land and the struggle of their associates is the fight of every decent thinking American." The article pointed out that ROBESON further stated, "It has been my privilege to appear on many platforms in the defense of Smith Act victims..... May we soon have an opportunity to greet these friends, not only of a progressive America, but of all America and of all the world."

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On March 24, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on this date the subject and his wife attended a cocktail party held at the U.S.S.R. United Nations Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. [redacted]tated that this party was given by the two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women, VERA A. FOMINA and FEONIYA NOVIKOVA.

The April 7, 1955, edition of "Magyar Szo", page thirteen, column one, contained a message from PAUL ROBESON which stated in part: "My sincere greetings to the Hungarian people on the great Anniversary which signifies their brave struggle through many centuries for freedom and independence.....My best wishes this happy anniversary to Hungarian-Americans and the 'Magyar Szo' which amid constant struggles stands solidly for the traditions of our democratic heritage and which bravely reflects the basic changes in the new democracy." b7D

On [redacted] supra, advised that on April 23, 1955, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS arrived in New York City from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was met by a delegation led by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and PAUL ROBESON.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on April 29, 1955, the annual May Day Rally was held in Union Square, New York City. [redacted] continued that PAUL ROBESON was among the speakers at the rally and joined the others in eulogizing the working class and in calling for a continued fight against government legislation aimed at oppressing labor and minority groups.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," as mentioned previously, contains the following concerning the May Day Parade:

"1. 'The May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 179)."

The "Daily Worker," issue of May 4, 1955, page two, column one, contained an article entitled, "Bandung Notebook-PAUL ROBESON Heard Despite State Dept.", which article concerned a message from PAUL ROBESON sent to the Asia-Africa Conference at Bandung, Indonesia. According to the article, ROBESON greeted the conference and stated that the conference was significant in history as showing how the people of two continents could meet to decide their own destinies and soverign independence. According to the article, ROBESON pointed out the U.S.S.R., Eastern Europe and China as examples of social progress.

The "Daily Worker", issue of May 13, 1955, page six, column one, contained an article entitled, "PAUL ROBESON Sang and Spoke to 1,000 Students at Swarthmore," which article concerned a concert given by PAUL ROBESON at Swarthmore College. In a speech delivered on this occasion, ROBESON stated that the refusal of the State Department to renew his passport was based on the contention tha he "has been for years active politically in behalf of the independence of the colonial peoples of Africa."

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The "Daily Worker," issue of May 16, 1955, page three, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Offered Othello Role in Soviet Film: Again Applied to State Dep't For Passport." In part this article stated: "PAUL ROBESON, noted singer and actor, re-applied this week for a passport in order to appear in a film version of the Shakespeare classic, "Othello" scheduled for production this summer in the Soviet Union." The article stated that the offer had been made by SERGEI YUTKEVICH, Director of the Moscow Film Studio.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 10, 1955, the subject was in attendance at a dinner held at 1657 Broadway, New York City, which dinner was sponsored by the American Peace Crusade. ROBESON spoke on the work of THOMAS RICHARDSON, American Peace Crusade National Co-Director. [redacted] continued that RICHARDSON is now working with ROBESON as one of his managers, who aids ROBESON in planning his engagements.

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MISCELLANEOUS

On April 15, 1955, [redacted], who was in a logical position to furnish information, advised that on April 13, 1955, the resident board of the American Peace Crusade, announced that THOMAS RICHARDSON, American Peace Crusade National Co-Director, had tendered his resignation in order to devote his time fully to several cultural projects in which he is associated with PAUL ROBESON.

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted relative to the subject and could furnish no recent information concerning him.

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T-15 [redacted]c	[redacted]		SA [redacted]c	
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T-20 [redacted]	[redacted]		Unknown	100-25857-2239
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T-22 [redacted]	[redacted]			
T-23 [redacted]	[redacted]		SA [redacted]	100-93553-1560
T-24 [redacted]	[redacted]		Unknown	100-25857-2262

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Informants contacted re recent activity on part of subject with negative results, as noted on page 17, are:

[redacted]c Contacted on [redacted] by SA [redacted]

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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For the information of the Bureau, the Security Index card relative to PAUL ROBESON in the NYO is current and accurate.

Information contained herein, relative to the subject's use of the alias J. WARD, was furnished to the NYO in LA airtel to NY, dated 3/17/55, re subject's departure from LA on that day.

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The records of [redacted] were checked on 6/8/55 by SA [redacted] with negative results.

On 6/3/55, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections were checked by SE [redacted] relative to the subject at 408 W. 128th St., 22 E. 89th St. and 155 W. 136th St., NYC, with negative results.

On 6/1/55, the records of the NY Motor Vehicle Bureau were checked by SE [redacted] relative to the subject with negative results.

The newspaper articles from the "Magyar Szo" set forth herein were translated from Hungarian by Translator [redacted]

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of PAUL ROBESON.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted] 1/6/55, New York.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (100-69266) DATE: 7/11/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-19377)(#7-2)

SUBJECT: COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS
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Re NY airtel to the Bureau, 6/10/55, captioned "COMINFIL PROGRESSIVE PARTY; IS - C, ISA - 50."

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On [redacted] orally advised SA [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] the following:

[redacted] CHARLES COE, who has been active in CP farm activity, and THELMA DALE of the Council on African Affairs (COA) [redacted]

THELMA DALE, according to the informant, is presently associated with the COA.

[redacted]

The COA has no office secretary and does not function as an organization.

PAUL ROBESON wants THELMA DALE to quit the paper "Freedom" and be a full-time Executive Assistant in the COA office.

The COA is not doing anything as an organization except to issue a statement now and then.

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PAUL ROBESON is striving to have his passport restriction lifted. ROBESON has an offer to play the role of "Othello" in England, but is unable to accept the offer because he is unable to travel. ROBESON also has an offer to act in a filmed production of "Othello" in East Germany. ROBESON also has other offers from Europe which he cannot fulfil because of his passport restriction. ROBESON's time these days, therefore, is spent in attempting to have his passport restriction lifted.

[redacted] THELMA DALE is Business Manager of "Freedom."

LOU BURNHAM is Editor of the paper "Freedom."

PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Board that publishes the paper "Freedom."

THELMA DALE appears to be a secretary of some sort in the CO but is not employed full time.

PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the CO.

THELMA DALE [redacted] worked on the National Board of the Progressive Party (PP) for a long time.

[redacted] The national office of the PP is closed and the furniture has been disposed of. Technically, the PP exists, but there are no offices. All matters are now referred to the ALP [redacted]

Informant advised that in all probability a phone call to the PP office would be referred to the ALP which further indicates the dissolution of the PP.

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Informant stated he believed he recalled that the April, 1955, issue of "Political Affairs" carried an extensive article attacking MC MINUS, his line and his ideas. [redacted]

It would appear, according to the informant, that MC MINUS has lost the first round in his argument even in his own camp because of the following:

1. The PP offices have been closed.

2. In the last issue of the "National Guardian" a policy statement was published by the paper which agreed generally that this is not the time for a third party. An editor's note which followed the article stated that MC MINUS voted against the statement which appeared in the "National Guardian." The article then went on to outline the line of MC MINUS in this matter.

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If any of the above information which has been furnished by [redacted] is used in a report or disseminated outside the Bureau, it must be very carefully paraphrased in order not to compromise the informant.

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D.H. Bartlett advised of a prior 4 AM; Bartlett will advise Scott McLeod immediately.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/21/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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(OO:NEW YORK)

ReWFOairtel dated 7/18/55.

Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office, Department of State, furnished the following information to SA [redacted] on 7/19/55:

Subject and his attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN of NYC, saw Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, PP Office, 7/18/55, re obtaining a PP for subject. In afternoon of 7/18/55, subject and BOUDIN had a conference with LOY HENDERSON, Undersecretary of State for Administration; RAYMUND T. YINGLING, Assistant Legal Adviser, Department of State; R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD, Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State; Miss KNIGHT; Mr. NICHOLAS; and a representative of the State Department press section, re a PP for subject. BOUDIN wanted to know if the State Department was still following what he termed "the passport regulations scrapped by the courts" (referring to the recent court decisions in the cases of OTTO NATHAN, MAX SHACHTMAN, and CLARK NATHAN FOREMAN, of which the Bureau is aware, wherein the State Department issued passports rather than grant "quasi-judicial hearings" - these suits were brought by BOUDIN in opposition to the PP regulations regarding limitations on issuance of passports to persons supporting the Communist movement, as set forth in Section 51,135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations.) BOUDIN was informed at this conference that the State Department was still following the regulations. BOUDIN wanted to know why an exception could not be made for ROBESON under these regulations the same as it was for JOSEPH CLARK, "Daily Worker" correspondent who was issued a passport on 7/11/55 to go to Geneva for the "summit meeting." The State Department officials told ROBESON and BOUDIN that such an exception could not be made in his case. BOUDIN and ROBESON then immediately commented that it must then be a question of racial prejudice against ROBESON if an exception could not be made for him. The State Department officials denied this allegation and explicitly informed subject and BOUDIN that the question of "race" does not enter into this matter at all. NICHOLAS stated that some years ago the State Department, under the Travel Control Regulations, refused to let ROBESON travel to Canada. BOUDIN and subject raised this question also at the conference, stating that subject desired to go to Vancouver, B. C., for the weekend (July 23-24, 1955). It was agreed that the Department would consider

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this request and would advise BOUDIN of decision made. NICHOLAS advised that on 7/19/55, he telephonically communicated to BOUDIN the State Department's decision to allow subject to make the desired trip to Vancouver. NICHOLAS advised SA [redacted] that he knows nothing of the subject's travel plans or purpose of such travel, pointing out that no passport is necessary so such information is not in subject's passport file. NICHOLAS also advised that BOUDIN, in the subject's presence, took the occasion to inquire about a dozen or so other cases of this type wherein he is counsel and was told that the State Department intends to follow the aforementioned regulations. NICHOLAS added that no decision has been made as yet on the matter of issuing a passport to ROBESON for proposed travel abroad. P

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/20/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was Eslanda Cordozo Goode, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson; SM-C

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REFERENCE:

SAC Letter #55-30, 4/12/55.

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:

[redacted], advised on 10/26/43 that the subject, wife of PAUL ROBESON Sr., and her son, PAUL Jr., had gone to Washington, D.C. for a reception at the Russian Embassy during the first week of Nov., 1943. [redacted] the Russian Embassy considered her as a representative of the Soviet Union in the United States.

The 7/14/49 issue of the "NY Journal American", in an article entitled "Robeson Named as Red Party Member" stated in substance that MANNING JOHNSON, an admitted former member of the CP National Committee, had on that date told the House Un-American Activities Committee, that PAUL ROBESON, famous Negro singer, has been a "member of the CP for many years." JOHNSON told the Committee that he was a member of the CP up to 1940 and that during his years of CP membership he frequently met PAUL ROBESON in Party headquarters "going to or coming from" meetings with top Communist leaders. JOHNSON added "there is not one iota of a doubt that PAUL ROBESON was a CP member". He added, however, that ROBESON's membership was kept secret even from rank & file Communists.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON was known to him, prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

[redacted] advised on 6/29/50 that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party member in 1945, but she does not hold herself out to be a Communist. He stated that the subject was a devoted member of the CP along with her husband, PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] said that BENJAMIN DAVIS, known to the informant at that time as chairman of the Harlem Branch of the CP and a member of the National Board of the CP, and JACK STACHEL, known to the informant at that time as a National functionary of the CP, were the sources of his information.

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[redacted] advised that the subject is a member of the CP,USA. (No date given).

On 11/22/52 [redacted] advised that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON Sr. attended a Soviet Embassy reception in Washington, D.C. on 10/7/52 commemorating the October Revolution.

The subject testified before the Committee of Government Operations of the U. S. Senate on 7/7/53, at which time Senator McCARTHY asked her whether she was a Communist on that date. The subject refused to answer the question because, "it might tend to incriminate me."

On 12/15/54 [redacted] advised that an affair was being held on 12/18/54 in honor of CLAUDIA JONES and the subject.

(CLAUDIA JONES was a CP leader convicted under The Smith Act of 1940)

On 3/24/55 [redacted] advised that the subject and her husband attended a cocktail party on 3/24/55 at the Russian UN Delegation Headquarters, 680 Park Ave., N.Y.C.

[redacted]

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] the subject stated that she had been in China in 12/49 and 1/50, where she had attended a meeting of a conference of some five hundred women called by the Chinese Communists. The subject stated that women representatives from all parts of the world attended this meeting, although the greater number were Chinese. She stated that she reached China from Russia via the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

In the 7/8/52 issue of the "Daily Worker" it is reported that the subject has become associated with the "New World Review" as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions. The subject was scheduled to submit a regular monthly feature. This article further reflected that the subject had been in Soviet Russia on an extended stay.

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In 3/51 the name of the "New World Review" was changed from "Soviet Russia Today".

(S.R.T. - cited by HCUA)

The 9/27/52 issue of the Hartford Times, a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Conn., reflected that the subject was a candidate for Representative-at-Large for the Peoples Party.

[redacted] and [redacted] on 10/16/50 advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut is dominated and controlled by the Communist Party of Connecticut.

[redacted] has advised that the subject has subscribed to "The Worker" and "Daily Worker" in 1952, 1953, and 1954.

The "Daily Worker" and "Worker" are East Coast Communist newspapers.

On 4/27/54 [redacted] advised that the subject was the featured speaker at Chicago's Salute to Second Anniversary of Africa's Fight For Freedom on 4/24/54, held at 41st Street and Southern Parkway, Chicago, Illinois under the auspices of the American Peace Crusade.

(A.P.C. on AG's list.)

On 10/15/54 [redacted] advised that a dinner was held 10/14/54 in honor of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, N.Y.C. sponsored by the New World Review, and attended by approximately 450 people.

On 11/22/54 [redacted] advised that the subject was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Connecticut Peace Council at 1267 Stratford Ave., Bridgeport, Connecticut on 11/20/54.

[redacted] has described the CPC as dominated and controlled by the CP of Connecticut.

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NY 100-56680

RECOMMENDATION:

Retain on S.I.

The subject has been identified as a concealed CP member of long standing. She has also, within the past five years attended Soviet Official functions in the U.S. and refused to state before a U. S. Senate Investigating Committee whether or not she is a Communist. She has also within the past three years been an active participant in various front organizations.

DETCOM TABBING:

1. The subject is not presently tabbed for Detcom.

2. The subject has not been approved for Detcom tabbing under the new criteria in SAC Letter #55-12 (A) of 2/10/55. No SI cards have been received from the Bureau stamped "DETCOM" in large red letters.

3. The subject is not being recommended for Detcom .

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
PAUL ROBESON, wa.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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ROBESON arrived Los Angeles from New York 3-10-55, using alias J. WARD. He departed for New York 3-17-55. ROBESON was presented in two concerts by the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles. Housing arrangements for ROBESON were made by HORACE ALEXANDER, local CP member.

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DETAILS:

Informants in this report designated by T symbols have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

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BACKGROUND

Use of Alias

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[redacted] Los Angeles International Airport, advised on March 17, 1955, at the time of ROBESON's impending departure from Los Angeles for New York, that he knew ROBESON by sight. [redacted] made arrangements so that he

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would verify ROBESON's reservation [redacted] his ticket [redacted] was made out to J. WARD. [redacted]

According to [redacted] while in Los Angeles ROBESON stated that he never uses his true name when traveling because he does not desire the public and "his enemies" to know in advance of his travel plans.

Arrival and Departure from Los Angeles

ROBESON's ticket stub for his flight from Los Angeles to New York on March 17, 1955, reflects TWA stock 0152D, number 97805, showing ROBESON to have arrived in Los Angeles aboard TWA flight 91 from New York Idlewild Airport on March 10, 1955. This ticket stub reflects the name J. WARD. ROBESON was ticketed in Washington Square Travel Service, 307 6th Avenue, New York City, New York, on March 4, 1955.

[redacted] verified ROBESON's reservation and departure on TWA flight 90 at 10:00 p.m. on March 17, 1955, from Los Angeles en route to New York.

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According to [redacted] ROBESON departed for New York from the Los Angeles International Airport aboard TWA flight 90, 10:00 p.m., on March 17, 1955.

[redacted] advised that during ROBESON's stay in Los Angeles from March 10, 1955 through March 17, 1955, he was housed at 150 West 65th Street.

ACTIVITIES

General

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that HORACE ALEXANDER was contacted by PAUL ROBESON's Secretary to make arrangements for ROBESONs stay in Los Angeles.

At that time ALEXANDER was a member of the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP). according to [redacted]

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[redacted] advised ALEXANDER is presently Section Organizer, Central Section, Moranda Smith Division, LACCP.

[redacted] advised ROBESON was accompanied by three attendants, who were acting as bodyguards for him while in Los Angeles. They were HOMER SADLER, CHARLES MOSLEY and HORACE ALEXANDER. All three are [redacted] members of the LACCP, according to [redacted]

Association with the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles

The Pastor of the First Uniterian Church is STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN.

According to [redacted] FRITCHMAN became a Communist Party (CP) member prior to [redacted] however, [redacted] has no information of CP membership on the part of FRITCHMAN subsequent to that date.

In [redacted] stated that he had known FRITCHMAN as a CP member in Boston; however, he gave no dates for FRITCHMAN's membership.

[redacted] has advised that the purpose of ROBESON's trip to Los Angeles was to give some concerts at the First Uniterian Church and to have some special conferences with "various individuals."

[redacted] stated that the First Unitarian Church sponsored ROBESON's appearance in Los Angeles in March, 1955, and that the church hoped to raise enough money to help pay its state taxes, inasmuch as the church had not complied with the provisions of the California State Law requiring a loyalty oath for a tax exemption.

[redacted] said that ROBESON gave two concerts at the First Uniterian Church on March 11, and March 13, 1955.

Independent Progressive Party (IPP)

[redacted] advised in May, 1954, that the IPP in Los Angeles County is under the complete control of the CP, which sets its organizational goals, organizes its forces, and assigns its leadership. Membership in the IPP, however, does not of itself indicate CP membership on the part of any particular member.

In the latter part of 1954, [redacted] and [redacted] made available copies of a pamphlet soliciting help for the IPP in the November (1954) election. Among the Officers of the IPP listed was PAUL ROBESON, National Co-Chairman.

[redacted] advised that a reception for ROBESON was held at the Alpha House, 2016 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, on March 16, 1955. [redacted] stated that the bulletin board at the Alpha House reflected that this reception was to be sponsored by the "Ratcliffe Club" and was apparently arranged by "RICK" RATCLIFFE. [redacted] said that ROBESON's subject at this reception was on the freedom enjoyed in Russia and of how his son enjoys his residence there. ROBESON also spoke of his difficulties in obtaining a passport.

[redacted] also advised concerning the above reception, sponsored by the "Ratcliffe Club."

According to [redacted] ALFONSO FRED RATCLIFFE, also known as "RICK", was the IPP Campaign Manager for HORACE V. ALEXANDER (supra), IPP Candidate for Secretary of State for the State of California in 1954.

[redacted] has identified RATCLIFFE as a 1952 member of the CP.

Miscellaneous

In [redacted] advised that ROBESON would appear in Los Angeles in March to raise $10,000 for "Freedom" and would appear at affairs sponsored by the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC).

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Freedom Associates Incorporated, located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City, New York, has chapters located in various cities in the United States. The organization issues a monthly publication called "Freedom".

"Freedom", a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates, was introduced in November, 1950. The purpose of this publication is promoting Negro matters; the selecting and writing ofall material from the viewpoint that it is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro workers; and the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the working class, according to "The Worker" issue of December 31, 1950.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] advised in December, 1950, that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" newspaper was composed of CP members and CP sympathizers. According to [redacted] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement of the Harlem Edition of "The Worker".

[redacted] advised in January, 1953, that PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the Editorial Board and writes the main articles for "Freedom".

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The Headquarters of the LANLC, 4118 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, is marked by a large sign, which reflects that the LANLC is the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council (NNLC).

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

[redacted] has advised that [redacted] the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council (HASP) on [redacted] decided to invite ROBESON to appear at a private reception sponsored by the HASP.

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[redacted] advised in May, 1954, that the HASP is the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions Council in New York, and that it follows the policies and program of the National organization.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report number 1954, dated April 26, 1950.

[redacted] has advised that ROBESON spoke for approximately five minutes to a meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance at 41st Place and Paloma Street, Los Angeles on March 14, 1955, on the subject of Africa. ROBESON was taken to this meeting by FRANK WHITLEY.

[redacted] has identified WHITLEY as a [redacted] member of the CP and Executive Secretary of the LANLC.

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No Security Index recommendation is made since New York is the office of origin.

Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols in this report and T symbols were used only in those instances where concealment is necessary.

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T-3 [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (Oral)	100-25861-344
	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (Written)	134-66A-253
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T-12 [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]c
T-13 [redacted]c	[redacted]			
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/25/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was
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REFERENCE

SAC Letter 55-30, dated 4/12/55.

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SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All informants set forth herein have furnished reliable information in the past or were in a logical position to furnish information relative to the subject unless the contrary is noted. (u)

On [redacted] and [redacted] advised that on 1/26/55, the subject was a speaker at a mass rally sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, NYC, to "Free William L. Patterson and Benjamin Davis". On [redacted] advised that subject and wife attended a reception held in honor of J. WINIEWICZ, Polish Ambassador, on 2/10/55, at the Polish UN Delegation, NYC. [redacted] on 3/24/55, NY 687-S (c) advised that subject and wife attended a party held at the USSR UN Delegation, NYC in honor of two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women.

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DETCOM

On [redacted] advised subject was a speaker at the May Day Rally held 4/29/55, at Union Square, NYC. (u)

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The April, 1955, edition of "Freedom", Vol. 5, No. 4, Page 2, Col. 2, listed PAUL ROBESON as Chairman of the Editorial Board of instant newspaper. "Freedom" is published by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, NYC. In December, 1950, [redacted] advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" is composed of CP members and sympathizers and stated that "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker". (u)

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On [redacted] advised that as of that date the subject was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. (u)

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RECOMMENDATION

Retain on SI.

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Subject speaker at CRC rally, 1/26/55; attended various affairs

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at Soviet and satelite UN delegations, 1955 and was speaker at May Day celebration, 1955. Subject Chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and Chairman of Council on African Affairs, June, 1955.

DETCOM TABBING

1. Subject presently tabbed for Detcom.

2. SI cards have not been received from the Bureau bearing Detcom in large, red letters under the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12 (A) dated 2/10/55,

3. It is recommended that subject be tabbed for Detcom under the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12, 2/10/55, in view of subject's position as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject, further, is a key figure of the NYO.

(u)

cc-Jackson

Assistant Attorney General
Warren E. Burger

July 28, 1955

Director, FBI

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EX. - 102

PAUL ROBESON V. JOHN FOSTER DULLES
(D.C.D.C., CIVIL NO. 169-55)
FBI FILE 100-12304

Reference is made to a memorandum from Mr. George S. Leonard of the Department dated July 26, 1955, your reference GSL:APV:lg, 145-2-47, in the captioned case.

Robeson is currently the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau. For your information, reports reflecting the results of our investigation of Robeson from 1942 to date have been disseminated to the Records Administration Branch.

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

2 cc - New York (100-25857) (W/Enclosure)

Note SAC, New York:

Enclosed for your information is one copy of a memorandum from the Department dated July 26, 1955, which is self-explanatory.

Note on yellow:

Subject in SI, key figure New York Office. Last report reflecting current activities of subject submitted by New York under date July 6, 1955.

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 26 1955

FROM : Geo. S. Leonard
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

GSL:APV:lg

SUBJECT: Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles
(D.C.D.C., Civil No. 169-55)

145-2-47

It is requested that you make available to this Division all Federal Bureau of Investigation files on Paul Robeson. These files will be made available to the attorneys in the Civil Division assigned the defense of the above-captioned passport denial case as well as the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the case. These men have been cleared to handle confidential and secret material.

In view of the fact that Robeson's attorneys filed, on July 25, 1955, a motion for preliminary injunction and for summary judgment in this matter it is essential that these files be made available as soon as possible so that this action may be properly defended.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 8/5/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
REPORTS SENT TO DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Vance, of the Civil Division of the Department, called my office at 4:00 p.m., 8/5/55, and advised that the Department by letter, 7/26/55, had requested the FBI to forward all files pertaining to the captioned individual. Vance stated that by letter, 7/28/55, the FBI advised the Department that [redacted] reports on the captioned subject had been forwarded to the Department since 1942, and that it was believed a check of the Central Records Section of the Department would reflect such reports. Vance wanted to know if we could give any further identification inasmuch as the Records Division of the Department had reported to him they had no record on Paul Robeson. He was advised that this was somewhat strange inasmuch as it was definitely known that the Department must have considerable references to Robeson, however, that a check would be made to see if we could help him out in any way.

After checking with the Domestic Intelligence Division, it was determined that we have sent approximately 30 reports to the Department since 1942 regarding Paul Robeson, the latest report being sent as of 7/29/55. All reports have been sent by routing slip to the Division of Records and all were captioned "Paul Robeson - Internal Security - C."

Mr. Vance was telephonically contacted and advised of the above information. He stated that since his call he had been able to determine the Department had one file on Robeson and that he felt that this would be sufficient. He stated the urgency of the situation came about as a result of the State Department desiring to hold a conference that particular afternoon regarding Robeson. Robeson apparently is applying for a passport.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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cc - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Assistant to the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Robert W. Minor
Acting Deputy Attorney General

DATE: August 11, 1955

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES

We will be glad to have your opinion on this as soon as possible.

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Memo Mr Boardman 8/12 - Sta to Dept.

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cc-Nichols
Boardman
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Baumgardner
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August 12, 1955

Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
100-12304-332
Director, FBI

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PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FBI FILE 100-12304

Reference is made to the memorandum of Robert W. Minor, Acting Deputy Attorney General, dated August 11, 1955, captioned "Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles," which enclosed a proposed copy of an affidavit intended to be filed in opposition to motions on behalf of Robeson and in support of your cross-motion for summary judgment in this matter.

In accordance with your request, we have reviewed the proposed affidavit, specifically paragraph 18 which is described as a summary of information taken from Bureau reports previously furnished the Department of State concerning Robeson's activities.

The decision whether to use this information in the proposed affidavit is, of course, for you to make; however, should you decide the information is to be used it should be with the provision that the FBI not be identified as the source and it will not be necessary to produce any Bureau reports in subsequent proceedings in this matter.

Initialled in RA per Mr. Nichols Rec.

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Re memo Belmont to Boardman dated August 12, 1955, captioned as above, KLB:ph.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: August 12, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Robeson, a key figure of the New York Office, has been denied a passport by the Department of State and has entered a civil suit "Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles" in an effort to appeal State's decision and secure a passport. Attorneys in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice have been assigned the defense of this case.

Attorneys for Robeson have filed motions for preliminary injunction and summary judgment to be heard 8-16-55.

On 8-11-55 the Department of Justice furnished a copy of a proposed affidavit drawn up for execution by Miss Frances G. Knight, Director, Passport Office, Department of State, to be filed with Department of Justice's opposition to plaintiff's motions and in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment. The Department noted the proposed affidavit contains specifically in paragraph 18 a resume of information taken from "FBI files" (Bureau reports previously furnished Department of State) and forwarded this affidavit for clearance. Department requested Bureau's decision by the afternoon of August 12, 1955.

Paragraph 18 states: "In addition to the information set forth above, consideration was given to information of a highly confidential character from another agency of the Government which indicated, among other things, that the plaintiff was a Communist; that he made frequent visits to the Soviet Embassy and to the embassies of other Iron Curtain countries, that he associated upon many occasions with a number of Communists and officials of the Communist Party, including residence with such persons at their homes in various parts of the country, and that he attended numerous Communist sponsored functions, including in the recent past, the National Conference to Win Amnesty for the Victims of the Smith Act and a dinner in behalf of International Publishers, the official Communist publishing house in the United States."

Enclosure
cc-Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Brouse

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ENCLOSURE

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Bureau reports previously disseminated to Department of State have been reviewed and were found to contain the information set forth in paragraph 18 of the proposed affidavit. The information as set forth in this affidavit would not compromise other existing investigations being conducted by the Bureau or reveal sources or confidential techniques utilized in Bureau investigations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) In view of the above, it is recommended Department be advised that Bureau defers to Department's judgment as to the decision whether to use this information in the proposed affidavit; however, the information specifically in paragraph 18 has been reviewed and if a decision is made to use that information, it should be with the provision that the FBI not be identified as the source and it will not be necessary to produce any Bureau reports in subsequent proceedings in this matter.

(2) It is also recommended this memorandum and its attachment be routed to Mr. Nichols prior to mailing the attachment.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 10-17-55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

Card U.T.D.
10/25/55 aa

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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

NAME _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 10/28/55

FROM SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was.
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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReWFOlet dated 7/21/55 and New York letter dated 10/10/55 requesting review of subject's passport file for purpose of identifying subject's legal and/or mailing address.

On 10/19/55 SA [redacted] was advised by [redacted] of the Passport Office that subject's file has been in the possession of R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD's office for several months and is unavailable for review at this time. R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD, it is noted, is the Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State.

Also, on 10/19/55 Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Acting Chief, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, advised that there is nothing particularly significant pending in ROBESON's case at this time. NICHOLAS said although he does not have the file available to check, he recalled that on about 10/1/55 the subject requested permission to visit China for the purpose of attending some conference. NICHOLAS added that shortly thereafter the Passport Office sent a letter to LEONARD B. BOUDIN, New York City, attorney of the subject, denying the subject's request. NICHOLAS said that to his knowledge there were no more recent developments in the ROBESON case.

In view of the fact that the subject's file is in the possession of R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD's office, as noted above, it is requested that the Bureau's Liaison Section review the subject's file for the purpose of identifying the subject's current legal residence and/or mailing address.

The New York Office is interested in obtaining the identity of any residence addresses for the subject during the periods 1954-55.

Since no further investigation in this matter is contemplated by the WFO, this case is being RUC'd.

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SAC, New York (100-25857) November 9, 1955

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PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Washington Field Office letter dated October 28, 1955, with copies to New York.

Records of the Passport Division, State Department were checked via liaison, Bureau on November 7, 1955. Records of the Passport Division contain an application for passport by Robeson dated July 2, 1954. This application reflects the residence and mailing address of Robeson as 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October

FROM : William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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SUBJECT: Letter concerning the
Paul Robeson case

There is forwarded herewith for your information and any action deemed warranted a copy of a letter dated October 7, 1955, from The Los Angeles Forum, 1055 1/2 East 41st Street, Los Angeles 11, California. The resolution mentioned in the letter was not enclosed therein.

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A People's Organization
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The Los Angeles Forum
1055 1/2 East 41st. Street
Los Angeles 11, California

Slogan:
"World Peace
Freedom and Liberty

October 7, 1955

To The honorable Brownell
And President Eisenhower

The members of the Los Angeles Forum of Los Angeles California, and all friends of the Court and the people who believe in Justice and fair play appeal to you as heads of the government to review the so-called Paul Robeson case.

It is with grave concern that we call this matter to your attention. Our concern is not so much for Mr. Robeson as an individual, but the status of our government, yours and mine in the Eyes of the world.

Paul Robeson has been an outstanding Citizen, as a College student, as an athlete, and as a Civic leader among his, the Negro people.

Mr. Robeson is well known all over Europe and is hailed as one of the world's Artist of renown. For the past few years he has been invited to appear in Concert in many cities, but each time has been denied a Pass Port, a privilege enjoyed by Artist of lesser ability.

We contend that the treatment accorded Paul Robeson not only is a denial of his right to earn a decent living for himself and his family, but is also a denial of the enjoyment of that phase of the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees to every Citizen thereof, life, liberty, and Pursuit of happiness.

Please find enclosed; The Resolution adopted by the Los Angelus Forum, Sunday October, 2, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

John V. Pitts

John V. Pitts, President

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ENCLOSURE

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Mem...dum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11/4/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

Card U.T.D.
11-10-55

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was
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___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York, N.Y. ~~Subject~~

also ~~is a~~ self-employed concert singer. 100-12304 -

KEY FACILITY DATA:
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 155 West 136th Street, New York, N.Y.

c/o Rev. B. C. ROBESON (Note: ~~Subject travels constantly and may be located at the above address at infrequent intervals)~~

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: November 8, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (orig. & 1)
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON, with alias
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cc - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
cc - 1 - Records Administration Branch (Routing slip 0-6
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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

The October 22, 1955, issue of the London "Daily Worker" carried the following article:

"ROBESON'S CALL

"I am a prisoner within the confines of my native land, said the world-famous Negro singer Paul Robeson in a message he has sent to a conference taking place in Glasgow tomorrow in the Central Halls at 2.30 p.m. on the attacks on democratic liberties in America. Visitors will be welcome."

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These data are being furnished you as a matter of information.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: November 18, 1955

FROM : MR. O. H. BARTLETT

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO GOODE ROBESON, aka.
MRS. PAUL ROBESON
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On 11-17-55 [redacted] of the State Department advised Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section that about a month ago Mrs. Paul Robeson was accredited to the United Nations as a correspondent for the "New World Review." [redacted] stated that if the Bureau picked up any information concerning her possible misuse of her accreditation, State would appreciate our immediately furnishing same to the State Department.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the 2nd Subversive Control Sections. It may be noted that instant case is now in a closed status.

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1 - Mr. J.A. Jackson
1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Bartlett

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Letter to NY 11-25-55

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ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
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For the information of the New York Office, the State Department advised the Bureau via liaison that approximately a month ago the captioned individual was accredited to the United Nations as a correspondent for the "New World Review." The State Department requested to be advised of any information received by the Bureau in the future indicating Robeson's misuse of her accreditation. Accordingly, New York should immediately advise the Bureau of any information reflecting on the subject's accreditation to the United Nations.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject, wife of Paul Robeson, in SI. Case presently in closed status; pertinent reports reflecting investigation of this subject have been previously disseminated to the State Department.

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FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11/29/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.
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December 13, 1955

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RE: PAUL ROBESON

[redacted] (S)

For your additional information, it has been ascertained that it would not be necessary for Robeson to obtain a passport or tourist card for travel to Trinidad providing he possessed a round trip ticket, the trip originated in the United States, and would not extend for a period exceeding six months. No information has been obtained to date [redacted] regarding the alleged trip to Trinidad. If such information is obtained in the future, you will be promptly advised. (U)

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cc - Foreign Liaison Unit

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Date: December 13, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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cc - Bufile (100-44826) [redacted]
cc - Foreign Liaison Unit
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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

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Any additional information coming to the attention of this Bureau regarding any proposed trip by Robeson to Trinidad will be promptly furnished to you. It is requested that this Bureau be advised of any information coming to your attention regarding the above. The above is for your information and is not to be disseminated outside of your Department. (W)

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2cc - Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

NOTE SAC, NEW YORK:

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson key figure NYO. [redacted] subject of Bufile 100-44826. A review of this file reflects no derogatory information regarding [redacted] (4)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

FROM : W. T. WHALEY

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DATE: December 16, 1955

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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The above information was furnished to Supervisor [redacted] this A.M., and he later advised that Section Chief [redacted] telephonically contacted the ASAC [redacted] at New York and alerted him to this information. (U) b7C

ACTION:

That this memorandum be furnished to the Subversive Control Section for its information. (U)

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

PAUL ROBESON, IS-C.

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Date: December 22, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (orig & 1)
Director
Office of Security
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515 22nd Street, N. W.
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
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Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 12/30/55

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	1/6/56	10/13;11/3,9;12/5-9,12-14, 16,19-21/55

TITLE OF CASE

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Report made by [redacted] b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

Subject is a self-employed concert singer and until June, 1955, was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject Chairman of Editorial Bd. of "Freedom", July-Aug., 1955, and scheduled to be featured writer for "Freedom" in regular issues 1956. In Oct., 1955, subject resided at 155 W. 136th St., NYC. Subject attended "Justice for SOBELL" meeting, [redacted] and in testimony before the NY Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations on 2/24/55, admitted association and/or connection with the CRC and that he was an officer of the CRC. Subject attended meeting of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, [redacted] was listed as a "contributor" in Spring, 1955 issue of "Sing Out", a publication of People's Artists, Inc.; attended reception given by East Bay Youth Committee, Oakland, Calif., 6/30/55, and continued agitation for the issuance of his passport by the US Dept. of State. [redacted]

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DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 6, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON'S Popularity Greater Than Ever Concert Tour Shows". This article spoke of the "great" reception received by PAUL ROBESON during his concert tours in Oakland and San Francisco, California.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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

The December 31, 1950 issue of "The Worker" contained an article which described "Freedom" as a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates which was introduced in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the purpose of the newspaper was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the view point that is interesting, rather than necessary to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the workers' class.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", described above.

In December, 1950, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party (CP) members and sympathizers. According to [redacted] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker".

"The Worker", dated June 20, 1955, page two, column three, contained an article entitled, "African Affairs Council Dissolves", with a sub-title, "Directors Say Others Continue Pioneering Work, Harassment By Government Hampers Activities". This article stated that the Executive Board of the CAA, June 17, 1955, unanimously voted to dissolve the organization and terminate all its activities, which decision ended 18 years of the CAA in the cause of African freedom. The article reflected that the Executive Board of the Council, headed by PAUL ROBESON, indicated that one consideration for this action was the fact that continued Government harassment had made further effective work of the CAA impossible.

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The July - August, 1955 issue of "Freedom", Volume V, Number 6, Page 2, listed PAUL ROBESON as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the newspaper. It further noted that "Freedom" is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City.

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B. Residence

On November 7, 1955, the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflected that on an Application for Passport, dated July 2, 1954, PAUL ROBESON indicated his residence and mailing address as 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

On September 20, 1955, [redacted] advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, then resided at 409 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City. [redacted] stated that during the Summer of 1955, while the PATTERSON family was on vacation, their apartment was occupied at various times by PAUL ROBESON.

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On September 14, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at that time, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was the Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC).

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that on [redacted] the subject indicated that his residence in New York was 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

C. Status of Health

On [redacted] advised that on October 10, 1955, the subject was admitted to the Sydenham Hospital, Manhattan Avenue and 123rd Street, New York City, as a private patient. [redacted] stated that ROBESON was operated on for a prostate condition on October 11, 1955, which operation would necessitate a convalescence period of from two to three weeks. [redacted] that a second operation in the subject's case could occur, depending upon the results of the first.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information received by [redacted] indicated that the subject's recovery from his operation is going badly and the subject has been quite ill at home.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. CP Sympathies

The "China Daily News" issue of February 19, 1955, page five, item 12, reflects a news item stating that PAUL ROBESON, Negro singer, had written an article for publication in the Soviet newspaper, "Pravda" in which ROBESON reportedly stated that the United States has become the headquarters for reactionists, a small but influential group supported by industry and capitalism. ROBESON pointed out that the American people "know that the traitorous CHIANG Clique on Formosa is only a group of vagabonds and can never lawfully represent the Chinese people.

On July 17, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "China Daily News" (CDN), continues to be the main propaganda organ for the Chinese Communist element in the United States.

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On June 24, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in its editorial policy and treatment of the news, the "CDN" consistently favors the Chinese Communists and opposes the United States. [redacted] stated that the "CDN", to his knowledge, has never editorially criticized the Chinese Communists or printed any news unfavorable to them.

On June 15, 1954, the "CDN" and EUGENE MOY, its Managing Editor, were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for a violation of the Trading with the Enemy Act, in connection with the paper's printing of advertisements for Chinese Communist banks which sought to induce Chinese in the United States to send money to Communist China.

In June, 1955, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the policy of the "CDN" has remained unchanged since the above conviction. [redacted] stated that the only change in the paper is that it no longer prints the advertisement for which it was convicted. He stated that this, however, has had no effect on the editorial policy of the paper.

On July 12, 1955, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on [redacted], the subject attended and spoke at a "Justice for SOBELL Meeting" held at [redacted] According to [redacted], ROBESON gave a fanatical talk on fighting for SOBELL, Negro rights and the rights of labor.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on Conspiracy to Commit Espionage on Behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 15, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 22, 1955, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Says He'll Sue If Passport Reply Is Negative!" This article stated that ROBESON had indicated that any negative

decision by the United States State Department regarding his passport would result in a court suit. The article pointed out that ROBESON had angrily denied press reports to the affect that he was willing to sign a non-Communist affidavit as a prerequisite for obtaining a passport. The article quoted ROBESON as saying, "I contend that even Communists now have the right to travel according to recent court decisions and further, I contend that the affidavit has nothing to do with the denial of a passport to me".

The "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper issue of August 11, 1955, page eight, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Passport Ban Upheld By United States Court". In part, the article quoted PAUL ROBESON as stating, in connection with the non-Communist affidavit requirement, "Of course I won't sign.....I consider it to be an invasion of every Constitutional liberty I have".

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 19, 1955, page three, column four, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Says He'd Gladly Join United States - Soviet Cultural Exchange". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON was highly gratified by recent reports from the Soviet Union listing him as one of the American artists whom Soviet cultural leaders would like to have included in a program of cultural exchange with the United States. The article stated that ROBESON described as "'completely unfounded'" a wire service dispatch on August 16, 1955, indicating that he did not intend to visit Russia again. According to the article, ROBESON stated "'The fact is, I have specifically requested a passport to permit me to accept an offer to make a film version of Othello in Moscow and can think of no travel abroad that would be more enjoyable than another trip to the Soviet Union'".

B. Connections and/or Association of the Subject with CP Fronts

On March 15, 1955, [redacted] made available records of the

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proceedings before the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations held February 23-25, 1955, in the Supreme Court, State of New York, 60 Centre Street, New York City. In his testimony February 24, 1955, before the Committee, the subject stated that he had been associated with the CRC; that he considered the CRC to be one of the most important organizations fighting for the freedom of the Negro people; that he contributed much of his time to the work of the CRC; that he had been an officer of the CRC; that he was not sure of just what position he occupied, but believed himself to be a member of the Board of Directors; that he did not remember any amounts of money collected by the CRC for various causes in the defense of Civil rights.

On [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, New York City, on [redacted] According to [redacted] PAUL ROBESON spoke at the meeting concerning the shame and loss suffered by people everywhere because of rules governing travel.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, in an article entitled, "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Liberties Committee", reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was pointed out that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American Constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions.

Writing in "Political Affairs" issue of August 19, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted CP functionary, referred to the ECLC as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today".

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Concerning "Political Affairs", FLYNN, testifying in the case "United States versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL" on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's inception in 1945.

On April 25, 1955, the Spring, 1955 issue of "Sing Out" listed PAUL ROBESON as a "contributor". Page two of this issue reflected that "Sing Out" is published quarterly by People's Artists, Incorporated, 124 West 21st Street, New York City.

People's Artists, Incorporated

1. Cited as a Communist front.
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1943, p. 91.)

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 30, 1955, a reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held at 445 Fairmont Avenue, Oakland, California, which affair was sponsored by the East Bay Youth Committee. [redacted] advised that 70 or 80 persons were in attendance and ROBESON both sang and commented on various current issues.

With regard to the East Bay Youth Committee, [redacted] advised that it was, in reality, the Labor Youth League (LYL), which organization uses such names in planning for broad attendance at a function.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] advised that on August 18, 1955, BELLA ALTSHULER, described by [redacted] as a member of the CP and Secretary of the Bronx Committee for Freedom of Political Prisoners, stated that the latter organization was planning to have a banquet on September 10, 1955, in the Bronx, New York. ALTSHULER advised that money raised at

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this affair would be divided between the families of political prisoners and political refugees. According to [redacted] ALTSHULER listed PAUL ROBESON as being a member of the Banquet Sponsoring Committee.

With regard to the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners in November, 1954, [redacted] advised that the organization was formed in 1952, by CP members in the Bronx, New York. [redacted] described this committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted CP leaders. According to [redacted] the committee has no membership or formal organizational set-up and comes into activity only when an amnesty drive is in progress.

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C. Subject's Activities in and/or Subversive Ramifications of His Passport Case

On July 19, 1955, Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised SA [redacted] that subject and his attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN, conferred with Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director of the Passport Office, on July 18, 1955, relative to obtaining a passport for the subject. In the afternoon, this same date, various State Department officials conferred with the subject and the question of subject's restriction in travelling to Canada was discussed. The subject and BOUDIN raised this question, inasmuch as ROBESON desired to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, in July, 1955.

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NICHOLAS advised that on July 19, 1955, he telephonically contacted subject's attorney and informed him of the State Department's decision to allow the subject to travel in Canada. NICHOLAS added, however, that no decision has been reached on the matter of issuing a passport to ROBESON for proposed travel abroad.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 21, 1950, that he knew LEONARD B. BOUDIN to be a concealed member of the CP and actively associated with Communist fronts prior to 1945.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of July 21, 1955, page three, column three, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON to Visit Canada After Concert At Peace Arch, Sunday". The article stated that PAUL ROBESON would exercise his newly won right to travel in Canada, following the fourth annual concert in the Peace Arch Park near Blaine, Washington, on the Canadian border.

The "Daily Worker" of July 28, 1955, page three, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON'S 4th Concert At Canadian Border Stirs More Than 15,000". The article stated that on July 27th, PAUL ROBESON gave his fourth annual concert at Peace Arch Park which was turned into a victory celebration in view of the action of the United States State Department in rescinding its ban on ROBESON'S right to travel in Canada.

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"The Worker" issue of August 14, 1955, page eight, column three, contained an article entitled, "Millions Eager To Welcome Our Best Ambassador Of Good Will". The article states that letters have been received from the United States and other countries urging that ROBESON be free to travel. Adjacent to the article is a small printed box entitled, "Lift Every Voice", which urges the reader to "write today to President EISENHOWER" relative to lifting the passport restrictions on PAUL ROBESON.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 17, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "The Real Issues Behind The Denial Of ROBESON'S Passport". The article pointed out that PAUL ROBESON had issued a statement in reply to comment in other newspapers that he was not following the standard requirements of the State Department in attempting to get the passport. The article quoted from ROBESON'S statement as follows: "'The fact is, the so called non-Communist affidavit which the Passport Office insists that I must sign before my application can be considered is not a standard requirement.....To deny the free exercise of such a basic right by inquiries into a citizen's political beliefs and by special oaths for arbitrarily selected individuals is to make a mockery of our democratic institutions'".

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was Chairman of the Illinois - Indiana District of the CP and member of the National Administrative Committee of the CP. He was convicted in Chicago, Illinois in early 1955, under the membership clause of the Smith Act of 1940.

On November 9, 1955, [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, made available an undated letter from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 6 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, addressed to "Dear Friend:". This letter bears the written notation, "200 International Leaders Of Peace Movement" and calls for petitions and delegations to be sent to the United States Embassies, Consulates and Information Centers in every country and for messages to be sent to President EISENHOWER and Secretary DULLES in Washington. In part the letter stated, "We ask of you a statement in support of PAUL ROBESON'S right to travel, a statement that we may present to the American people, along with similar expressions from other distinguished leaders of the World Peace Movement". The announced purpose of the letter is to enlist aid and support in behalf of PAUL ROBESON, described as an American prisoner of the cold war. b7D

D. Miscellaneous CP Activities

Contacts With Soviet and Satellite Officials and/or Agencies

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The Tass News Agency is the Soviet Russian News Gathering Agency in the United States, and as such, is registered with the United States Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted during December, 1955, and stated there was no recent information concerning the subject.

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Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in New York area contacted relative to the subject in December, 1955, with negative results:

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On June 14, 1955, Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS A. BOLAN, Southern District of New York, made available to SA [redacted] b3; Rule 6(e) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

[redacted] Inasmuch as this exhibit was a Grand Jury exhibit, it should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

ALBERT E. KAHN is described as a "New York State Communist Party Leader," on page 451 of the 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

On [redacted] b7C made available to Agents of the Detroit Division (set forth in Detroit Letter to the Bureau dated 6/28/55, entitled "CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION; IS - C," Bufile 100-3-75; DE file 100-2817), a CP memorandum entitled "Current Concentration Mass Issues in the Field of Struggle for Equal Rights for the Negro People." This

memorandum was from the National Administrative Committee, CP, USA, and under Section IV, No. 4 listed the "PAUL ROBESON Passport Case". The memorandum states, "this case offers possibilities of a campaign of an offensive character because it centers around a suit brought in Federal Court by the great artist and Negro people's spokesman to force the State Department to 'show cause' why a passport not be issued to him."

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The above information is contained in NY 100-4931-10169.

On 12/7/55 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was not in the possession of any information concerning the subject not previously reported. b1/b7C

On 12/5/55 the records of [redacted] were checked by SA [redacted] which records reflected no information concerning the subject not previously reported. b7C

On 12/6/55 the records of [redacted] were checked by SE [redacted] which records reflected no information concerning the subject not previously reported. b7D

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On 12/9/55 the records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles were checked by SE [redacted] which records reflected no current driver's license and/or registration on the part of the subject.

On 12/14/55 the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections were checked by SE [redacted] relative to the address 155 West 136th Street, New York City. These records contained no information relative to the subject.

On 12/13/55 the records of [redacted] were checked by SA [redacted] relative to the subject with negative results.

The telephonic pretext to "Freedom", 139 West 135th Street, New York City, on 10/3/55 was conducted by SA [redacted]

The telephonic pretext call to "Freedom" on 12/8/55 was conducted by SA [redacted]

The records of the Passport Division, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., were checked on 11/7/55 via liaison of the Bureau and furnished the New York Office via Bulet, 11/9/55.

Subject's testimony before the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations on 2/24/55 at NYC is located in NY file 100-112999-1B-1.

Subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and his SI cards are current and accurate.

This case has been reevaluated in the light of SI criteria and the case still fits those criteria.

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Will follow and report the activities of the subject.

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Report of SA [redacted], at New York, 7/6/55. b7C

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FROM: T.H.S. SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Rebuairtel to Newark, 12/22/55, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, IS-C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter to Director, 1/6/56, captioned, "Cominfil UERMWA, IS - C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter requested the NYO to furnish the Bureau two Photostats each of certain documents which [redacted] had furnished the Newark Office, and which the Newark Office had forwarded to the NYO, since they were of no value to the Newark Office.

Re Newark letter page 2, paragraph 2, reports that by letter dated 10/5/53, Newark forwarded to New York under caption "PAUL ROBESON, IS-C," New York file 100-25857, an invitation to attend a reception for ROBESON on occasion of ROBESON'S being presented with the International Stalin Peace Prize.

This document was destroyed in the NYO because it had previously been received from other sources. If the Bureau desired copies of this document as received from other sources other than [redacted] they can be forwarded.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 1/25/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON,
SM - C

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated 12/25/55, and New York letter to Bureau 2/10/55.

Referenced New York letter to Bureau contained information received from [redacted] on [redacted], that captioned subject had been issued a temporary accreditation card as a representative of the publication "New World Review" at the UN on 10/8/54. It was reissued on 11/13/54, and expired on 12/23/54. Instant letter also noted that, according to [redacted] accreditation of press representatives to the UN is handled by the Press and Publication Section of the Department of Public Information of the UN. Informant advised that consequently subject was in no way an employee of the UN and would not, at that time, come within the provisions of the LEUN program.

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The January, 1956 issue of "New World Review", Vol. 24, No. 1, published by S. R. T. Publications, Inc., 23 West 26th Street, New York City, lists ESLANDA ROBESON as Editorial Consulant on Negro and Colonial Questions. This same issue on Page 17 contains an article by subject concerning recent United Nation matters entitled, "The World Family Grows".

The Bureau is advised that the New York Division is recontacting all logical sources at the UN for any recent information relative to subject's accreditation there as a correspondent for the "New World Review". The results of these contacts will be furnished the Bureau in the near future.

It is noted that subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and her SI cards are current and accurate.

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cc - Liaison
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Date: February 13, 1956

To: Miss Frances G. Knight BY COURIER SERVICE
Director, Passport Office
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

According to a Washington City News Service Release dated February 5, 1956, one Will Paynter, South Wales, President of the National Union of Mine Workers, had reported that Paul Robeson had accepted an invitation of his union to make a singing tour of Wales in October, 1956. According to the news dispatch Paynter said that the United States had apparently lifted a six-year travel ban on the Negro singer and that Robeson had cabled that he would come to Wales as a guest of the above-mentioned union. Copies of reports reflecting the investigation of Robeson have been disseminated to your Department.

In view of the above-mentioned news release it is requested that this Bureau be advised regarding the current passport status of Robeson.

NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject key figure in New York Office. The referenced news release is the only information indicating that Robeson may receive a passport. In view of the litigation regarding this matter in the past, the voluminous reports and memoranda that have been disseminated to the Department of State regarding Robeson in his passport case, it is believed desirable that State be requested to advise of the current status of Robeson's passport fight at this time. [redacted] Liaison, requested this matter be referred to Knight.

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File 5 - Inspection

(ROBESON)

LONDON--A WELSH MINERS' UNION REPORTED TODAY THAT LEFT-WING AMERICAN SINGER PAUL ROBESON HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO MAKE A SINGING TOUR OF WALES IN OCTOBER.

WILL PAYNTER, SOUTH WALES PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINE WORKERS, SAID THE UNITED STATES APPARENTLY HAS LIFTED A SIX-YEAR TRAVEL BAN ON THE NEGRO SINGER.

PAYNTER SAID ROBESON CABLED THAT HE WOULD COME TO WALES AS GUEST OF THE MINERS' UNION.

A SIMILAR INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED LAST YEAR, BUT ROBESON REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT COME BECAUSE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BAN ON HIS TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

"WE ASSUME THAT ALL OBJECTIONS TO HIS VISIT HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN, OTHERWISE HE WOULD NOT HAVE CABLED," PAYNTER SAID. "WORK BEGINS AT ONCE ON ARRANGING A SPECTACULAR TOUR FOR HIM."

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Let to Miss Knight, St Dept 2-13-56 JAJ

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February 14, 1956

RE: PAUL ROBESON

[redacted]. (S)

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According to a Washington City News Service Release dated February 5, 1956, one Will Paynter, South Wales, president of the National Union of Mine Workers, had advised that Robeson had accepted an invitation of his union to make a singing tour of Wales in October, 1956. According to the news dispatch, Paynter said that the United States had apparently lifted the 6-year travel ban on the Negro singer and that Robeson had cabled that he would come to Wales as a guest of the above-mentioned union. (U)

You will be immediately advised of any information indicating Robeson may be granted a passport in the future. (U)

2cc - London

cc - New York 100-25857 (For information) W/Enclosure

NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK:

[redacted] You should remain alert to report any information indicating Robeson is contemplating travel outside of the United States. (S)

cc - Foreign Liaison Unit

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Date: February 9, 1956

To: Mr. Scott McLeod
Administrator
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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NOTE ON YELLOW:
Robeson, a key figure in New York Office whose application for a passport was recently denied. Continuing efforts are being made, however, to gain a passport for Robeson. [redacted] (C)
liaison, requested above info be directed to Scott McLeod.
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Letter to Mr. Scott Mc Leod
Administrator
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State

William L. Patterson is the National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The above is for your information and is not to be disseminated outside of your Department. (4)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) — 3/7/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
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ReNYlet to Bureau, 1/25/56.

On 2/16/56 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that captioned subject was at that time an accredited correspondent for the publication, "New World Review" at the United Nations, NYC. The informant continued that subject writes a paper once a week of about eight pages for the above publication and is believed to do some other free lance work of a writing nature.

The Bureau is advised that no info has come to the attention of the NYO indicating that subject has misused her accreditation to the UN. It is noted that subject presently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and appears to visit the UN on almost a daily basis.

Subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and her SI cards are current and accurate. This case has been reevaluated in the light of SI criteria and this case fits these criteria.

This matter is being placed in a closed status until such time as additional info may be received which would warrant further investigation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 2, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: PASSPORT MATTERS

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On March 1, 1956, [redacted] Passport Office, State Department, advised [redacted] of the Liaison Section that on March 8, 1956, the eight judges of the District Court of Appeals, Washington, will hear the Paul Robeson passport appeals case. Robeson will be represented by Leonard Boudin, New York attorney. [redacted] further stated that immediately following this hearing, the same judges will hear the Leonard Boudin passport appeals case. Boudin will be represented by Harry I. Rand, Washington attorney.

[redacted] stated that his office felt that the March 8 hearings could be a turning point in the current trend toward approving passports for anyone who applies whether they are security risks or not.

ACTION:

For your information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Liaison Section
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Office Memoranaum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 9, 1956

FROM: Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Reference is made to New York airtel 3/6/56 which is the weekly summary of intensified coverage of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional release term arising from a Smith Act conviction on 2/24/56. The referenced airtel contains data relating to [redacted] on [redacted] Davis gave a speech during which he remarked that Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis indicated that if a passport is given to Robeson, the State Department cannot refuse a passport to anyone. This is apparently a reference by Davis to the case Robeson has filed against John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State as a result of the State Department's refusal to issue Robeson a passport. Arguments on this case were heard before the U. S. Court of Appeals on 3/8/56 and decision has not as yet been rendered.

In view of Davis' statements concerning significance of the decision in the Robeson case, it is felt that this data should be supplied to the State Department, copies to the Passport Division, and to the Civil Division of the Department with copies for the information of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Copies of pertinent reports have previously been supplied to the Department and to State. Significant data concerning Robeson's activities have been forwarded to both agencies by letter as received.

The referenced airtel from New York contains additional data concerning a press conference held by Davis on 3/1/56 which was reported in the "Daily Worker" on the following date. This "Daily Worker" article sets forth Davis' comments concerning the

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cc - L. V. Boardman
A. H. Belmont
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cc - Bufile 100-149163 (Benjamin Davis)

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Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

racial situation in the South, his charge that "Brownell is unfit to be Attorney General of the U. S.," and general statements concerning his feelings on the position of the Negro in the United States. In view of the public source nature of the material contained in the "Daily Worker" article, no dissemination of this data is being made.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letters to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn, State Department, copies to Miss Frances G. Knight, Passport Division, and to Mr. Warren E. Burger, Civil Division of the Department, copies to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, summarizing Davis' remarks concerning the significance of the Paul Robeson case be approved.

[redacted]

cc - Boardman
Belmont
Baumgardner
Jackson
Doyle

Assistant Attorney General
Warren E. Burger

March 12, 1956

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Director, FBI

PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES
(D.C.D.C. CIVIL NO. 169-55)
FBI File 100-12304

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past reported that Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional release sentence on February 24, 1956, arising from a Smith Act conviction, addressed [redacted] on [redacted] during the course of which he stated that Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis indicated that he felt if a passport is given to Robeson the State Department cannot refuse a passport to anyone.

The foregoing has been supplied to the Department of State and is being set forth for your confidential information with the suggestion that it not be further disseminated.

2cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Above caption taken from Departmental memorandum July 26, 1955, which indicates attorneys in Civil Division of Department assigned defense of above passport case. Source of the foregoing information is [redacted] This is attachment to memo Belmont to Boardman, dated 3/9/56, captioned "Paul Robeson, IS-C," WFD:hif.

cc - Bufile 100-149163 (Benjamin Davis)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI

Date: 3/14/56

From: Legat, Bonn, Germany (105-0)

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
53 West 125th St., New York City
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On February 23, 1956, G-2, Hq., US Army Europe, furnished a report dated January 23, 1956 prepared by the Counter Subversive Team of Region VIII, 66th CIC Group, Berlin, Germany, under the title "FDJ ZR; Re: Miscellaneous Information" (Freie Deutsche Jugend, East Germany - Miscellaneous Information). The report was classified confidential. (CIC file D-137897; VIII-24101) (C)(U)

One section of this report stated, "The following persons and organizations have received copies of the 'Welt Jugend', a monthly magazine of the Democratic World League in Budapest." The captioned name and address was included in this list. The report did not further elaborate on the significance or source of this list. (C)(U)

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100-12304

Date: March 12, 1956

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn BY COURIER SERVICE
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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The foregoing has been supplied on confidential information and should not be disseminated outside your Department.

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2cc - Miss Frances G. Knight BY COURIER SERVICE
Director, Passport Office
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

NOTE ON YELLOW: Source of foregoing information is [redacted] b1

This is attachment to memo Belmont to Boardman, same caption, 3/9/56 ts, WFD:hif.

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~~SUMMARY REPORT~~

PAUL ROBESON, in October, 1955, resided at 155 W. 136th St., NYC, and in January, 1956 information was received that ROBESON possibly will live with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. Subject has been self-employed as concert singer and actor since 1923, and was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. Subject Chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom". Subject described as member of CP for many years by MANNING JOHNSON before HCUA 1949, and further described as concealed CP member prior to 1945 by [redacted] In 1952, subject quoted as stating, "I am a Communist". From 1950 to 1956, informants furnished information reflecting CP influence and/or guidance of subject's activities and utilization of subject as source of fund raising. In 1947, and from 1949 to 1955, at various intervals, subject openly expressed sympathy or admiration for the Soviet Union and CP, USA, both in the United States and while on a European tour in 1949. In December, 1952, subject named as winner of Stalin Peace Prize of $25,000.00. Subject has been active

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in, member, sponsor or officer of American Peace Crusade, American Youth for Democracy, China Welfare Appeal, ~~Inc.~~, Civil Rights Congress, National Negro Labor Council and other CP fronts designated by the Attorney General, USA, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In addition, subject has been active in, member, sponsor or officer of numerous other CP fronts, including Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, "Freedom", National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims, Peoples Artists, Inc., and Second World Peace Congress. Subject in contact with Soviet and Satellite officials and establishments, 1950-1955. PAUL ROBESON on Executive Committee of ALP, 1954.

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DETAILS:

At New York, New York

The title of this report is being marked "Changed" to reflect subject's full name as PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, as shown in the records of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, those of Columbia University, New York City, and as indicated by the records of the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

In June, 1949, [redacted] Health Department, Borough Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that all birth records of her agency from 1871 through 1903 had been destroyed by fire thirty years previously.

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Trenton, New Jersey, which agency maintains records for the State of New Jersey, in June, 1949, reflected that an unknown Negro child was born at 72 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey, on April 9, 1898. These records reflected that the child's father was WILLIAM D. ROBESON, age 52, occupation clergyman, and the mother was MARIA LOUISA BUSTILL or BASTILL, age 45. The number of children by this marriage, at that time, was listed as seven, number living as five.

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In June, 1949, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available records which indicated that PAUL ROBESON was born April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey.

Marital Status

On July 21, 1949 [redacted] Rye, New York, furnished Record of Marriage Number 4587, which reflected that PAUL LE ROY ROBESON was married to ESLANDA C. GOODE, on August 17, 1921, at Port Chester, New York, before WILLIAM C. YOUNG, Police Justice.

On [redacted] who has furnished

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reliable information in the past, advised that he had recently learned that PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA, had been separated for some time, even though they appear together at public meetings and gatherings from time to time.

On October 13, 1955, [redacted] Hotel Dauphin, Broadway and 67th Street, New York City, advised that Mrs. ESLANDA GOODE had resided in instant hotel as a permanent resident since January 22, 1954. He stated she resides in Room Number 418 and lives alone. In connection with this, [redacted] stated that Mrs. GOODE rarely has any visitors and he never observed her husband, PAUL ROBESON, staying with or visiting her.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party member in 1945 but that she does not hold herself out as a Communist and denies membership in the Party. [redacted] stated that ESLANDA ROBESON was a devoted member of the Communist Party, along with her husband, PAUL ROBESON.

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

Education

On June 20, 1949, [redacted] Somerville High School, Somerville, New Jersey, furnished records which reflected that PAUL ROBESON entered high school in September, 1911, and graduated in June, 1915.

On June 20, 1949, [redacted] Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, made available records which reflected that the subject, as PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, entered instant University in 1915 and on June 10, 1919, was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. These records further reflected that subject had graduated with honors and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary society.

On July 28, 1949, [redacted] Columbia University, New York City, furnished

records which reflected that PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, 129 West 137th Street, New York City, entered the Columbia University School of Law on February 4, 1920, and was graduated with an LLB Degree on February 28, 1923. These same records further reflected that on October 2, 1923, subject reentered the Columbia School of Law as a candidate for a LLM Degree. These records reflected that this degree was conferred on December 2, 1925.

[redacted] mentioned above, also made available records which reflected that in February, 1940, the subject entered Columbia University as a regular student for courses in Elementary Chinese, Second Year Chinese, and Elementary Russian. These records reveal, however, that subject withdrew from these courses on February 17, 1940. b7C/b7D

"Who's Who in America", 1954-1955 Edition, published by A. N. Marquis Company, Chicago, Illinois, lists the following honorary degrees awarded to PAUL ROBESON:

Honorary MA Degree - Rutgers University, 1932

Honorary LHD Degree - Hamilton College, 1940

Honorary LHD Degree - Moorehouse College, 1943

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters - Howard University, 1945

Military Service

In July, 1951, the records of the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflected that PAUL L. ROBESON, born April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey, enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps (SATC), United States Army, on October 1, 1918, at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Subject was assigned Army Serial Number 5119424 and held a rank of private. Subject served in the SATC unit until December 14, 1918, when he received an honorable discharge "per expiration of term of service".

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Identification Record

In April, 1951, the records of the Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D. C., reflected the following record for PAUL L. ROBESON under FBI Number 662 742A:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received
Army	PAUL L. ROBESON 5119424	October 1, 1918 New Brunswick, New Jersey

Residence

The 1938-1939 Edition of "Who's Who in America", Volume 20, listed PAUL ROBESON's home address during that period as 19 Buckingham Street, London, England.

In June, 1949, [redacted] made available records which indicated that, as of 1942, subject resided on Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut, and at that time, listed a mailing address as 10 East 40th Street, New York City. b7D

In May, 1947, the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflected that subject, in 1947, made application for a passport to visit Panama, Cuba and Mexico. On this application for passport, subject listed his home address as Enfield, Connecticut, but requested that his passport be sent in care of GEORGE McGEE, 22 East 89th Street, New York City.

On July 26, 1950, an individual identifying himself as [redacted] was contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI under pretext. At that time, [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON was then in New York City and was staying at the McGEE apartment. b7C

In May, 1951, the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, reflected that subject's passport application, dated April 6, 1951, listed his residence as 22 East 89th Street, New York City.

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On March 4, 1952, a Special Agent of the FBI telephonically contacted [redacted], under a pretext. [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON, at that time, [redacted] was in the city.

On February 3, 1953, Mr. ASHLY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised SA [redacted] that on an application for passport, dated January 30, 1953, PAUL ROBESON indicated his permanent residence as 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

It is noted that subject's brother, Reverend B. C. ROBESON, resides at 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

"The Courier", a New York newspaper, dated August 1, 1953, contained an article entitled "ROBESON's home sold". This article stated that the estate which PAUL ROBESON had owned at Enfield, Connecticut, since 1941, "was sold last week".

On November 7, 1955, the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, reflected that on an application for passport, dated July 2, 1954, PAUL ROBESON listed his residence and mailing address as 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

On February 9, 1955, [redacted] 408 West 128th Street, New York City, advised that the subject's wife ESLANDA ROBESON, resides in Apartment 20 at instant address with the subject's son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., and his wife. [redacted] stated that the subject and his wife appear to travel a great deal and spend frequent intervals away from the above apartment. [redacted] advised that, in his opinion, the subject was actually paying the rent on the apartment and, to all intents and purposes, this apartment constituted the subject's residence when in New York.

The records of [redacted] on May 31, 1955, as checked by SA [redacted] reflected a report dated August 25, 1954, relative to the subject. This report listed subject's residence as 408 West 128th Street, New York City, and listed the following

previous addresses with no dates given:

Washington, D. C.

70 Bank Street,
New York, New York

London, England

55 Edgecomb Avenue,
New York, New York

The above records further noted that the apartment at 408 West 128th Street was rented in the name of subject's son and daughter-in-law.

On September 20, 1955, [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON then resided at 409 Edgecomb Avenue, New York, New York.

[redacted] advised that during the Summer of 1955, while the PATTERSON family was on vacation, their apartment was occupied at various times by PAUL ROBESON.

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On September 14, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that, as of that time, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was the Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC).

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On October 13, 1955 [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that on [redacted] the subject indicated that his residence in New York was 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

On January 11, 1956, [redacted] was contacted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] advised that [redacted] the building at 1 West 126th Street, New York, in which Apartment 3-B is occupied by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. [redacted] stated that, shortly after DAVIS was released from prison, he requested [redacted] a larger apartment, and later, [redacted] wanted at least seven rooms, inasmuch as he desired to share his apartment with PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] advised that since the

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above incident, he has received no other information on the matter.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., is one of the eleven members of the National Committee of the CP, USA, who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

Employment

Concert and Stage Activities

"Who's Who in America", 1954-1955 Edition, previously mentioned, listed PAUL ROBESON as a concert singer and actor who performed his first concert as a basso in New York City in 1925, following his leading role in "Emperor Jones" in New York, in 1923. ROBESON took European concert tours in 1926-1928, 1931 and 1938, and a Russian concert tour in 1936. This publication pointed out that, in the 1940's, ROBESON played many movie and radio roles and appeared in a number of Broadway plays.

In June, 1949, [redacted] furnished records which reflected that in 1942 the subject listed his occupation as a concert singer and actor with twenty years experience. These records further reflected that, in 1942, the subject's concert activities were handled by the Metropolitan Music Bureau, 113 West 57th Street, New York City.

The "New York Times" newspaper, issue of January 25, 1947, contained an article entitled "ROBESON to Leave Stage". This article stated he will devote two years entirely to "racial talks". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON had announced that he intended to abandon the theater and concert stage for the next two years to talk "up and down the Nation against race hatred and prejudice".

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 13, 1952, PAUL ROBESON gave a concert at 188 Belmont Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, which was sponsored by the New Jersey Committee of Freedom Associates. According to [redacted] subject, while at this concert, announced that he was planning to return to the concert world and planned to open his own show on Broadway, in September.

The December 31, 1950 issue of "The Worker" contained an article which described "Freedom" as a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates which was introduced in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the purpose of the newspaper was "to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the viewpoint that it is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker to point out the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the workers' class."

"The Worker" is the Sunday Edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper.

In [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" was composed of CP members and sympathizers. According to [redacted] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker".

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The July-August, 1955, issue of "Freedom", volume Number 6, page 2, noted that the newspaper is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 129 West 126th Street, New York City.

The records of [redacted] previously mentioned, reflected a report dated August 25, 1954, regarding the subject. This report listed the subject's occupation as a concert singer and reflected that he had been managed by the Metropolitan Musical Bureau, 113 West 57th Street, New York City.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that, as of that time, the subject was a concert singer who could be located through his agents, Columbia Concerts, New York City.

On February 24, 1956, an unidentified individual at Columbia Concerts Incorporated, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, was telephonically contacted under pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI. This person stated that PAUL ROBESON no longer has a contract with Columbia Concerts Incorporated and, therefore, the company has not handled his concert affairs for some years.

The "Daily Worker", issue of September 6, 1955, page 6, column 3, contained an article entitled "ROBESON's Popularity Greater Than Ever, Concert Tour Shows". This article spoke of the great reception received by PAUL ROBESON during his concert tours in Oakland and San Francisco, California.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 13, 1956, page 1, column 1, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Greeted by 2,700 in Toronto". This article stated that ROBESON gave his first Canadian concert in Toronto for a decade on February 11, 1956, and noted that he was making his first appearance outside the United States after more than five years of restriction on his right to travel.

Activities with Council on African Affairs and "Freedom"

On [redacted] advised that, as of that date, PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs and also Chairman of the Editorial Board of the newspaper "Freedom".

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"Freedom" has been previously described.

On [redacted] advised that, as of that time, PAUL ROBESON continued to be Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom" and also Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. [redacted] stated that both organizations were located at 53 West 125th Street, New York City.

On [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] THELMA DALE of the Council on African Affairs [redacted] PAUL ROBESON desired her to leave the newspaper "Freedom" to become full time Executive Assistant in the CAA office. [redacted] ROBESON was spending most of his time in attempting to have his passport restriction lifted. [redacted] as of June, 1955, ROBESON was Chairman of the CAA and continued to be Chairman of the Editorial Board of the newspaper "Freedom".

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On [redacted] advised that since the announced dissolution of the CAA in June, 1955, there has been no evidence of any rebirth or reorganization of the CAA. [redacted] advised that, to the best of his knowledge, PAUL ROBESON is no longer an officer in the now defunct organization. b7D

On November 3, 1955, an unidentified individual at Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, was telephonically contacted under pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI. This person advised that because of financial difficulties, the newspaper "Freedom" had temporarily suspended publication with the July-August, 1955, edition. In connection with this, the individual stated that regular editions of the paper would be forthcoming in January, 1956.

On March 8, 1956, an unidentified person was telephonically contacted under pretext at Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, by a Special Agent of the FBI. This person advised that the newspaper "Freedom" will resume publication on a regular basis in April, 1956, in a smaller monthly edition. This person stated that PAUL ROBESON was then in Canada but was most eager to do an article for "Freedom" on the LUCY case and the University of Alabama. This person further stated that as a result of LOU BURNHAM's trip to the South several months ago, Freedom Associates had printed 70,000 leaflets regarding the EMMETT TILL case in Mississippi. This person stated that BURNHAM was the Editor of "Freedom".

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Status of Health

On October 13, 1955, [redacted] advised that on October 10, 1955, PAUL ROBESON was admitted to the Sydenham Hospital, Manhattan Avenue and 123 Street, New York City, as a private patient. [redacted] stated that the subject was operated on for a prostate condition on October 11, 1955, which operation would necessitate a convalescence period of from two to three weeks. [redacted] continued that a second operation in the subject's case could occur, depending on the results of the first. b7D

The "New York Times" newspaper, issue of February 21, 1956, page 23, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Ready to Sing". This article stated that, in a statement on February 20, 1956, PAUL ROBESON announced that he was returning to public activity following his recovery from an abdominal operation last October.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Membership

The "New York Post and Home News", a New York newspaper, issue of July 14, 1949, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Wants To Be a Stalin, Party Backs Him, House Told". This article stated that an admitted former member of the Communist Party National Committee described PAUL ROBESON as "a member of the CP for many years". The article continued that MANNING JOHNSON, testifying before the House Un-American Activities Committee stated "PAUL ROBESON has delusions of grandeur. He is desirous of becoming the black STALIN and the Communist Party is encouraging that.'". The article stated that JOHNSON told the Committee that he had been a CP member up to 1940 and during his years of Communist membership, had frequently met ROBESON in Party Headquarters, "going to or coming from'" meetings with top Communist leaders. JOHNSON stated that ROBESON's Party membership was kept secret from even rank and file Communists.

On [redacted] advised that during the late 1930's [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was a concealed member of the CP. [redacted] stated that this continued up until 1945, during which time [redacted] described ROBESON as a leading member of the CP. [redacted] stated that, prior to 1945, he knew ROBESON to be a member of a number of CP fronts and relied on by the Party to start drives that the Party wanted to have opened, whereby the Negroes might be incited to indignation. Further, ROBESON was a stimulant for large financial drives of the Party.

EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the CP, USA, was one of the eleven CP leaders convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York City. It is further noted that JACOB STACHEL was also one of the eleven CP leaders convicted as set forth above.

On [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on November 16, 1952, PAUL ROBESON visited 2006 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, following a concert given November 15, 1952, in that city. [redacted] on November 16, 1952, ROBESON replied to a suggestion that there were other ways of helping the Negro people than through Communism, stating, "My dear girl. My best friends are Communists. I am a Communist and proud to be one. One of my best friends, BEN DAVIS, is a Communist and he is in jail right now." b7C b7D

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS has been previously described.

Information Reflecting Communist Party Influence and/or Guidance of Subject's Activities

On [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the appearances of PAUL ROBESON at the International Workers Order Convention in Los Angeles on May 6 and 7, 1950, were handled by the Los Angeles County Communist Party.

The International Workers Order (IWO) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted] that "Comrade PAUL ROBESON will be here on Sunday, the 24th (February, 1951) for a concert on the South side". b7D

According to [redacted] ROBESON's appearance would be from a concert standpoint and not a campaign. He stated it was very important that "we" re-establish ROBESON as a concert artist and said he had 200 or 300 tickets which he would give out to the staff and [redacted] of the Communist Party. [redacted] advised [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON had contributed his talent to the Progressive Movement and now was "broke".

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT [redacted] was Chairman of the Illinois-Indiana District and member of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party. He was convicted in Chicago, Illinois, in early 1955, under the membership clause of the Smith Act of 1940. b7D

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The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1955, page 6, column 1, reflected that WILLIAM WEINER died on February 20, 1954.

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On [redacted] advised that on January 31, 1954, at a house party following a PAUL ROBESON concert at the Galilee Baptist Church, 148 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey, informant learned that GEORGE MURPHY and LOU BURNHAM, formerly known to the informant as CP members, were part of ROBESON's traveling party. In connection with this, [redacted] advised that, in 1950, [redacted] MURPHY and BURNHAM had been assigned by the CP to give political guidance to PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] stated that this meant the control and direction of ROBESON's activities to conform with the desires of the CP and to insure that there was no deviation on his part. b7D

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted] CP was held at [redacted] advised that, at this meeting, all members were urged to attend the PAUL ROBESON concert scheduled to be held at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Washington, on August 1, 1954, as well as a concert to be held in Seattle, Washington, on August 6, 1954. [redacted] advised that, following the meeting, the sum of $1.00 was collected from all persons, which money was to be used for the PAUL ROBESON National Defense Fund.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] a meeting of the CP, [redacted] was held at [redacted] At this meeting, according to [redacted] it was pointed out that the Negro Press had recently mentioned an African and Asian Peace Conference to take place in a foreign country in April, 1955. [redacted] continued that the CP wanted to attempt to infiltrate this conference with a well known delegate, such as PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] stated that the matter concerning the possibility of using ROBESON was to be presented to the CP [redacted] for approval.

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON has been previously described.

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The April 26, 1947, issue of "Peoples Voice", page 1, contained an article entitled "'I Am Coming Back,' Fighting PAUL Vows". This article concerned the return of PAUL ROBESON to Chicago, Illinois, following his being refused permission to give a concert at the City Hall, Peoria, Illinois. The article stated that ROBESON was asked whether or not he was a Communist, to which he replied, "'There are only two groups in the world today, Fascists and anti-Fascists. The Communists belong to the anti-Fascist group and I label myself an anti-Fascist.'"

"Peoples Voice" is mentioned in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., page 146, as follows:

> "1. Among publications which the committee found 'to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system'.
> (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 225.)"

An article entitled "ROBESON's Peace Message" appeared in the London, England, issue of the "Daily Worker" of February 18, 1949. This article reflects that in connection with ROBESON's first visit to Great Britain since 1939, he spoke with warmth of his love for the Soviet Union and quotes him as saying, "'I am a very, very deep and unqualified and ardent admirer of the Soviet Union. Nothing has changed that.'"

The "Evening Star" newspaper, Washington, D. C., issue of June 15, 1949, carried an article entitled "Soviet is Country I Love Above All, ROBESON Quoted". This article was date-lined June 15, at London, England, and the article reflected that ROBESON was quoted as telling an interviewer from the official Tass News Agency, as follows: "I am thoroughly happy that I am able to travel from time to time to the USSR, the country I love above all."

On June 20, 1949, the records of the United States Department of State, Passport Division, Washington, D. C., reflected that subject planned to leave the United States for England on February 11, 1949, and had submitted an itinerary which included travel to Paris, France. These records reflected the following information regarding the subject's activities while abroad:

ROBESON was in Oslo, Norway, on April 23 and 24, 1949, and again from May 2 to May 5, 1949. On his arrival at Oslo, subject reportedly gave a press conference in which he strongly criticized President TRUMAN, the American Government, and conditions in the United States, alleging that big money dominated all aspects of American life. He expressed the intention to defend his twelve Communist friends on his return to the United States. ROBESON departed for London, England, on May 5, 1949, after placing flowers on the graves of Norwegian Communists killed during the occupation, and Russian soldiers who lost their lives in liberating Norway.

These records reflected that ROBESON arrived in Stockholm, Sweden, on April 21, 1949, and was welcomed by a Communist official, one BROR SELIM, on behalf of the Stockholm District of the Swedish Communist Party. On that evening, April 21, 1949, ROBESON reportedly sang the Soviet "Song of the Fatherland" at the Stockholm Concert Hall, which brought whistles and cat calls from the audience. This angered ROBESON and he launched into a speech extremely critical of the treatment of the American Negro.

At a press conference following the concert, ROBESON was reported to have gone much further in his political utterances. He described American democracy as "Hitler's Fascism of the 1942 model". He attacked the Atlantic Pact saying, "If the Nordic countries adhere to it, the Americans would fight to the last Scandinavian."

According to the official newspaper of the CP in Sweden, "NY Dag", for April 22, 1949, ROBESON stated "'I do not hesitate one second to state clearly and unmistakably

I belong to the American Resistance Movement which fights against American Imperialism just as the Resistance Movement fought against HITLER and Fascism. If American war mongers fancy they could win millions of American Negroes for war against those countries (the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies), then they might understand that this will never be the case. Why should the Negroes ever fight against the only nation in the world where racial discrimination is prohibited and where the people live freely? Never! I can assure you they will never fight against the Soviet Union or the People's Democracies.'"

On April 27, 1949, "NY Dag" announced that so many people had sought tickets for ROBESON's concert that he had promised to sing at the May Day demonstration of the Stockholm Communists.

These records reflected that on April 30, 1949, at his "NY Dag" Concert, ROBESON was showered with flowers from some thirty Communist labor organizations and personally assisted in the collection of funds. Later, it was learned that autographed photographs of ROBESON were being offered as prizes in a fund raising competition of the Swedish Communist Youth Organization.

ROBESON arrived in Praha, Czechoslovakia, on May 24, 1949 and on May 29, 1949, sang at the Zimni Stadium, where he addressed the audience in Russian. While in Praha, ROBESON was decorated by the Chairman of the International Students' Union with the Honorable Gold Badge of the Union.

The newspaper "Obrana Lidu", issue of May 29, 1949, quoted ROBESON as saying "'Don't forget that I come from the hard-fighting progressive people in the United States who are fighting a reactionary Government.'"

These records reflect that in June, 1949, ROBESON's activities in Moscow, Russia, included a reception given by the Union of Soviet Writers, presentation of the first concert at Chaikovski Hall and delivery of an address at the Academy of Sciences to commemorate the Russian author PUSHKIN.

The International Students' Union is mentioned in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., page 64, as follows:

"1. Cited as an international Communist-front

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organization.
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 19.)"

The "Daily Worker", issue of July 3, 1949, Section 2, page 6, column 1, contained an article entitled, "I'm Looking For Full Freedom", which, according to the article, was the abridged text of an address by the subject to a Welcome Home Rally, held in New York City, June 19, 1949, under the auspices of the CAA. The article, in part, quoted ROBESON as follows: "This explains my feelings toward the Soviet Union, where in 1944, I for the first time walked the earth in complete human dignity.....Now those people of the Soviet Union...were in great part Communists. They were the first to die for our freedom, and for the freedom of all mankind. So, I'm not afraid of Communists; no, far from that. I will defend them as they defended us, the Negro people. And I stand firm and immovable by the side of that great leader who has given his whole life to the struggle of the American working class - BILL FOSTER..."

The "Daily Worker", issue of June 19, 1953, page 2, column 1, in an article entitled, "FOSTER Wires Clemency Plea to EISENHOWER", WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is described as National Chairman of the Communist Party.

The "New York Post and Home News" newspaper, issue of July 18, 1949, contained an article entitled, "Slip of the Tongue Hints ROBESON's a Red". This article stated in part, "Speaking yesterday at the closing session of a Bill of Rights Conference at the Henry Hudson Hotel, the singer said, 'We Negro, we progressives, we Communists, we little people.....'" The article continued, "The words 'we Communists' were apparently a slip of the tongue, for ROBESON later felt it necessary to issue a statement explaining that he merely meant 'all of us are being denied our civil rights, and our unity behind the Bill of Rights was what our great conference was about, and what my remarks were about.'"

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1949, that a Bill of Rights Conference was held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City,

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the weekend of July 16, 17, 1949, and was called because of the "grave danger" to basic American freedoms of free speech, free press, and free petition by enemies of democracy and civil liberties.

LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ, former member of the CP and former Editor of the "Daily Worker", in his book "Men Without Faces", pages 289-290, described the Bill of Rights Congress held in New York July 16-17, 1949, as the "biggest Red-Front gathering since the Congress of Intellectuals held at the Waldorf-Astoria, in March of the same year." BUDENZ related that the "main feature of the affair was the presence of seven of the eleven members of the 'Politboro' on trial at that time, three of the others being then in jail on contempt charges."

It is to be noted that eleven CP leaders were convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City.

On [redacted] advised that on August 6, 1949, a rally was held by the Communist Party of Harlem at the corner of 126th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. [redacted] stated that the guest speaker at this rally was PAUL ROBESON, who stated that he felt proud fighting again on the streets of Harlem for the re-election of BEN DAVIS and demanding freedom for HENRY WINSTON. ROBESON blamed the red-baiters and Wall Street for trying to promote a third world war, against the USSR. 67D

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., has been previously described.

HENRY WINSTON was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City, and on July 2, 1951, became a fugitive upon the issuance of a bench warrant in the same court. WINSTON surrendered himself to the custody of the United States Marshal, New York City, on March 5, 1956.

The September 21, 1949, issue of the "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Heard for 19 Minutes At Trial of Reds", which

article stated that PAUL ROBESON appeared on September 20, 1949, as a defense witness at the nine month-old Communist trial and testified for nineteen minutes before Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. The article stated in part, "Learning that Mr. ROBESON had not been called as a character witness for the eleven Party leaders on trial, Judge MEDINA barred most of his testimony and declared that Mr. ROBESON had no knowledge of the facts that are relevant here in this case." According to the article, ROBESON called a press conference after his appearance at which he praised the Communist Party as the defender of the Negroes.

The "Morning Freiheit", dated October 10, 1949, page 6, columns 1 and 2, contained a report on the PAUL ROBESON concert in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 7, 1949. In part, this article quoted ROBESON as saying, "Yes, I am proud to walk with and fight with the heroic 12 Communist leaders who are the victims of a black conspiracy by the same forces who are responsible for the system of lynching, racism and Jim Crow. Foley Square is now the symbol of the fight for liberty and peace by all the oppressed.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", mentioned previously, reflects the following on the "Morning Freiheit":

"1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily'.
(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century."
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)
3. 'The official Communist newspaper published in the Yiddish tongue. For many years, M. J. Olgin was editor of Freiheit. Olgin was one of the outstanding leaders of the Communist Party in the United States for 20 years.'
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 242.)
4. 'One of the daily papers published by the Communist Party.
(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, p. 331.)"

The "Daily Worker", issue of December 23, 1949, page 2, column 5, contained an article entitled, "Negro Leaders Greet STALIN", which article listed PAUL ROBESON among persons who cabled greetings to Premier STALIN of the USSR on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

On [redacted] advised that on April 12, 1950, PAUL ROBESON was among the principal speakers at a Freedom Rally sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC) held at Manhattan Center, New York City. According t[redacted] ROBESON commented that "As for me, I will see that I die in Alabama, Georgia or Mississippi before I am sent to die overseas. I will stand side by side with the Communists of this USA."

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

On [redacted] advised that on July 3, 1950, the Harlem Region of the Communist Party held a street rally at 126th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. PAUL ROBESON was the main speaker and, according to [redacted] blamed the war in Korea on Wall Street and its imperialistic plan to grab all of the small nations and their resources.

On [redacted] advised that the Citizens Emergency Defense Conference held a rally for the defense of Smith Act victims on March 16, 1952, at City Center, 135 West 55th Street, New York City. [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON was in attendance and spoke to the conference stating that they must fight for the Communist Party because it is the vanguard of the working class and part of a movement which is sweeping all over the world.

The Citizens Emergency Defense Conference has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] advised that on April 17, 1952, a

meeting had been held at the Yugoslav-American Home, New York City, to welcome delegates who attended the Inter-Continental Peace Conference, Montevideo, Uruguay. [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON attended and in his speech, compared the oppression of Chinese and Indians in South America to the oppression of the Negroes in the United States and Africa, stating that all were slaves. According to [redacted] ROBESON pointed out that the French Revolution had a world-wide effect and that the Russian Revolution is inevitably having a similar effect. He stated that it is the duty of Americans to encourage this revolution so that it will spread as fast as possible.

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The Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "New York Journal American" newspaper, issue of October 6, 1952, contained an article entitled, "PAUL ROBESON Greets China Reds 'Peace'". This article stated in part, "The Communist Chinese radio broadcast a message of greeting today from singer PAUL ROBESON to a Communist-sponsored 'Peace' Conference in Peiping. The Communist radio, monitored in Washington, quoted the 'noted American peace partisan' as saying, 'With profound shame and indignation, I join with you.....in demanding that the government of the United States stop immediately the unspeakable crime of bacteriological war-fare...!'"

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 19, 1952, page 3, columns 2-5, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Wins Stalin Peace Prize, Hailed as Leader of Negro People". This article stated in part, "Moscow, Dec. 21-STALIN Peace Prizes were awarded on Premier JOSEPH STALIN's 73rd Birthday today to seven persons, including PAUL ROBESON, great American singer and people's leader, who was hailed as 'the standard bearer of the oppressed Negro people.'" This article continued, "The prizes for 'strengehening peace among nations', were established on STALIN's 70th birthday. They bring the winners awards of 100,000 rubles each ($25,000 at the official exchange rate of four rubles to the dollar)".

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 11, 1953, page 3, column 3, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON, 5 Others

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Address BEN DAVIS Parole Hearing". This article stated in part, "Washington, Feb. 10-Five men and one woman appeared today at a two-hour Federal Parole Board hearing to ask parole for former City Councilman BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. DAVIS, one of the 11 Communist leaders, sentenced to five years in the 1949 Smith Act trial...." The article names PAUL ROBESON as among those appearing at the hearing and described him as a"long-time friend of DAVIS."

The "Daily Worker", issue of September 25, 1953, page 3, column 1, contained an article entitled, "Peace Award Presented to PAUL ROBESON". This article stated that a group of several hundred had recently gathered in the Hotel Theresa, New York City, to present a gold medal to PAUL ROBESON, representing part of the 1952 STALIN Peace Award. The article stated that, in connection with the presentation, ROBESON stated, "I have always been, I am, and I always be, a friend of the Soviet Union."

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] indicated that, [redacted] PAUL ROBESON [redacted] had stated that he had finally received the money he had coming from Russia, namely, $25,000.00. b7D

In testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee on May 4, 1954, at Detroit, Michigan, NELSON DAVIS was identified as a Communist Party member during 1949 by HAROLD MIKKELSEN, an admitted CP member from 1947 to 1953, who also testified on behalf of the Government in the Detroit Smith Act trials held in December, 1953.

The "Daily Worker", issue of August 19, 1955, page 3, column 4, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Says He'd Gladly Join United States - Soviet Cultural Exchange." This article stated that PAUL ROBESON was highly gratified by recent reports from the Soviet Union listing him as one of the American artists whom Soviet Cultural leaders would like to be included in a program of cultural exchange with the United States. The article stated that ROBESON described as"completely unfounded", a wire service dispatch on August 16, 1955, indicating that he did not intend to visit

the Soviet Union again. The article quoted ROBESON as saying, "The fact is, I have specifically requested a passport to permit me to accept an offer to make a film version of Othello in Moscow and can think of no travel abroad that would be more enjoyable than another trip to the Soviet Union."

Communist Party Front Organizations

Unless otherwise noted, the following organizations have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

American Peace Crusade (APC)

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 1, 1951, page 2, column 1, contained an article entitled, "65 Notables Call for Great Peace Pilgrimage to Capital". This article stated that sixty-five prominent Americans had joined in forming the "American Peace Crusade" and had called for a peace pilgrimage to Washington so that the heads of Government can "learn of the will to peace among all Americans". Initial sponsors of the American Peace Crusade and the Peace Pilgrimage were listed by the article and included PAUL ROBESON.

The "New York Times" newspaper, issue of February 1, 1951, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON, MANN Join New Peace Crusade". This article stated in part, "A new organization called 'American Peace Crusade,' sponsored by a group including THOMAS MANN, the writer, and PAUL ROBESON, singer, urged, yesterday, a Peace Pilgrimage to Washington."

On [redacted] advised that on March 15, 1951, PAUL ROBESON appeared at a Peace Rally of the American Peace Crusade, held at Turner's Arena, Washington, D. C. [redacted] stated that ROBESON sang several songs and spoke at length extolling the Soviet Union and China.

In [redacted] advised that at the American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace, held in Chicago, Illinois, June 20 to July 1, 1951, the American Peace Crusade elected PAUL ROBESON as a National Committee Member of the organization.

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On August 16, 1951, [redacted] for the purpose of furnishing information to the FBI, advised SA [redacted] that, on that date, PAUL ROBESON was among the speakers at a Rally of the APC held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City. This rally was called, a "Stop the Killing - Cease Fire Rally", according to [redacted] ROBESON called for a cease fire in Korea and commented briefly on the eleven CP leaders who had been jailed under the Smith Act.

On [redacted] advised that on March 14 and 15, 1953, a conference of the APC was held at the YMCA, 51st and Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON attended the conference and attended all sessions held over the above two days.

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 14, 1953, PAUL ROBESON attended a National Policy Meeting of the National Committee of the APC which was held in Chicago, Illinois, on March 14 and 15, 1953.

On [redacted] advised that on June 24, 1954, the subject attended a program of dramatic readings and music sponsored by the APC held at the City Center Casino in New York City.

American Slav Congress

On December 5, 1947, [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was one of the main speakers at a meeting sponsored by the American Slav Congress, held in the Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On October 7, 1950, [redacted] the American Slav Congress held a banquet at the Hotel Capitol, New York City. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers and stated, "I remember when I was in Poland and Soviet Russia and the other democratic countries and.... I am going back to Bulgaria, Poland and the Soviet Union.... You people stood firm in your countries until you got your freedom. I come from people who were brought here in chains

but you come from countries of freedom....."

American Youth for Democracy (AYD)

On [redacted], furnished a statement dated April 18, 1947, made by PAUL ROBESON relative to attacks then being made on the AYD. This statement in part read, "Yes, I am a national sponsor of the AYD and my son is a member of the AYD. I see the attacks on the American Youth for Democracy as being cut from the same pattern as the red-baiting attacks on such a man as LILIENTHAL."

China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated (CWA)

On November 18, 1950, [redacted] a "Conference on Health and Welfare in China", sponsored by the CWA, was held at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, New York City. [redacted] advised that in connection with this conference, PAUL ROBESON was listed as a member of the Executive Committee of the China Welfare Fund of the CWA.

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Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

On [redacted], advised that on June 28, 1949, a CRC Rally was held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, which was called a rally "for Civil and Human Rights". [redacted] stated that subject, in his speech, commented that there were 70,000 Communists in the United States and there were easily a million potentials. According to [redacted] ROBESON continued that the Communist vanguard is being recognized in its struggle for freedom and equality.

On [redacted] furnished the same information as that set forth above, regarding the CRC Rally on June 28, 1949. In addition, [redacted] stated that during ROBESON's speech, he said that he stood at the side of the great leader of the working class and of the Nation, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. ROBESON also commented on the CP leaders then on trial in New York and stated that but for the American Communists and their progressive co-fighters, the world would be at war.

The "Daily Worker", issue of November 3, 1950, page 5, column 3, contained a reprint of a letter from the New York Civil Rights Congress, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York, dated October 20, 1950, addressed to the "Fifth Annual Jewish Labor Bazaar". This letter gives the support of the CRC to the Jewish Labor Bazaar and lists PAUL ROBESON as a National Vice Chairman of the CRC.

"The Worker", issue December 17, 1950, page 4, column 2, contained an article entitled, "CRC Launches Drive for $60,000". This article stated that the CRC has appealed for $60,000.00 to continue its campaign against the Smith and McCarran Acts. The appeal for support of the Fund Campaign contained in this article was issued by several persons, including PAUL ROBESON.

On [redacted] furnished an undated pamphlet issued by the CRC, "Question for a Crucial Hour". This pamphlet contained a letter calling upon the recipient to contribute to the funds of the CRC to aid in the fight of the Communist leaders. Among the signers of the letter appealing for funds was the name PAUL ROBESON.

On [redacted] advised that the CRC held a rally on June 26, 1951, at Rockland Palace, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, to protest the recent Supreme Court decision relative to the convicted CP leaders. According to [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was one of the speakers at this rally and stated that the CRC and all progressive forces must fight hard to reverse the Smith Act and stop the frame up charges by the FBI.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted], a meeting of the [redacted] CRC [redacted] was held at [redacted] New York City. [redacted] stated that WILLIAM PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary, presented a political report and spoke of comments made by a Judge DELANEY (ph) linking PAUL ROBESON with Communism. [redacted] reported that PATTERSON said "The linking of ROBESON with Communism should be utilized by us on a wide scale among the Negro people. ROBESON is

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fighting for the Negro people and peace. ROBESON is a Communist. The CP is fighting for the same principles, so, the CP is our Party."

On [redacted], advised that on May 8, 1953, PAUL ROBESON attended the Seventh Anniversaty Party of the CRC held at 431 Riverside Drive, New York City. According to [redacted] ROBESON spoke on the history of the CRC and its Chairmen, WILLIAM PATTERSON.

On [redacted] and [redacted] who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 26, 1954, a combination protest rally and birthday party for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was held at 2294 Seventh Avenue, New York City. [redacted] and [redacted] continued that PAUL ROBESON was among the speakers and eulogized PATTERSON, describing him as a world-wide leader. ROBESON stated that the Communists who earlier had fought against HITLER, are now fighting for the liberation of the human race. ROBESON described the imprisoned CP leaders as the real patriots of America and called for a fight for their behalf, because "their freedom is our freedom".

On [redacted] advised that on October 3, 1954, a CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT mass meeting was held in Washington Park, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the CRC. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON spoke at the meeting, in the course of which he stated he considered CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT one of the greatest fighters for the working people.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT has been previously described.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 28, 1955, page 3, column 2, contained an article entitled "PATTERSON, ROBESON, Hit Effort to Cripple Defense Organizations". This article concerned the appearance of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and PAUL ROBESON before a New York State Joint Legislative Committee, investigating charity rackets, which was held February 25, 1955. In part this article stated that PAUL

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ROBESON, who had been subpoenaed, denounced the Committee for using "MATUSO-like stoolies and informers." ROBESON further stated that he was proud to be associated with the CRC.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] a meeting of [redacted] the CRC was held at [redacted] New York City [redacted]

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Civil Rights Congress (Cont'd)

On March 15, 1955, [redacted] made available records of the proceedings before the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations, held February 23-25, 1955, in the Supreme Court, State of New York, 60 Centre Street, New York City. In his testimony on February 24, 1955, before the Committee, PAUL ROBESON stated that he had been associated with the CRC; that he considered the CRC to be one of the most important organizations fighting for the freedom of the Negro people; that he contributed much of his time to the work of the CRC; that he had been an officer of the CRC; that he was not sure of just what position he held, but believed himself to be a member of the Board of Directors, and that he did not remember any amounts of money collected by the CRC for various causes in the defense of civil rights.

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Peekskill Disorders

[redacted] advised that the Peekskill Disorders of August and September, 1949 in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that these concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Chapter of the CRC.

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On August 27, 1949, [redacted] New York City, advised that a riot had occurred in the evening of that date at a benefit show put on by PAUL ROBESON for the Harlem Chapter of the CRC, and under the auspices of People's Artists, Inc. This concert was held at Lakeland Acres near Peekskill, New York. According to [redacted] ROBESON started to speak and a brick was thrown by an American of four veteran's groups which were picketing the meeting. Violence then broke out and resulted in injuries to several supporters of ROBESON.

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People's Artists, Inc. has been cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392.

The September 1, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 3, column 1, contained an article entitled, "Harlem Turns Out to Tell Mobsters - - We'll Fight Back." This article stated that 15,000 people met in or near the Golden Gate Ballroom, New York City, and held a torchlight parade to protest and demand "prosecution of the Peekskill mobsters who attempted to lynch PAUL ROBESON." The article stated that ROBESON announced that he was returning to Peekskill with his friends and quoted him as saying, "They'll know where to find me."

On [redacted] advised that on that date, at a meeting of [redacted] Communist Party, members were told that all must attend the Peekskill gathering on the following Sunday, when PAUL ROBESON would appear. [redacted] advised that the meeting was to be held under the name Westchester Citizen's Committee for Law and Order, and held at the former Hollow Brook Golf Course, four miles north of Peekskill, New York. [redacted] further advised that orders had been given for 1,000 strong male comrades to be present in the area as a security and patrol force. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 5, 1949, page 1, column 1, contained an article entitled, "Cops Aid New Peekskill Mob Assault", with sub-title, "Cars Stoned, Many Injured, After 25,000 Hear ROBESON at Concert." This article stated in part, "After most of a 25,000 audience which came to hear PAUL ROBESON sing at Peekskill departed, a club-wielding, rock-throwing mob, aided by many police and deputies, brutally assaulted hundreds of men, women and children." The article stated that PAUL ROBESON was safe in New York after attacks on his car which smashed two windows and dented the car body.

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The "New York Sun" newspaper of December 15, 1949, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON and 27 Sue for $2,000,000." This article stated that PAUL ROBESON and twenty-seven other plaintiffs filed suit for $2,000,000 in federal court against: the Veteran's Joint Council, the Associated Veteran's Council, and three officers and agents in Westchester County, New York, for personal injuries and the deprivation of civil rights as a result of the Peekskill disorders in August and September, 1949.

Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy (CFDFEP)

The "Far East Spotlight", published by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, 111 West 42nd Street, New York City, volume 4, number 2, dated July, 1948, contained a list of the officers of the CFDFEP, which listed PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Committee of instant organization.

"The Worker" of May 8, 1949, section 2, page 4, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Truth Also Fights for a Free China." This article discussed the work of the CFDFEP and listed PAUL ROBESON as among members of the Executive Board of the organization.

On [redacted] advised that as of that date, PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Board of Directors of the CFDFEP. b7D

Committee for the Negro in the Arts

On [redacted] advised that the Committee for the Negro in the Arts had b7C b7D

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planned to stage plays in the "Club Baron" from September 18, 1950 through September 21, 1950. In connection with this, Mr.. BARONA furnished a letter addressed to him confirming the use of the club on the above-mentioned nights by the Committee for the Negro in the Arts, which letter listed PAUL ROBESON as a sponsor of the organization.

Council on African Affairs (CAA)

On [redacted] advised that on June 19, 1949, the CAA held a PAUL ROBESON welcome home rally at the Rockland Palace, New York City. [redacted] advised that ROBESON was among the principal speakers and in his speech, stated that he was not afraid of the Communists, and that he would defend them as they had defended the Negro people. ROBESON further stated that he loves and respects Russia because of the dignity that all men receive in the USSR. b7D

On August 13, 1949, [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was the main attraction at Camp Unity and carried out there a program of songs and lectures on his European trip. ROBESON informed camp members of his activity in the CAA and appealed for funds to support the organization. [redacted] advised that this day at Camp Unity was known as "PAUL ROBESON Day at Camp Unity." b7C b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 6, 1953, page 8, column 1, describes Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, as an "adult inter-racial resort."

On [redacted] advised that Camp Unity has been controlled by the Communist Party since its inception in 1929 or 1930. b7D

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On [redacted] advised that he had learned that the name of Camp Unity was changed to Wingdale Lodge, with offices located at 202 West 40th Street, Room 605, New York City. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 6, 1949, page 1, column 1, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Demands 'Jail Mobsters Guilty Officials'." This article stated that an Emergency Committee of Prominent Progressives and Labor Leaders had demanded the arrest and trial of all individuals and officials guilty of formonting the Peekskill disorders. Among those listed as participating in this committee was "PAUL ROBESON, Chairman of the Council on African Affairs."

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 22, 1949, page 5, column 4, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON to Tour Cities for African Affairs Council." This article stated that PAUL ROBESON, Chairman of the CAA, would leave New York on September 23, 1949, for a tour of Los Angeles, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington and Philadelphia. The article stated that ROBESON was scheduled to speak and sing at meetings in these cities, with arrangements having been made by local sponsoring committees in cooperation with the CAA.

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 27, 1953, page 8, column 3, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Hits Justice Dept. Gag Attempt." This article, in part, read: "PAUL ROBESON, Chairman of the Council of African Affairs, declared yesterday that the Justice Department's move to have the council registered under the Mc Carran Act 'represents an attempt to frighten and silence all those Americans, particularly to the Negro people, who are in any way critical of United States policies in Africa'."

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"The Worker" dated June 20, 1955, page 2, column 3, contained an article entitled, "African Affairs Council Dissolves", with a sub-title, "Directors Say Others Continue Pioneering Work, Harassment by Government Hampers Activities." This article related that the Executive Board of the CAA on June 17, 1955, unanimously voted to dissolve the organization and terminated all of its activities. This decision ended eighteen years of the CAA in the cause of African freedom and, according to the article, the Executive Board of the council, headed by PAUL ROBESON, indicated that one consideration for this action was the fact that continued government harassment had made further effective work of the CAA impossible.

Council of Greek-Americans (CGA)

On [redacted], advised that on April 7, 1952, the CGA sponsored a rally which was held at the Hotel Capitol, New York City. The purpose of this rally was to protest the death sentencing of eight Greek Communist spies rendered on March 1, 1952, by an Athens court-martial.

[redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was among the speakers and in his speech charged that the Communists sentenced the previous year were framed. He praised the U.S. and Greek Communist parties and stated that the rulers of the United States are driving the world into Fascism. He praised the North Koreans, Russians and Chinese, stating that they were fighting for peace and freedom.

Frederick Douglas Educational Center

"The Worker" issue of January 6, 1952, page 8, contained an article regarding the proposed establishment of a "Frederick Douglas Educational Center in Harlem." According to this article, the sponsors of the school proposed "that the

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"new school be launched as a Marxist educational and cultural center, based on the needs of the Negro, West Indian and Puerto Rican workers of the Harlem community." This article listed PAUL ROBESON as one of the sponsors of the proposed school.

Harlem Trade Union Council (HTUC)

On [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a pamphlet entitled, "Forge Negro-Labor Unity For Peace and Jobs, by PAUL ROBESON." This pamphlet contains the notation that it was published in part by the Harlem Trade Union Council, New York City, in August, 1950. The pamphlet contained the text of an address delivered by ROBESON at a meeting of the National Labor Conference for Negro Rights held in Chicago, Illinois on June 10, 1950. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 11, 1950, page 4, column 4, contained an article entitled, "6,000 in Harlem Cheer Peace Call by PAUL ROBESON." This article concerned a rally sponsored by the HTUC, at which intervention in Korea was denounced, PAUL ROBESON'S passport demanded and bail for Communists on trial urged. According to the article, ROBESON spoke and defended the Communists, stating, "They are going to jail today because they spoke loudest for Negro rights."

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 23, 1950, page 3, column 3, contained an article entitled, "Harlem Union Parley Maps Drive on Jobs for Negroes." This article stated that a Saturday conference of 66 Negro and white unionists and community leaders had been sponsored by the HTUC to plan action in placing Negroes in industrial employment. The article noted that the highlight of the meeting was the participation of PAUL ROBESON. ROBESON informed the conference that he was going to be an organizer from then on and his full major efforts would be in helping the HTUC, continuing his leadership of the CAL and building the newspaper, "Freedom,"

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The "Daily Worker" issue of May 7, 1951, page 8, columns 3 and 4, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON to Open Convention of Harlem Trade Union Council." This article stated that PAUL ROBESON would open the first constitutional convention of the HTUC during a concert to be held June 1st, according to an announcement by the HTUC on May 6, 1951.

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 4, 1950, page 4, column 4, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Urges Thousands Register at Jefferson School." In part, this article stated, "....PAUL ROBESON yesterday expressed the hope that the remaining ten days of the fall registration period will see thousands enrolling for courses at the Jefferson School. In a statement issued by the officials of the Jefferson School, the great artist and people's leader said: 'Among my many activities during the past few years, I have always cherished highly my yassociation with this magnificient institution'."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 2, 1954, page 3, column 1, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Calls Jefferson School Drive for Students a 'Must'." This article, in part, stated, "'All who cherish peace and freedom in our land should rally now to build and defend the Jefferson School', declared PAUL ROBESON in a statement issued yesterday.....' this drive must succeed. We have learned through the years to be mighty proud of the Jefferson School.' "

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Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (JPFO)

The "Daily People's World" in its issue of April 3, 1950, contained an article which stated in part, "PAUL ROBESON will be brought to Los Angeles by the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order for its 20th anniversary celebration in Embassy Auditorium on May 6."

The "Daily People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

On May 20, 1950 [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was the guest of honor at the 20th anniversary celebration of the JPFO and the IWO held at Madison Square Garden, New York City. ROBESON sang and then spoke briefly, "I have gone up and down the land singing for the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order."

The IWO has been previously described.

Labor Youth League (LYL)

On November 24, 1950, [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was among the principal speakers at the first national convention of the LYL held in St. Nicholas' Arena, New York City. According to [redacted] ROBESON, in speaking before the convention, urged peace in Korea and peace and friendship with the youth of Soviet Russia. He pointed out that the job of the LYL was to increase the fear of those who no longer can rule, and that during the convention, they (LYL members) represented the American youth of JEFFERSON, DOUGLAS and LINCOLN.

On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON sang and spoke briefly on February 19, 1954, at the first session of the national convention of the LYL held February 19-22, 1954, in New York City.

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It is noted that [redacted] on [redacted] furnished the same information regarding the LYL national convention as set forth above.

On [redacted] advised that [redacted] a reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON [redacted] was sponsored by the East Bay Youth Committee. [redacted] advised that seventy or eighty persons were in attendance and ROBESON, in the course of the meeting commented on various current issues.

With regard to the East Bay Youth Committee, [redacted] has advised that it was, in reality, the LYL, which organization uses such names in planning for broad attendance at a function.

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

On [redacted] advised that on November 10, 1949, PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at a dinner sponsored by the NCASF held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. [redacted] advised that the main purpose of the dinner was to celebrate the establishment of the Soviet Union 32 years previously and was attended by Soviet United Nations Delegate ANDRI VISHINSKY [redacted] further advised that ROBESON, in his speech at the dinner, spoke of the lynching of Negroes in the United States, the trial of the eleven Communist leaders, and the Peekskill affair. ROBESON stated in part, "I love the Soviet Union because I am a Negro and an American."

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The "Daily Worker" issue of December 18, 1949, page 6, column 1, contained an article entitled, "What Has Russia Done for Negroes", the author of which was set forth as "PAUL ROBESON, Chairman, Council on African Affairs." This article notes that its text is part of a prepared address by PAUL ROBESON at a dinner in New York on November 10, 1949, sponsored by the NCASF. In the article, ROBESON compares the treatment of a Negro in the USSR and in the United States and cites the Soviet Union as an example where all discrimination based on color or nationality has been abolished.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 25, 1950, page 11, column 3, contained an article entitled, "New ROBESON Pamphlet Tells Why Negro Looks to USSR." This article announced a new mass-circulation pamphlet by PAUL ROBESON entitled, "The Negro People and the Soviet Union", which pamphlet contained the text of the speech delivered by ROBESON at a recent benefit of the NCASF. The article pointed out that the distribution goal for this pamphlet was one-half a million copies nationally.

On [redacted] advised that on November 16, 1950, PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting of the NCASF held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City, in honor of the 33rd anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. [redacted] stated that ROBESON, in his speech before the meeting, stated that hundreds of millions of people have set their eyes on the new star rising in the East and the peoples of the world have chosen "as their models of conduct and aspiration, the brave people and the stalwart leaders of the USSR, People's China, the North Korean Republic and the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe."

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On November 15, 1951, [redacted] a rally was held by the NCASF at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City. According to [redacted] PAUL ROBESON spoke to the rally and stated that they had a real friend in

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the Soviet Union. ROBESON described the founding of the Soviet Republic as a lucky day for all mankind and stated that he was and had been a loyal friend of the Soviet Union.

On [redacted] advised that on February 8, 1953, the NCASF sponsored a mass meeting at Manhattan Plaza, New York City, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the victory at Stalingrad. [redacted] further advised that PAUL ROBESON attended and sang.

On [redacted] advised that on March 26, 1953, the NCASF sponsored a STALIN memorial meeting held at the Rockland Palace, New York City. [redacted] advised that ROBESON attended this meeting and spoke briefly.

On [redacted] advised that on November 12, 1953, the 12th annual rally of the NCASF was held at the Hotel Capitol, New York City. [redacted] advised that ROBESON was a guest entertainer and in a speech, termed the attacks on the USSR as really attacks on the people. He stated there was no retreat for HARRY S. TRUMAN until the Smith Act was repealed or until BOB THOMPSON was released.

ROBERT GEORGE THOMPSON was a member of the National Board of the Communist Party, USA, and was indicted on July 20, 1948, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. He was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and sentenced on October 21, 1949, to three years imprisonment and fined $10,000.00. THOMPSON was released on bail on November 3, 1949, and a bench warrant for his arrest was issued by the Southern District of New York, on July 2, 1951. THOMPSON was located at Twain Harte, California, on July 27, 1953. He was found guilty of contempt charges on December 16, 1953, and sentenced to an additional four years.

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On [redacted] advised that on November 16, 1954, PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting of the NCASF held at the New Rockland Palace, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. [redacted] stated that this meeting was held in honor of the 37th anniversary of United States diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Union. According to [redacted] ROBESON in his speech before the meeting, stated that just as LENIN and STALIN realized their dreams for their people, the Negro in America must be liberated into full freedom by 1963. He continued that like the people in the USSR and Red China, the people of the world must live in co-existence for peace.

National Negro Labor Council (NNLC)

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The "Daily Worker" issue of October 29, 1951, page 1, column 2, 4 and 5, contained an article entitled, "900 at Nat'l Labor Parley Map Fight For Negro Rights." This article stated that 900 delegates were meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, to found the National Negro Labor Council and had fashioned a program against Jim Crow. According to the article, PAUL ROBESON addressed an evening session of the meeting and commented briefly on the freedom won by the Chinese, Indians and West Indians.

On [redacted] advised that on October 27-28, 1951, PAUL ROBESON was among those in attendance at the Founding Convention of the NNLC held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on those dates.

On [redacted], advised that the second annual convention of the NNLC had been held in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 21-23, 1952. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was in attendance and took an active part in the affairs of the

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convention. [redacted] stated that from the activity of the convention, it was evident to him that the NNLC was directed from New York City and the most influential persons in the organization were PAUL ROBESON and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON.

On [redacted] advised that on December 4-6, 1953, the national convention of the NNLC was held in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON was the principal speaker at a public meeting held on December 4, 1953, and spoke critically of the EISENHOWER Administration and termed the President's cabinet as a "Cadillac cabinet."

On [redacted] and [redacted] furnished the same information set forth above concerning the national convention of the NNLC held in Chicago, December 4-6, 1953, and the subject's participation in same.

On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON attended the national convention of the NNLC held in Chicago, Illinois, on December 4-6, 1953.

[redacted] advised that in addition to speaking at the first session of the convention on December 4, 1953, in which ROBESON criticized the United States foreign policy in Asia and Europe, he ended his address with an appeal for subscriptions to the publication, "Freedom." [redacted] continued that on December 5, 1953, ROBESON took an active part in a cultural panel discussion in connection with the NNLC convention.

On [redacted] advised that the national conference of the NNLC was held in New York City on September 24-26, 1954. [redacted] continued that PAUL ROBESON was a delegate to the conference from New York City.

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On [redacted] and on [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, advised that on September 25, 1954, PAUL ROBESON attended the general council meeting of the NNLC held at the Hotel Theresa, New York City.

On [redacted] made available an undated letterhead of the Detroit Chapter of the NNLC, which reflected the name PAUL ROBESON as a member of the Executive Board of the NNLC.

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Peace Information Center (PIC)

On [redacted] made available a letter dated June 19, 1951, on stationery of the National Committee to Defend D. E. B. DU BOIS and his Associates in the Peace Information Center, which letter listed PAUL ROBESON as one of the two co-Chairmen of the organization.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that D. E. B. DU BOIS, although on friendly terms with the Communist Party for a number of years, did not actually join the Communist Party until about 1944.

United May Day Committee (UMDC)

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 12, 1950, page 3, column 1, contained an article entitled, "May Day Parade to Protest H-Bomb." This article announced the plans for a giant May Day parade to be held in New York City, and called for a conference on March 25, 1950, to discuss plans of the celebration. Among those persons listed by the article as sponsors of the May Day Committee was PAUL ROBESON.

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On [redacted] furnished a pamphlet published by the United Labor and People's Committee for May Day, New York City, which as of April, 1950 listed PAUL ROBESON as one of the sponsors of the organization.

It is noted that the United May Day Committee, in the name of the United Labor and People's Committee for May Day, directed the 1950 May Day parade and celebration in New York.

May Day Parade

"The May Day Parade in New York City is an annual mobilization of Communist strength," as cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 179.

On May 1, 1951, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed PAUL ROBESON participating in a May Day parade celebration on that date in New York City. ROBESON occupied a position on the reviewing stand and spoke on the subject of world peace.

On May 1, 1953, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed PAUL ROBESON participating in a May Day celebration on that date in Union Square, New York City.

On May 1, 1954, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed PAUL ROBESON acting as an entertainer at a May Day rally held in Union Square, New York City, on the aforementioned date.

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On [redacted] advised that on April 29, 1955, the annual May Day rally was held in Union Square, New York City. [redacted] continued that PAUL ROBESON was among the speakers at this rally and joined others in eulogizing the working class and in calling for a continued fight against government legislation aimed at oppressing labor and minority groups. b7D

The following organizations are described or documented on an individual basis:

Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners

In [redacted] advised that the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners was formed in 1952 by Communist Party members in the Bronx, New York. [redacted] described this committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted Communist Party leaders. According to [redacted] the committee has no membership or formal educational setup and engages in activity only when an amnesty drive is in progress. b1 b7D

On [redacted] advised that on August 18, 1955, BELLA ALTSHULER, described by the informant as a member of the Communist Party and Secretary of the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners, stated that the latter organization was planning a banquet on September 10, 1955, in the Bronx, New York. ALTSHULER indicated that the money raised at this affair would be divided between the families of political prisoners and political refugees. According to [redacted] ALTSHULER listed PAUL ROBESON as being a member of the banquet sponsoring committee. b1

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Citizens Memorial Committee for the
Martinsville Seven and JOHN DERRICK

It is noted that the Martinsville Seven were seven Negroes who were convicted of the crime of rape in Martinsville, Virginia, and were sentenced to death and electrocuted in February, 1951.

[redacted] and [redacted] have advised that the Communist Party, the Civil Rights Congress and the Communist Press gave considerable publicity to the case of the Martinsville Seven in 1951 in efforts to free the convicted Negroes. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 8, 1951, page 5, contained an article announcing a mass memorial meeting for "the recently executed seven framed Negroes of Martinsville, Virginia, and for JOHN DERRICK, 27-year-old veteran slain by New York cops" to be held in Harlem, New York. The article noted that the announcement was made by a newly formed Citizens Memorial Committee for the Martinsville Seven and JOHN DERRICK, and listed PAUL ROBESON as being among the sponsors of the group.

Committee to Defend ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG

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ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was indicted on June 20, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940, and was convicted of the violation on January 21, 1953. On October 14, 1954, the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, affirmed the conviction and on January 11, 1955, TRACHTENBERG was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

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On April 22, 1955, Federal Judge EDWARD J. DIMOCK, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, granted TRACHTENBERG's motion for a new trial on the grounds that HARVEY MATUSOW had lied in testifying at the first trial. On April 23, 1955, TRACHTENBERG was released from the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and on April 25, 1955, he appeared before a United States Commissioner and signed a bail bond for $5,000.00.

On [redacted], made available a letter dated June 5, 1952, from the Committee to Defend ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. The name PAUL ROBESON appeared on this letter as a sponsor of the above-mentioned committee. b7D

Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport

On [redacted] advised that [redacted], a leaflet was prepared and distributed by the Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport, which leaflet was entitled, "The Case of PAUL ROBESON's Passport." The leaflet concerned the State Department's refusal to grant PAUL ROBESON a passport and contained a coupon soliciting contributions which bore the following: "Miss MARGARET MC CADEN, Secretary, Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport, 2286 Seventh Avenue, New York City." b7C/b7D

On [redacted] advised that MARGARET MC CADEN was a member of the 14th ward Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland in 1945 or 1946. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 7, 1954, page 7, column 4, contained an article entitled, "World Demand Rises to Let ROBESON Travel", which article stated that scores of protests and pledges of support were streaming into the Office of the Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport.

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On [redacted] advised that on May 26, 1954, a rally was held by the Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport at the Renaissance Ballroom, New York City. According to [redacted] the program consisted of a dramatization of the events which brought ROBESON into conflict with the State Department over his passport. [redacted] continued that a collection was taken up, but the amount was undetermined.

On [redacted] advised that as of April 26, 1955, the Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport still occupied office space at 139 West 126th Street, New York City, but had not been active for approximately ten months.

On [redacted] advised that as of that date, the Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport was located in Suite 6, 139 West 126th Street, New York City, in the same office space occupied by Freedom Associates.

Freedom Associates has been previously described.

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 8, 1951, page 1, columns 4 and 5, in an article entitled, "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Liberties Committee", reflected that the formation of the ECLC had been announced on October 7, 1951. This article pointed out that the purposes of the organization would be to mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American Constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and professions.

Writing in "Political Affiars" issue of August 19, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted Communist Party functionary, referred to the ECLC as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today."

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Concerning "Political Affairs", FLYNN, testifying in the case "UNITED STATES vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL", on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since the publication's inception in 1945.

On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting of the ECLC in New York City on April 16, 1955. According to [redacted] ROBESON was a speaker at the meeting and commented on the shame and loss suffered by people everywhere because of rules governing travel. 67D

"Freedom"

The publication, "Freedom" has been previously described under the employment section of this report.

"The Worker" issue of April 29, 1951, page 5, column 4, contained an advertisement captioned, "Freedom - a Monthly Newspaper: A New Voice in the Struggle for Negro Rights. Follow PAUL ROBESON Each Month in his Column, 'This is My Story'." The advertisement noted that PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom" and that the newspaper was published by Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York City. It was further noted that the Editor of "Freedom" was LOUIS BURNHAM, with GEORGE B. MURPHY as General Manager.

LOUIS BURNHAM and GEORGE MURPHY have been previously described.

"The Worker" issue of February 3, 1952, page 3, column 4, section 1, contained an article entitled, "Flag Ban on ROBESON's Travel to Canada." This article stated in part, "The barring of PAUL ROBESON from entering Canada. . . was denounced Friday by LOUIS BURNHAM, Editor of 'Freedom', of which PAUL ROBESON is publisher."

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On [redacted] concerts in Los Angeles, California, from June 14-21, 1953, [redacted] ROBESON stated that he believed the concerts to have been a financial, but not a political success.

On [redacted] made available a letter [redacted] which concerned ROBESON's tentative schedule of public appearances in July and August, 1954. In setting forth the primary objectives of ROBESON's appearances in each city, this letter listed the following:

1. 500 Freedom Associates subscriptions.

2. 100 African Council Newsletter subscriptions.

3. Organization of passport campaign committees.

4. Raise from $3,000.00 to $5,000.00 for continuance of work.

The July-August, 1955 issue of "Freedom", volume 5, number 6, page 2, listed PAUL ROBESON as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the newspaper. It further noted that "Freedom" is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, and further that LOUIS BURNHAM continued as Editor of the paper.

As previously noted under the employment section of this report, "Freedom" suspended publication with the July-August, 1955 issue, but his planning publication on a regular basis in April, 1956.

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Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC)

With regard to the LANLC, [redacted] advised in March, 1952, that the LANLC is controlled locally by the Los Angeles County Communist Party through the assignment of Communist members to work in the LANLC.

On [redacted] advised that the appearance of PAUL ROBESON in Los Angeles, California, from June 14-21, 1953, was to be under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Citizens Committee. [redacted] continued that the Los Angeles Citizens Committee is composed in its entirety by members of the LANLC.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting of the LANLC held at [redacted] ROBESON at this meeting, according to [redacted] stressed the importance of LANLC members concentrating in local churches.

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National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims

On [redacted] advised that a National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was held at St.Nicholas Arena,New York City,on June 14,1952,at which time the national committee was formed. [redacted] stated the purpose of the organization was to promote amnesty for CP leaders who had been indicated or convicted under the Smith Act.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 16,1952, page 3, column 4 contained an article entitled "49 Notables Sponsor Amnesty Parley." This article stated in part, "A call to organizations and individuals concerned over democratic liberties to participate in a National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was issued by 49 prominent Americans who have joined as sponsors." The article includes PAUL ROBESON in the list of sponsors.

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On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was among those persons listed as sponsors of the National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims held June 14, 1952, in New York City.

On [redacted] advised that on June 10,1954, an amnesty rally sponsored by the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was held at 105 East Houston Street,New York City. [redacted] advised that the subject attended, and in his speech commented on the current discrimination against writers,artists,actors,and other professionals because of their political beliefs.

The National Committee to Win Amnesty For Smith Act Victims has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

National Council of the Arts,Sciences,and Professions(NCASP)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications,"prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities,United States House of Representatives,May 15,1951, contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts,Sciences,and Professions:

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"1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19,1949), p.2.)"

On [redacted] advised that a meeting of the NCASP was held at Ridgely Hall, Baltimore, Maryland on May 2, 1948. According to [redacted] a leaflet was passed out at the meeting which listed the national officers of the NCASP. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was set forth on this list as "Vice-Chairman - Music."

On [redacted] advised that as of that time, PAUL ROBESON was a Vice-Chairman of the NCASP.

"New World Review"

It is noted that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" in March 1951, changed its title to "New World Review."

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, dated May 15, 1951, contains the following concerning the "New World Review":

"1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 167; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, p. 21.)"

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On [redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated that the "New World Review" was organizing a dinner in honor of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON. This dinner was to be held October 14, 1954, at the City Center Casino, 135 West 55th Street, New York City.

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On [redacted] advised that on October 14, 1954, a dinner in honor of PAUL ROBESON and his wife was held under the sponsorship of the "New World Review" at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, New York City. [redacted] advised approximately 450 persons attended the affair, which in the informant's opinion, appeared to be more concerned in raising funds for the publication than honoring the subject.

National Nonpartisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders

The July 18, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker" page 2, column 1 contained an article entitled "Nonpartisan Committee Being Formed in Defense of the '12'." This article stated in part, "Paul Robeson told the 1300 cheering delegates at the historic Bill of Rights Congress in New York yesterday that a nonpartisan committee to defend the rights of the 12 Communist leaders is now in the process of formation." The name PAUL ROBESON was listed in the article as being among persons who had agreed to serve on such a committee.

The "Bill of Rights Congress," mentioned above, has been previously described.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 18, 1950, page 8, column 3, contained an article entitled "Merge Defense of 12 with CRC Campaign." This article reported that the Nonpartisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 had decided to disband and help the CRC in its mass campaign. The article pointed out that the committee was absorbed by the CRC in September, 1950.

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On [redacted] made available a letter dated September 21, 1949, addressed to Attorney General HOWARD J. MC GRATH from the National Nonpartisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist leaders. This letter requested that the CP leaders be freed and among those persons whose names are set forth as signers of the letter is "Paul Robeson, Co-Chairman." b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 20, 1949, page 3, column 1, contained an article entitled "IWO Leaders Give $4,000 for Defense." This article in part stated, "Leaders of the International Workers Order on Tuesday presented $4,000 for the defense of the 11 Communist leaders to Paul Robeson, Co-Chairman of the Nonpartisan Committee for the Defense of the Rights of the Communist Leaders." The article reported that this money was given to ROBESON and BEN GOLD.

During the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings at San Diego, California, on February 24, 1954, STANLEY E. HANCOCK stated he had been a CP member from 1930 or 1931 to 1940. He further stated, "Ben Gold is a charter member of the CP..."

Records United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflect GOLD was found guilty before a jury on two of three counts of perjury on April 2, 1954. GOLD was charged in this matter with having knowingly filed a false "Affidavit of Non-Communist Union Officer." GOLD was sentenced on April 3, 1954, to one to three years on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 2, 1949, page 2, column 1, contained an article entitled, "485 Lawyers Sign Plea for '11' Counselman." This article concerned protests regarding contempt convictions of lawyers who defended the 11 Communists in New York City.

The article stated that another brief was submitted urging reasonable bail by "Paul Robeson, Co-Chairman of the National Nonpartisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders."

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On [redacted] made available press release dated October 3, 1949, from the National Nonpartisan Committee to defend the Rights of the 12 Communist Leaders. This release announced a goal of one million signatures to end the trial of the 12 top American Communist leaders and read in part, "The committee, broad in membership, is headed by Paul Robeson, Negro singer....." b7D

People's Artists, Inc.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, dated May 15, 1951, contains the following concerning the People's Artists, Inc.:

"1. Cited as a Communist front.
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)"

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On April 25, 1955, the Spring, 1955 issue of "Sing Out" listed PAUL ROBESON as a "contributor." Page 2 of this issue reflected that "Sing Out" is published quarterly by People's Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, New York City.

Provisional Committee for a Democratic Jury System

Information appearing in the "Daily Worker" issue of January 31, 1949, page 2, column 1, and issue of February 9, 1949, page 3, column 4 indicated that the

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Provisional Committee for a Democratic Jury System was formed during the early part of February, 1949.

On [redacted] and [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the primary purpose of the Provisional Committee for a Democratic Jury System was to fight against so called rigged jury system in the Southern District of New York and for the dismissal of the indictments against the 12 CP leaders. [redacted] further advised that the committee was organized in direct line with the trial of the Communist leaders in New York.

On [redacted] advised that at a meeting of the above organization on February 14, 1949, at the Hotel Diplomat, New York City, the persons elected to the Executive Committee were Communists or known Communist sympathizers.

In July, 1949 an unknown individual in the office of the Provisional Committee for a Democratic Jury System was telephonically contacted under pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI. This person advised that the organization's activities had been taken over by the CRC.

On [redacted] advised that on February 14, 1949, at the meeting of the Provisional Committee for a Democratic Jury System, mentioned above, PAUL ROBESON was among persons elected to the Executive Committee.

Second World Peace Congress

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, dated May 15, 1951, contains the following concerning the Second World Peace Congress:

"1. Cited as an 'arena' in which Communists and their fellow travelers vied with each other in vilifying democratic nations, particularly the United States, and glorifying Communist

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"dictatorship'; and as having been described by British Prime Minister Clement Attlee as a 'bogus forum of peace with the real aim of sabotaging national (British) defense.'
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, pp. 36 and 37."

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 31, 1950, page 2, column 3, reflected that PAUL ROBESON had departed from London, England, to attend "a meeting today of leaders of the World Partisans for Peace." This article reflected that the meeting was being held to discuss the World Peace Campaign and the planning of the Second World Peace Congress to be held in October.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 24, 1950, page 4, column 4, contained an article entitled "Robeson and Picasso Share Peace Award." This article stated that PAUL ROBESON and PABLO PICASSO "were honored today at the closing session of the World Peace Congress with the International Peace Prize Awarded by the Congress. They will share in the peace prize of $14,300. Both were honored in the Art Section of the prize, ROBESON for his freedom songs and PAICASSO for his Dove Peace Emblem."

On [redacted] advised that on December 11, 1950, delegates of the Second World Peace Congress which had met in Warsaw, Poland, on November 16 through 22, 1950, held a meeting at the Golden Gate Auditorium, New York City. [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON was present and welcomed the delegates. It was announced at the meeting that a peace prize had been conferred on ROBESON.

On [redacted] furnished the same information as set forth above concerning the affair held in the Golden Gate Auditorium on that date.

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On December 14, 1950, [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that an article in the "New Times" issue number 47 was entitled "Second World Peace Congress, Warsaw, November 16 through 22, 1950." This article reported that PAUL ROBESON had been elected to the Presidium as among those to represent the United States. b7D

United Public Workers of America (UPWA)

According to the "Washington Evening Star" newspaper number 47 edition dated February 16, 1950, page 1, column 1, under the caption "Public Workers Ousted by CIO on Red Charge." It was indicated that the CIO Executive Board expelled the UPWA from the CIO on charges that the union followed the CP line instead of CIO policy.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] at a meeting of [redacted] UPWA held at [redacted] Washington, D.C., it was reported PAUL ROBESON would participate in a picket line at the White House on August 4, 1949. [redacted] further stated that PAUL ROBESON was a life member of the UPWA. b7D

On August 4, 1949, Special Agents of the FBI observed PAUL ROBESON parading in a picket line at the White House, Washington, D.C., the purpose of which was to protest racial segregation and discrimination in the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

World Peace Council (WPC)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, dated May 15, 1951, contains the following concerning the World Peace Council:

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"1. Cited as having been formed at the conclusion of the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw and which was heralded by the Moscow radio as 'the expression of the determination of the peoples to take into their own hands the struggle for peace.'
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 38.)"

"The Worker" issue of July 1, 1951, page 3, columns 1 and 2, contained an article entitled, "Malik Says People Will Be Key Factor for Peace." This article concerns comments made by JACOB MALIK, Soviet United Nations Delegate to a World Peace Council delegation to the effect that the people's desire for peace would be a decisive factor in obtaining peace. The article pointed out that PAUL ROBESON was present as one of two delegates in a group of 14 persons delegated by the World Peace Council to visit the United Nations.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 4, 1951, page 2, columns 4 and 5, contained an article entitled "World Peace Council to Press for UN Hearing." This article stated in part, "The World Peace Council yesterday announced it will continue to seek admission to the United States of its delegation to the United Nations. Paul Robeson made the announcement on behalf of the council." This article pointed out that ROBESON was one of the council's delegates.

On February 4, 1954 [redacted] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, furnished a copy of the bulletin of the World Council of Peace Number 4 dated December, 1953 which was published by the Secretariat of the World Council of Peace. Page 20 under the appendices of this bulletin "Paul Robeson, singer" was listed as a member of the newly elected jury for the International Peace Prizes of the council.

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CONTACTS WITH SOVIET AND SATELLITE OFFICIALS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

On March 30, 1950, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ALEKSANDER S. PANYUSHKIN, Soviet Ambassador to the United States, extended an invitation to PAUL ROBESON to come to the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. on April 11, 1950. b7D

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On [redacted] advised that on October 27, 1951, PAUL ROBESON attended a reception held at the Czechoslovakian Embassy, Washington, D.C. b7D

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On [redacted] advised that on November 7, 1952, PAUL ROBESON and his family attended a reception at the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., commemorating the October Revolution. b7D

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On [redacted] advised that on that date PAUL ROBESON and his wife attended a reception held at the USSR United Nations Delegation Headquarters, New York City. [redacted] stated that this affair was given by the two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women, VERA [redacted] POMINA and FEONIYA NOVIKOVA.

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Miscellaneous Communist Activity

American Labor Party (ALP)

[redacted], advised on [redacted] that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the ALP a struggle for power among three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. [redacted] knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the CP today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constitutes the force that controls it.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of August 28, 1949, page 2, column 5, contained an article entitled "ALP Election Rally to Hear Robeson, Davis." This article stated in part, "Paul Robeson and Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, who is running for re-election in the 21st District on the ALP and CP tickets, have been added to the roster of speakers for the kick-off rally of the ALP mayoralty campaign..... ."

On [redacted] advised that on October 24, 1949, PAUL ROBESON was a speaker at an election rally of the ALP held at Madison Square Garden, New York. According to [redacted] ROBESON declared that the 12 CP leaders were courageous leaders of the American people and called for their immediate release on bail. He further called upon the Negro people to join in a mass movement to free the Communist leaders.

The "Morning Freiheit" issue of September 25, 1954, page 1, columns 4 and 5, contained an article concerning acceptance speeches of ALP candidates at a meeting held at Manhattan Center, New York City. The article stated that PAUL ROBESON attended and in his speech commented that "these elections are taking place at a time when reaction is rampant in the country and when the dark horses are trying to simply destroy everything noble and honorable in American life." The article stated that ROBESON called upon those present to utilize all their energy in the campaign so that the ALP could receive a tremendous number of votes.

The "Morning Freiheit" has been previously described.

On December 10, 1954, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of December 9, 1954, the subject and his wife, ESLANDA, were on the Executive Committee of the ALP.

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On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] PAUL ROBESON attended and spoke at a "Justice for Sobell meeting" held at [redacted]

According to [redacted] ROBESON delivered a fanatical talk on the fight for SOBELL, Negro rights and the rights of labor.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 15, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence in the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California.

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On [redacted] advised that at that time, PAUL ROBESON was planning to set up a Harlem Committee for Freedom and Peace and had [redacted] to leaders in the community of Harlem calling for a meeting on January 21, 1951, to formulate plans for the organization. [redacted] was unable to elaborate on the above.

Progressive Party (PP)

The National Committee, CP, USA, in its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidental Elections" in "Political Affairs" issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the PP and correctly supported the PP through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the PP represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's party".

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the PP, the CP, and other progressive forces must unite in broad, mass front coalition.

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On [redacted] advised that the National Convention of the PP was held July 4 through 6, 1952, in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON, co-chairman of the PP, addressed the first session of the convention and spoke primarily on the fight for civil rights for the Negro.

On [redacted] advised that during the PP Convention held in July, 1952, Chicago, Illinois, PAUL ROBESON was elected as a National Co-Chairman of the Party.

On [redacted] advised that in a letter dated July 7, 1954, from the National Headquarters of the PP, 1133 Broadway, New York City, to State Directors, PAUL ROBESON was listed as a Co-Chairman of the PP.

In June, 1949, the records of the New York State Board of Law Examiners, Albany, New York, reflected that PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, 233 West 148th Street, New York City, made application to take the New York Bar examinations on March 4, 1924, but failed to appear for same.

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In June, 1949 [redacted] New York State Court of Appeals, Albany, New York, advised that his records did not reflect that ROBESON had ever been admitted to the New York State Bar.

Informants familiar with Communist activities in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, all contacted during December, 1955, stated that they had no recent information regarding the subject.

FOREIGN TRAVEL AND STATUS OF PASSPORT

"Who's Who in America" 1954-55 edition contained the following notations relative to travel abroad for PAUL ROBESON:

Concert tour, Europe, 1926-1928
Concert tour, Europe, 1931-1938
Russian tour 1936

In November, 1947 the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflected the following passport history of the subject:

1. Passport Number 199094 issed June 28, 1922, for travel in England. A subsequent passport was issued to ROBESON on October 10, 1927, for travel in France, Italy, Spain, and Germany.

2. Passport Number 1287 was issued to ROBESON on April 25, 1934, at the American Consulate, London, England, which was renewed in 1936 to extend to April 25, 1938. ROBESON registered at the American Consulate, London, England, on December 10, 1937, stating in his application that he had visited England, the continent of Europe, and Russia since 1928 pursuing his occupation as a concert artist.

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3. Special Passport Number 1354 was issued to ROBESON on July 28, 1945, for travel to entertain the Armed Forces. This passport was validated until July 31, 1946, for travel within the ETO.

4. Passport Number 58303 was issued on May 8, 1947, to cover a one month concert trip to Panama, Cuba, and Mexico and was restricted to travel in the Western Hemisphere only. This passport was validated until May 8, 1949.

On June 20, 1949, the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflected the following concerning subject's European travels in 1949:

April and May, 1949 (various dates), subject in Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; and Praha, Czechoslovakia.

On June 8, 1949, subject was reportedly in Moscow, Russia.

The "New York Daily News" newspaper issue of August 4, 1950, contained an article entitled "Rule Robeson Passport NG." This article reported that the State Department had canceled ROBESON's passport to prevent his leaving the country. It was reported that the State Department stamped ROBESON's passport record "null and void" after he refused to surrender it at the Department's request. According to the article this action was taken because the State Department did not consider ROBESON's travel abroad "in the interest of the United States."

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 20, 1950, page 1, column 2, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Sues Gov't on Passport Denial." This article reported that PAUL ROBESON had on that date filed suit against the Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON to prevent cancellation of his passport which he needed for his European concert tour.

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On February 3, 1953, Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Division, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON filed application for Passport on January 30, 1953, at New York, for a proposed three months travel to Russia, England, France, and Scandinavian countries to receive an International Peace Award in Moscow and concerts elsewhere.

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On July 19, 1955, Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON and his attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN, conferred with Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director of the Passport Office, on July 18, 1955, relative to obtaining a passport for the subject. In the afternoon, this same date, various State Department officials conferred with PAUL ROBESON and the question of PAUL ROBESON's restriction in travelling to Canada was discussed. The subject and BOUDIN raised this question, inasmuch as ROBESON desired to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, in July, 1955.

NICHOLAS advised that on July 19, 1955, he telephonically contacted PAUL ROBESON's attorney and informed him of the State Department's decision to allow the subject to travel in Canada. NICHOLAS added, however, that no decision has been reached on the matter of issuing a passport to ROBESON for proposed travel abroad.

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On [redacted] advised that he knew LEONARD BOUDIN to be a concealed member of the CP and actively associated with Communists fronts prior to 1945.

On February 16, 1956, Mr. WILLIS H. YOUNG, Acting Director, Passport Division, United States Department of State, advised that as of that date no passport had been issued to PAUL ROBESON and such action was not contemplated at that time. Mr. YOUNG pointed out that ROBESON's suit against the Secretary of State arising out of the refusal of passport facilities to him is pending in the Circut Court Appeals, Washington,

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D.C. District. He stated that a decision from this court will, of course, give final determination regarding the issuance of a passport to ROBESON.

DESCRIPTION

The following physical description of PAUL ROBESON was obtained from the records, Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri; records, Passport Division, United States Department of State; records, Identification Division, FBI, Washington, D.C.; records of educational institutions set forth herein; the observation of SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]; records, [redacted] and from information received from [redacted] and [redacted] the latter informant who has furnished reliable information in 1944: b7C b7D

Name	PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
Aliases	John Thomas J. Ward
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	57
Date of Birth	April 9, 1898
Place of Birth	Princeton, New Jersey
Height	6'2⅜" to 6'3"
Weight	245 to 260 pounds
Hair	Black, gray at temples
Eyes	Brown
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Black
Residence	155 West 136th Street New York City (Subject travels constantly)
Education	High school Somerville, New Jersey BA degree Rutgers University June, 1919

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	LL.B degree Columbia University 1923
	LLM degree Columbia University 1925
Occupation	Concert singer and actor
Social Security Number	071-12-7669
FBI Number	662 742A
Military Service	United States Army (SATC) Enlisted October 1, 1918 Honorable discharge December 14, 1918
Army Serial Number	5119424
Marital Status	Married ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON August 2, 1921 at Portchester, New York
Scars and Marks	Small scar over each eye and eyebrow; torn cartilage left knee; birthmark on right side neck
Characteristics	Poor dresser, usually wears dark clothes, may wear glasses on occasion
Fingerprint classification	30 S Ua 14 I 17 Aa
Immediate relatives Wife	ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON 16 Jumel Terrace New York City
Son	PAUL ROBESON, Jr. 402 West 128st Street New York City

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Daughter-in-law	MARILYN PAULA GREENBERG ROBESON 402 West 128th Street New York City
Brother	Reverand B. C. ROBESON 155 West 136th Street New York City

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	Date Rec'd.	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-1, Records of Selective Service, Hartford, Conn.	Birth data, residence, 1942 description Employment, 1942	June, 1949	Unknown	100-25857-612
T-2, [redacted]			SA [redacted]	[redacted]
T-3, [redacted] (By request)			SA [redacted]	100-25857-1127
T-4, [redacted]			SA [redacted]	100-25857-2505
T-5, [redacted]			SA [redacted]	66-6376-4284
			SA [redacted]	66-6376 (P&C)

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T-6. [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25875-2518
T-7. [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SAS [redacted] and [redacted]	[redacted]
T-8. [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-1527 p2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-1848
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	62-8399 (P & C)
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	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	[redacted] c
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	62-8399 (P & C)
	[redacted]		"	"
T-9, [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-2437
T-10, [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-2567 p2
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	100-25857-2567 p3
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T-11, [redacted] c	[redacted]			

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	[redacted]		SA [redacted]	100-25857-2537
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T-12	[redacted]			
T-13 [redacted]	[redacted]		SA [redacted]	100-25857-1291
T-14 [redacted]	[redacted]			
T-15 [redacted]	[redacted]		SAS [redacted]	

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T-17, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
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T-19, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-1042
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	105-914
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	100-94513-82
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	100-79801-536
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	105-914 (P & C)
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	"
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	"
T-20, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-1550
T-21, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SAS [redacted] and [redacted]	[redacted]c

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T-24, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	CG A66-3816
T-25, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]
	[redacted]	[redacted]	Unknown	100-25857-1856
T-26, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]
T-27, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Bureau	PG 66-1281-25

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T-28, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	Unknown	100-6906-2745 pl, 21,22
T-29, [redacted]c	"	"	"	"
T-30, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	62-9662 (P & C)
T-31, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	[redacted]c
T-32, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
	[redacted]	[redacted]		
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-33, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-34, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]		
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-754
T-35, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	66-6439

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T-36, [redacted]C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] and SE [redacted]	100-25857-1142
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Unknown	100-20789-1B6
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] and SE [redacted]	100-95988-1B-12
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	100-95988-1B-8
T-37, [redacted]C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]C
T-38, [redacted]C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]C
T-39, [redacted]C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]C
T-40, [redacted]C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]C
T-41, [redacted]C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]C
T-42 [redacted]C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]C

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T-43, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-44, [redacted]c	[redacted]	"	"	[redacted]c
T-45, [redacted]c	"	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
	[redacted]	"		[redacted]c
T-46, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-47, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-47142-593, p12, 52,93
T-48, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-49, [redacted]c	[redacted]			
T-50, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]	100-21421-1013
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]	100-110312-242

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T-50 Cont'd.	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] and SE [redacted]	100-6393-1A-280
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] and SE [redacted]	100-94070-1534
T-51, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T-52, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-53, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
	"	[redacted]	"	LA 100-25861-183
	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	[redacted]c
T-54, [redacted]c	[redacted]	Unknown		CG 100-22417
T-55, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T-56, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c

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T-57, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]	100-78567-916 p3
T-58, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-93553-1B-192
T-59, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	
T-60, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T-61, US Customs Service, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	100-94580-1B55 p4
T-62, [redacted] (Concealed in view of position held)	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-94580-1B
T-63, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

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T-64, [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted] c
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted] c
T-65, [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]		
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	[redacted]	[redacted]	"	100-25857-2375
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SAS [redacted] and [redacted]	100-25857-2533
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-2545
T-67, [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	100-25857-2377
T-68, [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]		
T-69, [redacted] c (By request)	[redacted]			

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T-70, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-71, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	[redacted]c
T-72, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	CV 66-35-Sub 230-SA, 138
T-73, [redacted]c	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	NK 66-2488-1B1
T-74, [redacted]c (By request)	[redacted]			

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Informants contacted re subject in December, 1955 with negative results.

Informant	Date of Contact	Agent	Location
[redacted]c	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	Instant report
		"	"
		SA [redacted]	"
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		SA [redacted]	

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Referred to Internal Revenue Service for their review and return to the FBI

On 3/10/47, [redacted] furnished information which reflected that on that date HENRY WINSTON attended a meeting held in the office of ROY HUDSON, Chairman, District 5, CP, USA. According to [redacted] WINSTON made several proposals for future Party activity and in part said, ",....It is time that a lot of people began to speak out.....thus the ball can be started rolling by getting Paul (Robenson) and Howard (Taft?) to publicly join the Party. This will burn up the wires....."

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In letter dated 2/28/56, Pittsburgh advised that a recheck of the original log maintained on former [redacted] fails to reveal if the name ROBENSON and the name TAFT were furnished in that form by [redacted] or if they were included in the log as phonetic forms of the names as understood by the employee who received the information from the informant.

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On June 25, 1955, an anonymous source [redacted] made available to agents of the Detroit Division, a CP memorandum entitled, "Current Concentration Mass Issues in the Field of Struggle for Equal Rights for the Negro People." This memorandum was from the National Administrative Committee, CP, US., and under Section IV, No. 4 listed the "PAUL ROBESON Passport Case". The memorandum states, "this case offers possibilities of a campaign of an offensive character because it centers around a suit brought in Federal Court by the great artist and Negro b7C

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people's spokesman to force the State Department to 'show cause' why a passport not be issued to him."

The above information is set forth in Detroit letter to the Bureau dated 6/28/55 entitled "CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION; IS-C"; Bufile 100-3-75; DE file 100-2817.

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On 12/13/55, the Bureau furnished the Office of Security, Department of State, Washington, D.C., with a resume of this matter, a copy of which was furnished the NY Division. The NY copy contains Bureau instructions that NY informants be alerted to determine [redacted] the possibility of ROBESON visiting Trinidad. In accordance with those instructions, the Bureau is advised that on 12/20/55, the following security informants of the NYO were alerted re above:

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Subject's testimony before the NY Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations on 2/24/55 at NYC is located in NY file 100-112999-1B-1.

The pretext telephone call on 7/26/50, to [redacted], was made by SA [redacted] the nature of which is unknown. The identity of the agent making the pretext call to [redacted] mentioned above, on 3/4/53, is not known.

The pretext telephonce call to Columbia Concerts on 2/24/56, was conducted by SA [redacted]

The pretext telephone call to Freedom Associates on 11/3/55, was conducted by SA [redacted]

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The pretext telephone call to Freedom Associates on 3/8/56, was conducted by SA [redacted]

The surveillance on 5/1/53, at the May Day Parade, was conducted by SA [redacted] of the NYO.

The surveillance of the May Day Parade on 5/1/54, was conducted by SA [redacted] and [redacted]

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The pretext telephone call to the Provisional Committee for a Democratic Jury System in July, 1949 was made by SA [redacted], exact date or nature of pretext is not known.

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The surveillance relative to UFWA on 8/4/49, was conducted by WFO agents [redacted]

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The fisur on 11/26/51, at Washington, D.C. was conducted by WFO agents [redacted]

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The surveillance on 3/9/53, at NY was conducted by SAs [redacted]

The surveillance on 8/13/54, was conducted by SA [redacted] of the NYO.

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It is pointed out that no information has been received by the NYO to indicate that the subject and his wife are living together at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, after a separation of several years. Subject's residence when not traveling is still considered to be 155 West 136th Street, NYC. The NYO will, of course, note any change and submit an FD 122.

Subject is a key figure and carried on the SI of the NYO. His SI cards are current and accurate.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of SI criteria and the case still fits these criteria.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of the subject.

REFERENCES: Summary report of SA [redacted] 7/6/49, NY. b7C
Report of SA [redacted] 1/6/56, NY.

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SUBJECT: Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles
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Permission to file the brief on behalf of the amici curiae in support of Paul Robeson's appeal was based on the following grounds:

(1) This case involves the right to speak out against the oppression of Negro Americans, and the amici curiae are particularly interested in defending the appellant's freedom of speech on that subject wherever exercised;

(2) In the view of the amici curiae, if a Negro American may lawfully be penalized by administrative act of the Secretary of State for voicing the grievances of the Negro people in the United States, the struggle of the Negro people against discrimination, segregation and persecution would be gravely impeded thereby;

(3) The arbitrary administrative denial to the appellant of opportunities accorded to other Americans, if judicially approved, poses a special threat to the Negro people.

On page 13 of the brief it is contended that:

"To silence Paul Robeson is to immobilize an eloquant, devoted, determined and respected fighter for the full emancipation of the Negro people. And it is precisely for the purpose of gagging Mr. Robeson that the Secretary of State has withheld his passport. For Robeson to accept the gag and thus win a passport would be the surrender of that weapon of Negro struggle, described above, the publication here and abroad of the truth about segregation, oppression and enslavement of the Negro people in the United States.* The weapon of turning a searchlight on the white man's inhumanity to the black man in America helped to win emancipation a century ago, and it is equally necessary in order to help realize the thirteenth amendment today."

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On March 14, a motion was filed with the Court of Appeals to add the names of the following to those of the amici curiae who had subscribed to the amici curiae brief:

Lucien M. Brown, M. D.
Daniel Weitzman - W70
Rev. Stacy Adams - Wash.
Julius Heiman
Dr. Harry K. Wells
Charles Enoch Wheeler - NI
Dr. Amanda V. Gray Hilyer - W70
Albert Maltz - Eng., Mex.
Henry A. Callis, M. D. - W70
Dr. Philip Foner
Capt. Hugh N. Mulzac
Eleanor Mulzac - NI
Lyndoors Grey - Newark, NSI
Dr. Ulysses Campbell - Wash., NSI
G. Murray Branch
William Harrison - Boston

George H. Fisher - NI
Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein
John E. T. Campes, M. D. - NI
Mary P. Thompson - Wash., D.C., P.I.
A. M. Trudeau - NI
Francis H. Bartlett (wife & SI)
Edwin Berry Burgum
Lloyd L. Brown
Dr. Howard Selsam
Mrs. Jewel Tozique - W70
Henry P. Slaughter - NI
Dr. John E. Washington
George Murphy - W70
Elinor Ferry
Thelma Dale
Coleman Young - Detroit

I thought it pertinent to bring these developments to your attention in view of the security aspects of this case.

cc: William F. Tompkins
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

Mr. Jackson

SAC, New York (100-25857) April 23, 1956

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Transmitted herewith for your information is one copy of a memorandum from the Department dated April 2, 1956, which is self-explanatory.

The Bureau has advised appropriate field offices regarding the following individuals, whose names appear in the memorandum of reference:

Reverend Stacy Adams	Dallas Office
G. Murray Branch	Atlanta Office
Dr. Ulysses Campbell	Newark Office
Henry A. Callis, M.D.	Washington Field
Lyndoore Grey	Newark Office
William Harrison	Boston Office
Reverend Charles Hill	Detroit Office
Dr. Amanda V. Gray Hilyer	Washington Field
Albert Maltz	Legal Attache, Mexico City
George Murphy	Washington Field
Mrs. Jewel Mextque	Washington Field
Mary P. Thompson	New Haven Office
Daniel Weitzman	Washington Field
Coleman Young	Detroit Office

It is noted that many of the above names were listed as only possible identifications in view of the limited identifying data in the memorandum of reference.

Based on the limited identifying data, no identification was made in the Bureau's files regarding the following individuals listed in the memorandum of reference:

John E. T. Campes, M.D.	George M. Fisher
Eleanor Mulzac	Henry P. Slaughter
A. M. Trudeau	Dr. John E. Washington
Charles Enoch Wheeler	

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The remainder of the individuals listed in the memorandum of reference appear to reside in the New York area and channelizing memoranda should be placed in the appropriate case files concerning this matter. In the event it is determined that some of these individuals listed in the memorandum of reference are no longer in the New York area, New York should advise the appropriate offices.

The above is for your information and the completion of your files.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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On page 13 of the brief it is contended that:

"To silence Paul Robeson is to immobilize an eloquent, devoted, determined and respected fighter for the full emancipation of the Negro people. And it is precisely for the purpose of gagging Mr. Robeson that the Secretary of State has withheld his passport. For Mr. Robeson to accept the gag and thus win a passport would be the surrender of that weapon of Negro struggle, discussed above, the publication here and abroad of the truth about segregation, oppression and enslavement of the Negro people in the United States." The weapon of turning a searchlight on the white man's inhumanity to the black man in America helped to win emancipation a century ago, and it is equally necessary in order to help realize the thirteenth amendment today."

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On March 14, a motion was filed with the Court of Appeals to add the names of the following to those of the amici curiae who had subscribed to the amici curiae brief:

Lucien H. Brown, M. D.
Daniel Weitzman
Rev. Stanley Adams
Julius Heiman
Dr. Harry K. Wells
Charles Enoch Wheeler
Dr. Amanda V. Gr[illegible]ilyer
Albert Maltz
Henry A. Callis, M. D.
Dr. Phil[illegible] Foner
Capt. Hugh N. Mulzac
Eleanor Mulzac
Lyndon Grey
Dr. Ulysses Campbell
G. Murray Branch
William Harrison
George [illegible] Fisher
Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein
John E. T. Campes, M. D.
Mary P. Thompson
A. M. Trudeau
Francis H. Bartlett
Edwin Berry Burgum
Lloyd L. Brown
Dr. Howard Selsam
Mrs. Jewel Mozique
Henry P. Slaughter
Dr. John E. Washington
George Murphy
Elinor Ferry
Thelma Dale
Coleman Young

I thought it pertinent to bring these developments to your attention in view of the security aspects of this case.

cc: William F. Tompkins
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: April 30, 1956

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was.
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On 4/19/56, ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Chief, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Washington, D. C., made available the following letter to SA [redacted] This letter was sent to the Passport Office in an envelope bearing the return address of [redacted] The letter reads as follows:

[redacted]

April 11, 1956

"Passport Department, State Department, USA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs,

"A notice in this morning paper states that Canada refused entrance to PAUL ROBESON. Isn't it time that the United States wakes up to the fact that in joining the Communist Party and working for the overthrow of our Government, ROBESON forfeited his citizenship? Why is he not deported to Russia?!!!

"[redacted] in Russia in 1936 he told [redacted] he had gone there to stay, that he was a communist and that had only disgust for the United States!!

"Isn't it more sensible to send such traitors out of the country than to let them stay here and destroy us from the inside?? We got CHARLIE CHAPLIN out, now let us get ROBESON and BRIDGES out before they do more damage!!.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
(signature)

The above is submitted for information purposes.

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Reference is made to Washington Field letter dated April 30, 1956, setting forth the contents of a letter addressed to the State Department by [redacted].

Bureau files were checked concerning [redacted] with negative results. Inasmuch as [redacted] indicated ~~in her letter to the State Department~~ [redacted] was personally acquainted with Robeson and had conversed with him in Russia in 1936, it is desired you immediately interview [redacted] to determine any knowledge she may possess regarding Robeson. If it is determined that [redacted] did in fact converse with Robeson and the statements that she attributed to Robeson were made in her conversation with Robeson you should be most thorough in your interview to obtain all information indicating pro-Soviet sentiments or membership in the Communist Party on the part of Robeson. The results of your interview with [redacted] should be set forth in report form suitable for dissemination. This matter should receive immediate attention inasmuch as Robeson is presently appealing a decision of the State Department regarding passport matters.

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cc New York (100-25857) (Information)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (RM) DATE: 4/25/56

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (14-0)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SEDITION

On 4/23/56 one [redacted] was interviewed regarding case entitled [redacted] Treasury, SGE, Bufile 140-9086. This [redacted] is also identical with subject of investigation entitled [redacted] RECAP - K, PART II, OC file 100-6429. During this interview [redacted] was discussing some of the events which took place while he was a prisoner of war and he briefly mentioned the fact that while he was interned at [redacted] during the summer of 1952, PAUL ROBESON, an American singer, accompanied by a Britisher, name not recalled, visited the camp. [redacted] recalls that during his visit ROBESON sang a song he now remembers as being "That Old Black Magic" and after his performance ROBESON circulated among the prisoners, particularly the Negro prisoners of war, and he allegedly attempted to convert them to the Communist way of life. [redacted] stated this was done by ROBESON's comparing the life of the American Negro and discrimination and segregation in America with the life they could expect under Communism. [redacted] stated ROBESON used himself as an example.

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[redacted] mentioned that ROBESON did not discuss this subject with large groups of POW's, but rather with small groups and individuals. [redacted] stated at this time he specifically recalled one [redacted] and an individual known as [redacted] as being among those so contacted by ROBESON.

[redacted] added he will make a special effort to recall the names and identities of several others in [redacted] who were also approached by ROBESON.

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DIRECTOR, FBI 4/25/56

Re: PAUL ROBESON
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In the way of descriptive information, [redacted] stated he noticed ROBESON and the Britisher were carrying a small caliber pistol while circulating among the prisoners. When specifically asked during this interview whether or not he was sure this was PAUL ROBESON [redacted] stated he was so sure he would be glad to testify to this information if necessary.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau as it is not known by the Oklahoma City Office whether or not the alleged fact that ROBESON visited American prisoners of war at [redacted] in North Korea has been previously brought to the Bureau's attention. It should be noted [redacted] further added that ROBESON and the Britisher talked to American prisoners of war, British subjects, and other United Nations prisoners of war during their visit.

In view of the foregoing information, no further investigation is contemplated in Oklahoma City pending advice from the Bureau.

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Mr. Conman

SAC, Oklahoma City (14-0)

May 3, 1956

Director, FBI (100-12304)

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Reurlet dated April 25, 1956, captioned "Paul Robeson, Sedition."

A review of the Bureau files on the captioned subject does not reflect that the subject was out of the United States during the Korean conflict. In addition, during the review of approximately 250 counterintelligence files furnished to the Bureau by the Department of the Army there was no indication that Robeson was in Korea during the pertinent period. Consequently, no investigation is desired in connection with the information furnished in your referenced letter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Oklahoma City, in interviewing a former Korean prisoner of war, was advised that Robeson appeared at [redacted], North Korea, in the Summer of 1952 and talked with American prisoners of war. Our files on Robeson reflect that he was in this country all that time.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 5-31-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE HEARINGS INTO PASSPORT MATTERS
PAUL ROBESON

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[redacted] of the House Un-American Activities Committee staff called Wick at 2:00 p.m. 5-29-56. He stated the Committee is having difficulty with Paul Robeson who was served with a subpoena by United States Marshal on May 21 or 22 to appear before the Committee 5-29-56 in Washington.

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[redacted] pointed out that just prior to 5-29-56 the Committee received two letters from Robeson's attorney, Milton Friedman, 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, which made reference to an operation Robeson underwent in November, 1955. Enclosed with the letters from Friedman were communications from 2 doctors who attested to Robeson's inability to appear in Washington on subpoena for the reason that (1) he cannot travel and (2) he cannot make public appearances because of the adverse effects such activity might have on the condition of his heart. He is also, one doctor stated, afflicted with a urinary disorder. One of the doctors said Robeson was confined to his home because of the above.

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[redacted] pointed out that in view of the letters from Friedman and the doctors' statements, the Committee had decided to postpone Robeson's appearance until June 12, 1956.

It occurred to the staff of the Committee, stated [redacted] that if it can be shown that Robeson engaged in any travel outside his home between May 29 (the date he could not appear before the Committee under subpoena) and June 12, 195 (the date he is now scheduled to appear) it will be possible for the Committee to cite him for contempt. [redacted] asked whether the FBI could be of any assistance in this regard since possibly the FBI might have an investigative interest in Robeson and could confidentially advise the Committee whether Robeson had left his home during the pertinent period.

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[redacted] stated he personally did not know where Robeson resided at this time but he believed he was staying part of the time at the home of his son at 166 West 32nd Street, Apartment 20, New York City. Communications from the Committee addressed to the senior Robeson at this address have been delivered to him.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
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Nichols to Tolson Memorandum 5-31-56

ACTION TAKEN:

Wick told [redacted] it did not appear we could be of any help. b/c

RECOMMENDATION:

That we have the New York Office make two or three spot checks between now and June 12 to determine whether Robeson leaves his residence. If this is the case the Bureau should be promptly advised so that consideration may be given as to what further steps may be taken with respect to the House Un-American Activities Committee's request.

I don't think we should be making investigations — I agree. for the House Committee

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 6/7/56

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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On 7/18/55 Paul Robeson accompanied by his attorney, Leonard Boudin, consulted with officials of the State Department, Washington, D. C., concerning Robeson's obtaining a valid passport for travel abroad.

Boudin wanted to know if the State Department was still following what he termed "the passport regulations as scrapped by the courts," referring to the previous court decisions in the cases of Otto Nathan and Max Shachtman wherein the State Department issued passports rather than grant "quasi-judicial hearings." Boudin was informed by State Department officials that the passport regulations regarding limitations on the issuance of passports to persons supporting the communist movement as set forth in Sections 51, 135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, was still being followed by the State Department. Boudin was informed that in view of these regulations, Robeson was being refused a passport. The attorneys for Robeson subsequently filed motion for a preliminary injunction and summary judgement to be heard 8/16/55 before the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia for a decision. On 6/7/56 Mr. Bartlett, Liaison Section, telephonically advised that State Department officials had on that date received information to the effect that the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the denial of a passport to Paul Robeson.

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Bland
Mr. Jackson

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FBI

Date: June 2, 1956

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-13754)

RE: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Mr. Tolson
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ReBulet 5/8/56.

On 6/1/56 [redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] said she would not furnish any signed statement but would be willing to appear as a witness at any type of hearing where her presence may be desired.

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[redacted] furnished Agents with a phamphlet which is entitled [redacted]. This phamphlet says in part [redacted] became keenly aware of the Red Menace threatening the World. She has spent a great part of her time in the study of the Russian Language, history and culture.

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Approved: _____ Special Agent In Charge

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Mr. Belmont

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI RE: PAUL ROBESON

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With regard to her contacts with PAUL ROBESON [redacted] advised that in 1936 she was traveling around the world with a group of friends that included [redacted] said she may be able to secure the present address of the above-named persons.

[redacted] were on a five months' tour of Europe and Russia. During their travel in Russia, the party was having lunch one day in the International Hotel, Moscow, during [redacted], when ROBESON walked into the dining room of the hotel and sat down near their table. [redacted] called [redacted] attention to ROBESON and asked if he could go over and invite ROBESON to their table. ROBESON was alone and when asked by [redacted] to come over to their table he responded.

[redacted] asked ROBESON what he was doing in Russia, and she says ROBESON "stuck out his chest" and replied "I am a Communist and I have come here to stay". [redacted] said she asked ROBESON why he had come to Russia what with all America had to offer, and ROBESON replied "Because here, I'm as good as anybody, and my children can go to school with white children". [redacted] said she asked if Russia would not take his children away from him, and ROBESON replied "They won't take my children away - I'm a special person here - I'm training an opera company to give TOM SAWYER - It is very amusing for me, a Negro, to be training White Russians to sing TOM SAWYER in Russian - I speak Russian like a native."

When asked by [redacted] if he planned to return to America, ROBESON replied "I'm never going back - I'm tired of being pushed around over there - I'm a Communist and I can come out in the open over here - There's no such

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thing as freedom in the USA." [redacted] replied to ROBESON she would give him six months and he'd be back in the USA, to which ROBESON replied "Never", and he got up and left the table.

[redacted] said she was certain the person she talked to was ROBESON, and she said her party returned to America in due course, [redacted] returned to London alone, and while walking down Piccadilly, she ran into ROBESON on the street. [redacted] made a remark to ROBESON, who was alone, to the effect, "I see you came out of Russia", to which ROBESON replied "Yes, they tried to take my children away from me, and I wouldn't stay". [redacted] said "Then my prophecy was correct", to which ROBESON replied angrily, "I'm going back to the USA, but I will not give up my work, for I still believe in the cause." After the above remark ROBESON walked off down the street, and [redacted] has not seen him since.

[redacted] has continued her fight against Communism and cited a concert in St. Louis in 1941 or 1942 where [redacted] distributed a lot of literature and allegedly caused a postponement of ROBESON's concert. The concert was allegedly moved from St. Louis to East St. Louis.

[redacted] has not been in Russia since 1936 and has had no contact with ROBESON since she last saw him in London in the fall of 1936.

Regarding [redacted] advised she is acquainted with [redacted] and since she has been in this area, she has conducted seances and made many talks before various clubs here. [redacted] said [redacted] has been allegedly forced to leave a church group with which she was associating in [redacted] due to fantastic tales which she has been

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI RE: PAUL ROBESON

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telling to the effect that she, [redacted] saw Roosevelt's body, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, former President of the USA, that is, transferred from its original coffin, and that the body was allegedly sent to Russia, where it is buried. [redacted] said [redacted] general reputation here is that she is "living in another world". b7C b7D

It is suggested Bureau, Chicago and St. Louis check indices on [redacted] for background info which may have bearing on her credibility as a potential witness before any hearing board, etc.

Report being prepared by MM.

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SAC, New York (100-25857) June 11, 1956

Director, FBI (100-12304)

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PAUL ROBESON
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Reference is made to Miami airtel dated June 2, 1956, copies to Chicago, New York and St. Louis, reflecting the results of an interview with [redacted]

A review of Bufiles reflects that during 1942 [redacted] was the subject of case entitled [redacted] Internal Security - G," Bufile 100-40191.

There is enclosed herewith for the information of the Miami and New York Offices one copy each of the following reports together with one copy of a memorandum regarding the investigation of [redacted] which contains information bearing on her credibility as a potential witness:

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 7, 1942, at St. Louis.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 29, 1942, at Little Rock.

Memorandum from Little Rock Office to the Director dated April 29, 1942.

From a review of the above reports and other correspondence in the subject's file it appears that the subject made numerous fabricated statements concerning the Bureau and Government officials at that time. For the additional information of the Miami and New York Offices, St. Louis by letter dated May 29, 1942, advised that [redacted] was called to the St. Louis Office and confronted with certain statements she had allegedly made concerning the Bureau at which time she denied statements which involved the Bureau but did not deny her verbal attacks against the President and reiterated her statements indicating she might possibly be a psychopathic individual.

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2cc - Miami (100-13754) (2/Enclosures - 3)
1cc - Chicago (For Information)
1cc - St. Louis (For Information)
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Letter to SAC, New York

In view of the above any future contacts with this individual by the Miami Office should be most circumspect.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

This individual interviewed as a result of a communication she directed to the State Department alleging that she had met Paul Robeson in Moscow during the 1930s at which time he admitted to her that he was a member of the CP. Bufiles checked on the married name of the subject, [redacted], with negative results. Miami Office interviewed subject at which time there was some indication during the course of the interview that the credibility of [redacted] was questionable. It was ascertained during the interview that [redacted] was formerly known as [redacted] Bufiles reflect this individual has been the object of considerable correspondence at the Bureau as well as being the subject of the IS-G investigation in 1942. It is indicated that this individual was possibly pro-Nazi, anti-Semetic, possible possessed a psychopathic personality.

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FD-36 (6-21-55)

[redacted] FBI

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Date: 6/13/56

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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC, NEW YORK

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To: BUREAU

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On 6/12/56, [redacted] advised that subject in telephone conversation with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., CP National Committee member, advised that he had just returned from the hearing in Washington, D.C. (House Committee on Un-American Activities). ROBESON stated it was fine and that he had plenty of time to talk. He stated that he smeared EASTLAND (Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, Democrat of Mississippi). DAVIS stated he has been watching TV and also had the newspaper and radio news and thought that ROBESON did a grand job. They agreed to meet in a few days.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

TO: BUREAU

PAUL ROBESON
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[redacted] on 6/11/56, reported [redacted] contacted BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. and indicated that PAULIE (believed to be PAUL ROBESON) was with him and they had prepared a statement and press release which would be mimeographed and then mailed out. Informant could furnish no other information concerning the above.

On 6/12/56, [redacted] reported PAUL ROBESON contacted BEN DAVIS and indicated he was back from the hearing in Washington. ROBESON indicated it was fine; that he got plenty of time to talk; and that he smeared Senator EASTLAND. DAVIS indicated he felt that ROBESON did a grand job.

It is noted that ROBESON on 6/12/56, testified in Washington, D.C. before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The above is being furnished the Bureau for information.

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1-New York [redacted](12-14)

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CC: MR. BELMONT
~~AND SUPERVISOR~~
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

Mr. Belmont

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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MIAMI	NEW YORK	6/22/56	6/1,14/56

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
PAUL ROBESON	[redacted] b/c	lr
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS:

[redacted], advised during 1936 while on world tour she met PAUL ROBESON in Moscow, Russia at International Hotel. ROBESON, during conversation with [redacted] and others, allegedly said, "I am a Communist and have come here to stay - I'm never going back - I'm tired of being pushed around over there (America) - I'm a Communist and I can come out in the open over here - There's no such thing as freedom in the USA". Later in 1936 while in London, [redacted] again saw ROBESON and during conversation ROBESON allegedly said, "I'm going back to USA, but I will not give up my work, for I still believe in the cause". [redacted] was unwilling to furnish a signed statement, but says she is willing to testify as to the above conversations she had with ROBESON. [redacted] described as "living in another world" and "a psychopath".

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DETAILS: By letter dated April 30, 1956, Washington Field

APPROVED C.W. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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advised that on April 19, 1956, ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Chief Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Washington, D. C., made available the following letter to SA [redacted] This letter was sent to the Passport Office in an envelope bearing the return address of [redacted] The letter reads as follows:

[redacted]

April 11, 1956

"Passport Department, State Department, USA
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs;

"A notice in this morning paper states that Canada refused entrance to PAUL ROBESON. Isn't it time that the United States wakes up to the fact that in joining the Communist Party and working for the overthrow of our Government, ROBESON forfeited his citizenship? Why is he not deported to Russia?!!!

"When I saw him in Russia in 1936 he told me that he had gone there to stay, that he was a communist and that had only disgust for the United States!!

"Isn't it more sensible to send such traitors out of the country than to let them stay here and destroy us from the inside?? We got CHARLIE CHAPLIN out, now let us get ROBESON and BRIDGES out before they do more damage!!

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

(signature)

AT [redacted]

On June 1, 1956, [redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] said she would not furnish any signed statement but would be willing to appear as a witness at any type of hearing where her presence may be desired.

[redacted] said she formerly was known as [redacted] and resided at [redacted] prior to her marriage to [redacted] Eng. Russia [redacted] furnished Agents with a phamphlet which is entitled [redacted]. This phamphlet says in part [redacted] became keenly aware of the Red Menace threatening the World. She has spent a great part of her time in the study of the Russian Language, history and culture. [redacted]

With regard to her contacts with PAUL ROBESON, [redacted] advised that in 1936 she was traveling around the world with a group of friends that included [redacted] said she may be able to secure the present address of the above-named persons.

[redacted] said they were on a five months' tour of Europe and Russia. During their travel in Russia, the party was having lunch one day in the International Hotel, Moscow, during the month of August, when ROBESON walked into the dining room of the hotel and sat down near their table. [redacted] called [redacted] attention to ROBESON and asked if he could go over and invite ROBESON to their table. ROBESON was alone and when asked by [redacted] to come over to their table he responded.

[redacted] asked ROBESON what he was doing in Russia, and she says ROBESON "stuck out his chest" and replied "I am a Communist and I have come here to stay". [redacted] said she asked ROBESON why he had come to Russia what with all America had to offer, and ROBESON replied "Because

here, I'm as good as anybody, and my children can go to school with white children". [redacted] said she asked if Russia would not take his children away from him, and ROBESON replied "They won't take my children away - I'm a special person here - I'm training an opera company to give TOM SAWYER - It is very amusing for me, a Negro, to be training White Russians to sing TOM SAWYER in Russian - I speak Russian like a native."

When asked by [redacted] if he planned to return to America, ROBESON replied "I'm never going back - I'm tired of being pushed around over there - I'm a Communist and I can come out in the open over here - There's no such thing as freedom in the USA." Mrs. BAYS replied to ROBESON she would give him six months and he'd be back in the USA, to which ROBESON replied "Never", and he got up and left the table.

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[redacted] said she was certain the person she talked to was ROBESON, and she said her party returned to America in due course, [redacted] returned to London alone, and while walking down Piccadilly, she ran into ROBESON on the street. [redacted] said she made a remark to ROBESON, who was alone, to the effect, "I see you came out of Russia", to which ROBESON replied "Yes, they tried to take my children away from me, and I wouldn't stay". [redacted] said "Then my prophecy was correct", to which ROBESON replied angrily, "I'm going back to the USA, but I will not give up my work, for I still believe in the cause." After the above remark ROBESON walked off down the street, and [redacted] has not seen him since.

[redacted] said she has continued her fight against Communism and cited a concert in St. Louis in 1941 or 1942 where [redacted] distributed a lot of literature and allegedly caused a postponement of ROBESON's concert. The concert was allegedly moved from St. Louis to East St. Louis.

On June 1, 1956, [redacted] advised she is acquainted with [redacted] and since she has been in this area, she has conducted seances and made many talks before various clubs here. [redacted] said [redacted] has been allegedly forced to leave a church group with which she was associating in [redacted] due to fantastic tales which she has been

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telling to the effect that she, [redacted] saw ROOSEVELT's body, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, former President of the United States of America, that is, transferred from its original coffin, and that the body was allegedly sent to Russia, where it is buried. [redacted] said [redacted] general reputation here is that she is "living in another world". b7C b7D

On June 14, 1956, Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he was acquainted with [redacted] and from his contacts with her he regards her "as a psychopath".

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[redacted]

MM 100-13754

INFORMANT

T-1 is [redacted] b7C b7D

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Miami and New York dated 5/8/56.
Miami airtel to Director and New York, Chicago and St. Louis dated 6/2/56.

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FBI, CHICAGO (100-22692) 6/22/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL ROBESON
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O.O. New York

Re MM airtel to Director dated 6/2/56.

A review of the files of the CG Office reflect that [redacted] was a complainant to the CG Office approximately 8 times in the years 1947 and 1953 and 1954. Information furnished to the CG Office by [redacted] was little or no value. Judging from information reported in the CG files, [redacted] furnished unsupported allegations centering on Communism.

A review of the CG Office files failed to reflect that [redacted] has ever furnished any information re PAUL ROBESON.

In a letter to the SAC, CG, from [redacted] dated 9/6/54, [redacted] stated that she had organized and ran a [redacted] during the last war.

By letter to the SAC, CG, by [redacted] dated 2/25/53, information contained in the letter had reflected that [redacted] was a "travelling agent" and "lecturer."

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI

Date: 6/25/56

From: Legat, Bonn, Germany (105-0)

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
53 West 125th St.
New York, NY
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Remylet 3/14/56 which advises as follows: "The following persons and organizations have received copies of the 'Welt Jugend', a monthly magazine of the Democratic World League in Budapest." Subject's name and address was included as receiving this publication.

The 66th CIC Group, Stuttgart, Germany, have now stated that the organization publishing "Welt Jugend" should have been correctly designated as the "Weltbund der Demokratischen Jugend" - World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY). No such organization as the Democratic World League is known to exist and its use was due to a faulty translation from the German.

The WFDY has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as one of the "long established Soviet-controlled international organizations" which "speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy." (Report No. 271, April 17, 1947, pp. 12 and 13; House Report No. 378, on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 77.)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370859) 7/6/56

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-11518)

MINUTE WOMEN FOR PEACE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Boston letter to the Bureau, 4/16/56, and report of SA [redacted] dated 1/11/54 at New Haven entitled "CHANGED: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, Nee, Eslanda Cordoso Goode, Aka., Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson".

In accordance with instructions set forth in referenced Boston letter, corrections in memorandum of SA [redacted] dated 11/7/52 have been made in the files of this office.

It is noted that this same information was reported in referenced report, of which five copies were transmitted to the Bureau and three to New York. New Haven copies of referenced report have been corrected and the Bureau and New York are requested to correct their copies of referenced report as follows:

Page 11, section "F. Miscellaneous", paragraph 1, lines 1 and 2: Delete "a member", and insert in its place "on the mailing list".

For the information of the New York Office, referenced Boston letter instructs that the Bureau should be advised when all corrections have been made.

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2 New Haven (1: 100-8032)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/23/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
SM-C

Re New Haven let to the Bureau, 7/6/56, captioned "Minute Women For Peace, Bufile 100-370859, IS-C."

Corrections have been made in captioned NY file, pg. 11, sect. F, as set out in referenced letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: July 24, 1956

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-8032)

SUBJECT: MRS. ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Boston letter dated June 19, 1956, entitled "MINUTE WOMEN FOR PEACE, IS - C"; New Haven letter dated July 6, 1956, entitled "MINUTE WOMEN FOR PEACE, IS - C", and Bureau form O-1 dated July 9, 1956, entitled "MRS. ESLANDA ROBESON, SM-C."

From a review of NHO files, it does not appear that erroneous data re Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON was reported by the New Haven Office other than as set forth in referenced New Haven Letter.

cc: 2- Director (RM)
1- New Haven (100-8032)

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Administrative action handled in memo Mr Belmont & Mr Boardman 4/24/56 regarding Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace.

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100-12304

Date: July 25, 1956

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the summary report of Special Agent John T. Pryor dated January 11, 1954, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Paragraph 2 on page 11 of this report reflects that Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was a member of the Minute Women for Peace as of June 26, 1952.

The basis for subject's description as a member of the Minute Women for Peace by this informant was the fact her name appeared on a list originally believed by the informant to be a membership list of this organization. It has now been determined by the informant that the list upon which subject's name appeared was a mailing list and not a membership list.

You may desire to make appropriate changes in the copy of referenced report in your possession in accordance with the above.

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cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Attention: [redacted] (BY FORM 0-6 same date)

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YELLOW: Subject is on SI. Administrative action handled in memo Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman 4-24-56 regarding Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace which recommends corrections be handled in individual cases. As reflected in this memo, [redacted] who originally furnished info that the list in question was a membership list, recently advised [redacted] this list was not a membership list, but a mailing list. All corrections in this case have been handled. b7D

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FBI

Date: 7/25/56

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From SAC, NEWARK (100-33129)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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[redacted] advised on 7/23/56 that [redacted] on that date contacted an individual in New York City by the name of "PAT" (probably WILLIAM PATTERSON). She told him that she had a leaflet in her possession which announced that PAUL ROBESON was coming into New Jersey this weekend to the home of a man by the name of ERNEST THOMPSON. According to [redacted] a program had been arranged for ROBESON for the weekend and she indicated she was concerned because it does not represent any organized effort and she did not know whether or not ROBESON was aware of some of the aspects of the program. [redacted] expressed concern because NJ CP officials had not been consulted and she stated that the whole program was a complete surprise to her. She noted that the leaflet did not indicate who was responsible for the program. PAT indicated that he had some knowledge of what arrangements had been made and stated that STRETCH (LNU), probably HOWARD "STRETCH" JOHNSON, was familiar with the details. [redacted] expressed concern because she did not believe that the program was being handled in a dignified manner, noting that the program outlined for ROBESON included making a tour of taverns during the first night that he was here. [redacted] told PAT that she would have someone come in to New York on that day to discuss the problem with PAT.

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1 - NK 100-4284K (Negro Activities)
1 - NK 100-4284Z (Culture)
1 - NK 100-18208 [redacted]
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI CINAL

[redacted] also advised earlier on the same day that [redacted] had discussed with [redacted] a contact [redacted] had made with ERNEST THOMPSON. According to the Informant, [redacted] was of the opinion that the program planned by THOMPSON for ROBESON was not too bad. [redacted] expressed concern because of some of the "other people" with whom THOMPSON may have been working in planning the program for ROBESON.

[redacted] advised on 7/23/56 that at a meeting of New Jersey CP County Organizers held on that date at N.J. CP Headquarters in Newark, EMANUEL CANTOR, Essex County, N.J. CP Organizer, announced that they had been advised late of the fact that ROBESON will be in New Jersey over the coming weekend. According to CANTOR, they understood that he will be the guest of a number of New Jersey individuals who will bring him in touch with a number of people at a church picnic in connection with his right to sing. CANTOR said that they had found out about it too late to be of assistance to ROBESON. CANTOR stated that there will be a public barbecue at the home of ERNEST and MARGARET THOMPSON, 397 Olcott St., Orange, N.J., on Sunday and the counties should help swell attendance at this affair.

On 7/24/56 [redacted] (conceal identity), [redacted] furnished to this office a typed copy of a press release received by the paper on that date. The press release reflected that ERNEST THOMPSON, of 397 Olcott St., Orange, N.J., announced that friends and well-wishers were holding a series of homecoming social events in honor of PAUL ROBESON on the weekend of July 27, 28 and 29. The featured event will be a barbecue and lawn party on Sunday afternoon, July 29, at 397 Olcott St., to which the general public is invited.

According to the press release, THOMPSON, who is well known in New Jersey labor circles and a long-time friend and admirer of ROBESON, said that he hoped that out of the homecoming would come a series of concerts or perhaps plays

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in New Jersey by ROBESON, "New Jersey's best known son". THOMPSON said that many people in New Jersey had expressed deep concern for a long time over the denial to ROBESON of many of the concert halls and radio and television. THOMPSON said that ROBESON would be available to his many friends and well-wishers during the day on Saturday, July 28, at 397 Olcott St., Orange, N.J.

It is noted that ERNEST THOMPSON is Secretary of the National Fair Practices Committee of the UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, 11 East 51st St., New York City. [redacted] Former [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past and who was a former NJ CP County Organizer, advised in May, 1951, that he had known MARGARET HUNTER THOMPSON as a CP member from 1942 to 1948. [redacted] (conceal identity) advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to him as a concealed member of the CP. b1/b7 b7D

All Informants utilized in this airtel have furnished reliable information in the past or are in a position to furnish reliable information.

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From SAC, NEWARK (100-33129)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re: Newark Cinal captioned as above dated 7/25/56 which reflected that a series of Homecoming social events in honor of PAUL ROBESON were being held on the weekend of July 27, 28 and 29 at Orange, N.J.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on this date that MARTHA STONE, NJ CP State Chairman, had contacted WILLIAM PATTERSON on this date in New York City. PATTERSON, former National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, told STONE that the three-day program was terrific and there had been a big crowd at the picnic on Sunday (7/29/56). PATTERSON told STONE that he has already organized similar affair in Plainfield (New Jersey) on August 11 and 12, 1956, and will also plan a program to be held in Paterson, N.J.

STONE made arrangements to meet with PATTERSON at 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening, 8/2/56, in New York City, for the purpose of discussing the events PATTERSON is planning. According to the Informant, STONE was pleased at the success of the affair at Orange, N.J., and indicated that a similar program at Paterson, N.J., would have even greater potentialities of success.

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cc: Mr. Condon

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: July 31, 1956

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FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-7590)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Re Miami airtel 6-2-56 and Bulet 6-11-56.

In addition to data referred to in rebulet, St. Louis files reflect photostatic copies of reports received by the Bureau from Miami which were transmitted to St. Louis by Bulets November 30, 1942 and March 13, 1943, respectively, captioned [redacted] Internal Security - G, Custodial Detention" and [redacted] Internal Security - G, Custodial Detention."

The following pertinent data re [redacted] is noted in these reports:

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From SAC, NEWARK (100-33129)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Newark Cinals of 7/25/56 and 7/30/56 reflected that a series of Homecoming social events in honor of PAUL ROBESON were held on the weekend of July 27, 28 and 29 in New Jersey, and that [redacted] had expressed concern because N.J. CP officials had not been consulted in the arrangement of the program for ROBESON. WILLIAM PATTERSON, former Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, told MARTHA STONE on 7/30/56 that the three-day program had been a terrific success.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that he had learned that [redacted] was of the opinion that ROBESON's visit to New Jersey should be handled only by Negroes and his appearance with white persons should be held to a minimum. According to the Informant, the reasoning behind this was that the CP leadership, consisting of white persons, had always monopolized ROBESON and as a consequence, this led to a narrowing of his contacts among the Negro people. The Informant noted that it was the opinion of [redacted] and his fellow Negro associates that the CP had misused ROBESON in the past and were inclined to separate him from the Negro masses.

Mr. Belmont

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Date: 8/3/56

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI CINAL

The Informant advised that the details of ROBESON's itinerary during his three-day visit to New Jersey were purposely withheld from MARTHA STONE and EMANUEL CANTOR, Essex County CP Organizer. The Informant noted that the program arranged by THOMPSON and his associates included a tour of Negro taverns and night clubs in the Newark area on Friday evening, 7/27/56; appearance at a picnic of meat-packing plant workers sponsored by the United Packinghouse Workers Union, on Saturday, 7/28/56; attendance at church services in a Negro church on Sunday morning, 7/29/56; and appearance at a public barbecue that Sunday afternoon at ERNEST THOMPSON's home in Orange, N.J. The Informant noted that THOMPSON and his associates planned only to make efforts to have a few white persons attend the barbecue and not any of the other activities.

The Informant advised that at a CP club meeting [redacted] EMANUEL CANTOR told the members that ROBESON was visiting the Newark area and that he was doing all that he could to make the visit successful. CANTOR stated that while he did not have complete information on ROBESON's plans, it was his opinion that more organization in advance should have been made for such an important person. CANTOR stated that the purpose of ROBESON's visit was to raise funds for his passport fight. The Informant noted that one of the club members said he thought ROBESON's visit was to be casual in nature and that ROBESON was not seeking funds for his passport fight. CANTOR stated that he had indirectly contacted ERNEST THOMPSON and was sure that ROBESON's visit was for political purposes.

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It is noted that ERNEST THOMPSON is Secretary of the National Fair Practices Committee of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMEN

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/10/56

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-14994)

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka.
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(OO: NH)

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[redacted] furnished [redacted] clippings from the following newspapers concerning ROBESON's appearance before HCUA on June 12, 1956:

Charlottesville - Albemarle Tribune	6/22/56
Sun - Reporter (San Francisco)	6/23/56
Baltimore Afro - American	6/23/56

(X) (c) [redacted]

Should any of the above, which is being furnished for information, be disseminated, it must be carefully paraphrased to protect the sensitive source. (u)

(2) - Bureau
2 - New Haven (100-8032) (Info) (RM)
2 - New York (Info) (RM)
4 - WFO
(1 - 100-19021 - PAUL ROBESON)
(1 - [redacted]
(1 - 100-16597 - SODAC)

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SAC, New York (100-94182) September 25, 1956

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Director, FBI (100-363995)

[redacted] PAUL ROBESON

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Reurlet September 6, 1956, indicating [redacted] has contacted your office volunteering information concerning his activities in the communist movement and requesting authority to contact him as a PSI.

A check of Bufiles has failed to disclose any information identifiable with this individual in addition to that already in your possession.

Before authority will be granted [redacted] you should submit a separate communication relative to removing him from the Security Index.

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YELLOW DUPLICATE
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[redacted] During your contacts with [redacted] particular attention should be paid to the possibility of defecting Paul Robeson from the communist movement, possibly by utilizing [redacted]

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cc-Bufile 100-416523 [redacted]

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Letter to SAC, New York

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Prompt, careful attention must be given to this matter, particularly in view of the possibility [redacted] of defecting Paul Robeson. The matter of securing the cooperation of [redacted] should also receive close attention.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted]

Paul Robeson may possibly be defected from the communist movement since he is now disillusioned with the CP as well as being physically ill. [redacted]

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(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 10/15/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, wa.
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Card U.T.D.
OCT 23 1956

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

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

NAME PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, wa.

ALIASES

NATIVE BORN ___ NATURALIZED ___ ALIEN ___

COMMUNIST ___ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ___ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ___

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM ___ TAB FOR COMSAB ___ RACE ___ SEX ___

DATE OF BIRTH ___ PLACE OF BIRTH ___

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Delete: OK FREEDOM ASSOCIATES, 139 West 125th St., NY, NY

KEY FACILITY DATA:
GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER ___ RESPONSIBILITY ___

INTERESTED AGENCIES

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	10/19/56	9/19,24-27,29;10/1-5, 9,10/56

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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was	[redacted] b7C	kid

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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SYNOPSIS:

Subject resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and is a self-employed concert singer. The "Freedom" newspaper, on which subject was formerly chairman of the editorial board, and Freedom Associates reported inactive. [redacted] Subject attended WILLIAM Z. FOSTER celebration 3/9/56 and in June, 1956, was cited for contempt as a result of appearance before HCUA. Subject listed as contributor to "Sing Out" Winter, 1956, edition. Subject in contact with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. April and June, 1956, and ERNEST THOMPSON, August, 1956. [redacted] advised that agency sponsoring subject's proposed Canadian concert tour owned and managed by known Communists. Subject attended Rumanian reception 8/23/56. On 6/13/56, ECLC sponsored concert, NYC, to raise funds for ROBESON's passport case.

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DETAILS: I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., reflects the following concerning the WIDF, also known as the International Democratic Women's Federation:

"1. Cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement.' Also cited as an 'organization (which) frankly stated that it intended to follow the lead of theSoviet Union, "the only country truly working for peace" and which joined in issuing the call for the World Peace Congress, held in Paris in April 1949.'

"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the Congress of American Women, House Report No. 1953, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949); and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951 (original date, April 1, 1951), p. 71.)

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"2. Cited as a 'Red international' organization, formed in 1945 in Paris at an International Congress of Women 'at the call of international Communist forces.' Mme. Eugenie Cotton and Mme. Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier, Communist members of the French House of Deputies, were cochairmen of the Paris congress. The American affiliate is known as the Congress of American Women.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 228-232.)"

On [redacted] advised that ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945, but that she does not hold herself out as a Communist and denies membership in the Party. [redacted] stated that ESLANDA ROBESON was a devoted member of the CP along with her husband, PAUL ROBESON.

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On October 5, 1956, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed a package of books addressed to Mr. PAUL ROBESON being delivered to 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

B. Employment

The "Daily Worker" of April 24, 1956, page five, column three, contained an article entitled "Canadian Storm Over Robeson." This article relates that PAUL ROBESON, who

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had been granted the right to travel in Canada by the United States Department of State as a concert artist, had a contract for a tour of seventeen Canadian cities to begin April 15, 1956. The article then reports the banning of ROBESON's proposed tour by Canadian authorities.

> The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper, the Sunday edition of which is "The Worker."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 14, 1956, page five, column one, contained an article entitled "Un-American Racists." This article describes PAUL ROBESON as the "world-famous singer."

It is noted that the July-August, 1955, issue of "Freedom," Volume 5, Number 6, page two, listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman of the editorial board of the newspaper.

> With regard to "Freedom," the December 31, 1950, issue of "The Worker" contained an article which describes "Freedom" as a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates, which was introduced in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the purpose of the newspaper was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the viewpoint that is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker and to point out the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the workers class.
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> In [redacted], advised that the editorial board of "Freedom" was composed of Communists and Communist sympathizers. According to [redacted] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem Edition of "The Worker."

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On June 21, 1956, LOUIS BURNHAM, Editor of "Freedom" was contacted under a telephonic pretext by a Special Agent of the FBI. BURNHAM advised that "Freedom" was going out of business due to a lack of funds and future issues of the paper were not contemplated. According to BURNHAM, subscribers to "Freedom" were being asked to transfer their subscriptions to the "National Guardian."

> The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394.)
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> The masthead of the "National Guardian" issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Inc., 197 East Fourth Street, New York City.

On [redacted] advised that Freedom Associates, Inc. had dissolved as of August 15, 1956, and was no longer in existence.

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C. Status of Health

On [redacted] advised that [redacted] PAUL ROBESON had been very ill and had undergone an operation similar to that for which President

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EISENHOWER was treated. It was pointed out that although ROBESON was still very ill, he would not have to have a second immediate operation.

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

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On [redacted] advised that on March 9, 1956, a birthday celebration in honor of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was held at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City. [redacted] stated that ROBESON was present and prior to singing several songs, gave a short talk on FOSTER and stated that the country from which he had just returned (Canada) had sent their greetings to FOSTER through him.

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[redacted] advised that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was introduced as National Chairman, CP, USA, at the above-mentioned birthday celebration held March 9, 1956.

The "New York Times" newspaper, issue of May 28, 1956, page six, contained an article entitled "Paul Robeson Is Called." This article, in part, stated:

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"Washington, May 27 - The House Committee on Un-American Activities announced today it had summoned Paul Robeson to testify Tuesday in its investigation of alleged passport irregularities by Communist sympathizers. Mr. Robeson, left-wing basso, has traveled as an honored guest in the Soviet Union...."

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 13, 1956, page one, column three, contained an article entitled "Un-Americans Cite Robeson as He Blasts Racism." This article reports the citation of ROBESON for contempt by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 12, 1956, and details of ROBESON's testimony before the committee. In part, the article read:

"He (ROBESON) said he had testified on behalf of the first Communist Party leaders tried under the Smith Act, which was now obnoxious to millions of Americans and would one day be declared unconstitutional as Justice Hugo Black had said it was.

"Asked whether he was a Communist, Robeson replied by asking Arens (committee counsel) whether he referred to the Communists 'who were the first to die in the fight against fascism,' the Communist Party which had 'sacrificed so much for my people!' Ben Davis, one of the Communist leaders who was jailed under the Smith Act, he said was one of his 'dearest friends,' one of the 'best Americans' in contrast to the members of the committee who he added 'belonged with the Alien and Sedition Acts.'"

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. is one of the eleven members of the National Committee of the CP, USA, who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The "New York Times" newspaper issue of June 13, 1956, page one, contained an article entitled "House Group Favors Citing Paul Robeson." In part, this article read:

> "Contempt of congress proceedings were begun against Paul Robeson today as the upshot of a shouting, table-thumping and gavel-banging hearing at the Capitol.....Mr. Robeson brought a stormy morning session to a sudden close by raising his resonant bass voice to shouting pitch and asserting, 'You are the non-patriots and you are the un-Americans and you ought to be ashamed of yourselves.' Before the final blow-up, Mr. Robeson angrily denounced the committee, Senator Eastland and others in response to questions about his activities and his travels to Soviet Russia."

The New York "Daily Mirror" issue of June 14, 1956, contained an article entitled "House Group Cites Robeson." This article related the citing of PAUL ROBESON by the House Committee on Un-American Activities for contempt of congress and, in part, read:

> "Though the singer invoked the Fifth Amendment when queried about Red affiliations, he shouted his contempt for the committee time and again."

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy with CP Front Organizations

People's Artists, Inc.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," previously mentioned, reflects the following concerning People's Artists, Inc.:

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

"(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392.)"

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On February 27, 1956, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the winter, 1956, edition of "Sing Out," Volume 6, Number 1, issued by People's Artists, Inc., 124 West 21st Street, New York City. Page two contained a list of the publication's staff and under contributors listed PAUL ROBESON.

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C. CP Associates

On [redacted] advised that on that date BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. was in contact with PAUL ROBESON.

On [redacted] PAUL ROBESON was in contact with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. and informed DAVIS that he had just returned from the hearings in Washington, D.C. DAVIS complimented ROBESON on his appearance.

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On [redacted] advised that [redacted] was of the opinion that ROBESON's New Jersey visit should be handled only by Negroes and his appearance with white persons should be held to a minimum. According to [redacted] the reasoning behind this was that the CP leadership, consisting mostly of white persons, had always monopolized ROBESON and as a consequence this had led to a narrowing of his contacts among the Negro people.

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D. Miscellaneous Activities

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Subject's Activities In and/or Subversive Ramifications of his Passport Case

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 12, 1956, page two, column one, contained an article entitled "Canada Denies Robeson Visa." This article reflected that Canadian immigration authorities had refused to allow PAUL ROBESON to enter Canada for a concert tour.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 6, 1956, page six, column three, contained an article entitled "The Cry Grows in London - Let Robeson Sing!" by-lined "John Williamson." This article concerned a meeting of the "Let Robeson Sing Committee" which met in Manchester, England, on May 27, 1956. The purpose of this committee was to unite the scattered activities in England in connection with supporting PAUL ROBESON's passport case. The article also stated that an inspiring letter was read to the committee from PAUL ROBESON in which he told of his few weeks of freedom in Canada.

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JOHN WILLIAMSON was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined $10,000 by Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. WILLIAMSON was released from federal prison on March 1, 1955. He was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant for deportation and departed the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

The "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper issue of June 8, 1956, page 12, contained an article entitled "Robeson Loses Passport Appeal." This article reported that the United States Court of Appeals that date had unanimously upheld a district court order dismissing ROBESON's suit against Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES.

On [redacted] advised that on June 13, 1956, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) sponsored a concert at Town Hall, New York City. [redacted] advised that this concert was held as a tribute to PAUL ROBESON and the proceeds from same were to help pay the cost of ROBESON's suit for his passport. [redacted] advised that 1,239 persons attended this affair.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emercency Civil Liberties Committee" reflected that the formation of the ECLC had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than fifty members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

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[redacted] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on October 21, 1955, furnished information reflecting that the CP felt that help should be extended in building a "united front civil liberties organization" in the United States which, while not led by the "Left" would contain labor, liberal and "Left Forces" within it in a commonly agreed program, including defense of the rights of Communists.

The information further indicated that the CP felt that this aim can best be achieved by helping the ECLC to become a national organization with local chapters operating on the basis of its program.

The headquarters of the ECLC is located at 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 20, 1956, page four, column three, contained a letter entitled "Robeson's Passport Case" by-lined "William L. Patterson." This letter compliments the "Daily Worker" for its angry reaction to the decision of the United States Appellate Court in the PAUL ROBESON passport case and notes that this passport fight is a struggle to defend the constitutional liberties of all American citizens.

On [redacted] advised that at that time WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and known to the informant as a Communist.

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

The "New York World Telegram and Sun" issue of September 6, 1956, contained an article entitled "Robeson Appeals to Top Court." This article reported that PAUL ROBESON had asked the United States Supreme Court, through his attorneys, on September 5, 1956, to intervene in his three year old passport controversy with the State Department.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants congnizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, who have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted relative to the subject during September and October, 1956, and they could furnish no recent or additional information concerning him.

On September 24, 1956, the records of [redacted] were checked by SA [redacted] and were found to contain no recent or additional information concerning the subject. b7D b7C

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description of Information	File Number where Located
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T-2 [redacted] (By request)	[redacted]	
T-3 Anonymous	[redacted] (C)	100-56680-386
T-4 [redacted]	[redacted]	
T-5 [redacted] C	[redacted]	100-25857-2738
T-6 [redacted] C	[redacted]	100-25857-2676
T-7 [redacted] C	[redacted]	
T-8 [redacted]	[redacted]	100-81674-1B-20

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T-12 [redacted]	[redacted]	100-25887-2668
T-13 [redacted] (By request)	[redacted]	100-25857-2725
T-14 [redacted]	[redacted]	
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Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area contacted relative to the subject during September and October, 1956, are as follows:

[redacted] contacted 9/27/56 by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 9/19/56 by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 9/29/56 by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 9/29/56 by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 10/2/56 by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 10/2/56 by SA [redacted]

[redacted] contacted 10/4/56 by SA [redacted]

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the source must be concealed.

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The Agents observing books being delivered to 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, on October 5, 1956, were SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

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The pretext telephone call to "Freedom" on June 21, 1956, was conducted by SA [redacted] who utilized the pretext of [redacted]

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On September 27, 1956, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, New York City, were checked by Investigative Clerks [redacted] and [redacted] for the addresses 155 West 136th Street, New York City; 402 West 128th Street, New York City, and 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. These records were found to contain no information regarding the subject.

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On September 27, 1956, the records of [redacted] were checked by SE [redacted] These records were found to contain no additional information relative to the subject.

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As a matter of information, it is noted that the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON (New York 100-56680 and Bufile 100-12304) is carried on the Security Index of the New York Office.

The subject is a key figure and carried on the SI of the NYO.

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An FD 122 amending the subject's Security Index cards has been submitted to the Bureau reflecting the subject's new residence and deleting his connections with "Freedom" and Freedom Associates.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of Security Index criteria and still fits those criteria.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of the subject.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted] 4/17/56, New York. b7c

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FBI

Date: 10/17/56

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Mr. Nichols
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On [redacted] (protect identity) was contacted by SAs [redacted], and [redacted] This was the initial contact with [redacted] and no determination can be made concerning his reliability or unreliability.

[redacted] advised at this time that he does not believe the U. S. Government is doing the right thing in denying PAUL ROBESON a passport to visit other countries. [redacted] stated that [redacted] ROBESON has indicated [redacted] that if he were allowed to visit other countries, he (ROBESON) would denounce the U. S. as imperialists who practice segregation at home. [redacted] stated that he does not believe that ROBESON is a member of the CP and based this belief on the fact that [redacted] and that ROBESON has never indicated he was a CP member at these times. [redacted] stated that at PAUL ROBESON's homecoming held recently at Orange, N.J., ROBESON made the statement that he would "fight for his people his own way." [redacted] was interviewed under SAC authority [redacted]

This information is being furnished the Bureau in the event the Bureau feels that the State Dept. should be advised of ROBESON's statements concerning remarks he would make about the U. S. should he be allowed to travel abroad.

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Date: October 25, 1956 BY COURIER SERVICE

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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A source whose reliability or unreliability has not been determined to date, advised this Bureau during [redacted] that Robeson had indicated [redacted] that if he were allowed to visit other countries he, Robeson, would denounce the American people as imperialists who practice segregation at home.

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The above is for your information and is not to be disseminated outside your Department.

YELLOW: Subject key figure, NYO. Subject has been attempting to obtain a passport for travel abroad and to date has been refused a passport. In this connection on 6/2/56 U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia unanimously affirmed the denial of the passport to Robeson. Despite this decision there is indication Robeson is continuing his fight to secure passport.

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A FAIR SHAKE.

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REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY MCS

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SYNOPSIS:

ESLANDA ROBESON resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC. She is employed by the "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, NYC, as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions and is the "New World Review" correspondent to the UN. Articles by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON appeared in "New World Review," "Jewish Life," and "National Guardian" at various times 1953-1955. At various times during the period 1954-1956, subject was a speaker, supporter, or lecturer to numerous CP front groups. In 1954, Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON was Chairman of the Executive Board of the Council on African Affairs and member of the Board of Directors National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. In 1954, subject attended ALP election rally and was an ALP State Vice-Chairman. Subject in contact with Soviet and Satellite establishments in the USA, 1954-1956.

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DETAILS: I BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On October 13, 1955, [redacted] Hotel Dauphin, Broadway and 67th Street, New York City, advised the subject had resided in Room 418 at instant hotel since January 22, 1954. b7C b7D

On November 29, 1955, an unknown individual at the Hotel Dauphin, mentioned above, was telephonically contacted under pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This person advised that the subject had moved from the hotel several weeks previously, leaving a forwarding address of 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

On December 27, 1955, [redacted] who is in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that as of that date, the subject was residing at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. b7D

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B. Employment

On February 7, 1955, [redacted], advised that ESLANDA ROBESON had been issued a temporary accreditation with the United Nations (UN) as a representative of the "New World Review" on October 8, 1954. This card was re-issued on November 13, 1954 and expired December 23, 1954. [redacted] pointed out that accreditation of press representatives to the UN is handled by the Press and Publications Section of the Department of Public Information of the UN. b7D

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The "New World Review" is documented under Section II of this report.

On February 16, 1956, [redacted] advised that as of that date, the subject was accredited correspondent for the publication "New World Review" at the UN, New York City. b7D

On October 16, 1956, [redacted] advised that as of that date, ESLANDA ROBESON continued to be an accredited correspondent to the UN for the publication "New World Review." b7D

In October, 1956, [redacted], made available the October, 1956 issue of the "New World Review" which reflected that ESLANDA ROBESON is the magazine's Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. b7D

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Sympathies

The August, 1953 issue of "New World Review" contains an article entitled "Why I Am a Friend of the USSR," by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. In part, this article states "As a woman and a Negro who has always worked and fought for my full rights as an equal human being, I discovered that the Soviet people accepted women and minorities as equals, and treated them as such officially and unofficially.....For many years my government took no interest in my friendship with the Soviet Union. This was normal because for many years my government took no interest at all in me and my Negro people." The article continues that she (ROBESON) will not break off her friendship with the Soviet Union; that the United States cannot tell her who may be her friends.

It is noted that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" changed its name to "New World Review" in March, 1951. The citation of "Soviet Russia Today" applies to the new title.

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning Soviet Russia Today:

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p.167; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, p. 21.)"

The August, 1954 issue of "Jewish Life," page 25, contains an article entitled "What is a Ghetto?" by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. This article in part states "We can no longer remain as sitting ducks in our ghettos, now all of us know to survive and make a future, we must organize and rise up and wipe out our ghettos. Not wipe them out as HITLER did, barbarous, murderous destruction, but wipe them out with constructive, progressive housing projects, recreation programs and most of all by tearing down the barriers which have been built up to separate us and to keep those barriers down forever."

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Jewish Life:"

"1. 'Among typical examples of the Communist Press and publications.' Published by the Morning Freiheit Association, Inc. - (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 49 and 225.)

The "National Guardian" issue of May 9, 1955, page two, contains an article entitled "What About This 'Soviet Colonialism' Business," by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. In this article, ROBESON gives various meanings to the word "colonialism" including such definitions as occupation and

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domination of a territory by foreigners, control of government and the Army by foreigners, control of the economy by foreigners and control of educational institutions by foreigners. According to the article none of these conditions exist in any of the Peoples' Democracies. It is pointed out that the colonial powers first called the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic's (USSR) allies, satellites, and now call them colonies in a desperate attempt to prove that Russia is as bad as themselves.

The 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff writers, management and content. (1949 Report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394).

The masthead of the "National Guardian" issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 197 East 4th Street, New York City.

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathies with CP Front Organizations

American Federation for Polish Jews (AFPJ)

The 1943-1944 American Jewish Yearbook reflects that the AFPJ was founded in 1908 for the purpose of promoting social and cultural activities among its affiliates and guarding and promoting the interests of the Jews in Poland.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at the Convention of the AFPJ held in New York City on March 26, and March 27, 1949, the "right-wing elements" were eliminated and the "left-wing Communist element" was elected.

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On [redacted] reported he had been informed by a member of the CP that the above Federation was under the full control of the "left-wing and progressive elements."

On [redacted] advised that the AFPJ continues to function from its headquarters, 1133 Broadway, New York City, and is still controlled by Communist and "left-wingers."

On [redacted] advised that on April 21, 1954, a meeting commemorating the "11th Anniversary of the Revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto" organized by the AFPJ, was held at the Manhattan Center, New York City. [redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON was one of the speakers and spoke of the wakening of the colonial peoples of the world, pointing out that Korea was part of the struggle as was the fight against colonial imperialism in Indo-China. She stated in part "The people of Africa and Asia, the black people of the world are marching to freedom. There isn't a power in the world that will ever be able to stop this march."

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American Peace Crusade (APC)

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

On [redacted], advised that the Chicago Southside Chapter of the APC planned to hold a meeting on April 24, 1954, the title of which was to be "Southside Salutes Second Anniversary of Africa's Fight for Freedom." [redacted] advised the meeting would be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago, Illinois, with ESLANDA ROBESON as the featured speaker.

On [redacted] advised the "Second Anniversary of Africa's Freedom" celebration was held under the auspices of the APC at the Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago, Illinois, on that date. [redacted] advised that the subject was the featured speaker and spoke at some length on the advances that were being made by the colored peoples of the world in combating white supremacy and colonialism. She stated the United States now stands alone in the UN in its policy of rejecting or opposing the admittance of the Peoples Republic of China to the UN.

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On [redacted] advised that on April 26, 1954, the APC held a reception for Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON at 3610 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] he had learned that ESLANDA ROBESON was among persons considered to be important contacts of the APC.

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Committee for the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America

On [redacted] advised that the Committee for the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America was a Communist front group organized about June, 1954, to celebrate the tercentenary during 1954-1955, of the arrival of the first group of 23 Jews in America, in September, 1654. According to [redacted] the organization was formed because the "right-wing" anti-Communists had formed their own committee to celebrate the tercentenary and had excluded all organizations which followed the CP line.

On June 15, 1956, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by means of a pretext telephone call to [redacted] New York City, determined that the Committee of the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America was now better known as the Tercentenary Book Committee, 1133 Broadway, Room 732, New York City. It was further ascertained that [redacted] was the [redacted] of the latter Committee.

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On [redacted] advised that on October 16, 1954, a "Grand Celebration of the Tercentenary of American Jewish History" was held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, and was organized by the Committee of the 300th Anniversary of Jewish Settlement in the United States of America. [redacted] advised that the subject was a featured speaker and spoke concerning the strong ties between the Negro and the Jewish masses in their struggle for full rights against "national and racial discrimination."

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Council on African Affairs (CAA)

The Council on African Affairs (CAA) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] made available a copy of a letter, dated June 25, 1954, on letterhead paper of the CAA, which announced that Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON, Chairman of the Executive Board of the CAA, desires the reader to attend a meeting of the CAA to be held July 1, 1954, at 212 West 139th Street, New York City. The letter lists topics to be discussed at the meeting as the Kenya - Aid Program, Promoting Action on Africa in other Organizations and fund raising plans. b7D

On [redacted] advised that on June 9, 1955, a report on the [redacted] Conference sponsored by the CAA was held at 310 Lenox Avenue, New York City. [redacted] stated the subject was chairman of the meeting and delivered a summary of the African-Asian Conference, stating that the conference represented a new alignment of world forces.

Families of the Smith Act Victims (FSAV)

The Families of the Smith Act Victims (FSAV) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 27, 1953, page three, column one, contained an article entitled "150 Women Sign Plea For Amnesty for 11." This article listed ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON as one of the signers of a letter, which appealed to the White House to grant amnesty for the eleven leaders of the CP convicted under the Smith Act. The article pointed out that the announcement of this letter was made by the FSAV.

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, the Sunday edition of which is "The Worker."

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

The Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 28, 1956, page seven, column five, contained an article entitled "Lecture Series on Asia, Africa and Latin America." This article stated that a new course entitled "The Under-developed Countries: Role of U.S., USSR and UN," would begin October 4, 1956, at the JSSS. The article noted that ESLANDA ROBESON would be among persons giving one or more lectures in the course.

Labor Youth League (LYL)

The Labor Youth League (LYL) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted], advised that the subject was the featured speaker at an LYL Youth Rally held on December 10, 1954, at Yugoslav Hall, New York City. The subject discussed the role of youth in modern affairs and termed the Supreme Court ruling on segregation as merely an attempt on the part of the United States to save face.

On [redacted], furnished the same information concerning the LYL Youth Rally on December 10, 1954, as set forth above.

The Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Incorporation, also known as the Yugoslav Hall has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership (NCDNL)

On December 31, 1952, T-13 advised the NCDNL had been formed to stop attacks against the Negro people.

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In a printed leaflet furnished by [redacted] Howard University, Washington, D.C., in October, 1952, the NCDNL stated that its aims included amnesty for HENRY WINSTON and Associates; stopping prosecution for political teachings and advocacy under the Smith Act; repealing also other repressive legislative acts, especially the severe restrictions of immigration from the West Indies in the McCarran-Walter Act; the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act, and the "thought control" and "concentration camp" McCarran Act.

HENRY WINSTON was National Organizational Secretary, CP USA, since July, 1946, according to his own statement made in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, September 20, 23, 1949.

WINSTON was convicted October 14, 1949, for violation of t Smith Act of 1940 and sentenced October 21, 1949 to five years an fined $10,000. He became a fugitive upon issuance of a bench war United States District Court, Southern District of New York. WINST surrendered himself to custody of the United States Marshal, New City, on March 5, 1956. On March 26, 1956, WINSTON was sentenced three years for contempt of court to be served subsequent to the sentence imposed for Smith Act convictions.

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On [redacted] advised that the NCDNL is highly infiltrated by the CP and has expanded its energies in behalf of Negroes indicted under the Smith Act.

A pretext telephone call was made on April 12, 1956, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the headquarters of the NCDNL and it was ascertained that the Committee continues to exist and is located at 1660 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, Ne York.

The November 10, 1954 issue of the "Daily Worker", page three, column one-five, contained an article entitled "Rally Support Patterson, Hunton." This article stated that on November 8, 1954,

a "fight back rally to defend WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and ALPHAEUS HUNTON", had been held in New York City, sponsored in part by the NCDNL. This article described PATTERSON as Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and HUNTON as executive director of the CAA. The article further pointed out that ESLANDA ROBESON acted as Co-Chairman of the rally.

The Civil Rights Congress (CRC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at the above rally on November 8, 1954 and pointed out the role of women to be played in fighting for the rights of Negroes and for freedom and brotherly love. b7D

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

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

On [redacted] advised on April 22, 1953, the subject was one of two co-chairman of a meeting of the Committee of Women of the NCASF held in New York City.

On [redacted] made available a copy of the agenda of the annual meeting of the NCASF held on May 13, 1954. This agenda in part listed members and officers of the NCASF as reported to the Board of Directors and Officers of the NCASF at the annual meeting. ESLANDA G. ROBESON was listed by the agenda as having been added to the Board of Directors of the NCASF at the annual meeting.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 31, 1955, page eight, column two, contained a column entitled "What's On?" This column announced a symposium for April 4, 1955, on the subject of peaceful coexistence to be held under the auspices of the NCASF at the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON is listed as one of the speakers.

On [redacted] advised that on April 4, 1955, the subject was among the speakers at a symposium on peaceful coexistence held at the Yugoslav-American Home, New York City, under the auspices of the NCASF. [redacted] stated the subject charged the United States with securing bases all over the world in order to deliver atomic bombs on other nations. She stated the SEATO Conference had a primary aim in erecting military barriers against Communism whereas the Asia-African Conference is being called to fight outside encroachment, oppose colonialism, and western domination.

On [redacted], and on [redacted] advised that on June 7, 1955, a reception sponsored by the Committee of Women of the NCASF was held at the Yugoslav Hall, New York City. [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the subject acted as Chairman of this meeting.

On [redacted] advised that on November 17, 1955, the NCASF held its annual November rally at 135 West 70th Street, New York City. [redacted] advised that the subject was in attendance and delivered a short speech.

On [redacted] made available a copy of an invitation to a dinner in honor of Reverend RICHARD MORFORD on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as Executive Director of the NCASF to be held on March 4, 1956, at 118 West 57th Street, New York City. This invitation listed officers of the NCASF and included ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON as a member of the Board of Directors.

New World Review (NWR)

On [redacted] advised that on October 14, 1954, a dinner sponsored by the NWR in honor of PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON was held at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th Street and Broadway, New York City.

With regard to PAUL ROBESON, on [redacted] advised that in June, 1955, the CAA dissolved and at the time of its dissolution, PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the organization.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON was [redacted] a concealed Communist.

On July 15, 1955, [redacted] made available the July, 1955 issue of the NWR, which on page 26, contained an article entitled "Before and After Bandung" by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. This article concerns the Asian-African Conference and states the results of the conference will have a great effect on the world wide demand for peace.

New York Council for the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (NYCASP)

On [redacted], furnished a copy of the by-laws of the NYCASP. Section B, Article 1 of the by-laws states "This organization shall be affiliated with the National Council for the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (NCASP).

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Council for the Arts, Sciences, and Professions:

"1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), page 2.)"

In [redacted] advised that on June 29, 1954, the subject was among speakers at a rally entitled "Shall American Boys Fight in Indo-China" held at the Cornish Arms Hotel, New York City, and sponsored by the NCASP. According to [redacted], the subject delivered a speech on the people of Guatemala and acted as Chairman of the meeting.

On [redacted] furnished the same information concerning the NYCASP Rally on June 29, 1954, as set forth above.

On [redacted] advised that on January 19, 1955, the subject attended a meeting held at the New York Offices of the NCASP, 34 West 64th Street, New York City,

at which was discussed the proposed listing of the NCASP as a subversive organization by the Attorney General of the United States. [redacted] advised that the subject was the fourth speaker of the evening and delivered a speech concerning desegregation order of the Supreme Court.

Women's Committee for Equal Justice (WCEJ)

The WCEJ, according to the "Daily Worker" issue of October 2, 1951, page three, was a group that was organized to review and strengthen the world-wide demand for the unconditional pardon of Mrs. ROSA LEE INGRAM and her two sons.

It is noted that Mrs. INGRAM and her sons are serving life term sentences in a Georgia State Prison having been convicted of homicide.

On [redacted] advised that the WCEJ utilized the headquarters of the CRC in New York City as its address. Subsequent to its re-activation in late 1953, the WCEJ benefited from the support of the CRC with regard to personnel, funds, and direction in accomplishing its objectives. In the informant's opinion, the WCEJ was an organization in name only, actually operated as a sub-group of the CRC and it was directed by CP members in the CRC.

On [redacted] advised that the WCEJ was defunct and had been inactive for an extended period of time.

On September 29, 1955, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through a telephonic pretext call, contacted WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, then National Executive Secretary of the CRC, who advised that the WCEJ was disbanded in July, 1955.

On January 3, 1955, [redacted] advised that ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON of the WCEJ had during 1954 sent a communication to Governor HERMAN E. TALMADGE of Georgia protesting the continued incarceration of ROSA LEE INGRAM.

Women's Community Forum (WCF)

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the WCF had been organized about four years previously and the majority of the WCF leadership were Communists. [redacted] advised further that the non-Communists in leadership capacity closely followed the CP line.

On [redacted] advised that the WCF continued to be active. The informant stated the purpose of the WCF was to hold social functions to raise funds for the support of "progressive" and Communist supported activities.

On [redacted]; advised that on February 9, 1954, the subject was the featured speaker at a meeting of the WCF held at 107 East Burnside Avenue, New York City, in connection with Negro History Week. Mrs. ROBESON discussed the problems of the African Negro and the continuing work for reform in Africa.

Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF)
Also Known As International Democratic Women's Federation (IDWF)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the International Democratic Women's Federation:

"1. Cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement.' Also cited as an 'organization (which) frankly stated that it intended to follow the lead of the Soviet Union, "the only country truly working for peace" and which joined in issuing the call for the World Peace Congress, held in Paris in April 1949.'

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"(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the Congress of American Women, House Report No. 1953, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949); and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951 (original date, April 1, 1951), p. 71.)"

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Referred to Dept of the Army for their Direct response to you

C. Miscellaneous Activities

American Labor Party (ALP)

[redacted] advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. [redacted] knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

The "New York Times," a daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1956, on pages 1 and 20, reflected that the American Labor Party State Chairman announced on October 7, 1956, that the American Labor Party State Committee had unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the American Labor Party and liquidating its assets.

On [redacted] advised that on September 23, 1954, the subject was in attendance at the ALP 1954 Gubernatorial Election Rally held at Manhattan Center, New York City. [redacted] on this date, also made available material which reflected that ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON was among ALP officers and members elected at the ALP State Committee meeting on September 23, 1954. This material reflected that ESLANDA ROBESON was an ALP State Vice-Chairman at that time. b7D

International Publishers

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the International Publishers:

"1. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by Alexander Trachtenberg.
"(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)"

On [redacted] advised that on December 17, 1954, the subject attended a dinner honoring the 30th Anniversary of International Publishers and the 70th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, held at 405 West 41st Street, New York City. b7D

The records of the Clerk of the Court, Criminal Division, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflect that on July 31, 1956 (following a jury trial, United States District Judge ALEXANDER BICKS presiding), TRACHTENBERG was found guilty of violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The above records reflect that on September 17, 1956, Judge BICKS imposed a one year sentence on TRACHTENBERG as a result of his conviction on July 31, 1956.

The records of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, reflect that on September 17, 1956, a notice of appeal was filed on behalf of TRACHTENBERG. Following the entry of this notice of appeal, Judge BICKS granted a defense motion to continue the defendants, in United States versus TRACHTENBERG, Et. Al., on their present bail. TRACHTENBERG is at present free under $10,000.00 bail.

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Contacts with Soviet and Satellite Establishments in the United States

On [redacted] advised that on December 3, 1954, the subject attended a reception held at the Czechoslovakian Headquarters in New York City.

On [redacted] advised that on February 4, 1955, the subject attended a cocktail party held at the Polish Embassy, Washington, D.C.

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On [redacted] advised that on February 10, 1955, the subject attended a reception in honor of the departure of the Polish Ambassador. This affair was held at the Polish UN Delegation Headquarters, New York City.

On [redacted] advised that on that date the subject had attended a cocktail party given at the Soviet UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. [redacted] advised that this affair was given by the two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women, VERA A. FOMINA and FEONIYA NOVIKOVA.

On [redacted] advised that on October 2, 1955, the subject was among persons attending a reception held by YVACHESLAV M. MOLOTOV at the USSR UN Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City.

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III MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted relative to the subject in October and November, 1956, and could furnish no recent or additional information concerning her.

In November, 1956, the records of [redacted] were checked by Special Agent [redacted] These records were found to contain no recent or additional information concerning the subject.

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T-4 [redacted]	[redacted]			100-56680-4
T-5 NY Confidential Mail Box	[redacted]			100-56680-4
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T-8 [redacted]	[redacted]			100-102789-1538 p. 89
T-9 [redacted]	[redacted]			100-102789-1538 p. 35
T-10 [redacted]	[redacted]			[redacted]
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T-14 [redacted]	[redacted]			100-56680-2[redacted]
T-15 [redacted]	[redacted]			[redacted]
T-16 [redacted]	[redacted]			[redacted]
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T-21 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]			[redacted] 100-107492-210 p. 21 att #1
T-22 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]			
T-23 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]			100-56680-1
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T-27 [redacted]c	[redacted]			100-56680-30
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Informants contacted relative to the subject during October and November, 1956, with negative results are as follows:

Informant	Date of Contact	Agent	File Where Loca
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[redacted]	[redacted]	"	"
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The pretext telephone call on 11/29/55 to the Hotel Dauphin, NYC, was made by SA [redacted] The nature of the pretext used is unknown.

The pretext telephone call to JACOB M. BUDISH, Tercentenary Book Committee on 6/15/56, was conducted by SA [redacted] who authorized the pretext [redacted]

The pretext telephone call to the NCDNL on 4/11/56, was conducted by SA [redacted] under [redacted]

The pretext telephone call to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON of the CRC re the WCEJ on 9/29/55, was conducted by SA [redacted] who used the pretext [redacted]

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The subject is carried on the Security Index of the NYO and her SI cards are current and accurate. This case still fits the criteria for inclusion on the SI.

A suitable photograph of the subject is in the possession of the NYO.

No recommendation for interview of the subject is being made at this time, in view of subject's employment with "New World Review," her activities at the UN, and in the absence of any information which would indicate she would be inclined to be cooperative if interviewed by this Bureau.

REFERENCES: Report of SA [redacted] 2/24/55, at New Haven, and report of SA [redacted], 3/31/54, at NY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (1 11/30/56

SAC, NEW YORK (105-21809)

E. G. R.
16 Jumel Terrace
New York, New York
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Re NY airtel to Bureau 10/26/56.

The information service and the current cross reference street directory of the New York Telephone Company reflected no listing for anyone at the address 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

[redacted] United States Post Office, NYC, which covers the aforementioned address, on 11/19/56 furnished the following information to SA EDWARD F. MC NULTY:

[redacted] said he had ascertained from the mail carrier for the route covering 16 Jumel Terrace, that this address was the residence of PAUL ROBESON and his wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. ROBESON is the well-known Negro singer. According to [redacted] the ROBESONS have resided at this address for over a year and are the only occupants. They receive a lot of foreign mail and in their contact with the mail carrier have been very courteous to him.

The initials E. G. R. would appear to be those of Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, who is the subject of NY 100-56680. Accordingly, no further investigation is being conducted and this case is being closed.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 12/5/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was
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ReWFOlet to Bureau, 10/19/56, copies of which were received by the NYO with two sets of the HCUA publication entitled, "Investigation of the Unauthorized Use of United States Passports - Parts 1,2,3 and 4."

In accordance with Bureau instructions concerning the review of HCUA testimony contained in Bulet dated 6/8/53 captioned, "Un-American Activities Committee," subject's testimony before the United States House of Representatives, Sub-Committee of the Committee on Un-American Activities at a public hearing on 7/12/56 at Washington, D. C. has been reviewed.

In answer to questions concerning his Communist activities, past and present, the subject repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment.

Subject is a Key Figure of the NYO and is carried on the SI of this division. Pertinent parts of subject's testimony at the above hearing will be incorporated into the next investigative report submitted re subject. No further action relative to subject's appearance before the HCUA is being taken by the NYO at this time.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 23, 1957

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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On January 23, 1957, [redacted] Passport Office, State, advised Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section that Leonard Boudin, attorney for Paul Robeson, has asked the Passport Office of State to set a date for an administrative hearing in connection with Paul Robeson's application for a passport. You will recall that the Supreme Court turned Paul Robeson down in his effort to force State to give him a passport in that Robeson had not exhausted all of his administrative processes.

[redacted] further advised that he suggested to Mr. Boudin that he send a letter to State, putting his request in writing. No date has been set for this hearing. [redacted] said that he will keep the Bureau advised of any developments concerning Robeson.

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TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LE ROY ROBESON

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REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS:

PAUL ROBESON resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and is a self-employed concert singer. On 6/12/56, in testimony before the US House of Representatives, Sub-Committee, Committee on Un-American Activities, ROBESON envoked the 5th Amendment of the US Constitution in answer to questions concerning subversive activities and/or affiliations. On 1/2/57, "Daily Worker" reported message of greetings from PAUL ROBESON broadcast by radio Moscow. ROBESON suggested as observer at 16th National Convention of the CPUSA but was unavailable. On 11/13/56, PAUL ROBESON speaker at NCASF rally, NYC. On 1/9/57, subject visited by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. PAUL ROBESON attended reception at Soviet Embassy, 11/7/56, and attended Albanian UN Delegation approximately 11/23/56.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On November 19, 1956, [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON and his wife reside at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and are the only occupants of the house at that address.

On February 15, 1957, [redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that as of that date PAUL ROBESON could be located at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

B. Employment

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 12, 1956, page 3, column 4, contained an article entitled "Hall in Newark Bars Concert By Robeson After Hate Story". This article noted that a November 30th concert by PAUL ROBESON, Negro baritone, had been cancelled by the management of the Essex House, Newark, New Jersey, following the publication of an article concerning ROBESON which had appeared in the Newark Star-Ledger newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

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On [redacted] advised that on that b7D
date CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT indicated a large Negro church in Chicago desired to have PAUL ROBESON perform a concert although no specific date had been set.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 13, 1957, page 2, column 4, disclosed that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was among persons elected to the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America (CPUSA) on February 12, 1957, during the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party (CP).

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

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advised SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] that he had occasion to talk with PAUL ROBESON during the period 1945-1947. According to [redacted] on one occasion ROBESON stated that while Communism is not perfect as it exists in Russia, it definitely was working for the betterment of the working man.

On June 12, 1956, PAUL ROBESON testified at a special hearing of the United States House of Representatives Sub-Committee of the Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D.C., which was

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then conducting a series of hearings on the issue of the use of American passports as travel documents in furtherance of the objectives of the Communist conspiracy. During the course of his testimony ROBESON envoked the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution in answer to questions as to :

1) Whether or not he was then a member of the CP

2) Whether or not his CP name was ever JOHN THOMAS

3) Whether ROBESON had ever been Chairman of the Council on African Affairs

4) Whether or not there was a Communist core in the Council on African Affairs.

In addition to the above, ROBESON envoked the Fifth Amendment as to whether or not he was acquainted with various government witnesses who had previously testified and had furnished information concerning his subversive affiliations.

The Council on African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] advised that in a conversation with PAUL ROBESON, ROBESON had stated if he were allowed to visit other countries, he would denounce the United States as imperialists who practice segration at home.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of January 2, 1957, page 7, column 4, contained an article entitled "Robeson Sends Greetings to Soviet People". This article stated

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in part, "London, January 21, - Radio Moscow today broadcast a 'cordial message of greetings' from American singer Paul Robeson to the Soviet people in which he said many American Negroes have to flee the South because of the 'forces of evil' there."

On [redacted], advised that the 16th National Convention of the CPUSA had been held February 9-12, 1957, at Chateau Gardens, New York City. [redacted] stated that during the Saturday session on February 9, 1957, BEN DAVIS spoke in favor of seating observers at the Convention. It was then suggested that PAUL ROBESON be among persons added to the list of observers. However, it was pointed out that these people, including ROBESON, had already been invited and were not available.

On [redacted] advised that at that time, BEN DAVIS was a member of the National Board of the CPUSA.

B. Evidence of Membership In or Sympathy with CP Front Organizations

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 25, 1956, page 2, column 1, contained an article entitled "Paul Robeson to Sing Tonight". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON would sing and speak that date at an affair arranged by the "Morning Freheit" to be held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City.

The "Morning Freheit" is a Communist Yiddish daily. (Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

On [redacted] advised that on November 13, 1956, a meeting of the National Council of

American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) was held at 135 West 70th Street, New York City, [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was in attendance and in a speech described the rise of the Negro from slavery and pointed out that their struggle for rights was aided by the dictators of Socialism as practiced in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). He called for peaceful co-existence and friendship between all peoples.

On [redacted] advised that on November 13, 1956, PAUL ROBESON spoke at the NCASF rally, mentioned above, during which he paid tribute to the NCASF. ROBESON stated that we must live with war and the question of full citizenship for the Negroes must be resolved. ROBESON pointed out the struggle of the Negro today was brought forth in the October, 1917, Revolution as a result of which the Negro peoples know their struggles are possible because of the Soviet struggle.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 15, 1956, page 5, contained an editorial entitled "They Want No Peace". This editorial concerned demonstrations against persons attending a rally of the NCASF held the week before. In part this editorial read, "There is more than passing significance in the fact that one of the persons reviled and physically threatened by the demonstrators was Paul Robeson, famed at home and abroard as a symbol both of the achievements of the Negro people and of the repressions they still suffer. Paul Robeson has never hidden his admiration for the Soviet Union - the land where he first found color to be no bar to equality nor his belief in the need for American-Soviet cooperation for world peace."

C. Communist Party Associates

On October 7, 1956, [redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on that date BEN DAVIS visited PAUL ROBESON at his residence.

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BEN DAVIS has been previously described.

On January 9, 1957, [redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that on that date WILLIAM Z. FOSTER indicated he had visited PAUL ROBESON and found ROBESON to be very friendly. b7D

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 13, 1957, page 2, column 4, reflected that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was among persons elected to the National Committee of the CPUSA on February 12, 1957, during the 16th National Convention of the CP.

D. Miscellaneous Activities

1) Contacts With Soviet or Satellites Officials, Nationals and/or Establishments

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[redacted] advised that on November 7, 1956, PAUL ROBESON was in attendance at a reception held in the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C.

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2) Subject's Activities In and/or Subversive Ramifications of His Passport Case

The "New York Times" newspaper of September 6, 1956, page 7, late city edition, contained an article entitled, "Robeson Pushes Appeal". This article read in part, "Paul Robeson, singer, asked the Supreme Court today to intervene in his three year passport controversy with the State Department."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 6, 1956, page 2, columns 4 and 5, contained an article entitled, "High Court Denies Hearing to Robeson". This article noted that on November 5, 1956, the Supreme Court had denied a hearing to PAUL ROBESON to grant him a passport.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 7, 1956, page 5, column 1, contained in its editorial column an item entitled, "The Robeson Decision". This item read as follows:

> "The Supreme Court has denied PAUL ROBESON a hearing on his fight to force the State Department to give him a passport. Thus one of America's finest and most famous sons, renowned in the four corners of the earth, is kept virtually

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a house prisoner.....What a disgrace! .....Three-fourths of the world will see this petty official tyranny as a racist act against a Negro who was a pioneer critic of the Jim Crow system and is an uncompromising foe of colonialism."

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JOHN WILLIAMSON was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined $10,000 by Federal Judge HAROLD D. MEDINA. He was released from federal prison on March 1, 1955.

WILLIAMSON was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant for deportation and departed from the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

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

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With regard to the 16th National Convention of the CPUSA held 2/9-12/57, in NYC, [redacted] advised it was heard during the course of the convention that WILLIAM PATTERSON was in close consultation with PAUL ROBESON prior to and during the convention. [redacted] also heard that PATTERSON and BEN DAVIS allegedly represented the idealogical point of view of ROBESON. This, according to the informant, was further brought out by the position taken by PAUL ROBESON, JR. who was a delegate to the convention and who spoke for the left caucus position on all points.

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On February 28, 1957, the records of [redacted] NYC, were furnished by [redacted] to SE [redacted]. These records were found to contain no new information re ROBESON.

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As a matter of information, it is noted that the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON (NY 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304) is carried on the Security Index of the NYO.

The subject is a key figure and is carried on the Security Index of the NYO. Subject's Security Index cards are current and accurate.

A suitable photograph of PAUL ROBESON is available to the NYO.

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This case has been reevaluated in the light of Security Index criteria and still fits this criteria.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report activities of the subject.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted], 10/17/56, NY. b7C

NY letter to Bureau, 12/5/56.

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TO : MR. D. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: April 18, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN
ALLEGATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALITY

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Reference memorandum Belmont to Boardman 4/18/57. Additional information concerning captioned matter and the allegation of an affair between Mountbatten's wife and Paul Robeson has been located in Bufiles and is as follows: (U)

In February, 1944, [redacted] advised the New York Office that Lord Louis Mountbatten was known in British circles to be a homosexual with a perversion for young boys; and, further, that his wife, Lady (Edwina) Mountbatten, took Paul Robeson on a 6-week caravan into the Sahara Desert a few years before the war began and they were unchaperoned. [redacted] added that Lady Mountbatten has a huge naked statue of Paul Robeson in her home. (U)

There is no indication that any of the above information has been disseminated outside this Bureau. (U)

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Concerning [redacted] a confidential informant, [redacted] advised in March, 1954, that [redacted] stated a story was circulating that [redacted] was a lady's man and that he had to marry a young girl. (Not further explained.) (U)

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Mr. J.W. Brown
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Mr. Shubatt

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Memorandum Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman
RE: ANTHONY EDEN
ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN
ALLEGATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALITY

[redacted] believed that [redacted] had caught [redacted] sleeping with his [redacted] wife; that [redacted] had complained to Churchill who had quieted [redacted] down. This information was contained in an investigative report which was disseminated to the Department of Justice on 11/1/56. ([redacted]; 100-202315-1812, page 29) (U)

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Date: May 6, 1957

BY COURIER SERVICE

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
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Office of Security
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515 22nd Street, N. W.
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
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Reference is made to reports pertaining to Robeson which were previously furnished to your Department. (U)

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YELLOW: Subject in Security Index. Subject has been attempting to secure U.S. passport for some time for purpose of travel to Moscow and other Iron Curtain countries. [redacted] (C)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: May 7, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: PRAYER PILGRIMAGE FOR FREEDOM,
also known as March on Washington
MAY 17, 1957

Information has been received that Mrs. Paul Robeson has made reservations for a room at the Charles Hotel, 1338 R Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., which caters to both whites and Negroes, for May 15, to May 18, 1957. She probably will be accompanied by her husband, Paul Robeson, a loyal Communist Party (CP) sympathizer who is playing a prominent role in the CP's actions in connection with the march on Washington.

In connection with Robeson's attendance and the possible attendance of other CP leaders at this demonstration, consideration has been given to the use of technical equipment to provide coverage of their activities in Washington. However, inasmuch as we have received no definite information concerning who the other CP leaders are who may attend, have no information showing they will hold meetings after arrival or that there are any plans for violent activities, we do not plan to put on any technical coverage. If information is received that the CP has designated a hotel room or meeting place for the purpose of holding caucuses we will consider technical coverage on that location.

ACTION:

We will continue to follow this matter closely and if there are indications that the Bureau can benefit by instituting technical coverage on CP members in connection with the march on Washington we will recommend same.

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cc Mr. Boardman
cc Mr. Belmont
cc Mr. Williams

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1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Rachner

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Date: May 28, 1957

BY COURIER SERVICE

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

12/29/80

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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DATE OF REVIEW 12/29/92

Reference is made to communications previously furnished to you regarding the captioned subject.

The May 20, 1957, issue of the London "Daily Worker," a communist publication in England, contained an article entitled "Robeson song will span sea," which stated that Paul Robeson would sing by transatlantic hookup to an audience in St. Pancras Town Hall, London, England, on Sunday, May 26, 1957. The article stated that Robeson would be heard following a conference organized by the London Paul Robeson Committee as part of a campaign to insure that Robeson gets back the passport which has been denied him by the United States State Department. The article also named several public figures who planned to be at the conference.

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2 - New York (100-25857) (See note page 2)
2 - London (See note page 2)
1 - Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins (By O-6, same date)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review.)
1 - Buffile 100-365659 [redacted]
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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

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On May 27, 1957, [redacted] advised that the above-described broadcast was made as scheduled.

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The foregoing is for your information. Any additional pertinent information received regarding this matter will be promptly transmitted to you.

ATTENTION SAC, NEW YORK, AND LEGAL ATTACHE, LONDON:

As previously instructed in Bureau letter to the State Department dated May 22, 1957, promptly advise the Bureau of any additional information concerning this matter which would be of interest to the State Department. The results of your investigation in this matter should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination.

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted]

Above London "Daily Worker" article as well as above-noted information substantiates presumption this broadcast is part of the campaign of "Let Paul Robeson Sing" committees and national Paul Robeson committee which were previously organized in England to persuade U.S. to grant Robeson a passport. State Department has previously been furnished all information in this matter. ASAC McCabe, NYC, telephonically advised Mr. F.J.Baumgardne 5/28/57 that [redacted] had advised on 5/27/57 that broadcast took place as scheduled.

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Date: 5/27/57

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Mr. Tamm
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Mr. Nease
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Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
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[redacted] No further investigation re this matter is being conducted by the NYO. Any additional information, however, will be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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1 - NEW YORK (100-25857)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: May 28, 1957

FROM : MR. J. M. FITZGERALD

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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At 2:30 P.M., on May 28, 1957, [redacted] Passport Division, State, called on the telephone and said that Robeson is to be given an informal hearing tomorrow morning at 9:30 A.M. in connection with his application for a passport. [redacted] said that the hearing would be held in Room 319, 1717 H Street, N.W., and will not be open to the public. He said that Robeson will be represented by Leonard B. Boudin, a New York City attorney.

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[redacted] added that Boudin is also acting as attorney for Otto Nathan, who is being sentenced in Washington, D. C., tomorrow morning and, therefore, the hearing will probably recess at 11:00 A.M. so Boudin can attend the sentencing of Nathan.

[redacted] went on to state that he is pretty sure Robeson is not going to answer any questions as to prior or present membership in the Communist Party. He said that Robeson has not answered such questions in his passport application.

ACTION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Fitzgerald

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 29, 1957

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re memorandum Fitzgerald to Roach 5/28/57 indicating that Robeson was to be given an informal hearing on 5/29/57 in connection with his application for a passport. At 3:45 p.m. on 5/29/57, [redacted] Passport Division, State, advised telephonically that the hearing of Robeson began at 9:30 a.m., recessed at 10:40 a.m., reconvened at 12:05 p.m. and concluded at approximately 3:00 p.m. He said that Robeson was accompanied by his lawyer, Leonard Boudin, and Mrs. Robeson. He said that he gathered from remarks he heard that the Robesons had come directly to Washington from New York City and were returning to New York tonight by train.

[redacted] said that the hearing was presided over by William A. Duggan of the Passport Division and that a lawyer and two stenographers attached to the Passport Division were present. He said there was no press coverage and he did not see any press representatives around the building at the time Robeson left after the hearing was finished. He said that the hearing was a "wash out" inasmuch as Robeson did not admit any communist connections or activities. He refused to answer questions regarding communism and his activities in connection with the communist movement on constitutional grounds. Johnson said that he "threw the book" at Robeson and used as bases for interrogating him material from House Committee hearings, newspaper material, and information furnished by the Bureau concerning Robeson. At the conclusion of the hearing, Mrs. Robeson remarked [redacted] "What a research job you did on my husband."

[redacted] said that Robeson waxed somewhat oratorical toward the end of the hearing in trying to justify his conduct and said that he merely wanted to go to England to fulfill some concert engagements and to play in Shakespeare's "Othello."

[redacted] said that he will send to the Bureau a copy of the Passport Division's letter of 5/27/57 tentatively refusing Robeson a passport. [redacted] said that all the information used against Robeson in the hearing was outlined in this letter. [redacted] said that Robeson's conduct at the hearing will not improve his chances of getting a passport. [redacted] said that a complete transcript of the

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Fitzgerald

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Memorandum Mr. Roach to Mr. Belmont

RE: PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

proceedings will be typed up and should be ready about the middle of next week. He said that a copy would be sent to the Bureau.

The foregoing summary account of the Paul Robeson hearing as given by [redacted] was related telephonically to the Subversive Control Section immediately after [redacted] call.

ACTION:

For information.

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SAC, New York (100-25857) June 1[illegible], 1957

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Director, FBI (100-12304) (62-65252)

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PAUL ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reurlet 6-6-57 captioned as above.

For your guidance in this matter, you should not initiate any further contact with [redacted] however, should [redacted] again contact your office in regard to his proposal to enlist the cooperation of Robeson with your office, it should be made unmistakably clear to him that his actions in this connection would be his own responsibility. [redacted] should be advised, of course, that this Bureau would [illegible] to have Robeson appear at the New York Office should he desire to volunteer information of value to the United States Government.

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In the event Robeson should contact your office, he should be interviewed by thoroughly experienced Agents. Extreme caution should be exercised in such an interview so as to preclude any possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau. In addition, should such an interview develop, the Bureau feels it desirable that the interview be conducted away from the presence of [redacted] unless the exigencies of the situation dictate otherwise.

Although the enlistment of Robeson's cooperation seems somewhat remote in view of his past activities, you should remain constantly alert to the possibilities presented by this situation inasmuch as the defection of Robeson would undoubtedly have great effect on communist prestige. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of any further developments in this matter.

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Letter to SAC, New York
RE: PAUL ROBESON
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100-12304
62-65252

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is noted Negro singer and key figure of NYO. He was reported to be concealed communist during 1940's. He has constantly supported and entertained at CP and Leftist functions and has publicly praised the Soviet Union. Bufile 62-65252 reflects that three letters, two in 1940 and one in 1950, were directed to [redacted] by Bureau and bore the saluation [redacted] incoming letters concerned his desire to see the Director, his desire to discuss race problems with the Director and a request for authority to use Director's name in conjunction with [redacted] Relet reported ~~that Sissie~~ appeared at NYO 6-6-57. [redacted] There is no indication Robeson might defect, although [redacted] appears to have great influence among members of his race. On a previous occasion, [redacted] advised of friendship with Robeson and belief Robeson would defect. Attempts to develop Riley in this regard proved unproductive. Only possible derogatory information regarding [redacted] concerns [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: May 29, 1957

FROM : Legal Attache, London (100-1182) CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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ReBulet 5/22/57.

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There are attached copies of news items which appeared in the local press indicating that subject ROBESON sang to 1,100 fans in the St. Pancras Town Hall via translantic telephone on 5/26/57. (U)

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SUSPENSE CONTROL

MILLION TO SPEAK FOR ROBESON

Daily Worker Reporter

SPOKESMAN for a million people in the London area meet tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. in the St. Pancras Town Hall, aiming to help win Paul Robeson freedom to travel and sing throughout the world.

Two Labour M.P.s, Dr. Barnett Stross and Mr. Emrys Hughes will speak, along with Mr. Arthur Horner and Mr. Joseph Murumbi, secretary of the Movement for Colonial Freedom.

By a transatlantic hook-up the audience will hear Robeson sing direct from the United States during a concert in the evening.

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"DAILY WORKER"
LONDON, ENGLAND
5/25/57

Re: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, IS-C (Bufile 100-12304)

100-12304 - 406

OFFICE OF LEGAL ATTACHE
AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON, ENGLAND.

ENCLOSURE

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Robeson sings to UK by phone

6-year silence

Reynolds News Reporter

PAUL ROBESON will sing to more than a thousand of his fans in London to-day—over 3,000 miles of trans-atlantic cable.

It will be the first time he has broadcast for six years. Robeson, now 59, has been blacklisted in America for his Left-wing views.

The U.S. Government have refused him permission to leave the country, and revoked his passport. He cannot get work.

This afternoon, from a private studio in New York, Robeson will greet London and sing some of the Negro spirituals that made him famous.

At the other end of the trans-atlantic phone line—St. Pancras Town Hall—1,100 fans, including MPs and members of the London Paul Robeson Committee, will listen.

Petitions

Then they will send out petitions to the American Government, asking them to restore Robeson's passport—"so that he may travel the world with his art."

Earlier, in the same hall, members of the London Paul Robeson Committee, including representatives of trades councils, unions and Co-operative societies, will meet in conference.

There are nearly 200 delegates, representing a total of 1½ million people. And for nearly five hours they will discuss Robeson's no-passport ban.

Mr. Gerald Gardiner, QC, will tell them of the singer's legal position. Then, delegates will prepare petitions. The U.S. Embassy declined an invitation to attend and put America's case.

After the broadcast—it will cost the committee over £80—a tape recording will be sent to Robeson.

RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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REYNOLDS NEWS
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AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON, ENGLAND.

FREE ROBESON SAY MILLIONS

'Europe wants to hear him'

Daily Worker Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES of 1,750,000 Londoners yesterday urged the American Government to let Paul Robeson have a passport so that he could come and sing in Europe.

The "Let Paul Robeson Sing" conference was chaired by Mr. Will Griffiths, Labour M.P. for Manchester Exchange, and addressed by two other Labour M.P.s, a famous actress, a Q.C., and the miners' leader Mr. Arthur Horner.

But the day's most thrilling minutes came after the meeting when Robeson's own voice sang out in a live transmission across the Atlantic telephone cable from New York.

In a darkened auditorium the resonance of Robeson's "My Curly Headed Baby" and other songs thrilled the audience.

Several speeches at the conference referred to our own incipient witch-hunting—and the facts revealed by Lord Chorley on M.I.5 requests for snooping in the universities.

Mr. Horner also drew attention to discrimination against British artists on account of their political views—to voices seldom heard at Covent Garden, where they should be.

Not anti-American

Paul Robeson was an expression of the freedom of culture everywhere, said Mr. Horner. He was a great man who had "dared to stake his own destiny on the right to have an opinion and to express it."

South Ayrshire's M.P., Mr. Emrys Hughes, who flew from Scotland to be present, said that too much anti-American—as distinct from anti-Wall Street—feeling was being expressed, and went on to declare:

"Nothing Paul Robeson would do or say over here would result in any anti-American feeling such as is being whipped up by the Suez group."

The Mayor of St. Pancras, Councillor A. C. Hurst, opening the conference, pointed out that a nursery school in the borough had refused to accept Paul Robeson's son many years ago. It would not have "happened to day with the present council," he said to some laughter.

Miss Marie Burke, the actress, gave a graphic account of the first time she heard Robeson sing "Old Man River," with its composer, Jerome Kern, playing an old-fashioned upright piano—at the first rehearsal for "Showboat" in this country.

"I had never heard him sing before. My eyes filled with tears," said Miss Burke.

She recalled Robeson's charm and his feeling for his fellow men, whom he regarded as "All God's chillun."

Dr. Barnet Stross, M.P., pleaded with the American people to "free this great songbird from his cage and let him sing wherever he feels like it."

A great tradition of freedom from oppression had attracted millions to America's shores. Now there was an hysteria encouraged by McCarthyism. It aimed to create the feeling among the people that they were in danger.

"The truth is that all that is nonsense. The scientists now tell us that the only thing that was secret about the atom bomb was that it had been made—and that was divulged by it being exploded.

The strides nuclear development had taken here was due to the comparative freedom allowed our scientists. But now there were the disquieting revelations that university professors were being asked to spy on students.

Concluded Dr. Stross: "As Senator McCarthy has at last left us, the time has come to bury McCarthyism, so deeply and firmly that if anyone is asked to come and sing for us he will be given every opportunity to come and do so."

Mr. Joseph Murumbi of the Movement for Colonial Freedom said we must tell the Americans that their attitude was not Christian. It was impossible to apply one sort of values to black people and a different sort to white.

Dr. David Pitt, prospective Parliamentary Labour candidate for Hampstead, himself of African descent, said Communism was always used as an excuse for suppressing freedom, as was being done in South Africa today.

S African bar

The ban against Robeson was tantamount to a denial of the right to work. But the anti-freedom movement was invading this country first with the witch-hunt among Civil servants and now with the attempt to spy on university workers—the way it started in America."

Dr. Gerald Gardiner, Q.C., revealed that a barrister who wanted to visit South Africa as an observer at the "treason" trial of the 156 had been told he need not expect a renewal of his passport if he was going there for the defence.

Robeson's last application for a passport had been refused on principle because he had "failed to exhaust all administrative remedies," quoted Dr. Gardiner.

"But we are not in a position to throw stones," he said. In a reference to the university professors, called upon to give information, he added: "I don't think we should have any great trust in professors as politicians."

In the afternoon a tape-recorded message made by Paul was played to the conference. He quoted the words of the Chilean poet Pablo Neruda: "I would come to pound the table with love. I will come to sing and for you to sing with me."

And then followed Paul's own inimitable bass, as resonant as ever, singing three songs, including Blake's "Jerusalem."

In the evening a concert, which included the choir of Welsh [illegible], was interrupted for another [illegible] from Paul in a direct transmission cable hook-up.

"DAILY WORKER"
LONDON, ENGLAND
5/29/57

Re: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, IS-C (Bufile 100-12304)

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To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
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515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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DATE OF REVIEW 6-10-87

Reference is made to communications previously furnished to you regarding captioned individual's transatlantic broadcast to an audience in St. Pancras Town Hall, London, England, on May 26, 1957, following a conference organized by the London Paul Robeson Committee.

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The above is for your information. Any additional pertinent information received regarding this matter will be promptly transmitted to you.

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

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ATTENTION SAC, NEW YORK:

The above is for your information.

For your additional information, on May 29, 1957, a representative of the State Department advised of a hearing which had been afforded Robeson at Washington, D. C., on the same date in connection with his recent application for a passport. Robeson was represented by Leonard Boudin, a New York attorney who is a Security Index subject of your office. Throughout the hearing, Robeson refused to answer all questions regarding communism and his activities on constitutional grounds.

Robeson reportedly attempted to justify his past conduct and explained that he merely wanted to go to England to fulfill some concert engagements. The State Department representative confidentially advised further that Robeson's conduct at the hearing would not improve his chances for obtaining a passport.

A transcript of the proceedings of the above-noted hearing will be furnished to you upon receipt by the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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Subject, a noted singer, is a key figure of New York Office. He has been reported by [redacted] to have been a concealed communist during 1940's. He has constantly supported and entertained at CP functions and has often publicly praised the Soviet Union. Subject has for sometime been attempting to obtain passport for foreign travel but in each instance passport has been refused. Within the last several months a campaign has developed in England under the sponsorship of various Paul Robeso committees for the purpose of attempting to persuade the U.S. State Department to grant Robeson a passport. All information concerning this matter has previously been furnished to the State Department and the Department. The above-mentioned information regarding the passport hearing afforded subject was reported in memorandum from Roach to Belmont dated 5-29-57.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 6/17/57

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON,
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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] b7c dated 6/14/57 at New York. (u)

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MRS. PAUL ROBESON (c)

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Los Angeles is requested to ascertain the identity of the subscriber to the above telephone number and furnish New York with any subversive information re subscriber. Los Angeles is further requested to furnish New York with any information that may be available as to length of subject's stay in that division, as well as activities therein. (u)

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SYNOPSIS:

PAUL ROBESON resides 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City and is a self-employed concert singer. [redacted] a radio broadcast from New York City, to London, England. [redacted] was made by PAUL ROBESON on 5/26/57 from Associated Recording Studies, New York City.

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date, PAUL ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. [redacted] further advised that PAUL ROBESON is presently engaged in the furtherance of his career as a concert singer through lectures, personal appearances, concert engagements and recordings.

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Information Concerning PAUL ROBESON's
Broadcast to England on May 26, 1957

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[redacted] advised that on May 26, 1957, the PAUL ROBESON broadcast to London, England had taken place from 4:15 p.m. to 4:38 p.m. from the Associated Recording Studios, New York City.

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APPENDIX SECTION

National Paul Robeson Committee

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JOHN WILLIAMSON was convicted on October 14, 1949 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On October 21, 1949, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined ten thousand dollars by Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA. He was released from Federal prison on March 1, 1955. WILLIAMSON was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant for deportation and departed from the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

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The subject is a key figure and is carried on the SI of the NYO. Subject's SI cards are current and correct.

A suitable photograph of PAUL ROBESON is available to the NYO.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the SI criteria and still fits these criteria.

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Subject's wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON (New York file 100-56680; Bufile 100-12304) is carried on the SI of the NYO.

REFERENCE

Bulets to Mr. E. TOMLIN BAILEY, Director of Security Department of State dated 5/22 and 5/28/57 with cc's to New York.

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LOS ANGELES	NEW YORK	8/1/57	6/3,18,28;7/8,23,26,29/57

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SYNOPSIS:

PAUL ROBESON arrived in Los Angeles on 6/2/57 and departed 7/6/57. First Unitarian Church advertised his appearance for 6/14 and 16/57. Entertained at Los Angeles Committee For Protection of Foreign Born Festival 6/23/57; a social function at the home of DALTON TRUMBO on 6/25/57; the Los Angeles Sobell Committee on 6/26/57; another social affair on 6/27/57, and a "People's World" mass meeting on 6/28/57.

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I. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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PAUL ROBESON arrived at the Los Angeles International Airport at 4:00 PM on June 2, 1957. [redacted]

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This source advised that on the above dates it had been learned that on July 8, 1957 O'NEIL CANNON, a CP member, [redacted] and FRANKIE SIMS had taken PAUL ROBESON to the International Airport, Los Angeles, California, on July 6, 1957 in order to board an American Airlines flight to San Francisco and Oakland. During his stay in the Los Angeles area, PAUL ROBESON had resided with FRANKIE and GEORGE SIMS. This source advised that FRANKIE SIMS was the former treasurer of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council (NLC) and that GEORGE SIMS was also a member of the Los Angeles NLC.

The National NLC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

II. APPEARANCES OF PAUL ROBESON IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA

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[redacted]

This source advised that [redacted] it was announced by ROSE CHERNIN KUSNITZ that she had received a long distance phone call from the wife of PAUL ROBESON advising that he had accepted the invitation of the LACPFB to sing at their Festival of Nationalities, which would be held on June 23, 1957. It was also announced that ROBESON would give a concert at the First Unitarian Church while in the Los Angeles area.

ROSE CHERNIN KUSNITZ was convicted for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 at Los Angeles, California, on August 5, 1952 and was acquitted by the U. S. Supreme Court on June 17, 1957.

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This source advised that [redacted] was brought out that PAUL ROBESON would be the main attraction at the Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the LACPFB on June 23, 1957. It was hoped that his appearance would draw large numbers of Negroes to the affair.

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An article entitled, "ROBESON Concert Sunday", advised that at 10:00 AM, June 23, 1957, the seventh annual Festival of Nationalities would be held at the pionic grounds at the auditorium at 11621 Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles, California. This affair was sponsored by the LACPFB and would feature PAUL ROBESON.

The "Daily People's World" (DPW), now known as the "People's World", became a weekly publication in February, 1957 and is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted]

This source made available a printed leaflet advising that PAUL ROBESON "in person" would appear on June 23, 1957 at the seventh annual Festival of Nationalities, sponsored by the LACPFB; admission would be 90¢ and the affair would be held at 11621 Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted] This source made available similar material to that of [redacted] advising that ROBESON would appear on June 23, 1957 under the auspices of the LACPFB.

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These sources advised that the seventh annual Festival of Nationalities, sponsored by the LACPFB, was held on June 23, 1957 at 11621 South Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and that over 5000 persons attended. The featured attraction of the affair was the singing of PAUL ROBESON.

[redacted]

On [redacted] there was a meeting of the Los Angeles Area Chapter of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee (LASC) held at [redacted] Los Angeles, California. At this meeting it was announced that PAUL ROBESON would appear [redacted] on June 26, 1957 to sing a number of songs for the benefit of the LASC. It was also announced that the attendance would be limited to 40-45 persons.

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This source advised that on [redacted] there was a party given at [redacted] Los Angeles. At this affair PAUL ROBESON sang 3 songs and spoke in favor of the "People's World".

The source advised that admission was $1.50 but could furnish no information regarding the purpose of the fund raising.

The Annual Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities for the year 1952, House Report No. 2516, page 55, reflects that DALTON TRUMBO, a writer, had appeared before the Committee on October 28, 1947, and had refused to affirm or deny CP membership. TRUMBO was identified as a Communist by [redacted] on September 19, 1951 and by five other individuals during the period 1951-1952.

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This source advised that it had been learned on [redacted] that while in the Los Angeles area PAUL ROBESON had been the guest of honor at an affair given at the home of DALTON TRUMBO. The source advised that only writers and artists had been invited to attend this affair.

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This source advised that on [redacted] a social affair in honor of PAUL ROBESON which he attended was given at [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

[redacted]

On June 28, 1957 there was a mass meeting sponsored by the "People's World" at 1528 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The source advised that over 500 persons were present and that PAUL ROBESON sang a number of songs and spoke briefly, stating that he was resuming "his work" after two years of absence. The source was unable to furnish any information as to the nature of "his work".

"Los Angeles Tribune"
Wednesday, 6/26/57, page 5

An article entitled, "Reception for PAUL ROBESON, Sunday" (June 30, 1957), reflected that an affair in honor of PAUL ROBESON would be given on June 30, 1957 at 1055½ East 41st Street, Los Angeles, California.

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III. SUPPORT OF PAUL ROBESON'S APPEARANCE IN LOS ANGELES BY THE CP AND OTHER GROUPS

[redacted]

This source advised that at a meeting of a CP club of [redacted] Southern California District, CP, held on [redacted] tickets were sold for the LACPFB affair of June 23, 1957 featuring PAUL ROBESON.

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This source advised that at a meeting of [redacted] Southern California District, CP, held [redacted], it was announced to the members present that PAUL ROBESON would appear at the LACPFB Festival on June 23, 1957.

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This source advised that at a combined meeting of [redacted] Southern California District, CP, held on [redacted] all members were urged to attend the LACPFB Festival of Nationalities featuring PAUL ROBESON, on June 23, 1957.

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This source advised that [redacted] it was announced that PAUL ROBESON would be in the Los Angeles area and would be available to appear before any group that was interested.

[redacted]

At a meeting sponsored by the "National Guardian" [redacted] on [redacted] it was announced that PAUL ROBESON would give two concerts in the Los Angeles area. He would appear at the First Unitarian Church and also at the seventh annual Festival of Nationalities on June 23, 1957.

[redacted]

This source made available a printed leaflet advising that PAUL ROBESON would give a concert at the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, California, on Friday, June 14, 1957, and Sunday, June 16, 1957.

APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

An informant advised on May 7, 1957 that the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Since its establishment, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, in extending its scope, has worked for the abolition of all Congressional, State and local committees investigating subversive activities and in the latter part of 1954 became very active in opposition to State and Federal legislation directed at the Communist movement.

FRANK WILKINSON, The Executive Secretary of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, is described by the informant as the "brains and energy" behind the organization.

The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms is not a membership organization. It is an Executive Board with a large mailing list which builds up support behind particular issues rather than behind an organizational program.

Another informant advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

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FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

Eleventh Report of the Senate Investigating Committee on Education for the 1953 Regular Session of the California Legislature, page 126

"The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles has achieved wide influence among college and university faculties and students. It is the customary gathering place for political and religious agitators for social changes among whom proven Communists are welcomed.

"Their financial methods include announced and published admission charges for moving pictures and lectures by educators and others with long records of participation in Communist controlled organizations."

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was, from its inception, [redacted] an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

An informant advised on [redacted] that the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, as of March, 1956, continued to be an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

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

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka, Los Angeles Sobell Committee, Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

An informant advised on May 22, 1956, that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and also referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, adopted its present name (Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell) about August, 1954. The avowed purpose of this Committee is to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from the Federal Prison on Alcatraz Island and to secure for him a new trial and eventually his complete release.

Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were, from their inception, dominated and controlled by the Los Angeles County Communist Party through the assignment of Communist Party (CP) members to work on the Committees and to direct the activities of the Committees.

In March, 1956, critical discussion by CP members was that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell should be reactivated and revitalized in a more aggressive way than it had been in the past and that its activities should be expanded in terms of according maximum mobilization of forces to insure attainment of its objectives.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication, launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394.)

The masthead of the "National Guardian", issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 197 East 4th Street, New York City.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: August 1, 1957

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, wa.
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Enclosed are copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 8/1/57 at Los Angeles, and letterhead memorandum containing the evaluation of the informants.

This report is prepared in order to cover the activities of PAUL ROBESON during his stay in the Los Angeles area.

[redacted]

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances where identities of sources must be concealed.

This report is classified confidential since it contains security information, the unauthorized disclosure of which would adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

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INFORMANTS

Source	Activity	Location
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T-4, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

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REFERENCE: New York letters to the Bureau, 6/17/57 and 6/27/57.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
August 1, 1957

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PAUL ROBESON, wa.

All informants designated by a T-symbol in the report of SA [redacted] dated August 1, 1957, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: August 29, 1957

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF [illegible] DATE [illegible]

Reference is made to communications previously furnished to you concerning captioned individual. (u)

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The above is for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized individuals. (u)

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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1 - San Juan (For Information)

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1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins (By Form 0-6, same date)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

NOTE ON YELLOW: See page 2

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ATTENTION LEGAL ATTACHE, LONDON, AND SACS, NEW YORK AND SAN JUAN:

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Enclosed for the information of Legal Attache, London, is one copy each of five reports concerning captioned subject. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] Any information coming to your attention concerning this matter should be promptly furnished to the Bureau. (U)

New York Office should closely follow subject's activities in an effort to determine whether subject contemplates a trip outside the United States. Any information indicating possible travel by subject outside the United States should be fully developed with regard to duration of travel, itinerary and purpose of travel and the Bureau promptly notified. (U)

One copy of this letter is being furnished for the information of the San Juan Office [redacted] (U) b7D

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is a key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro singer, who has been reported by sources to have been concealed communist during 1940's. He has constantly supported and entertained at Communist Party (CP) and related functions and has often publicly praised both the Soviet Union and the CP. Although the State Department continues to deny subject a passport, they have recently removed restrictions on any travel in the Western Hemisphere for which a passport is not generally required. Enclosed to Legat, London, are serials 360, 380, 393, 408 and 411. This letter is not classified inasmuch as the information contained therein, although furnished telephonically by [redacted] does not warrant classification. b1

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: August 28, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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It is noted that Robeson is a noted Negro singer and key figure of the New York Office. He was reported to be a concealed communist during the 1940's. He has constantly supported the Communist Party (CP) and other "progressive" functions and has been open in his praise of the Soviet Union and the CP. (u)

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OBSERVATIONS:

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It may be noted that Robeson is an internationally known and controversial public figure who has received considerable publicity both in the United States and countries abroad. In substance this publicity strongly establishes Robeson's past and present pro-Soviet and procommunist sympathies. It would appear that much of this public source information should be available to [redacted] c

It is further noted that Bureau file on subject contains voluminous information concerning his past activities. [redacted] (c)

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
Re: Paul Robeson
100-12304

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August 29, 1957

RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Reference is made to previous communications containing information concerning captioned individual. The following additional data is furnished for your information. (u)

Robeson currently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and is self-employed as a concert singer. His public appearances in the last several years have been confined primarily to the United States in view of the denial of the United States Department of State to grant him a passport for travel abroad. It may be noted, however, that the United States Department of State recently removed the restrictions on any travel Robeson may contemplate to countries in the Western Hemisphere for which a passport is not generally required. (u)

Robeson acted as chairman of the Council on African Affairs, an organization cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, until its dissolution in June, 1955. As of June, 1955, he was acting as chairman of the editorial board of "Freedom." It is noted that a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1950 that the editorial board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers. The source also advised that "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper. (u)

The July 14, 1949, issue of the "New York Post and Home News," a New York newspaper, contained an article entitled "Robeson Wants To Be a Stalin, Party Backs Him, House Told." This article stated that a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party National Committee had described Paul Robeson as a "member of the CP for many years who was desirous of becoming the black Stalin." The source stated further that Robeson, whose Communist Party membership was kept secret from the rank-and-file communists, had the encouragement of the Communist Party in this regard. It may be noted that another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1950 that Robeson was a concealed member of the Communist Party from the 1930's to 1945. (u)

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NOTE: See cover memo Belmont to Boardman, captioned "Paul Robeson, Security Matter - C," dated 8/28/57; BCR:sfc.

Also see note page 3.

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In November, 1952, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that earlier in November, 1952, Robeson had stated, "My best friends are communists. I am a communist and proud to be one." (U)

Various sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the period 1950 to 1957 that numerous public appearances of Paul Robeson during the same period were either sponsored, guided or influenced by the Communist Party. The motives of the Communist Party in this regard were to use Robeson's public appearances as a medium to promote progressive causes and to raise funds for the Communist Party. (U)

Various publications in the United States and other countries have, through the period 1949 to 1955, published numerous statements reportedly made by Robeson while in the United States and also while on tour in Europe in 1949. Robeson reportedly expressed openly his sympathies or admiration for the Soviet Union as well as the Communist Party, United States of America. (U)

Robeson has also been reported by several sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and by various publications to have been active through the years as an officer, sponsor or member of numerous organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Some of these organizations include the American Peace Crusade, American Youth for Democracy, China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated, Civil Rights Congress, National Negro Labor Council and National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims. In addition, Robeson has been reported to have been active as an officer, sponsor or member of numerous other Communist Party front organizations including such organizations as the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, Second World Peace Congress and National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (U)

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Paul Leroy Robeson

The December 19, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article entitled "Robeson Wins Stalin Peace Prize, Hailed as Leader of Negro People." The article stated in part that Robeson was one of seven individuals who had been awarded a Stalin Peace Prize on the occasion of Premier Joseph Stalin's seventy-third birthday. (U)

NOTE: This memorandum is classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information furnished by active informants, the disclosure of which, would seriously weaken coverage of Communist Party activities. In addition, the disclosure of the information furnished by these informants would be prejudicial to the defense interests of the United States. (U)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 9/10/57

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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ReWFOlet to New York dated 6/18/57 with no copy to the Bureau.

On 8/28/57 SA [redacted] reviewed the subject's file at the Passport Office, Department of State. Only information placed in the files since it was last reviewed by an Agent of the FBI on 3/9/53 is being reported in this communication.

Passport file contained a letter dated 8/19/53 from the Passport Office to PAUL ROBESON, 155 West 136th Street, New York City, advising ROBESON that in reference to his application for a passport made on 7/29/53 the letter was being written and that in view of information received by the Department of State the issuance of a passport to the subject was precluded by the provisions of Section 51.135 of the Passport Regulations because it had been alleged that he was a communist and had manifested a continued and prolonged adherence to the Communist Party line on a variety of issues. He was told that he could appeal his case and submit as part of the appeal an oath or affirmation of the nature outlined in Section 51.142 of the Passport Regulations.

On July 23, 1954, the subject advised the Passport Office by letter that he had applied for a passport on July 2, no year given. On 7/27/54 the Passport Office advised subject that his application for a passport executed on 7/2/54 had been received and the letter again advised him along the same line as the letter dated 8/19/53 from the Passport Office to the subject.

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On 11/11/54 subject advised the Passport Office that he was going to seek judicial relief unless a passport was given to him.

On 12/14/54 the Passport Office advised subject that since he had not furnished an affidavit as outlined in the Passport Regulations under Section 51.142, he could still ask for a hearing in regards to his request for a passport.

The file reflected that on 1/13/55 the subject instituted a Civil Action #169-55 in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia against the Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES in an attempt to obtain permission for the subject to travel in countries of the Western Hemisphere for which no passport was required for American citizens. His attorneys were JAMES T. WRIGHT, 2003 12th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and LEONARD B. BOUDIN, 25 Broad Street, New York City.

The file reflected that the case in the U. S. District Court was dismissed at a later date and that a summary judgment for the Secretary of State was granted. The file indicated that on 6/7/56 the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia affirmed the judgment of the District Court. On 11/5/56 the Supreme Court of the United States denied the subject a certiorari.

The passport file reflected a letter dated 5/10/55 from LEONARD B. BOUDIN to the Department of State advising that subject had received numerous requests from all parts of the world to appear in concerts, in films, and in plays and had recently received an invitation to appear in a film version of "Othello" to be produced in the Soviet Union. He asked the Passport Office to advise whether a passport could be issued to the subject in order that he could appear in the film.

By letter dated 5/25/55 the Passport Office advised BOUDIN that if the subject desired the Passport Office to consider the matter of issuing an American passport to the subject, the subject should withdraw the court action and submit an affidavit of the nature outlined in Section 51.142 of the Passport Regulations. He was furthermore advised that subject could request a hearing as provided in the Passport Regulations.

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On 10/3/55 BOUDIN by letter requested the Passport Office to issue a passport to the subject in order that the subject could accept an invitation to attend in China, "The Commemoration of Our One Hundredth Anniversary"of the publication of WALT WHITMAN's "Leaves of Grass."

By letter dated 10/11/55 the Passport Office advised BOUDIN that no American citizens were being granted passport facilities to travel to communist China.

On 1/22/57 BOUDIN requested the Passport Office to give a hearing to the subject regarding the subject's application for a passport.

On 2/14/57 the Passport Office requested BOUDIN to advise the subject to submit a new passport application on the application forms in use at that time.

The passport files reflected that a hearing was held for the subject on 5/29/57 at the Passport Office and that a copy of the transcript of the hearing was referred to the Bureau through liaison on 8/16/57.

The passport file reflected that on 8/9/57 a letter was sent to the subject advising him that he could travel in the Western Hemisphere countries for which a passport was not generally required and that any travel to Canada was a matter solely within the province of that country.

The file contained no other pertinent information. RUC.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	9/20/57	8/20,21;9/3 4,5,6,9/57

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was.

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Report made by: [redacted] b7C

Typed By: jeh

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

PAUL ROBESON resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and is self-employed concert singer. Subject described as Chairman OCAA 1944-48; spoke at NCDNL Rally, 4/30/57; was given a birthday party 4/6/57, at which two members of CP National Committee were present; subject sang at funeral of EDWARD STRONG. On 5/28/57, subject attended Polish UN Delegation Reception and in the period March-July, 1957, was in contact with Soviet Nationals, publications and/or Satellite Nationals or establishments. [redacted] b1 Subject given informal hearing re passport case on 5/29/57, at which he refused to answer questions concerning past or present subversive affiliations. As of 8/9/57, subject notified by Passport Office, that further consideration of his passport was being withheld by United States State Department. Subject

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Approved: EXP/SDM — Special Agent in Charge

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notified that restriction as to travel in the western hemisphere where no passport required, was being lifted. [redacted] Subject attended "March on Washington", 5/17/57. T-21 advised at meeting of LACPFB, comment was made that subject planned to move to Los Angeles, California during fall, 1957.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

In April, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which indicated that PAUL ROBESON then resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

In August, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which reflected that PAUL ROBESON at that time resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

In August, 1957, the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflected that at that time, PAUL ROBESON'S mailing address was 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

B. Employment

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 8, 1957, page 2, column 3, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Given Birthday Party." This article noted that PAUL ROBESON was given a surprise party on the occasion of his 59th birthday, and pointed out this party was held shortly before ROBESON planned a concert tour to the west coast.

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper, the Sunday edition of which is "The Worker".

In June, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which reflected PAUL ROBESON had departed for Los Angeles, California on June 18, 1957 and would return to New York near the end of July, 1957.

On July 28, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which reflected PAUL ROBESON had been in excellent voice during a series of concerts in San Francisco, California during that month.

II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Membership in, or Sympathy with, CP Front Organizations

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On May 27, 1957, [redacted] who denied past or present CP Membership, but who was employed [redacted] New York City, [redacted] advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON was Chairman of the CAA during that period. b7C b7D

The CAA has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 29, 1957, page 1, column 1, announced that PAUL ROBESON would be a Speaker at the United Mutual Auditorium, 310 Lenox Avenue, New York City, on April 30, 1957. The article pointed out the meeting was to commemorate the Second Anniversary of the Bandung Conference, and would be held under the sponsorship of the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership.

On [redacted] advised that on April 30, 1957, the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership, held a rally at 310 Lenox Avenue, New York City. [redacted] advised the subject was one of the main speakers and commented on the influence of music as a negro heritage. ROBESON stated the conference at Bandung had served to influence the freedom struggles of the darker people and pointed out the Asian-African block is a powerful influence in the United Nations. b7D

On [redacted] furnished essentially the same information as set forth above.

B. Communist Party Associates

On March 27, 1957, [redacted] advised that LOU BURNHAM informed BEN DAVIS, JR., that a birthday party would be held for PAUL ROBESON in the near future. BURNHAM also indicated a move was in progress to give the subject $10.00 for each of his 59 years.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., is characterized in a subsequent paragraph.

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On [redacted] advised that on April 6, 1957, a birthday party in honor of PAUL ROBESON had been held at Bowman's Bar and Grill, 92nd Street and St. Nicholas Place, New York City. [redacted] advised approximately 175 persons attended and during the evening ROBESON was presented with a scroll and a sum of money. [redacted] advised the majority of persons in attendance, were those who supported WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in the Communist Party Factional Dispute. During the evening, ROBESON commented that he is not bothering to any great extent with politics and is letting his son handle the political end of the family. According to [redacted] BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., and EUGENE DENNIS were sitting with the subject.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 13, 1957, page 2, column 4, disclosed that on February 12, 1957, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., EUGENE DENNIS and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, were elected as members of the New National Committee of the Communist Party during the 16th National Convention of the CP, then being held in New York City.

"The Worker" issue of April 21, 1957, page 4, column 1, contained an article entitled "Communist Party Mourns STRONG." This article concerned the death of EDWARD E. STRONG described by the article as a Communist leader and noted that PAUL ROBESON sang at STRONG'S funeral.

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C. Miscellaneous Activities

1. Contacts with Soviet or Satellite Officials, Nationals, and/or Establishments in March, 1957.

[redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was extended an invitation to attend a dinner to be held at the residence of the Bulgarian Ambassador PETAR VOUTOV, 22 East 73rd Street, New York City, at 8:00 PM, on March 13, 1957.

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On [redacted] advised that on May 28, 1957 b7E
PAUL ROBESON attended a reception held by the Polish UN Delegation in New York City.

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On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON on several occasions during July, 1957, had had lunch with two or more Soviets in the delegates' dining room, U. N. Building, New York City.

2. Subjects Activities in, and Subversive Ramifications of, his Passport Case

The "New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper, issue of April 5, 1957, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON'S Passport Czechmated Again?". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON, holder of a $25,000.00 Stalin Peace Prize, had made another attempt at obtaining a passport and apparently would be turned down by the United States Department of State. It was pointed out that subject's application for passport had been refused on four previous occasions. This article further stated that subject had a case pending before the United States Tax Court, New York City, concerning the sum of $9,500.00 in income tax the subject had not paid when he received the $25,000.00 Stalin Peace Prize in 1953.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 3, 1957, page 7, column 1, contained an article entitled, "British Actors Union Votes Support For PAUL ROBESON." This article noted that a demand to allow PAUL ROBESON to sing in Britain was passed at the annual meeting of Equity-Organization of British Actors in London on May 2, 1957.

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On March 28, 1957, [redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that LEONARD B. BOUDIN, a New York Attorney had recently made inquiries at the Passport Office regarding the travel restrictions against PAUL ROBESON. BOUDIN requested a review of subject's case and further requested he be notified if subject would be permitted to travel outside the United States.

On June 21, 1950, [redacted] advised he knew LEONARD B. BOUDIN to be a concealed member of the Communist Party and actively associated with Communist front organizations prior to 1945.

On June 10, 1957, [redacted] Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised S[redacted] the Passport Office had recently given a hearing to the subject and his case was still pending. He pointed out that no decision regarding the subject's passport had been reached at that time.

FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, by letter dated August 9, 1957, directed to the subject at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, advised him that at an informal hearing on May 29, 1957, the subject had refused to submit an affidavit under current passport regulations, refused to answer questions relating to Communist Party membership, refused to answer questions or to offer an explanation concerning participation in the affairs of Communist Party front organizations in the United States, refused to answer questions concerning close association with Communist functionaries in the United States and abroad and refused to answer questions or offer an explanation of his activities abroad in support of the Communist movement. Subject was notified by this letter that in view of his failure to comply with passport regulations, further consideration of his passport was being withheld until such time as he would be willing to comply with these regulations. The subject was further notified that the restraint on his travel in the western hemisphere in countries for which a passport is not generally required was lifted.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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On [redacted] advised that a rally entitled "March on Washington" was held on that date and consisted of a mass meeting on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C. [redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON was present, but took no active part in the proceedings. b7D

The above information was also furnished on the same date by [redacted] and [redacted] On [redacted] furnished substantially the same information set forth above.

On [redacted] stated that on July 2, 1957 at a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (LACPFB), the comment was made that PAUL ROBESON plans to move to Los Angeles, California for permanent residence some time during the fall of 1957.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND NEGRO LEADERSHIP

On December 31, 1952, an informant advised that the NCDNL was formed to stop attacks against the negro people. On July 17, 1953, this informant advised the NCDNL was at that time highly infiltrated by the Communist Party and had expended its energies on behalf of negroes indicted under the Smith Act of 1940.

APPENDIX

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

[redacted], advised on April 5, 1957 that the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was, from its inception, until at least March, 1955, an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

An informant advised on April 11, 1957, that the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, as of March, 1956, continued to be an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born 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 (100-12304)

DATE: 9/20/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was.
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Enclosed herewith are originals and three copies each of report and reliability memorandum, all dated and captioned as above.

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T-10, [redacted]				
T-11, [redacted]	[redacted]			100-25857-2968
T-12, [redacted]	[redacted]			[redacted]
T-13, [redacted]	[redacted]			100-25857-2960
T-14, [redacted] (Request)	[redacted]			
T-15, [redacted]	[redacted]			100-25857-3044
T-16, [redacted]	[redacted]			100-25857-2956
T-17 [redacted]	[redacted]			100-25857-2956
T-18 [redacted]	[redacted]			100-25857-2956

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T-21, [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	b1 b7D	(LA) 134-38C-5 (NY) 100-25857 304

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report, and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

Informants used to document organizations in the Appendix Section of referenced report are as follows:

1. National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership [redacted] b1
2. Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. [redacted]

ADMINISTRATIVE

On [redacted] advised [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON had been recruited into the Communist Party by WILLIAM PATTERSON. [redacted] did not know [redacted] well enough to comment upon the veracity of his remarks, and stated he gave no indication as to when the above event took place. [redacted] b1 b7C b7D

For the information of the Bureau, on [redacted] appeared at the NYO. [redacted] stated he had

known PAUL ROBESON for [redacted] and believed ROBESON could help himself and his people by cooperating with the United States Government. [redacted]

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By letter dated 6/18/57, the Bureau instructed that no further contact be initiated with [redacted] The Bureau pointed out, however, if ROBESON should contact the NYO, he should be interviewed with appropriate care so as to preclude any possibility of embarrassment to this Bureau. To date, ROBESON has made no contact with the NYO.

Information set forth in referenced report relative to the decision of the State Department as a result of the informal hearing given the subject on 5/29/57, was received by the NYO from the Bureau on 9/6/57 along with photographs of the proceedings of the hearing.

As a matter of information, subject's wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, (NY 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304) is now on the SI of the NYO.

This case has been reviewed in the light of SI criteria and still fits this criteria. Subject is a key figure and his SI cards are current and accurate.

A suitable photograph of PAUL ROBESON is available in the NYO case file.

This report is classified confidential inasmuch as it contains information which if disclosed, would be injurious to the National Defense.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will maintain contact with [redacted] and [redacted] for any additional information which may be received, indicate subject is planning a trip to countries in the western hemisphere where no passport is required.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

2. New York will further be alert for any information to indicate subject is planning to move to California in the near future.

REFERENCES Reports of SA [redacted] dated 3/25/57 and 6/14/57.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/1/57, at Los Angeles.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
September 20, 1957

Re: Paul Le Roy Robeson

In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, the following evaluation pertains to informants set forth in the details:

1. [redacted] and [redacted] were in a position to furnish reliable information.

2. [redacted] and [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past.

3. [redacted] and [redacted] are [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)

RE : PAUL ROBESON;
ESLANDA ROBESON
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Rebulet to New Haven, cc to New York City, dated 2/16/51, entitled "MORAL REARMAMENT ASSOCIATION, INFO CONCERNING", Bureau file 62-43223. - 172

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] confidentially [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON attended showing morning of 9/21/57 of "Second Phase" MRA play written, staged, and acted by native African Negroes now in USA under MRA auspices, some from New African nations like Ghana. Play depicts need for purity in personal life and honesty in Government. Later back stage Africans sang for ROBESON who replied singing for them.

Same date, group of MRA women at United Nations Center entertained Mrs. ROBESON, who stated "If you want to win my husband, you have to win me first".

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ROBESON accepted invitation to attend MRA film "Freedom" with all African cast 9/25/57 at Auditorium, Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York City.

[redacted] requested discreet use above information, said would furnish Los Angeles further results of MRA attempts to win ROBESONs from other influence. b7C/b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 10/7/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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On 10/2/57, [redacted] furnished information concerning a conversation on that date between PAUL ROBESON, JR. and an unidentified female. This information tended to indicate that the subject was to give a concert on Saturday (10/5/57). The concert would be accomplished by means of telephone broadcast and was to originate from Associated Recordings, 723 7th Avenue, NYC, 6th floor. The concert was to be made for the Steadforth (Ph) Festival in Wales. Information furnished by [redacted] did not disclose whether the concert was to be transmitted directly to Wales on 10/5/57 via telephone or was being pre-recorded for transmission at a later date.

During above conversation, PAUL ROBESON, JR. remarked that "he", believed to be subject, would be leaving within a week and a half. ROBESON, JR. did not specify the destination but stated, "It makes sense to do it there because it's organized there and it will make just as big an impact there". ROBESON, JR. also stated that a lot of things can be done"here" when "he" gets back. It is believed that ROBESON, JR. is referring to a trip that his father, the subject, contemplates making within the next week and a half.

NYO will remain alert through continued contact with [redacted] for any indication that subject may be leaving NYC and will advise Bureau when and if departure is made and will attempt to determine subject's destination.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

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On 10/14/57, [redacted] advised that in conversation between PAUL ROBESON, Jr. and subject on that date, subject said he thought he would take a 10:00 night flight tomorrow night (10/15/57) and get "out there" in the morning. Subject stated trip would be "about 5 weeks-most of November" and he intended to "keep it open to shoot back and forth". ROBESON, Jr. said he did not realize subject was leaving so soon and ROBESON, Sr. said he had "this thing" (singing engagement) Friday, (10/18/57). Subject mentioned he "figured, just for the record, to take a couple of weeks maybe down in Jamaica". b1

On 10/15/57, [redacted] advised that in conversation between ROBESON, Jr. and BEN DAVIS, Jr., DAVIS inquired if PAUL (ROBESON, Sr.) got away and ROBESON, Jr. said he was going that evening and thought his plane was leaving at 11:00. b1

Passenger lists of flights leaving La Guardia Field and Idlewild International Airport, NYC, for Los Angeles and San Francisco between 9:00 PM and 11:00 PM, 10/15/57, did not reflect subject's name. Subject was not observed boarding any flights during this time, particularly AA and TWA flights leaving Idlewild at 11:00 PM for San Francisco.

Subject's reference to "out there" and leaving in evening and arriving in morning offers possibility that ROBESON's destination was Los Angeles or San Francisco, where he has had singing engagements in past.

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Los Angeles and San Francisco contact appropriate sources for ROBESON's whereabouts and duration of visit in order to cover activities while away from NYC, and particularly any plans by ROBESON to travel outside US.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 10/18/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re NYairtel dated 10/16/57.

10/16/57 edition of "Daily Worker" reflects PAUL ROBESON will sing at annual testimonial dinner of LACPFB on October 26 at 6:30 PM, Park Manor, 607 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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TITLE OF CASE

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.

Report made by [redacted] b7c

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Synopsis:

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Subject resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC. She is employed by the "New World Review," 23 W. 26th St., NYC, as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions and is the "New World Review" correspondent to the UN. Automobile registered to subject observed at site of the NYC CP Convention, 1/25-27/57. Subject attended funeral of CP leader 6/25/57; was elected as one of two co-chairman of the Committee of Women of the NCASF, 1952; attended NCASF Board of Directors meetings, 1956; was Chairwoman of NCASF Forum, 9/23/57; spoke at TUP meeting, 1/4/57; held one year subscription to "The Worker," 1956. Articles by-lined by subject appeared in April and May, 1957 issues of "Blitz News Magazine," described by [redacted] as a pro-Communist Indian newspaper and in May and June, 1957 issues of "New World Review." Subject in contact with Soviet and Satellite establishments in USA, 1956-1957. Informants cognizant of some CP

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activity in NY area report no recent or additional information re subject.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

In August and September, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which reflected that during that time ESLANDA ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

B. Employment

On September 30, 1957, [redacted] made available the October, 1957 issue of "New World Review." This issue listed ESLANDA ROBESON as "Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions and United Nations Correspondent."

On October 8, 1957, [redacted] advised that ESLANDA ROBESON was, at that time, an accredited correspondent to the United Nations at New York City for the publication, "New World Review," located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. [redacted] stated the subject's accreditation expires on January 14, 1958.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Sympathies

On March 13, 1957, the records of the [redacted]

[redacted] were checked by SA [redacted] These b7C/b7D
records reflected that during the New York State CP Convention held at Chateau Gardens, New York City, from January 25 to January 27, 1957, an automobile bearing New York 1957 license 9-C-6080 was observed receiving or discharging passengers at Chateau Gardens.

These records further reflected that the above automobile was a 1950 grey Oldsmobile registered to ESLANDA GOODS ROBESON, 408 West 128th Street, New York City.

On [redacted] advised that on June 25, 1957, funeral services for JAMES W. FORD, described by [redacted] as a deceased CP leader and organizer, were held at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and Seventh Avenue. According to [redacted] the subject was one of many persons who attended and delivered eulogies concerning FORD. b7D

On [redacted] furnished substantially the same information set forth above regarding subject's attendance at the funeral for JAMES W. FORD on June 25, 1957.

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathies With CP Front Organizations

The National Committee for American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF).

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

On [redacted] furnished information which reflected that approximately one week

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prior to December 9, 1952, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON had been elected "one of two national co-chairman of the Committee of Women of the NCASF."

On [redacted] furnished material which reflected that ESLANDA ROBESON had attended meetings of the Board of Directors of the NCASF on July 26, 1956, and September 20, 1956. [redacted] further made available information which reflected that during the meeting on July 26, 1956, the subject was appointed to a committee of three persons who were to make recommendations concerning the appointment of a new National Chairman of the NCASF.

"The Worker" issue of September 15, 1957, page 11, columns one and two, contains an advertisement for a lecture on travel in the Soviet Union to be held on September 23, 1957, at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This advertisement noted that chairman for the evening would be ESLANDA ROBESON and the affair would be sponsored by the Committee of Women of the NCASF.

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"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an Eastcoast Communist newspaper.

On [redacted] advised that on September 23, 1957, a Forum of the NCASF was held at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at which a report on a recent visit to the Soviet Union was presented. [redacted] advised that ESLANDA ROBESON acted as Chairwoman of the Forum and at the end of the meeting commented on her own travels in the Soviet Union in 1950.

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. Teachers Union of Philadelphia (TUP)

On [redacted] advised that on January 4, 1957, the subject delivered a lecture before a meeting of the TUP held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. According to [redacted] the subject spoke of her work as a correspondent to the United Nations, then continued with the main topic of her lecture, namely, the role of Africa in current world affairs. The subject pointed out that Africa constitutes the last great land mass under the domination of the colonial powers and its struggling millions would, by sheer weight of numbers, inevitably disintegrate this domination. According to [redacted] the subject compared the Soviet actions in Hungary to the British action in Kenya, and asked how could the Soviets be censored for their actions and not the British?

On [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, furnished essentially the same information relative to subject's lecture at the TUP meeting on January 4, 1957 as set forth above.

C. Miscellaneous Activities

On March 5, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which reflected that Mrs. E. G. ROBESON, 408 West 128th Street, New York City, held a one year subscription to "The Worker," which subscription was scheduled to expire on February 27, 1956. According to this information, it was indicated the subscription had been renewed after expiration.

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On May 10, 1957, [redacted] made available the May, 1957 issue of "New World Review." This issue on page nine contained an article entitled, "The Changing Face of the UN," by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. The article concerns the physical make-up of the Eleventh Session of the UN General Assembly and points out that while more darker Nations are now represented the Western powers try to avoid this obvious fact. The article states that domination of the UN by the West is gradually losing ground since it has been challenged by Nations like Russia, India, China and the New Africa.

On June 12, 1957, [redacted] made available the June, 1957 issue of "New World Review." This issue on page 15 contained an article entitled, "China and the UN," by-lined ESLANDA ROBESON. This article supports the admission of the Peoples Republic of China into the UN and covers various legal measures practiced in the past by both the East and the West on the China question.

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D. Contacts With Soviet and Satellite Establishments In the United States

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In [redacted] furnished information which reflected subject was among persons invited to attend a dinner at the residence of PETAR VOUTOV, Bulgarian Ambassador, at 22 East 73rd Street, New York City on March 13, 1957.

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In April, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which reflected arrangements had been made for ESLANDA ROBESON to visit the Soviet UN Delegation in New York City on April 9, 1957.

On [redacted] advised that ESLANDA ROBESON and her husband had had lunch with two or more Soviets in the Delegate's Dining Room of the UN Secretariat, New York City, on several occasions in July, 1957.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some Communist Party activity in the New York area were contacted during September and October, 1957, relative to subject and could furnish no recent or additional information concerning her.

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NEW WORLD REVIEW

Cited as an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda. It was formerly known as Soviet Russia Today.

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 76.)

THE TEACHERS UNION OF PHILADELPHIA

On [redacted] and [redacted] an informant advised that the TUP had become a weak organization and stated the group at that time was seeking to re-organize under more favorable conditions. This informant further stated the leadership of the TUP continued to be comprised of CP members and sympathizers.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: OCT 3 1 1957

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.
SM - C

Enclosed herewith is an original and three copies each of the report of SA [redacted] and Reliability Memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File No. where Located
T-1	[redacted]			
T-2	[redacted]			100-6393-1A 100-6393-1A-416 100-6393-1A-415
T-3	[redacted] (Request)			Instant report
T-4	[redacted]			
T-5	[redacted]			
T-6	[redacted]			100-7518-4798

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T-8	[redacted]		b1 b7C b7D	100-56680-419
T-9	[redacted]			100-56680-420
T-10	[redacted]			100-56680-422
T-11	[redacted] USPO, NYC (Request)			100-56680
T-12	[redacted]			100-56680-435
T-13	[redacted]			100-56680-410
	[redacted]			100-56680-412

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

Informants cognizant of some CP activity contacted relative to the subject during September and October, 1957, are as follows:

Informant	Date of Contact	Agent	Location
[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted]	Instant repo
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Informant used to document the TUP in the Appendix Section of referenced report was [redacted] b7D

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The subject is carried on the SI and her SI cards are current and accurate.

This case has been reviewed in the light of SI criteria and still fits those criteria, inasmuch as subject continues in a leadership capacity of the NCASF.

A suitable photograph of the subject is available to the NYO.

Subject's husband, PAUL Le ROY ROBESON is a key figure of the NYO.

This report is being classified "Secret", inasmuch as it contains information which, if disclosed, would be injurious to national defense and inasmuch as it contains information received from [redacted] b7D

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/28/56, at NYC. b7C

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
October 31, 1957

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Eslanda Cordozo Robeson, with aliases
SM - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York. The following is the evaluation of informants contained therein:

[redacted] and [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] and [redacted] were in a position to furnish reliable information.

[redacted] is [redacted]

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
OCT 31 1957

Re: Eslanda Cordozo Robeson, with aliases
SM - C

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[redacted] and [redacted] were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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To

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[ ] Clerk .....

Date 10/31/57

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Title ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was
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Re Bureau Form 0-17 dated 11/18/57.

Attached are four copies of amended reliability memorandum dated 10/31/57 at New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
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ReNYairtel 10/16/57. On 11/4/57 [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON would return to New York on 11/5/57 or 11/6/57, would stay one day, and then depart for Washington, D. C.

On this same date, [redacted] advised that on 11/4/57 ESLANDA ROBESON, subject's wife, was in contact with MARILYN ROBESON, subject's daughter-in-law, and informed her subject had returned to New York. ESLANDA stated she and subject would go to Washington, D. C., on Thursday (11/7/57) and, further, subject would take part in "the thing on Sunday" (11/9/57). In connection with this, ESLANDA instructed MARILYN not to mention it to anyone. MARILYN inquired if ROBESON was going "back" (to Los Angeles) to which ESLANDA stated he would return there near the end of the month.

With regard to subject's trip to Washington, D. C., on 11/7/57, it is pointed out that this date is the anniversary of the 40th founding of the USSR and ROBESON may, as he has done in the past, attend a celebration of this event at the Soviet Embassy in that city.

With regard to "the thing on Sunday" mentioned above, it is noted that "The Worker" issue of 11/3/57, page 10, col. 1 & 2, contained an advertisement for an "Annual Rally for Peace" to be held at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, 11/9/57, at Carnegie Hall, NYC, under the auspices of the NCASF. This advertisement stated the rally will be held to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Soviet State and the 24th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the US and the USSR. It further announced that a musical program will be presented and the rally will be attended by the Cultural Attache of the USSR Embassy.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11/6/57

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should subject or any unauthorized person become aware we have knowledge of above information. (u)

Submitted for information. (u)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11/14/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was.,
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Reference is made to NY Airtel dated 11/5/57.

On 11/6/57, [redacted] advised that on that date captioned subject was in contact with his son, PAUL ROBESON, JR. Subject discussed his recent tour of California and commented on various plans for the future.

[redacted] advised subject stated that the one important thing to him is that the ministers in the Bay area - San Francisco and Oakland - have a pattern of banding together and this includes minister's councils, Baptist Alliance and interdenominational groups. These people, ROBESON stated, are working to obtain an auditorium for him. He pointed out that during his recent tour he obtained an auditorium in Stockton, California. He also sang in a school and in Sacramento, California, he sang for a minister's union in a Baptist Church.

Subject stated everybody attended his Sacramento concert including the critics from the city's two newspapers. Following the program, these critics came to the stage, greeted ROBESON, and led him to believe they are now behind him in his efforts to obtain an auditorium in Sacramento.

Subject commented he was extremely well received in California and expected to return there near the end of November, 1957. ROBESON stated that GOODRICH (ph) had set things up in Omaha, Nebraska and he, the subject, will stop in Omaha on his way to California later this month. ROBESON stated he expects to keep busy in California where in Los Angeles he has been so well received by SWITCHMAN's (ph) Church and the American Committee For Protection of Foreign Born. His new burst of activity has given him a chance to "shift" around both on the East and West Coast.

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In connection with this, he expects to "shift" from California to Mexico City where he will do special performances for the "Mexican Community", described by ROBESON as a very progressive section.

ROBESON stated many of the ministers (in California) have a radio program and on his return have offered him one hour on Sunday morning to sing before a large radio audience. He further stated there is an FM radio station in Berkeley California, which is musically important. He has been interviewed by station officials and, according to subject, he can go there to sing any Saturday night he feels like it.

Enclosed herewith is an original and four copies of a blank memorandum in the event the Bureau desires to disseminate the information re subject's trip to Mexico City as furnished by [redacted]C

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Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions should be alert for any indications subject will depart California for Mexico in the near future. Any indications that subject intends to leave or is leaving the United States should immediately be furnished the Bureau.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished the Omaha Division for purposes of information inasmuch as subject has indicated he will stop in Omaha on his way to California in the latter part of November, 1957.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
November 14, 1957

Re: Paul Le Roy Robeson, with aliases.

A source, which has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on November 6, 1957, Paul Robeson, then in New York City, indicated he would return to California near the end of November, 1957. This source stated Robeson was highly pleased with the recent success of his California concert tour. Robeson indicated that sometime following his return to California, he intended to "shift" to Mexico City where he will do special performances. Source was unable to furnish any additional information re subject's contemplated trip to Mexico.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

RE: PAUL ROBESON
IS - C

[redacted] advised 11/26/57 that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON on 11/20/57 at 800 South Plymouth Boulevard, Los Angeles, in a lecture series on American Culture under his own auspices, stated he has written a play and has discussed it with PAUL ROBESON, having in mind ROBESON playing the lead. This they decided would have to be played for a select audience and ROBESON feels it is not worth the effort.

LAWSON has been identified by numerous former members of the Communist Party (CP) during course of sworn testimonies for House Committee on Un-American Activities as having been a key figure in the CP apparatus in motion picture industry during 1940s.

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(1 - 100-80918) [redacted]
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[redacted] on 5/22/56, advised SA [redacted] that on [redacted] attended a special committee meeting of CP members at [redacted] The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the formation of a CP educational apparatus in the Los Angeles area.

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Above information is furnished as possible indication of ROBESON's defection from CP cause.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399388) 12/9/57

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On 12/6/57, [redacted] advised that on that date, [redacted] who identified himself as from Ebony magazine, contacted [redacted] concerning an article [redacted] was doing. [redacted] advised [redacted] he had some Questions to ask him and they agreed to meet on 12/7/57 at ROBESON'S residence.

On 12/7/57, [redacted] advised that in a conversation between the [redacted] and an unidentified female on that date, [redacted] mentioned she couldn't talk to the female earlier because a reporter from "Ebony" was at the ROBESON residence taking pictures of "PAUL".

It is believed above-mentioned article in "Ebony" may possibly pertain to [redacted] PAUL LEROY ROBESON, and above is furnished for the information of the Bureau, in the event this article materializes.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was
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ReNYlet to Bureau dated 11/14/57.

On 11/25/57, [redacted] furnished information which indicated subject departed from New York via airline boarded at Idlewild International Airport, NYC, at approximately 11:00 p.m. on 11/25/57. Informant was unable to furnish any additional details of subject's trip. However, it is believed that subject is on his way to California. Copies are being furnished to interested field divisions for their information.

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ReBulet 11/26/57.

The possibility exists that PAUL ROBESON is the individual to whom [redacted] was referring as one contemplating defecting from the CP. This possibility is pointed up by the following data disclosed by a review of information in the NY file entitled: PAUL LEROY ROBESON:

On 6/6/57, [redacted] appeared in the NYO [redacted] stated he [redacted] believed ROBESON could help himself and his people by cooperating with the U.S. government. [redacted]

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By letter dated 6/18/57 the Bureau instructed that no further contact be initiated wit[redacted] The Bureau pointed out, however, if ROBESON should contact the NYO he be accorded an appropriate interview. To date, ROBESON has made no contact with the NYO.

On 10/30/57, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on 10/27/57 he heard PAUL ROBESON speak at the Unitarian Church. From his comments [redacted] stated he believed a change seemed to be taking place in the thinking of ROBESON. He pointed out that he had heard that many old-time Negroes in the CP are dropping out because of disillusion.

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On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] a meeting of [redacted] "People's World" was held at [redacted] During this meeting [redacted] delivered a report on the "PW" Workshop Committee. She stated she had written Mrs. PAUL ROBESON several times to get PAUL ROBESON for speaking engagements while in California. When no reply was received [redacted] telephoned Mrs. ROBESON who told her to contact PAUL ROBESON while he was in Los Angeles. She did and PAUL told her that he had been identified with the "left" for the past ten years or more and has decided not to be identified with the "left" any longer. He said that on the advice of Negro leaders it was decided to no longer continue his activities in "left" organizations. He stated neither he nor Mrs. ROBESON will appear for affairs sponsored strictly by the "left".

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On 11/8/57, [redacted] advised that on 11/1/57 a reception honoring PAUL ROBESON was held at 236 East 102nd St., Los Angeles, California. According to [redacted] during his speech ROBESON stated that BEN DAVIS, a great friend of his, got into the wrong channel in joining the CP resulting in his being sent to jail. ROBESON stated they were still great friends because every man has a right to his own political thinking.

As a matter of information [redacted] has furnished information on a continuing basis as to activities of [redacted] This informant also furnishes information re subject and his wife, ESLANDA ROBESON. No information has been received from [redacted] to indicate in any way that ROBESON is contemplating or intends to defect from his association with the Communist movement.

[redacted] has furnished continuing information on the activities of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., CP leader and close friend of ROBESON. No information has been received from this source to indicate in any way that ROBESON intends to defect.

It is further noted that as late as 9/23/57, an article entitled: "Robeson Urges Gov't Defend Constitution Against Racists" by PAUL ROBESON appeared in the "Daily Worker" of that date, page 5, column 2.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing indications of withdrawal from association with the CP, it is believed that the Bureau's instructions of 6/18/57 should be continued in effect with reference to ROBESON. It may be noted that ROBESON is still seeking issuance of a passport and an approach to him might be used to attempt to further his cause.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 12/26/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was.,
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Reference is made to NY Airtel dated 11/26/57 reflecting information that captioned subject departed NY for California on 11/25/57.

On 12/5/57 [redacted] (Conceal) furnished information which indicated that subject intended to return to New York on or about 12/8/57. On 12/9/57 this same informant advised subject had returned to New York and would remain in New York until his next concert in California at the end of January (1958). Informant also stated ROBESON indicated he would like to go to the West Indies but the trip was still in the planning stages. b1

On 12/17/57 [redacted] (Conceal) advised that on that date subject was still in New York City. b1

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to Los Angeles and San Francisco for information in view of their interest re subject.

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SAN FRANCISCO	NEW YORK	12/19/57	12/12,13/57

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b7C

TYPED BY: lps

CHARACTER OF CASE

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SYNOPSIS:

Arrangements for subject's concerts in Sacramento, California, on 10/25/57 reported to have been arranged by NEWELL JOHNSON, [redacted] Concerts given by ROBESON on 10/8/57 in Oakland, California, and 10/25/57 in Sacramento, California. [redacted] ROBESON's concert tour was being made to determine if ROBESON had enough political following or could secure enough backing to attempt to take over the NAACP on a national scale.

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DETAILS

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] NEWELL JOHNSON of Berkeley, California, [redacted] arranging for a concert to be given by PAUL ROBESON at the St. Paul's Baptist Church, 12th Avenue and 40th Street, Sacramento, California, under the sponsorship of the Negro Baptist Ministers Alliance of Sacramento, [redacted] he felt the Communist Party (CP) members were morally weak and the CP was not capable of bringing about any constructive changes for society.

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

On September 16, 1957, [redacted] advised that BEN DAVIS, identified by [redacted] as a member of the Sacramento County Communist Party, stated when advised of the forthcoming ROBESON concert, that he and other CP members would support the concert 100% and he and other CP members would assist in arrangements if called upon to do so in any way.

San Francisco [redacted] advised on October 8, 1957, that at a meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party Committee held on [redacted] at [redacted], it was announced that a Communist Party sponsored symposium scheduled for October 18, 1957, had been postponed as PAUL ROBESON was in town for a concert on that date.

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On October 21, 1957, San Francisco [redacted] advised that he attended the concert given by ROBESON at the Saint's Rest Baptist Church, 2723 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, California, on October 18, 1957. [redacted] advised that after the recital which consisted in the main of religious songs, ROBESON spoke of his travel abroad stating that the Western nations must awake to the fact that the world is about two-thirds colored and the yellow, brown, and black races are not going to sit back and be mistreated any longer. ROBESON stated that these races want the full freedom and rights they are entitled to, no less and no more.

On [redacted] advised that he attended the concert given by ROBESON on October 25, 1957, at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 12th Avenue and 40th Street, Sacramento, California, [redacted] the primary purpose of ROBESON's concert tour was to determine if ROBESON had enough political following to attempt to take over the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on a national scale. [redacted] ROBESON felt that he must have the backing of Negro religious leaders before he could make such an attempt.

[redacted] advised that it was contemplated that ROBESON would return in the Spring of 1958 for another tour.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: December 19, 1957

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6907)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 12/19/57 at San Francisco, four copies of which are being forwarded as enclosure to this letter, along with four copies of a letterhead memorandum commenting on the reliability of informants utilized in this report.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were used only in those cases where the identity of the source must be concealed.

This report is classified confidential because it contains information, which if disclosed, could injure the national defense of the United States.

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6907)
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REFERENCE

New York airtel dated 10/16/57.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-6907

San Francisco, California
December 19, 1957

All informants used in the report of SA [redacted] dated 12/19/57 at San Francisco, entitled "PAUL LEROY ROBESON, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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1 - Mr. [illegible]
1 - Mr. [illegible] T.
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SAC, New York (100-4931) December 26, 1957

Director, FBI (100-3-4)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet 12-13-57.

The Bureau believes that your observation that Paul Robeson might be the individual to whom [redacted] was referring is well taken. You should be particularly alert for additional information indicating that Robeson is contemplating defecting from the Communist Party. You should not, however, discount the possibility [redacted] was not referring to Robeson; and, therefore, you should remain alert to exploit any possibility that may arise in this matter.

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If [redacted] has not contacted your office in connection with this matter within 45 days from the date of this letter, you are requested to furnish the Bureau your recommendations as to interviewing him.

Keep the Bureau advised of all developments in this case.

1 - New York (100-25857)
1 - 100-12304 (Paul Leroy Robeson)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

During the course of another investigation, [redacted], advised that a woman, described by him as being a former member of the Communist Party (CP) who has testified before several Congressional Committees handling subversive activities, has informed that a very prominent CP member is contemplating defecting from the CP. According to [redacted] individual has been awarded the Stalin Cross. He advised that according to the information, one of the big deterrents was that the individual might be subpoenaed by some Congressional group in an effort to make that person tell all he knew about CP activities. [redacted]

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Letter to SAC, New York
Re: Communist Party, USA
100-3-4

NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED:

[redacted] refused to divulge either the source of his information or the identity of the CP member. By letter dated 11-26-57 Bureau requested New York to consider possibilities that [redacted] was [redacted] and that Paul Robeson or [redacted] was individual contemplating defecting. By letter dated 12-13-57, New York furnished information indicating Robeson may be disengaging himself from CP and could be the individual [redacted] was referring. Robeson's activities are being closely followed in case on him and New York was instructed in that case on 6-18-57 not to initiate interview with Robeson, but to accept information that he might volunteer. Robeson is currently seeking a passport which has been denied him in past and approach by FBI at this time might be used by him to further his case and to embarrass Bureau. If positive information is developed [redacted] was referring to Robeson, consideration will again be given to interview of him by Bureau Agents.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)(100-84275)

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It was then indicated the matter would be further discussed in the next day or so. (u)

Review of NYO files of subjects fails to disclose identity of Jamaica "chap". (u)

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Reference is made to previous communications concerning captioned individuals. (U)

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Re: Paul Leroy Robeson [redacted] b7c

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is a key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro singer who has consistently supported the Communist Party and related front groups and has likewise been outspoken in praise of Russia. Patterson [redacted] is current chairman of the Communist Party National Civil Liberties Commission. Patterson's wife is a current member of the Communist Party. [redacted] (c)

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This memorandum classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information from an inherently sensitive source and inasmuch as any disclosure of this information to unauthorized source would prejudice national defense interests.

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, IS-C CONF

Robeson has had court action pending for some time attempting to force State Department to issue him passport. State Department advised Robeson on 8-9-57 it was lifting the restraint on his travel to countries in Western Hemisphere, but refused him passport. [redacted] (c)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-7629)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)
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Rebulet dated 1/8/58, concerning information furnished by [redacted] that in October, 1957, PAUL LEROY ROBESON conducted a concert in California for the purpose of determining if ROBESON had enough political following to attempt to take over the NAACP on a national scale.

Relet requested the NYO to furnish a memorandum, suitable for dissemination, setting forth information concerning the extent of ROBESON's association with [illegible] activity in the NAACP together with a documented summary of ROBESON's subversive background.

It is noted that ROBESON and the NAACP are subjects of voluminous case files in the NYO and in order to attempt to specify ROBESON's connections with the NAACP it would necessitate an exhaustive file review. It is known that ROBESON's file fails to reflect that in the past several years he was active in or influential in the NAACP. There is no indication from any other source that can corroborate information furnished by [redacted] It is also known that the NAACP investigation has failed to reflect that ROBESON has any control or position of influence in the NAACP.

[redacted] and [redacted] who are in a position to furnish information regarding the activities of ROBESON almost on a day-to-day basis have not furnished any information indicative that ROBESON is active in the NAACP or is desirous of becoming influential in the organization.

The NYO from interviews conducted with [redacted] and from public statements made by the NAACP is aware of the NAACP policy to deny membership to known members of the CP or other subversive organizations.

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Letter to DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 100-7629

In the past ROBESON has been publicly associated with the CP, CP functionaries, has made pro-Soviet statements and has been active in and/or officer of approximately 30 CP Front Groups. There has been no specific indication that ROBESON has ceased association with or altered his sympathies towards subversive movements and/or individuals. In view of ROBESON's reputation with these subversive groups and individuals, under the current NAACP policy, ROBESON would not be permitted to become a member or a leader in the NAACP.

ROBESON is under active investigation in the NYO. If any information is developed that ROBESON is active in or is developing a large following within the NAACP, this information will be expeditiously submitted to the Bureau.

In view of the above, the Bureau is requested to advise NY whether it would be necessary to prepare a memorandum setting forth that information furnished by [redacted] together with a documented summary of ROBESON's subversive background. The Bureau is also requested to advise whether the documented summary requested on ROBESON should include all activities or simply the documentation presently used in reports concerning ROBESON.

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DECODE OF CODED CABLE NUMBER 530 DATED JANUARY 20, 1958 AT LONDON, ENGLAND. RECEIVED VIA STATE DEPARTMENT.

URGENT

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, WAS., INTERNAL SECURITY-C. ADVISE WHETHER SUBJECT HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED PASSPORT TO TRAVEL TO EUROPE. [redacted] INQUIRING.

~~JOHN A. CIMPERMAN~~

RECEIVED: 1-20-58 9:08 AM MVS

[redacted], PP OFFICE, SD, ADVISED [redacted] LIAISON, ON 1/21/57 THAT ROBESON HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED PP. BR

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Cablegram to Legat, London 1-21-58 BCR/ffc

cc: Mr Belmont
cc: Mr Ferris

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1 - Mr. Bartlett
1 - Mr. Rachner

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TO LEGAL ATTACHE LONDON (100-1182)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-12304)-441

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, WAS., IS DASH C. REURCABLE JANUARY TWENTY, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT. STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISED JANUARY TWENTY, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, THAT ROBESON HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED A PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO EUROPE.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

YELLOW: Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro concert singer who has for several years supported communist and communist front causes. He has on numerous occasions spoken openly in praise of the Soviet Union and has likewise spoken in derogatory manner concerning United States. Subject has consistently been denied passport by United States State Department although State recently lifted ban on travel by subject to countries in the Western Hemisphere where passport is not generally required.

[redacted] As noted above, [redacted] Passport Office, State Department, advised [redacted] Liaison, on 1-20-58 that Robeson had not been issued passport and issuance not contemplated.

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To: SAC, New York (100-25857)

From: Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reurairtel 1/31/58.

Reairtel contains information furnished by [redacted] indicating that a book apparently written by Robeson entitled, "Here I Stand," would be published on "Monday" (presumably 2/3/58). Immediately attempt to determine the background regarding the reported writing and publishing of Robeson's book. Determine specifically the date and place the book was or will be published and, if possible, obtain one copy for transmittal to the Bureau.

1 - [redacted] Room 331, Old Post Office Building

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro concert singer who has for several years supported communist and communist front causes. He has on numerous occasions spoken openly in praise of the Soviet Union. [redacted] concerned, among other things, information concerning Robeson's book. It is not clear whether the book will be published in the United States or Russia. There has been indication in past that Robeson was writing a book; however, the specifics concerning the contents and publication data has not been known. New York being requested to determine the circumstances in view of above information and to obtain a copy of the book, if available.

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1 - Liaison Section

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Date: February 5, 1958

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Reference is made to previous communications concerning captioned individual. (U)

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Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro singer who has consistently supported the Communist Party and related front groups and has likewise been outspoken in praise of Russia. [redacted] It may be noted (C) that the ban on Robeson's travel to countries in the Western Hemisphere where passports are not required was recently lifted by State Department. It may also be noted in recent past Robeson received considerable publicity concerning his intentions of appearing in various countries outside the United States since the lifting of this ban. This letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as [redacted] furnishing same was so classified.

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Date: February 6, 1958

To: [redacted]
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Enclosures (6)

1 - Ottawa (See note page 2)
1 - Detroit (See note page 2)
1 - New York (100-25857) (See note page 2)
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ATTENTION Legal Attache, Ottawa and SACs Detroit and New York:

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro singer who has consistently supported the Communist Party and related front groups and has likewise been outspoken in praise of Russia. [redacted] It may be noted that the ban on Robeson's travel to countries in the Western Hemisphere where a passport is not generally required was recently lifted by the State Department. It may be noted further that Robeson has received considerable publicity in recent past regarding his intentions to travel to various countries outside the United States for singing engagements. [redacted] This letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as its enclosures contain information which if disclosed to unauthorized persons would be prejudicial to national defense interests. b1 (c)

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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

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INS records, NYC, reflect TAMARA Y. MAMEDOVA as the wife of ENVER N. MAMEDOV, chief editor of "USSR" magazine attached to staff of Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. (u)

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Approved: Edward J Powers
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Date:

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LEONID G. VELICHANSKY, according to INS records, is "Tass" correspondent in NY. (U)

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Copy of instant communication is being furnished the San Francisco Division inasmuch as subject reportedly is presently in that division. (U)

[redacted] (U) (C)

Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should the subject or any unauthorized individual become aware we have knowledge of the above information. (U)

Submitted for information. (U)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (Your file 100-25857 DATE: 2/19

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FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-12304-445

SUBJECT: Paul Leroy Robeson Is C Office of Origin: N. Y.

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. Room 1260

Report submitted _____

6 month Report will be submitted by 3/20/58

Reason for delay _____

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2. (✓) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. (✓) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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1 - Mr. Nease
1 - Mr. Thornton
1 - Mr. Kitchens

SAC, New York (100-4931)

February 6, 1958

Director, FBI (100-3-4)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet dated 1-22-58.

Authority is granted to recontact [redacted] in an effort to resolve the identity of the prominent Communist Party member, who according to [redacted] is contemplating defecting from the Communist Party.

This interview must be handled in a discreet manner to preclude the possibility of causing embarrassment to the Bureau.

Promptly advise the Bureau of all developments in this matter.

1 - New York (100-25857)

1 - Bufile (100-393216) [redacted]
1 - Bufile (100-12304) (Paul Robeson)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

During the course of another investigation, [redacted] advised on [redacted] that a woman described by him as being a former member of the Communist Party (CP) who has testified before Congressional committees handling CP activities had informed him that a very prominent CP member was contemplating defecting from the CP. He advised that according to the information one of the big deterrents was that the individual might be subpoenaed by some Congressio group in an effort to make that person tell all he knew about CP activities. [redacted] He said that he would do every thing in his power to pursuade the individual to defect and he would then, if he could convince the individu to do so, make arrangements for FBI Agents to interview him. [redacted] refused to divulge either the source of the information or the identity of the CP member. By letter dated 11-26-57 Bureau requested New York to consider possibility [redacted] source was [redacted] and that Paul Robeson or [redacted]

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Letter to New York
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
100-3-4

NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:

individual contemplating defecting. By letter dated 12-13-57 New York furnished information indicating Robeson may have disengaged himself from CP and could be the individual [redacted] was referring. By letter dated 12-16-57 Bureau requested New York to remain alert for additiona information indicating that Robeson is contemplating defecting from CP. New York was also instructed to consider requesting Bureau authority to reinterview [redacted] if he had not contacted New York Office within 45 days. New York has requested such authority and advises that the Agent who originally contacted [redacted] will conduct the interview if Bureau authority granted. [redacted] has been cooperative with Bureau in the past, and it does not appear that above interview would cause any embarrassment to Bureau.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN 2/12/58

DATE: February 11, 1958

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
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SYNOPSIS:

Robeson is controversial Negro concert singer who has consistently supported communist and related front causes and has been outspoken in praise of Russia. He recently wrote and published book entitled "Here I Stand," which purports to explain his dedication to winning freedom for Negro, the meaning of fight for Negro freedom, and means of obtaining such freedom. In dealing with question he seeks to explain his political stand. He charges controversy concerning him originated with "Big White Folks," his persecutors and real "Un-Americans." He explains sentiment for Soviet Union and Afro-Asian nations stems from their support of colonial liberation movement and their views against racial discrimination. He denies any connection with "international conspiracy" (makes no denial of connection with Communist Party (CP)); admits association with nonconformists and radicals; and criticizes Government for refusing him passport. He denounces segregation and its advocates and proposes coordinated mass Negro action through effective leadership to fight for Negro freedom. He makes no reference to FBI and content of book provides no new intelligence data to Bureau.

BACKGROUND:

Robeson is noted Negro concert singer who has long been controversial figure due to his consistent support of communist and related front causes and his outspoken praise of Soviet Union. He was chairman of Council on African Affairs (cited by Attorney General) until its dissolution in 1955. State Department has refused Robeson passport since 1950 for failure to answer questions concerning CP membership; however, State Department has recently lifted ban on travel by Robeson to countries in Western Hemisphere where passport is not generally required. Robeson, his wife, and his son are current Security Index subjects of New York Office. His son, Paul, Jr., was recently elected to the New York State Communist Party Board.

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Robeson authored book "Here I Stand" published February 3, 1958. He states he was assisted by noted Negro writer, Lloyd L. Brown, who is believed identical with Lloyd Louis Brown, a current member of

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
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the CP National Committee [redacted] The book was published by Othello Associates (apparently affiliated with Othello Recording Company, a company controlled by Robeson in handling of his recordings), and available to date only in Jefferson Book Shop, New York City, which deals in communist and front group literature. b7c

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS:

Robeson emphasizes his dedication to winning freedom of Negro and explains purpose of book to discuss meaning of fight for Negro freedom and means of securing such freedom. In so doing, he seeks to explain his current political viewpoint in an effort to set the record straight.

Robeson claims current controversy concerning him originated with "Big White Folks" who he describes as his persecutors and real "Un-Americans." He shows contempt for these people and in turn expresse concern for the Negro as well as the common people, i.e. working class, foreign born, nationality groups, Jewish people, middle class progressives, and people in arts and sciences.

Robeson emphasizes his basic views have not changed for years. He claims he voiced friendly sentiment for Soviet Union and Afro-Asian nations several years ago and has seen no reason to change his views in face of a cold war and "McCarthyism." He alleges his sentiment for Soviet Union and Afro-Asian nations is founded in their support of "colonial liberation movement" as well as their support of the Negro people throughout the world. He claims the Soviet Union in world affair has been an important factor in this regard and cites as an example how the Soviet Union blocked "Western Imperialists" from retaking the Suez Canal from Egypt. Robeson charges that his warm feeling for the Soviet Union has, according to Washington officials, made him a part of an "international conspiracy." He emphatically denies ever having been a part of an "international conspiracy" or knowing anyone who is. (At no time does Robeson deny present or past CP membership). He claims his refusal to testify before legislative committees is based upon the unconstitutional nature of committee inquiries. He describes the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) as the "Un-American Committee."

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With reference to his passport case, he charges that State Department's refusal to grant him a passport is arbitrary. He claims there is no evidence to support Government charges and alleges his passport refusal is based upon his concern for Negro rights. In general, he attempts to put across point that his support of Soviet Union and Afro-Asian policy concerning colonial liberation movement and racial equality has been misinterpreted as Un-American activity. He frequently criticizes the State Department and United States Government concerning both domestic and foreign policy in this regard. He continuously emphasizes the alleged lack of racial discrimination in European and Asian countries as contrasted to the United States.

At one point Robeson expresses his conviction in scientific socialism as an advancement to a higher stage of life and as being superior to "capitalistic imperialism." He does not elaborate further on this matter; however, he does comment at one point about the "new China" (Red China) in a favorable light and also emphasizes that the "communists of the world denounce racism."

Robeson admits he has never hesitated to associate with nonconformists and radicals, and in this regard points out his long association with Ben Davis, current national CP functionary. He points the mutual interest of himself and Davis in regard to the fight for Negro freedom. He goes on to describe the Smith Act convictions as unconstitutional and likewise denounces the Walter-McCarran Act.

The majority of Robeson's comments deal with his views concerning Negro inequality in the United States. He denounces segregation and its advocates. He proposes coordinated mass Negro actio built around strong Negro leadership to cope with the current crisis. He suggests a central fund, concerted Negro support of already existent organizations such as National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the exertion of influence of the Negro in labor unions.

In concluding, Robeson compliments the Soviet Union on the launching of the Sputnik and describes it as a step toward world peace.

Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
100-12304

OBSERVATIONS:

Robeson's book appears to be directed to the Negro reader for whom it will undoubtedly have appeal. He attempts to analyze the world racial situation from the standpoint of the Negro and apparently attempts to incite the Negro into a form of concerted action for the purpose of fighting for Negro equality. It would appear, however, that Robeson's attempts to explain and justify his political views, as related to his discussion of the racial question, is obviously an attempt to influence public opinion in the United States and abroad to his favor for the purpose of influencing the State Department to issue him a passport. It is noteworthy that Robeson evades any specific reference to the CP, USA, and fails to provide any argument regarding his alleged support of CP, USA, and front group causes other than his previous association with the Council on African Affairs.

It is noted that Robeson's book contains no reference to the FBI and likewise contains no new information of intelligence value to Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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LOS ANGELES	NEW YORK	2/17/58	10/21;11/1,8,26;12/12/57; 1/3,16,24,30;2/7/58

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, WA.

Report made by: [redacted] b7C

Typed By: DLR

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Synopsis:

PAUL ROBESON arrived in Los Angeles, California on 10/25/57 and departed from Los Angeles on 11/6 or 7/57. He was guest artist at Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born affair on 10/26/57. While in Los Angeles ROBESON visited with SHIRLEY TAYLOR and WILLIAM COTTLE TAYLOR, members of the Communist Party in the Los Angeles area.

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DETAILS:

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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PAUL ROBESON arrived in Los Angeles, California via American Airlines at International Airport, Los Angeles, on October 25, 1957. While in Los Angeles ROBESON stayed at the residence of FRANKIE SIMS and GEORGE SIMS, 236 East 102nd Street, Los Angeles. Informant advised that FRANKIE SIMS was

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the former Treasurer of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council and that GEORGE SIMS was also a member of the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council.

The National Negro Labor Council has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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PAUL ROBESON departed from Los Angeles on November 6 or 7, 1957.

ACTIVITIES

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF LOS ANGELES

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PAUL ROBESON was the star attraction at a program sponsored by the Religious Freedom Committee of the First Unitarian Church held on June 14, 1957 at the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles. The money raised by this program was used to pay taxes for the First Unitarian Church.

LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN (LACPFB)

[redacted]

PAUL ROBESON was the featured attraction at the Festival of Nationalities sponsored by the LACPFB on June 23, 1957 at Croatian Park, 11625 Budlong Avenue, Los Angeles. At this affair ROBESON also gave a brief speech in which he criticized the State Department of the United States for having revoked his passport.

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PAUL ROBESON sang several songs at the testimonial dinner sponsored by the LACPFB in honor of the LACPFB attorneys. This affair was held October 26, 1957 at Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles.

"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD" (DPW)

The DPW, now known as the "People's World", became a weekly publication in February, 1957 and is a west coast Communist newspaper.

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PAUL ROBESON was guest of honor and sang several songs at a mass meeting sponsored by the DPW on June 28, 1957 at 1528 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. During the course of this affair ROBESON also made a brief speech in praise of the DPW.

RECEPTION FOR ROBESON

[redacted]

A reception honoring PAUL ROBESON was held on November 1, 1957 at 236 East 102nd Street, Los Angeles, the home of FRANKIE and GEORGE SIMS.

MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted]

PAUL ROBESON visited with WILLIAM COTTLE TAYLOR and SHIRLEY TAYLOR while in the Los Angeles area in October or November, 1957.

[redacted]

WILLIAM COTTLE TAYLOR was a member of the Communist Party (CP) as of January 19, 1958 and had attended some meetings

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of the Southern California District Council of the CP shortly prior to that date.

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SHIRLEY TAYLOR was a member of a club in the Moranda Smith Section, Southern California District, CP, as of January 8, 1958.

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FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

Eleventh Report of the Senate Investigating Committee on Education for the 1953 Regular Session of the California Legislature, page 126

"The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles has achieved wide influence among college and university faculties and students. It is the customary gathering place for political and religious agitators for social changes among whom proven Communists are welcomed.

"Their financial methods include announced and published admission charges for moving pictures and lectures by educators and others with long records of participation in Communist controlled organizations."

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LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

According to the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1955, page 388, "This particular committee is well known as a Communist front."

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APPENDIX

LOS ANGELES NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL

An informant advised on [redacted] that the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council was, during the entire period of its existence, the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council. According to the informant, the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council went out of existence in the Fall of 1955.

The National Negro Labor Council has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 2/17/58

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, Wa.
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 2/17/58 at Los Angeles and four copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the subject.

This report is classified Confidential since it contains security information, the disclosure of which would adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Agent to Whom Furnished	Location
T-1 is [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Oral
"	[redacted]	"	"
T-2 is [redacted]			[redacted]
T-3 is [redacted]			[redacted]
T-4 is [redacted]			[redacted]
T-5 is [redacted]			[redacted]

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3-New York (100-25857)(Encls.6)(REGISTERED)
1-Los Angeles
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T-6 is	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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T-8 is	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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T-10 is	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
T-11 is	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
T-12 is	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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T-13 is	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
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T-20 is [redacted]			[redacted]
T-21 is [redacted]			[redacted] b1
T-22 is [redacted]			[redacted] 7C
T-23 is [redacted]			[redacted] 7C
T-24 is [redacted]			[redacted] 7C
T-25 is [redacted]			[redacted] 7C
T-26 is [redacted]			[redacted] 7C

DOCUMENTATION OF ORGANIZATION

Los Angeles Negro Labor Council [redacted]

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/1/57 at Los Angeles. b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
February 17, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-25861

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
With Alias
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

All informants utilized in the report of SA [redacted] dated February 17, 1958 at Los Angeles have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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W. E. Sullivan

Reference is made to NY airtel 1/31/58 and Bureau airtel 2/4/58.

On [redacted]C purchased two copies of the book "Here I Stand" by PAUL ROBESON at the Jefferson Book Shop, 100 East 10th Street, NYC. The book, which was published 2/3/58, is available in a paperbound edition at $1.50 and in a clothbound edition at $2.50. An inspection of the book reveals that it was published by Othello Associates, Inc., Box 283, Manhattanville Station, New York #27, NY, and was copyrighted 1958 by PAUL ROBESON, all rights reserved. The book is dedicated to subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON and consists of 128 pages. A copy is being enclosed for the use of the Bureau.

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It is noted that the Jefferson Book Shop, mentioned above, deals in Communist and front group literature and is operated by MOSES WECHSLER (Bufile 100-399388). A telephonic survey of representative book stores in Manhattan on 2/4/58 reflected "Here I Stand" was not yet available for purchase with the exception of the Jefferson Book Shop.

With regard to the actual printing of "Here I Stand," the second page of the book, which bears copyright notice and publisher's name, also contains the printer's union symbol and shop number, 412.

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The Official Directory of Union Label Printing Offices, dated April 1957, issued by the Allied Printing Trades Council, 62 Park Row, NYC, reflects that number 412 is listed to the New Union Press, Inc., 119 Fourth Avenue, NYC. It is noted that the 5th floor at 113-119 Fourth Avenue, NYC, is occupied by the "New Union Press" and the "Prompt Press" (Bufile 100-124080).

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On 7/25/54 [redacted] advised that Prompt Press is owned by BORIS COHEN [redacted] and his wife, FAGEL, and that BORIS COHEN also owns New Union Press. b1 b7C

On 2/5/58 [redacted] furnished information that on that date an unidentified man contacted PAUL ROBESON, JR., subject's son [redacted], and stated he desired to purchase ten copies of "Here I Stand." ROBESON, JR. advised he only had six or seven copies of the book, but there was a batch of them at PHIL'S printing place. b1 b7C

On 2/6/58 an unidentified person at the Arlain Printing Co., 2349 Eighth Avenue, NYC, was telephonically contacted under pretext by SA [redacted] This person advised that his company had a large number of copies of "Here I Stand" and could fill any order. It is noted that this company is owned and operated by CYRIL MONTROSE PHILIP [redacted]

With regard to the name Othello Associates, Inc., it is noted that in the past subject and his son have used the name Othello Recording Company and/or Corporation as a device to make and sell subject's records and to distribute same.

On 12/3/57 [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON, JR. contacted a person in the office of HOPE STEVENS [redacted] and inquired if a book could be published under a different name, for example, Othello Publishers instead of Othello Recorders. ROBESON, JR. stated he was authorized to issue recordings but wanted to know if he could also issue books. b1 b7C

On this same date [redacted] stated PAUL ROBESON, JR. was in contact with a person believed to be LLOYD LOUIS BROWN [redacted] They spoke about subject's book being put out under a different name. BROWN stated subject could do it as a subsidiary using the old name under the rights thereby acting as a publishing division of the Othello Recording Corporation. BROWN stated subject would need a Post Office Box. A woman, believed to be BROWN'S wife, LILY KASHIN BROWN [redacted] told ROBESON, JR. she would make arrangements for the Post Office Box and deposit some money in a bank under the name Othello Recording Corporation. b1 b7C

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It is noted that LLOYD LOUIS BROWN is a member of the National Committee of the CP USA. [redacted]

On 2/5/58 the records of [redacted] were checked by SA [redacted] These records revealed that a change of name card was submitted on 12/19/57 changing the name Othello Recording Corporation to Othello Associates, Inc. This change was filed by MILTON H. FRIEDMAN, Attorney-at-Law, 342 Madison Avenue, NYC.

As a matter of information, page thirteen of "Here I Stand" under Author's Forward contains the following comment of subject: "But these hasty snatches and fragments are not enough, and so in these pages I have sought to tell the story more fully. In doing this, I have been assisted by my friend, the gifted Negro writer Lloyd L. Brown, and I am deeply grateful for the warm understanding and creative quality of his work with me."

Any additional information relative to this matter will be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (Your file 100-25857 DATE: 3/1

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-62304-450

SUBJECT: Paul Leroy Robeson Sec C Office of Origin: N.Y.

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 7260

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted 3/20/58

Reason for delay _____

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2. (✓) Advise Bureau re status of this case.

3. (✓) Advise Bureau when report may be expected. b/c [redacted]

4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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Date: 2/26/58

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Portland (100-9258)

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[redacted] PAUL ROBESON to appear in concert in Portland, Ore. [redacted] Date set for ROBESON's appearance is March 18 next.

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Portland (100-9258)

PAUL ROBESON
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RePD CINAL 2/26/58, concerning [redacted] appearance of PAUL ROBESON in Portland on 3/18/58.

Announcement of ROBESON's scheduled Portland concert was made by Portland press on 3/5 and 6/58. The OREGON JOURNAL of 3/5/58, in announcing that ROBESON would give his first concert in Portland in almost ten years at 8:00 p.m., 3/18/58, in Botsford auditorium on the Reed College campus, described ROBESON as "the famed Negro baritone with political overtones in the left-wing range." It added that ROBESON, "known in the past decade for his sympathetic attitude toward communism," would be presented in Portland by the Focus Club of Reed College," which has no affiliation with the college or any other organization."

The OREGONIAN of 3/6/58, made a similar announcement, describing ROBESON as "one of the most famous Negro singers of this generation and a politically controversial figure in the last decade because of squabbles with the State Department over alleged Communist sympathies." According to the OREGONIAN, ROBESON "will present a vocal program of his own choosing under the sponsorship of the Focus Club,

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a student group of about 40 members." The newspaper pointed out that ROBESON's last appearance in Portland was in 1949 and he last sang at Reed College in 1939.

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DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted] (C) 3/12/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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Copy of instant communication is designated for Los Angeles and San Francisco Divisions, inasmuch as subject is reported to be on the West Coast and is expected to return to New York in latter part of March. (u)

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Submitted for information. (u)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 3/18/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, wa
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Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of a blank memorandum relating to information received on 3/15/58 from [redacted]

Informant advised that on 3/15/58 ESLANDA ROBESON stated she is planning to travel to the West Indies on 4/15/58 for a stay of a week or two with a United Nations group.

[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past. Any additional details re subject's trip as may be received from [redacted] will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
March 18, 1958

RE: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

In March, 1958, an informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on [redacted], [redacted] Eslanda Robeson stated she was planning to travel to the West Indies [redacted] and would be there for a week or two. She stated she would make the trip with a United Nations group.

Eslanda Robeson is the wife of Paul Robeson, Negro singer and actor.

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1 - Mr. Rachner
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Date: March 27, 1958

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

EX-128

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

Information has been received indicating that captioned individual planned to travel to the West Indies on April 15, 1958, for a stay of one or two weeks. It was indicated that she would make the trip with a group from the United Nations.

It may be noted that Eslanda Cordozo Robeson is the wife of Paul Leroy Robeson. Information concerning both of these individuals has previously been furnished to you.

The above is for your information.

BY COURIER SVC. 05 MAR 28 COMM-FBI

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

2 - New York (100-56680)

Attention, SAC, New York:

Reurlet 3-18-58. CONFIDENTIAL

Remain alert for additional information concerning the proposed travel by Eslanda Robeson to the West Indies. Any information received indicating that Eslanda Robeson

1 - Records Administration Branch (By Form 0-6, same date)

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

intends to conduct business or make contacts in the West Indies on behalf of the Communist Party, USA, or related groups, which would be a violation of her credentials as an accredited correspondent at the United Nations, should be resolved and the Bureau immediately advised.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in Security Index. She is an editorial consultant for "New World Review" (cited as an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda) and is an accredited correspondent in the United Nations for this publication. She has for many years rendered extensive support to the Communist Party (CP) and numerous front organizations. She has held several leadership positions in communist front organizations. Information concerning subject's proposed travel as a member of a United Nations group is being furnished to State in view of its interest in subject as accredited correspondent to United Nations. State has previously expressed interest in developing information indicating that subject may have violated her United Nations credentials and, therefore, the New York Office being alerted to the possibility that subject may do so during her travel to West Indies, where it is well known that the CP, as well as subject's husband, has many contacts. [redacted] and Legal Attache, London, being advised by separate memorandum. *Legat, Havana and San Juan likewise being advised.*

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
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ReNY telephone call to Bureau, 2:05 p.m., 3/18/58, and to WFOairtel to Bureau, 3/14/58, with enclosed letterhead memorandums also dated 3/14/58.

It is noted that letterhead memorandum mentioned above on page one, states that on [redacted] identified PAUL ROBESON as being a member of the CP as recently as 1953.

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WFO letter to Baltimore, 6/11/57, captioned, "MARCH ON WASHINGTON, MAY 17, 1957" copies to NY, on page 18 and 19, contained information received from [redacted] on [redacted] On page 19 [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON, among others, was known to him to support and follow the CP line. He made no reference to ROBESON as a CP member as recently as 1953.

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On [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] and stated he had no knowledge or information that PAUL ROBESON was a CP member as late as 1953. He further stated that he has never had any knowledge that ROBESON was a member of the CP at any time. [redacted] advised that to the best of his knowledge he had not furnished any such information re ROBESON to either the WFO or the NYO.

ROBESON has not been openly identified as a member of the CP subsequent to approximately 1945.

It is suggested that the WFO make necessary changes in all copies of referenced airtel and letterhead memorandum. NY copies have been changed appropriately in ink.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	3/20/58	2/5-6,10-13,23,25-27;3/3,5,6/58

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was.

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Report made by [redacted] b7C

Typed By: bab

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

PAUL ROBESON resides 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and is a self-employed concert singer who recently has been appearing in New York and California. Subject speaker at NCASF Rally 11/10/57; was in contact with Soviet and satellite nationals and/or establishments 1957. Book "Here I Stand" authored by subject published 2/3/58, having been printed by New Union Press. [redacted] reported that county and regional committees want CP clubs to campaign for sale of "Here I Stand", each club to accept twenty-five copies for sale. At a meeting of [redacted] CP Club on [redacted] copies of "Here I Stand" were distributed to members. One "PAUL" described by [illegible] J. DAVIS, JR., as having a brilliant and big Marxist mind. Subject attended memorial meeting for MARION BACHRACH [redacted] Informants cognizant of some CP activities in NY

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area report no recent or additional information regarding subject. "New York Times" newspaper on 2/4/58, report ROBESON appeal passport denial to make appearance in England, summer, 1958; appeal reportedly again denied by U.S. Department of State.

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DETAILS:

I BACKGROUND

A. Residence

In January and February 1958, [redacted] furnished information which reflected that subject's residence address in these months was 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

B. Employment

On October 2, 1957, [redacted] advised that subject was scheduled to give a concert on October 5, 1957, which would be handled by means of a telephone broadcast originating from Associated Recording, 723 7th Avenue, New York City. [redacted] advised this broadcast would be made in connection with the Steadforth Festival in Wales, Great Britain. [redacted] was unable to advise if the scheduled concert was being transmitted directly to Wales via telephone or being pre-recorded for later transmission.

In October, 1957, [redacted] advised that the "Sunday Dispatch" newspaper, London, England, issue of October 6, 1957, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Sings to Miners". The article read in part, "Negro singer PAUL ROBESON talked and sang to 3,000 Welsh miners last night

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over a 3,000 mile Transatlantic cable. Because of his left-wing politics the United States Department of State would not let ROBESON travel to Europe, so the miners, held a rally at Porthcawl, Glamorgan, phoned him at a studio in New York. He told them in a 15-minute broadcast: 'I have just won my right to go anywhere in the Americas so I know I shall soon see you in Wales.' "

On November 6, 1957, [redacted] advised that in November, 1957, PAUL ROBESON in discussing his recent concert tour in California, indicated that various individuals in San Francisco, and Oakland, California, were working to obtain an auditorium for him. He stated that during his recent tour he had sung in an auditorium in Stockton, California, and before a ministers union in Sacramento, California. Subject stated he was extremely well received in California, and he planned to return to the West Coast near the end of November, 1957. He further indicated that possibilities existed on the West Coast for him to engage in radio broadcasts.

On November 13, 1957, [redacted] advised that during November, 1957, the subject expressed the opinion that he is at his best when singing in California and a possibility existed there that he can get someone in Oakland to make his recordings.

On December 29, 1957, [redacted] advised that during December 1957, PAUL ROBESON indicated he would soon be making recordings on the West Coast in addition to his concert work in churches and other organizations.

In December 1957, [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was then in California doing concert work and was expected to return to New York near the middle of January 1958.

On January 22, 1958, [redacted] advised that during January 1958, PAUL ROBESON indicated that he had finished some recording work for Vanguard Records and that in his opinion his voice was better in 1958, than it was twenty years ago.

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On January 24, 1958, [redacted] advised that during January, 1958, PAUL ROBESON had completed a new musical album for Vanguard Records New York City.

On January 31, 1958, [redacted] furnished information which indicated that PAUL ROBESON was then in California and would return to New York on February 15, 1958.

The February 12, 1958, issue of "Variety" newspaper, page sixty-nine, contained an article entitled "One-Man Campaigner Cries 'Foul'; Fails to Halt PAUL ROBESON Concert." This article concerned a concert given by PAUL ROBESON at the Cook Auditorium Theater, San Francisco, California, during early February 1958. It noted that ROBESON sang to a near capacity crowd in the 2,000 seat theater resulting in an estimated gross receipts for the concert of $5,600. The article pointed out that efforts to prevent the concert had failed and this was ROBESON's first concert in a city owned theater in Northern California in about ten years.

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In January and February 1958, in addition to that set forth above, [redacted] furnished information which reflected that PAUL ROBESON was a self-employed concert singer currently engaged in giving concerts on the East and West Coasts, making recordings in New York, and planning a wide-range of concert activities in the future. [redacted] further advised that PAUL ROBESON planned to be in Los Angeles, California, to continue his concert activities on February 28, 1958.

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathies with Communist Party Front Organizations

"The Worker" issue of November 7, 1957, page four, column two contained an article which noted that PAUL ROBESON would speak and sing at a Carnegie Hall meeting, New York City

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of the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship (NCASF) to be held Sunday, November 10, 1957. The article pointed out that ROBESON was flying East from the West Coast to share in the traditional observance of the anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union and the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the USSR.

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

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 12, 1957, page one, column one, contained an article concerning a rally of the NCASF held November 10, 1957, at Carnegie Hall, New York City, at which the subject was a speaker. Concerning remarks of the subject, the article stated, "ROBESON recalled that visiting the Soviet Union in 1954 was 'as I often afterwards said, like standing on a new planet' where he felt no discrimination as to color existed. 'Now' he said, 'we begin to see it will be possible to stand on another planet' and survey the earth. Enemies of the Soviet Union, he declared, had better forget about pushing them back they'd better just decide to live in peace and friendship".

It is noted that the date 1954 in the above article is an obvious misprint as informants who attended the rally reported that ROBESON actually said 1934.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication in January, 1958.

On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON attended the NCASF rally on November 10, 1957, held in Carnegie Hall, New York City. [redacted] stated ROBESON sang b7D

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several Russian songs and in a speech expressed his elation over the successful Russian satellites. According to [redacted] ROBESON stated that his people, like the Russians, had known poverty and slavery. He stated he would never forget all that Russia has done for him nor would he ever forget his first visit there where he was treated like an equal.

During November, 1957, [redacted] and [redacted] furnished substantially the same information set forth above relative to subject's participation at the NCASF rally held November 10, 1957, at New York City.

B. Communist Party (CP) Associates

In September, 1957, [redacted] advised that on September 3, 1957, BEN DAVIS had visited the subject at his residence 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

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On [redacted] advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON had recently been elected to the State Committee of the New York State CP.

On [redacted] advised that according to [redacted] the New York State CP Committee and the National Executive Committee of the CP had approved a list of functionaries for "The Worker". Included was WILLIAM PATTERSON, General Manager.

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Records of the Clerk of Court, Criminal Division, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflected that on July 31, 1956, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was found guilty of violating the Smith Act of 1940. On September 17, 1956, Federal Judge ALEXANDER BICKS imposed a one year sentence on TRACHTENBERG as a result of this conviction.

Records of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, reflected that on September 17, 1956, a notice of appeal was filed by TRACHTENBERG. Following the entry of the notice of this appeal, Judge BICKS granted a defense motion to continue the defendants in United States vs. TRACHTENBERG, Et Al on their present bail.

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 13, 1957, identified JAMES E. JACKSON as one of the twenty members at large elected to the National Committee of the CP at the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA held in New York City February 9-12, 1957.

C. Miscellaneous Activities

1. Contacts with Soviet or Satellite Officials Nationals and/or Establishments

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Subject's son PAUL ROBESON, JR., will be documented in a subsequent section of this report.

On [redacted] advised that on October 8, 1957, ROBESON attended a reception held at the Rumanian Mission to the UN held at the headquarters of the Mission on East 93rd Street, New York City. b7D

On [redacted] advised that on November 7, 1957, he attended a reception held at the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., which was given in celebration of the October Revolution. [redacted] stated that among persons in attendance at this reception was PAUL ROBESON. b7C b7D

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2. Subversive Ramifications in the Publishing, Printing and Distribution of Subject's Book "Here I Stand"

On October 28, 1957, [redacted] furnished information which indicated that at that time PAUL ROBESON was engaged in writing a book. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning it.

In November, 1957, [redacted] advised that during that month LLOYD BROWN was in contact with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. [redacted] further advised that BROWN was interested in a book concerning PAUL ROBESON and desired Mrs. DAVIS, wife of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., to type the manuscript of the book prior to its submission to the printers.

During the period [redacted] advised that LLOYD L. BROWN was then a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, from the New York District.

In November, 1957, [redacted] advised that on November 26, 1957, NINA DAVIS, wife of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS JR., indicated she had completed typing fifty pages of a manuscript for LLOYD BROWN and would soon complete the last ninety-two pages.

"The Worker" issue of January 12, 1958, page eleven, column four, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Book Coming Feb. 3". This article in part read as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON noted Negro singer and actor has written a book 'Here I Stand' which will be published by [illegible] Associates, Inc., on February 3.

[redacted]

"The book presents a comprehensive statement of ROBESON's views on the controversies which have centered around him and of his outlook on present efforts to achieve first-class citizenship for Negro Americans 'as I see it' he writes, 'the challenge which today confronts the Negro people in the U.S. can be stated in two propositions 1. Freedom can be ours, here and now: the long sought goal of full citizenship under the constitution is within our reach. 2. We have the power to achieve that goal: what we ourselves do will be decisive' ".

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted], a meeting of [redacted] the CP was held at [redacted] advised that BILL STANLEY, a CP member who attended the meeting, announced that PAUL ROBESON was publishing a new book entitled "Here I Stand". STANLEY stated the County and Regional Committee of the CP wants all the active CP clubs to plan a campaign for the sale of the book when it is released.

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In January 1958, [redacted] advised that on January 29, 1958, a meeting of the National Administrative Committee CP, USA, was held in New York City. During the course of this meeting it was announced that a book by PAUL ROBESON was being published and that 10,000 copies of the book had been printed.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted], a meeting of [redacted] CP Club was held at [redacted] During the meeting a report of a special meeting which had been held at the residence of PAUL ROBESON, JR., on January 27, 1958, to plan distribution of the subject's book "Here I Stand" was delivered. This report noted a decision that each CP Club would accept 25 books at $1.50 for cloth binding and $2.50 for a regular edition which are to be sold to the general public.

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It was pointed out that money from [redacted] should be paid in advance so that the publisher could be paid and the book released.

[redacted] stated that according to the report from the [redacted] meeting, sometime in the near future a book shop will be set up in Harlem near 125th Street and 8th Avenue which will be known as the Fairlane Book Shop. This shop would be for the purpose of distributing and selling the ROBESON book. [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON JR., would be in charge of this particular operation.

In October, 1957 [redacted] advised that at that time PAUL ROBESON, JR., was Educational Director of the Harlem Region of the CP.

On [redacted] made available a copy of the book "Here I Stand" by PAUL ROBESON. The book consisting of 128 pages was available in a paper bound edition at $1.50 and cloth bound edition at $2.50, and was published by Othello Associates, Inc., Box 283, Manhattanville Station, New York 27, New York. It was copyrighted 1958 by PAUL ROBESON, all rights reserved.

An examination of "Here I Stand" disclosed that on its second page it contained the above mentioned copyright notice and a printers union symbol number namely 412.

The Official Directory of union label printing offices dated April 1957, issued by the Allied Printing Trades Council, 63 Park Row, New York City, reflects that union label number 412 is registered to New Union Press, Inc., 119 4th Avenue, New York City. It is noted that the fifth floor at 113-119 4th Avenue, New York City, is occupied by both the New Union Press and the Prompt Press.

[redacted] New Union Press which was a subsidiary of Prompt Press.

Page 13 of "Here I Stand" under author's forward contains the following comment of the subject: "In doing

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"this (book) I have been assisted by my friend the gifted Negro writer LLOYD L. BROWN, and I am deeply grateful for the warm understanding and the creative quality of his work with me." LLOYD L. BROWN has been previously described in this report.

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] copies of PAUL ROBESON's book "Here I Stand" were distributed to members of [redacted] CP, [redacted] advised that each member was given five copies to be sold at $1.50 and in addition each member was asked to try and sell at least twenty-five copies.

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On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] CP held a meeting at [redacted] advised that a report on the sale of ROBESON's book "Here I Stand" was given during which it was noted that 70 copies have been distributed by the club but very little money had been received up to that date. Each one present at the meeting was urged to collect money for the book as soon as possible as the publisher was pressing for money to continue the release of more books.

3. Other Miscellaneous Activities

In August 1957, [redacted] advised that during that month BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., in conversation concerning one PAUL described PAUL as a great champion on the Jewish question. DAVIS stated that PAUL has a brilliant and big Marxist mind and he criticized the Jewish leaders of the CP who were saying nothing about the struggle for PAUL's passport. DAVIS further commented that JOHN GATES had recently stated that PAUL ROBESON has more effect than the whole American CP.

The "Daily Worker" of February 13, 1957, page two, column four, reflected that during the 16th National Convention of the CP,USA, held in February 1957, JOHN GATES was one of the twenty individuals elected to the National Committee of the CP.

The "Daily Worker: issue of September 23, 1957, page five, column two, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Urges Gov't Defend Constitution Against Racists" by-lined "PAUL ROBESON". This articles concerned the situation in Little Rock, Arkansas, which was termed as a desperate attack on Constitutional Government. The article calls for immediate action to halt racist attacks on Negros everywhere including some United Nations action on the race situation in South Africa.

On [redacted] made available a letter dated September 12, 1957, bearing the title "WILLIAM L, PATTERSON, Public Relations Counsellor, 23 East 26th Street, New York 10, New York. This letter, addressed to "Dear friend" included a statement from PAUL ROBESON on the significance of the events in Arkansas. This statement also dated September 12, 1957, consisted of a copy of ROBESON's article which appeared in the September 23 issue of the "Daily Worker".

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] PAUL ROBESON attended a memorial meeting for MARION BACHRACH held at the Sheraton - McAlpin Hotel, New York City. [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON spoke briefly of BACHRACH's life and sang two songs, the latter of which contained the words"sleep well beloved comrade, the fight, our fight goes on until we win", and was apparently written for the occasion.

On [redacted] also furnished substantially the same information regarding the memorial meeting on [redacted] set forth above.

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MARION BACHRACH was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York, on June 20, 1951 on charges of conspiring to violate the Smith Act of 1940. On July 2, 1952, during the trial in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of the United States vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al, in which BACHRACH was a co-defendant on the above charge, BACHRACH was severed from the trial due to illness. On June 18, 1956, BACHRACH received a directed verdict of acquittal. MARION BACHRACH is now deceased.

III MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some CP activity in the New York area were contacted relative to the subject during February 1958, and could furnish no recent or additional information concerning him.

On February 10, 1958, the records of [redacted] were checked by SA [redacted] and reflect no information relative to the subject not already known to this Bureau. b7D b7C

The "New York Times" newspaper issue of February 25, 1958, contained an article entitled "Soviet Plans Film on ROBESON". This article stated that the Soviet Union planned to make a movie about PAUL ROBESON and also Dr. HEWLETT JOHNSON, the "Red Dean of Canterbury". The article quoted MOSCOW radio as broadcasting that a central documentary film studio had started productions of movies concerning "outstanding peace partisans", and the movie of ROBESON would be released later in 1958.

The "New York Times" newspaper issue of January 15, 1958, page 59, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Accepts British Bid". This article reported that ROBESON had accepted a bid to sing on British T.V. In connection with it he would renew his plea to the United States Department of State for a passport previously denied him.

It was further noted that the bid accepted by ROBESON was for April 9, 1958, at the London Palladium, London, England. The "Trinidad Chronicle" newspaper published in Trinidad, British West Indies, on September 22, 1957, contained an article entitled "ROBESON is Coming". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON will be definitely coming to the West Indies during the Winter of 1957-1958. The article quoted ROBESON as stating "they won't allow me to travel to Europe but it will come. I have just been freed to travel in the Western Hemisphere. That means I can go to the West Indies this winter. I have a big following there".

The "New York Times" newspaper, late city edition, issue of February 4, 1958, page 32 contained an article entitled "ROBESON Appeals Passport Denial". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON had asked the United States Department of State for a "limited passport" to make a summer 1958 appearance at the Shakespeare Memorial Theater in England. The article continued that in a letter dated December 10, 1957, ROBESON's attorney EDWARD B. BOUDIN wrote Mrs. FRANCES KNIGHT, Director of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, that ROBESON would not travel to any country other than England if the passport was granted.

By letter dated January 17, 1958, Mrs. KNIGHT informed BOUDIN that the State Department deemed it necessary that ROBESON answer questions with respect to CP membership before consideration could be given to his request.

The article pointed out that subsequently Mr. BOUDIN wrote to LOY W. HENDERSON, Deputy Under Secretary of State asked that the State Department reconsider its position.

On [redacted] identified [redacted] to be a concealed member of the CP and actively associated with CP front organizations prior to 1945.

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APPENDIX

The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 1[illegible], 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Prompt Press.

PROMPT PRESS

1. "Prints the bulk of the literature issued by the Communist Party and its affiliates and is reliably known to be owned by the Communist Party."

"(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7685.)"

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 3/20/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, was.
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Enclosed is the original and three copies each of a report of SA [redacted] and a letterhead memorandum all dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/20/57, at NYC; report of SA [redacted] dated 12/19/57, at San Francisco, California; report of SA [redacted] dated 2/17/58, at Los Angeles, California.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City

Will follow and report activities of the subject.

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Informants cognizant of some CP activity in the New York area contacted relative to the subject during February, 1958, with negative results are as follows:

INFORMANT	DATE CONTACT	AGENT	LOCATION
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject's wife ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the NYO.

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Subject is a key figure of the NYO.

On [redacted] advised that he believed that NIKOLAI A. LYTKIN or VLADIMIR D. LOGINOV of the Soviet Mission to the UN, NYC, conducted a filmed interview of PAUL ROBESON. He stated that to the best of his knowledge the filmed interview was shown at the UN after suitable arrangements had been made and consisted mostly of ROBESON singing several Soviet songs.

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Referred to the Department of the Navy for their review and return to the FBI

It is noted that one copy of "Here I Stand" was furnished the Bureau as an enclosure to NY letter to Bureau dated 2/6/58.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
5. [X] Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified confidential because (state reason) it contains information indicating that the FBI has coverage of front organizations and CP meetings at certain locations in NY. If this information was disclosed, it would possibly reveal identity of informant and seriously hamper investigation of the CP and this could be injurious to the National Defense.

8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
No interview of subject is being recommended in view of his position in public life. It is also believed that ROBESON, if interviewed, could constitute a possible source of embarrassment to this Bureau.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [X] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. ROBESON, further, because of his position in public life, has not seen fit to serve outwardly on behalf of the CP, but his established Communist sympathies, his past contributions to the Communist movement and his long history of association and/or membership in CP front organizations, is believed to place him well within the SI criteria.

100-25857

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
March 20, 1958

Paul Le Roy Robeson
IS - C

The following is the evaluation of informants set forth in the report of Special Agent Benjamin P. McManus dated and captioned as above.

[redacted] and [redacted] contact with whom has been insufficient to judge reliability.

[redacted] was in a position to furnish reliable information.

[redacted]

[redacted] through [redacted] and [redacted] through [redacted] have furnished reliable information in the past.

Informants mentioned in the report as having been contacted relative to the subject during February 1958, with negative results, have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 3/14/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-14994)

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka
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[redacted]

The following informants were utilized in attached letterhead memo:

T-1 - [redacted]

T-2 - [redacted]

T-3 - a highly confidential source (documentation anonymous).

T-4 - [redacted]

[redacted]

6 ENCLOSURES

4-Bureau (Encls. 6)
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3-New York (100-56680) (Encls. 3)
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Attached letterhead memo contains information reflecting that [redacted]

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Inasmuch as Mrs. ROBESON is an SI subject of the NY Office, that office [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Washington 25, D.C.
March 14, 1958

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 3/14/58

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-14994)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (100-9258)

RE: PAUL ROBESON
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Re Portland Cinals 3/6/58 and 2/26/58, concerning concert by PAUL ROBESON scheduled in Portland on 3/18/58.

Extensive publicity, including three large front-page photographs, appeared in today's issue of The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, following arrival of ROBESON in Portland for concert.

A lengthy article on inside page told of interview of ROBESON on Sunday, March 16. According to article, ROBESON stated that he thought it was "unlikely" that he would be permitted to leave the country to accept singing and acting invitations in England. The article pointed out that ROBESON had filed suit this month in an effort to obtain a passport before the English engagements in June and quoted him as follows: "It's unlikely that I'll make it at this time, although this whole thing is getting pretty absurd in the light of our cultural relations abroad. But if the case came up in time there's no doubt that I'd win, because the state department is interfering with my livelihood."

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The article went on to say in part: "He said his English invitations were to appear over that country's national television in a concert with 'every leading English composer from Benjamin Britten to Vaughn Williams,' and also to play the role of 'Othello' at the Shakespeare Theater at Stratford-on-Avon.

"'I think it's important for people to know that I'm getting these invitations from abroad, because it shows how necessary a passport is for me', he stated.

"In his Portland visit, he emphasized, "I'm here as an artist. I'm here, I believ e, with a richer collection than ever before. I can say, modestly, that I'm one of the finer artists in America, and the reviews I recently got in California were fabulous.'

"For the past year, he said, he had been appearing in concerts, indicating that he intended to resume the major concert role he had established before the storm of controversy which arose over his proclaimed sympathies in many instances with Russia.

"The fact that he now, apparently, has much more to say about music than about politics does not mean that he has changed his opinions. 'My political position is precisely the same now as it has always been,' he declared.

"One story which sparked the Robeson controversy was an alleged statement from him that American negroes would never fight against Russia, but he said Sunday he had been quoted 'out of context.'

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"His most recent appearances have been under the sponsorship of Negro groups, with many recitals in Negro churches. 'When I go back east I'll be singing in Carnegie Hall.'

"No political message will be given with his Reed concert, he indicated. 'In the old days, perhaps, some people did not come to my concerts because they were afraid I might launch into a lecture, but if I speak now it would be on the relation of Negro music to other music of the world."

According to the article, ROBESON spoke informally on the Reed College campus, Portland, where he is to sing Tuesday night, March 18, 1958.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

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ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was.
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(WFO 100-14994)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(NY 100-25857)
(WFO 100-19021)
(OO:NY)

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Attached letterhead memo is classified "Confidential" since [redacted]

The following confidential informants were utilized in the attached letterhead memo:

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(1-100-24818) [redacted]
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The attached letterhead memo is being furnished for the info of the Bureau and the Office of Origin in the ROBESON case and copies are designated for the CG Division files of [redacted] CCASF, and ROBESON as info contained therein reflects that ROBESON will be in the CG Division territory during April, 1958, where he will be in contact with the CCASF.

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In addition to the info contained in the attached letterhead memo, [redacted] further learned on 3/13/58, that a friend of the ROBESONS', who recently won a prize at a film festival for a film on "skin color" has proposed to the ROBESONs that he do a film of PAUL ROBESON in concert performances

According to informant, this friend knows many of the top people in the film industry and has discussed this project with them. Informant learned that the plan is to record PAUL ROBESON in recital on film, which film could have world-wide distribution. Informant further learned that the profits from this project after costs are to be split, 75 per cent to the ROBESONs and 25 per cent to the friend.

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If info furnished by [redacted] c is utilized in a report, it should be suitably paraphrased to protect the identity of the informant and classified "Confidential" since

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington 25, D. C.
March 20, 1958

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ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON
PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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On [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the CCASF since its inception in Chicago in the 1940's, has never failed to propagandize for Russia and the Russian way of life. This informant further advised that the CCASF has been using speakers who were known to the informant as members of the Communist Party, since the first meetings in the 1940's. This informant advised that the program of the CCASF has always included speakers, movies, and pamphlets praising every aspect of Russia, including its foreign policy and has been extremely critical of the United States' domestic and foreign policies.

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*PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES

The summons and complaint was served on the Attorney General on March 3, 1958. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment and other equitable relief to declare that the Passport Regulations of the Secretary of State (22 C.F.R. 51.135 et seq.) as applied to the plaintiff, are unauthorized, unlawful and invalid. Plaintiff further prays that the defendant be enjoined from interfering with plaintiff's travel outside the U.S., from continuing to refuse to grant a passport to the plaintiff, and to direct the defendant to issue a passport to the plaintiff forthwith. Defendant refused to grant a passport to plaintiff based on his refusal to answer questions concerning present and past membership in the Communist Party which are contained in the passport application form.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)

RE: PAUL ROBESON
SM - C

Reference is made to New York airtel of 3/13/58 to Bureau regarding ROBESON and the contacting of ROBESON's wife by [redacted]

b1 [redacted] in submitting the results of [redacted], reported that the Communist Party this area through its leaders stated that it is very important that they support PAUL ROBESON and his book and they should utilize ROBESON while he is on the Pacific Coast to good advantage.

b1 [redacted] advised that based upon his knowledge of ROBESON, his background, intelligence, and nationalistic sympathy, feels that he may well be one of the real leaders or possibly the real leader behind the FOSTER-DAVIS faction in the Communist Party and that he, because of former trips to the Soviet Union and to Europe, may be the one who actually is giving the line. This informant advised further that he felt strongly from the bits of conversation which he overheard, that PAUL ROBESON is not in California for reasons strictly of a non-political nature and that he may have come to this area which is more one of the strongholds of the "right" elements of the Party for the specific purpose of swaying support to the left. It was this informant's further opinion that in event the Bureau has not considered watching

3 - Bureau
2 - New York (100-25857)
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1 - Los Angeles
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M Per

cc Rachner

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PAUL ROBESON's activities and contacts very carefully that such steps might be very productive, and in his opinion, ROBESON is much more dangerous to the security of this country than those who have taken the position of extreme "right".

PAUL ROBESON, who appeared at a mass "People's World" newspaper function last Friday, 3/14/58, has been reported by informants as having stated that he is a Marxist first and last. Informants were impressed with the left position which he seemed to take at this open meeting.

The above is submitted for information purposes.

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1 - Mr. Rachner

SAC, New York (100-25857) March 27, 1958

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Director, FBI (100-12304)

EX-1 PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 3-20-58.

In view of information furnished by [redacted] the activities of Robeson should be closely followed to determine whether he may be actively engaged in behalf of the left faction of the Communist Party (CP). Although it has been established that Robeson has long been exploited by the CP for financial and political advantage, no recent evidence has been developed which would indicate that Robeson has taken a direct part in the policy or other affairs of the CP. Consequently, any information which would tend to corroborate the comments of [redacted] should be fully explored and the Bureau promptly advised. In this regard, the New York Office should contact appropriate informants and sources to elicit their comments concerning the attitude of CP leaders regarding the current concert and lecture tour of Robeson. Any information indicating that the tour is controlled, sponsored, guided, or influenced by the CP should be resolved and the Bureau promptly advised.

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For the information of San Francisco and Portland, [redacted] advised that [redacted] through its leaders emphasized the importance of supporting Robeson and his book. It was stated that the CP should utilize Robeson to good advantage while he is on the west coast. [redacted] rendered his opinion that Robeson may be one of the real leaders behind the Foster-Davis faction in the CP. The informant advised further that he felt strongly that Robeson is not in California for reasons of a strictly nonpolitical nature, but that he may have come to the area for the purpose of influencing "right" elements of the CP to sway to the left.

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Letter to SAC, New York
Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
100-12304

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is the noted Negro concert singer who has for many years supported CP and front causes and has likewise been outspoken in praise of the Soviet Union. In recent past Robeson has become extremely active in concert and lecture appearances. He is currently on the west coast where his appearances have given rise to considerable publicity. There has been no information developed indicating that Robeson has directly been active in CP affairs and, therefore, it is felt that efforts be made by currently interested offices to resolve the information noted above which was furnished [redacted] No dissemination being made of the information inasmuch as it is the opinion of the informant and inasmuch as there is no corroboration of the information contained in Bufiles.

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Date: 3/24/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
IS-C

The "New York Mirror", 3/22/58, in its editorial, indicated that (Prime Minister) NEHRU (of India) was lending support in India to an unusual campaign - that of "whooping it up for American singer PAUL ROBESON and a celebration of ROBESON's 60th Birthday, April 9". NEHRU also described ROBESON as a sufferer "in the cause for human dignity". (u)

[redacted] (c)

[redacted] (c)

DAVIS replied, "yeah, oh this is all so magnificient - you know when a government of 400 million people .... you just can't brush that aside". (u)

Informant was unable to furnish any further information regarding this conversation. (u)

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3 - Bureau (100-12304)(RM)
1 - NY (100-23825)(BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.)19-1
1 - NY (100-56680)(ESLANDA ROBESON)12-15
1 - NY (100-95550) [redacted] 12-15
1 - NY (100- [redacted] 12-15
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1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Rachner

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Date: March 27, 1958

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RJG/CTM
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 1/2/91

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to previous communications concerning Robeson.

An editorial appearing in the March 22, 1958, issue of the "New York Mirror" indicated that Nehru (Prime Minister Nehru of India) was lending support to a campaign of "whooping it up for American singer Paul Robeson and a celebration of Robeson's 60th birthday, April 9." According to the editorial, Nehru described Robeson as a sufferer "in the cause for human dignity."

BY COURIER SVC.
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The above is furnished for your information.

2 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

1 - Records Administration Branch
(By O-6, same date)

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro concert singer who has long supported the Communist Party and related front groups and has likewise been outspoken in praise of the Soviet Union. In the recent past, Robeson has become quite active in concert and lecture appearances in the United States for which he has been given considerable publicity. In view of Robeson's 60th birthday in 4/58, the Soviet Embassy, various United States front organizations and several foreign countries, including Russia, England and India, are planning a birthday celebration for Robeson. Nehru and Indian government support of Robeson, as indicated in above article, is the subject of much concern by the State Department. According to State Department cables, All India Paul Robeson Birthday Committee has been formed. This Committee is publicizing Robeson as a great singer, actor and humanist, who has identified himself completely with the poor, the humble and the downtrodden to the point where he is looked upon as the symbol of human aspiration and of the dignity of man. Apparently Prime Minister Nehru has stated that Robeson was a great friend of India during independence. Although Nehru is reportedly pushing the celebration, it was indicated that the original inspiration came from England where it may be noted that numerous Paul Robeson Committees have been established for some time. State Department is currently attempting to impress Indian officials with the factual background of Robeson and his anti-American and pro-Soviet sympathies. State is attempting to impress upon Indian officials that the celebration in question would undoubtedly be interpreted as communist inspired, anti-American and as evidence that India was going communist. This letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as the information contained herein concerning the comments of Benjamin Davis was obtained through a confidential source close to Davis. The disclosure of the source could seriously hamper Bureau coverage of Communist Party activities at the national level which would in turn be prejudicial to the national defense.

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Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rachner
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Orig. & 2 to [redacted] (c)

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March 28, 1958

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RE: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

Information has been received indicating that captioned individual planned to travel to the West Indies on April 15, 1958, for a stay of one or two weeks. It was indicated that she would make the trip with a group from the United Nations.

It may be noted that Eslanda Cordozo Robeson is the wife of Paul Leroy Robeson, who has been the subject of previous communications furnished to you.

There follows additional information relating to the activities of captioned individual:

As of October, 1957, Eslanda Robeson was an accredited correspondent to the United Nations at New York, New York, for the publication "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. The October, 1957, issue of this publication listed Eslanda Robeson as "Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions and United Nations Correspondent." It may be noted that the "New World Review" has been cited by a United States Congressional Committee as "an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda."

Eslanda Robeson has long been reported active in the affairs of the Communist Party (CP) and communist front organizations in the United States. She was identified as a CP member in the 1940's and possibly as late as 1954. She has continued to associate with known CP members and has continued to support numerous communist front organizations in the United States. In 1954, she was chairman of the Executive Board of the Council on African Affairs and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. She reportedly continued her activities in the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship in a leadership capacity through at least late 1957. It may be noted that the Council on African Affairs and the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

1 - [redacted] (For information)
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Memorandum for [redacted]

In addition, Eslanda Robeson has frequently lectured before communist front organizations and has written numerous articles for communist publications. These lectures and articles tend to evidence her procommunist and pro-Soviet sympathies. She has also been reported to have been in contact with Soviet and satellite establishments and officials in the United States on frequent occasions up to the present time.

It would be appreciated if you would make available any pertinent information coming to your attention concerning the activities of Eslanda Robeson in the event she visits British possessions in the West Indies.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in Security Index. Her activities are set out above. Extensive information concerning Paul Robeson, subject's husband, has previously been furnished to [redacted] State, Central Intelligence Agency, San Juan, and Legal Attache, Havana, advised of subject's proposed travel by separate communication. New York Office has likewise been advised to remain alert for information which might indicate that subject may violate her United Nations credentials through possible conduct of CP affairs and contacts in the West Indies, it being noted that State Department would be interested in such information as a means of denying subject further accreditation to the United Nations. This memorandum classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information concerning the CP and communist front organizations furnished in many instances by currently active Bureau informants. The disclosure of this information could possibly jeopardize these informants and seriously hamper future coverage of CP and related activities. *This could be injurious to national defense*

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Date: 4/1/58

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Via
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-123043)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.
SM-C

References made to NYlet dated 3/18/58. Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to information received on 3/30/58, from [redacted]

Informant advised that on 3/30/58, ESLANDA ROBESON stated she has secured her ticket to leave NY on 4/16/58, for a period of two weeks. She stated she desires to return to NY by the 9th of May, 1958, on which date PAUL ROBESON, Sr., is to give a concert. In connection with this ESLANDA ROBESON stated PAUL ROBESON, Sr., would return to NY on Tuesday April 1, 1958.

The above is believed to relate to subject's contemplated trip to the West Indies with a United Nations Group as previously furnished by [redacted] on 3/15/58, and was contained in re NYlet.

ENCLOSURE

On 4/1/58, [redacted] at NYC, advised that on approximately 4/15/58, the United Nations is sponsoring reduced rate fares for travel to Trinidad, British

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3-Bureau (100-123043)(Encls.5)(RM)
1-New York (100-25857)(PAUL ROBESON)
1-New York (100-56680)
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West Indies in connection with the celebration of the freedom of the British West Indies. He expressed the belief that ESLANDA ROBESON is traveling to Trinidad in her capacity as a correspondent for "New World Review" a publication for which she is editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions and correspondent to the United Nations.

Any additional information relative to subject's trip to the West Indies will be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
April 1, 1958

Re: Eslanda Cordozo Robeson,
Security Matter-C

In March, 1958, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on March 15, 1958, Eslanda Robeson stated she was planning to travel to the West Indies on April 15, 1958, for a stay of one or two weeks. She stated she would make this trip with a United Nations Group. Informant further advised that on March 30, 1958, Eslanda Robeson stated she had secured her ticket and would leave New York on April 16, 1958, and plan to return to New York by May 9, 1958.

On April 1, 1958, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on approximately April 15, 1958, the United Nations is sponsoring reduced rate fares for travel to Trinidad in the British West Indies, in connection with a celebration to be held there commerating the freedom of the British West Indies. This informant expressed the belief that subject is traveling to Trinidad in her capacity as a correspondent for the publication "New World Review" for which she is editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions and correspondent to the United Nations.

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The New World Review has been cited as an organization specializing in pro Soviet propaganda. It was formerly known as Soviet Russia Today (Internal Security Sub Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans S. DOC 117, April 23, 1956, page 76.)

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Via AIRTEL CONFIDENTIAL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-12485~~)(100-)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12485)(100-)

RE: CP, USA
MARYLAND - D. C. DISTRICT
BALTIMORE DIVISION
NEGRO QUESTION
PAUL ROBESON
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[redacted] said that while the Party could not openly speak for ROBESON, ways and means would have to be found to influence Negro preachers and leading Negro professional people in the Baltimore area to have ROBESON come to Baltimore.

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[redacted] stated that ROBESON had recently visited the West Coast, made speeches and sung. While on the West Coast ROBESON had appeared at a number of churches and the money taken up had been divided, half for ROBESON and half for the churches. [redacted] said that ROBESON had recently been invited to Chicago to celebrate his 60th birthday, and commented that Chicago had done a tremendous job on the ROBESON book. b7D

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Date: 4/4/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-15889)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, Was.; IS - C.

CINAL. [redacted] PAUL ROBESON is to be in a concert with a choir on 4/25/58 at the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, at 7:30 p.m. [redacted] Rev. CHARLES A. HILL is the pastor of the Hartford Avenue church, and Reverend HILL in the past has been cooperative with CP front groups.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF _____ DATE _____

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Copy of instant communication is being directed to the Chicago Division inasmuch as subject anticipates travel to that division. (U)

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Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should the subject or any unauthorized individual become aware we have knowledge of this information. (u)

Submitted for information. (u)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
IS - C

Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to information received on 3/30/58 from [redacted]

Informant advised that on 3/30/58 ESLANDA ROBESON, subject's wife, commented on a resolution passed by Actors Equity the previous Friday (3/21/58), which endorsed a resolution of the British Actors Equity that PAUL ROBESON be granted a tentative passport. ESLANDA ROBESON expressed surprise at this action because since actor, RALPH BELLAMY, had assumed the leadership of Actors Equity, all "of our people" have been out and a reactionary group had taken over.

ESLANDA stated that OSSIE DAVIS had introduced the resolution and despite the fact that the Equity President, BELLAMY, spoke against it, the resolution was carried by approximately 110 votes to 75. ESLANDA continued that OSSIE DAVIS refers to this effort as his birthday contribution to PAUL ROBESON, SR.

Informant further advised that on this same date

3 - Bureau (100-12304) (Encs. 5) (RM)
1 - NY 100-56680 (ESLANDA ROBESON) (12-15)
1 - NY 100-95550 [redacted] (12-15)
1 - NY 100-113220 [redacted]
1 - NY 100-86627 (ACTORS EQUITY ASSOCIATION) (7-2)
1 - NY 100-25857 (12-15)
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PAUL ROBESON, JR., subject's son, stated that OSSIE DAVIS had informed ESLANDA ROBESON of the action of Actors Equity in passing a resolution supporting the right of PAUL ROBESON to a limited passport even though actor RALPH BELLAMY opposed it. ROBESON, JR. stated that this means that Actors Equity will go on record with an official statement supporting the subject's right to a limited passport to travel to England for a Shakespearean role this summer (1958).

It is to be noted that [redacted] b7C

The following informants are utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum:

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Any additional information concerning ROBESON's passport case as may be received from [redacted] and other sources will be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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[redacted]

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

100-25857

New York, New York
April 1, 1958

Re: Paul Le Roy Robeson
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In March, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 30, 1958, Eslanda Robeson, subject's wife, stated that a resolution had been passed by Actors Equity on March 21, 1958, which endorsed a resolution of the British Actors Equity that Paul Robeson be granted a tentative passport. Eslanda Robeson expressed surprise at the Equity action because subsequent to the assumption of its leadership by actor Ralph Bellamy, a reactionary group had taken over the organization.

Eslanda continued that Ossie Davis had introduced the resolution and despite the opposition of Equity President Bellamy, the resolution was carried by approximately 110 votes to 75. She commented that Ossie Davis refers to his action relative to this resolution as his birthday contribution to Paul Robeson.

[redacted] advised that on March 30, 1958, Paul Robeson, Jr., subject's son, stated that Ossie Davis had informed Eslanda Robeson of the action of Actors Equity in passing a resolution supporting the right of Paul Robeson to a limited passport even though Ralph Bellamy opposed it. Robeson, Jr. stated that this means that Actors Equity will go on record with an official statement supporting Robeson's right to a limited passport to travel to England for a Shakespearean role this summer.

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On March 31, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Eslanda Robeson is an accredited correspondent to the United Nations, New York City, for the publication, "New World Review," which accreditation is valid until January 31, 1959.

The "New World Review" has been cited as an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda. It was formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, page 76.)

On October 10, 1955, the records of [redacted] contained the following regarding [redacted]

On April 29, 1953, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which reflected that [redacted]

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication in January, 1958. "The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

On July 20, 1954 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted]

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

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The "Daily Worker," issue of January 21, 1953, page 7, column 3, contained an article entitled, "U.S. Writers Urge Clemency," which reflected that one Ossie Davis was among writers urging clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The Rosenbergs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

In October, 1957, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at that time Paul Robeson, Jr. was Educational Director of the Harlem Region of the Communist Party. b7D

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 4/9/58

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SM-C
(OO: NY)

On 3/26,27,31/58, Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Passport Office, Dept. of State, made available to SA [redacted] copies of several communications received by the Dept. of State from the Dept. of State offices abroad. These copies are for the use of the FBI, and are being forwarded with this letter. (u)

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Refer to Dept of State for Direct Respon to you

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 4/11/58

CONFIDENTIAL

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS-C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY FBI TELETYPE SLIP(S) OF 4-17-58 DATE

Re NY airtel 4/7/58.

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[redacted] (C)

The Chicago Division is aware of subject's anticipated travel to that division. (4)

Information from this source, if used in a report, must be most carefully paraphrased in order to protect the source. Under no circumstances should the subject or any unauthorized individual become aware we have knowledge of the above information. (4)

Submitted for information. (4)

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Date: 4/10/58

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
IS-C

Enclosed herewith is an original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information received from [redacted]C

On 4/9/58, [redacted]C advised that on that date an individual possibly having the name of FULLER was in contact with MARILYN ROBESON, subject's daughter-in-law. This person desired to know if the subject would be available for a paid concert engagement at Carnegie Hall on 4/26/58. This person was informed by MARILYN ROBESON that he should make contact with subject's wife ESLANDA ROBESON, as the subject was then in Chicago, but was expected to return to NY in about one week. In addition MARILYN ROBESON stated she thought the subject would be out of the country at that time, 4/26/58.

Any additional information indicating that the subject intends to leave the US in the near future will be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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1- New York (100-25857)

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Approved: _____ Sent CONFIDENTIAL Per SUBV. CONTROL
Special Agent in Charge

53 APR 18 1956

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

April 10, 1958

Re: Paul Le Roy Robeson
Internal Security-C

An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on April 9, 1958, a member of captioned subject's family commented that she thought the subject would be out of the country on or about April 26, 1958.

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Date: April 23, 1958

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] (c)

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The above, which may pertain to the Robeson passport matter, is being submitted for your information. (u)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro concert singer who has long supported the CP and related front groups and has likewise been outspoken in praise of the Soviet Union. Robeson has been denied passport since 1950 and has again brought action in the courts to obtain a passport. In view of recent publicity in connection with Robeson's concert appearances, his book which was recently published, and his efforts to obtain passport, the above matter which appears to pertain to Robeson's passport case is being referred to State Department for its consideration. Classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information obtained by an informant [redacted] The unauthorized disclosure of the information, knowledge of which is possibly limited to informant and a few others, could possibly jeopardize informant's status and thus possibly be injurious to the National Defense. In this regard, it appears State may pursue matter in United Nations.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 24, 1958

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, SR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF [redacted] b7D

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO (100-2269)

Re: PAUL ROBESON, SR.
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Chicago 12, Illinois

April 14, 1958

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED

Mr. Dwight Eisenhower
President of the United States,
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am just a poor Negro house-wife & I'm deeply concerned over the blight of Mr. Paul Roberson. However, I'm sure you will never see this letter but I have to get this off my chest anyway.

He, Mr. Roberson is one of the greatest Negroes America has ever produced & should not be treated as he is —

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simply because he is a fighter for Negro rights in America.

Doesn't Sec. Dulles & other white top brass have the right to choose their friends from ~~any~~ foreign countries whatever they are or where they come from?

So why not give Mr. Robeson his passport to wherever he choose to go & let him be free if not the rest of us (Negroes)? If one of us can't speak for freedom of Negroes - who then?

Sincerely

[redacted]

P.S. as quiet as it is kept perhaps you are not aware of it

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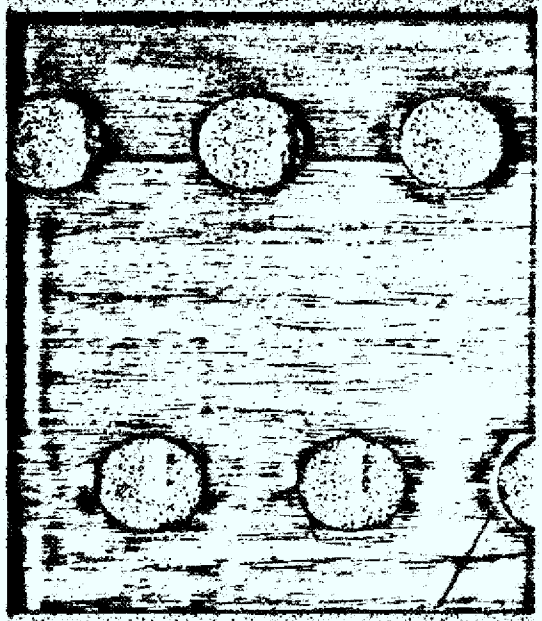
U.S. give him.



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Paul Robeson

April 30-58

Mr. John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Dear Sir:

Mr. Paul Robeson has applied for a passport to go abroad for the purpose of Performing a singing engagement. Feeling that he would do great honor to our country, I respectfully urge you to grant him this privilege

Respectfully yours

[redacted]

Chicago Ill

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Bernard Bleirtzky
541 Roscoe St.
Chicago, Ill.

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Paul Robeson

State

April 14 1958

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr. D. W. Eisenhower
President

Dear Sir: Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President

Mr. Paul Robeson has applied for a passport to go abroad for the purpose of performing a singing engagement, Feeling that he would do great honor to our country, I respectfully urge you to grant him this privilege

Respectfully Yours

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Paul Robeson

April 18, 1958

A citizens appeal to the Secy of State USA

Full citizenship and human rights to a great American - Paul Robeson... his right to travel and a passport is an inalienable right .. I urge it

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Chicago 13, Ill

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Paul Robeson

4/10/58

Dear Sir

This is to urge you to grant Paul Robeson his passport so that he may travel abroad to fulfill his ~~[illegible]~~ engagagements for singing thruout the world.

Political disagreement should not be a reason for his house arrest. Yours truly

[redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

4/28/58

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF [signature] DATE 7-8-70

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Chicago airtel dated April 15, 1958 entitled, "CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP" which concluded that letterhead memoranda would be submitted.

The following informants, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were utilized in the attached letterhead memorandum:

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6- Chicago
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[redacted] (concealed at her request) furnished the membership list of the National Lawyers Guild on June 20, 1956 to SA [redacted] which included the name DE FRANTZ WILLIAMS. (U)

[redacted] (C)

The attached letterhead memorandum was classified confidential since it contains information from sources, the unauthorized disclosure of which would be detrimental to the national security. (U)

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In view of the extremely valuable information being furnished by these two informants, it is recommended that this memorandum not be disseminated since their CP status could be adversely affected. (u)

However, if the Bureau feels that dissemination must be made, it is recommended that it be disseminated at the highest possible level and that the recipient be fully briefed on all of the attendant ramifications. (4)

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With respect to WALL, the February 7, 1958 edition of the "Chicago Tribune" contains an article on page 4, column 2, reflecting that in November, 1954 WALL was found guilty by a jury in Federal District Court of selling a Post Office Department promotion for $400 while employed as secretary to DAWSON. He was fined $1,000 and sentenced to nine months. His case was on appeal until 1956 at which time he entered prison. He served one half of his sentence and was paroled. (u)

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[redacted]

With respect to the individuals and organizations mentioned in this memorandum, the following characterizations are listed. The characterization for the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship is attached. (u)

PAUL ROBESON

The July 15, 1949 edition of the "Washington Times Herald", Washington, D. C. newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Probers Told Robeson is Veteran Red". This article reflects that MANNING JOHNSON, an ex-CP leader, told a Committee of Congress on July 14, 1949 that PAUL ROBESON has been a member of the CP for many years. JOHNSON said he has met ROBESON frequently at CP headquarters in New York where ROBESON held secret meetings with EARL BROWDER, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JACK STACHEL, and J. PETERS, all leading Communists. (u)

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

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CCASF)

A source advised on May 7, 1957, that the CCASF since its inception in Chicago in the 1940's has never failed to propagandize for Russia and the Russian way of life. This source further advised that the CCASF has been using speakers who were known to the source as members of the Communist Party since the first meetings in the 1940's. The source advised that the program of the CCASF has always included speakers, movies, and pamphlets praising every aspect of Russia including its foreign policy and has been extremely critical of the United States domestic and foreign policies. (U)

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

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 5/7/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was., SM - C

Reference is made to NY Airtel 4/1/58 concerning subject's contemplated trip to the West Indies.

On 4/26/58 [redacted] (C) furnished information that on that date subject was then on a trip to the West Indies and was expected to return to New York on or about 4/30/58.

On 5/1/58 [redacted] (C) furnished information which indicated that subject had returned to her residence at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC.

On 5/3/58 [redacted] (C) furnished information that during her trip to the West Indies, subject had visited Jamaica, Trinidad and the city of Port Au Prince. Informant stated that subject indicated she enjoyed the trip very much and during same had appeared on the radio several times. Informant was unable to elaborate on the information indicating subject had made radio broadcasts while on her trip.

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Inasmuch as no outstanding leads remain in this matter, this case is being placed in a closed status.

Subject is carried on the SI of the NYO and her SI cards are current and accurate.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-103)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (61-367)

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On 4/14/58 [redacted] advised that [redacted] CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT [redacted] was to meet with PAUL ROBESON and his, ROBESON's, attorney [redacted] they are contemplating placing [redacted] case before the United Nations Committee on Human Relations. The informant was unable to furnish any additional information on this point. b7D

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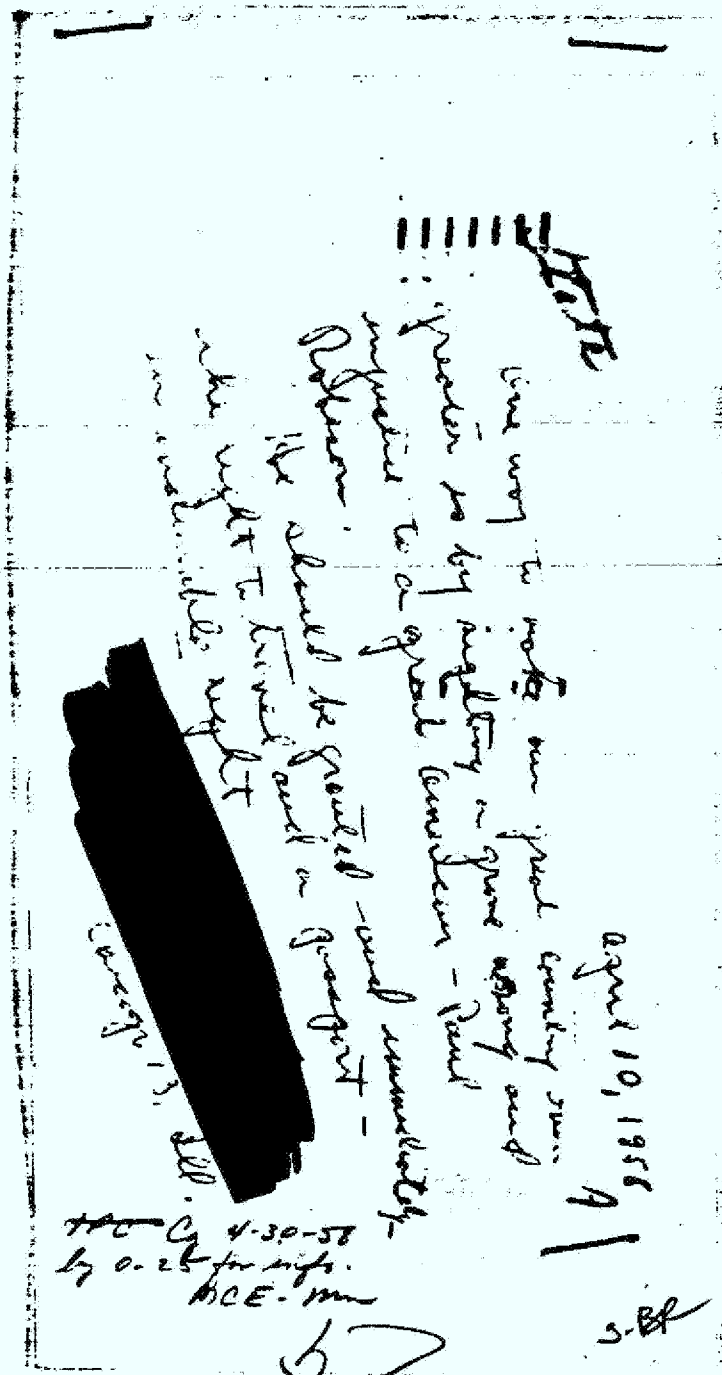

One way to note our great country's greater so by sighting a grave wrong and injustice to a great American - Paul Robeson.

He should be granted - and immediately - the right to travel and a passport - an inalienable right

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 5/8/58

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
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Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated 3/27/58, requesting that any information indicating that subject's current concert tour is controlled, sponsored, guided or influenced by the CP, be furnished the Bureau. Reference is further made to NY letter to Bureau, dated 4/24/58, captioned, "CP, USA - Organization; IS-C", (Bufile 100-3-69; NY 100-80641). (u)

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Appropriate sources and informants in the NYO Office are being contacted for any information they may be able to furnish as to the attitude of CP leaders regarding ROBESON's present concert tour. (U)

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland Divisions, in view of the comments of [redacted] indicating that the West Coast CP has possibly had influence in ROBESON's current concert tour. (U)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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On 4/28/58, [redacted] (C) furnished the following information concerning the subject's itinerary: b1

ROBESON indicated he has an important concert on 5/15/58 in Los Angeles and also "something" on the 16th and 18th (May, 1958).

Source indicated subject will stay at residence of CHARLOTTA BASS while in Los Angeles.

Following concerts in Los Angeles, ROBESON indicated he has to make an important speech on Negro history in Oakland, California on the 25th (May, 1958).

Above for information of the Bureau and interested offices.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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[redacted] (C) advised SA [redacted] on [redacted] that [redacted] a flyer which lauds PAUL ROBESON and urges the purchase of his book, "Here I Stand." The flyer also states that COLLINS will lecture on "Paul Robeson-Great American" on 5/15/58 at Adelphi Hall, NYC, and it welcomes the public to "an evening of films and recordings-US-USSR Cultural Exchange" on 5/11/58, featuring recordings of DAVID OISTRAKH, The MOISEYEVS, and PETE SEEGER, also to be held at Adelphi Hall.

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ROBESON is to give a concert at Carnegie Hall, 5/9/58.

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To: SAC, New York (100-25857)

From: Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reurairtel 5-7-58 captioned "Arthur Joshua Dlugoff, Security Matter - C," (Bufile 100-397122; your file 100-111682).

Immediate investigation should be conducted to identify the sponsor of Robeson's Carnegie Hall concert which was scheduled to be held on 5-9-58. In this regard, refer to reairtel which reflected that [redacted] was possibly connected with the sponsorship of the concert. Any information indicating Communist Party control or guidance of the sponsorship of the concert by [redacted] or any other person or organization should be fully resolved and the Bureau promptly advised.

In addition, refer to your letter dated 5-1-58 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Pamphlets and Publications, Internal Security - C," (Bufile 100-3-86; your file 100-81675), which enclosed a copy of a letter from James Jackson to all Communist Party National Committee members and Communist Party district organizers wherein Jackson urged the entire Communist Party organization to campaign on behalf of Robeson's book "Here I Stand." In view of previous exploitation of Robeson by the Communist Party for political and financial advantage, you should immediately conduct necessary investigation to establish the motives behind this campaign. Attempt to determine whether the Communist Party will benefit financially as a result of the campaign;

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whether Robeson concurs with the action of the Communist Party; whether Robeson has been directly or indirectly responsible for the initiation of the campaign; and whether Robeson contemplates any financial contribution to the Communist Party as a result of the sale of his book or as a result of his current concert appearances.

In view of the State Department's current interest in Robeson's passport case, as well as the extensive publicity currently being afforded Robeson throughout the world, you should continue to closely follow Robeson's activities and to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. Any information bearing upon Robeson's pro-Soviet and procommunist sympathies, as well as any information indicating Communist Party control, guidance, support or influence of Robeson's activities, should be fully resolved.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is noted Negro concert singer who has long supported the Communist Party and related front groups and has frequently been outspoken in praise of the Soviet Union. He is a current key figure of New York Office. In recent past, Robeson has been extremely active in concert appearances throughout the United States and has again filed suit against State Department for passport for travel abroad. He has likewise written a book which is being supported by the Communist Party andfront organizations. New York is being instructed to continue their close coverage of Robeson's activities.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-72)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-79717)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
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[redacted] (C) reported on 5/18/58, LLOYD BROWN and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., both members of the National Committee, CPUSA, conferred briefly at [redacted]

Evidently referring to PAUL ROBESON and ROBESON's book, BROWN said next week in both "The Courier" and "Afro" that "we" will have another of "our" ads. He said he had a new heading, that being "Ike says later, Paul now." DAVIS indicated this was a very good heading.

BROWN said someone had told him that the "Negro Summit Conference" was inspired by "this thing". DAVIS said this shows "that when we begin to move, even though we don't participate, it forces others to move."

BROWN stated that in the "New York Age" that week, (A. PHILLIP) RANDOLPH's speech is reported and the speech is right out of the book (ROBESON's ?) on the subject of white allies. BROWN said he (RANDOLPH) says there is only one place where Negro leadership is to be responsible to the Negro masses and "our fate is in our own hands." BROWN commented that the procedure seems to be to take over the ideas of the left. DAVIS replied, "We're very happy for them to do that."

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BROWN went on to say that "even old ADAM (CLAYTON POWELL)" has come out with some statements. DAVIS, in referring to POWELL, said he is red-baiting less and less and that this is very important. DAVIS continued that POWELL has stated in the papers that "next to the Communists, he is the most persecuted person" and that POWELL has also said "whether these demonstrations in South America were Communist inspired or not...." DAVIS commented that these things are very important.

Continuing, DAVIS said he felt some more of "that stuff" came out of the book (ROBESON's) and that the book is going to be like TOM PAINE's "Common Sense" as far as Negroes are concerned. DAVIS said he would like to get a couple of special spots for the book--one involves PAUL sending an autographed copy; the other is how "they" can get books from "our people".

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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ReBulet to New York, 3/27/58.

ReBulet reflects that [redacted] rendered his opinion that ROBESON may be one of the real leaders behind the FOSTER-DAVIS faction of the CP. Informant further advised that he felt strongly that ROBESON was not in California for reasons of a strictly non-political nature but that he may have come to the area for the purpose of influencing "right" elements of the CP to sway to the left. Los Angeles is requested to exhaustively interview [redacted] to determine the basis for his opinion as set forth above.

[redacted] said that PAUL ROBESON said in his book that he is not a Communist but that the Party understands him 'and we know him better than anyone else'. [redacted] said this in a manner that indicates that the Communist Party does know PAUL to be a CP member. Baltimore is requested also to exhaustively interview [redacted] to ascertain if [redacted] it can be definitely ascertained that ROBESON is or is not a member of the CPUSA.

Los Angeles and Baltimore are also requested to remain alert for any information which indicates that receipts from

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ROBESON's book "Here I Stand" are in any instance being used for the benefit of the CPUSA. The attention of Los Angeles and Baltimore is directed to Buairtel to New York 5/12/58, captioned as above, in which it is stated that in view of the State Department's current interest in ROBESON's passport case as well as the extensive publicity currently being afforded throughout the world [redacted], his activities should be closely followed and the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. The Bureau further states that any information bearing upon ROBESON's pro-Soviet and pro-Communist sympathies as well as any information indicating Communist Party control, guidance, support or influence of ROBESON's activities, should be fully resolved.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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ReBuairtel 5/12/58.

ReBuairtel reflects immediate investigation should be conducted to identify the sponsor of ROBESON's Carnegie Hall concert which was held on 5/9/58. The Bureau advised that any information indicating Communist Party control or guidance of the sponsorship of the concert or by any other person or organization should be fully resolved and the Bureau promptly advised.

[redacted] advised on 4/21/58 that on 4/11/58 the Third Annual Memorial Meeting of the Katherine Van Orden Fund For Freedom was held at the Hotel Carlton, 24 East Park St. Newark, New Jersey. Informant advised the chairman of this meeting was MORTON STAVIS. STAVIS announced there would be a concert by PAUL ROBESON at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on Friday 5/9/58. According to the informant, the concert was being sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Young Peoples Democratic For Action Committee.

In view of the above, Newark is requested to exhaustively re-interview the informant and resolve whether or not the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Young Peoples Democratic For Action Committee were directly involved in the sponsorship of ROBESON's concert.

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PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES

The summons and complaint was served on the Attorney General on March 3, 1958. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment and other equitable relief to declare that the Passport Regulations of the Secretary of State (22 C.F.R. 51.135 et seq.) as applied to the plaintiff, are unauthorized, unlawful and invalid. Plaintiff further prays that the defendant be enjoined from interfering with plaintiff's travel outside the U.S., from continuing to refuse to grant a passport to the plaintiff, and to direct the defendant to issue a passport to the plaintiff forthwith. Defendant refused to grant a passport to plaintiff based on his refusal to answer questions concerning present and past membership in the Communist Party which are contained in the passport application form. On April 28, 1958, an Answer to Complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. On the same day, defendant filed a Motion for Security for Costs, together with a memorandum of points and authorities in support thereof.

Information included in Internal Security Division Monthly Status Report for April, 1958.

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)(100-55725)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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PAUL ROBESON, JR.
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Remyairtel to Bureau, cc New York, captioned "PAUL ROBESON, SM-C; ESLANDA ROBESON, SM-C", dated 9/25/57, showing overtures made in New York City toward the ROBESONs by representatives of the Moral Rearmament movement there toward defecting PAUL ROBESON from his communist interests.

[redacted] has requested his identity be covered, furnished the following information which he said he had gained [redacted] from persons in the Moral Rearmament group at Detroit where PAUL ROBESON had recently appeared:

[redacted] attended a PAUL ROBESON song recital at Hartford Avenue Baptist Church about April 28, 1958.

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4 - Detroit (1 - MRA)(REGISTERED)
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5 - New York (REGISTERED)
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Mrs. CHARLES HILL, the wife of the pastor of this church, whose congregation is predominantly Negro [redacted] recognized [redacted] and introduced him privately to PAUL ROBESON [redacted] the MRA-produced feature documentary film, "Freedom." This film, [redacted] was produced by MRA to create understanding between all people and to show that spiritual change is needed on the part of both black and white alike. PAUL ROBESON expressed his desire to view this film. During the same concert, Mrs. HILL gave an invitation to [redacted] to a special luncheon being tendered ROBESON the next day.

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At this luncheon, [redacted] had no opportunity to talk again to ROBESON. Present were about 30 people, including seven Negro clergy. [redacted] at the luncheon were CARL WINTER and Mrs. CARL WINTER, CARL WINTER being known [redacted] as Secretary of the Michigan State Communist Party (CP). Also recognized [redacted] at the luncheon was CARL HAESSLER, known [redacted] as sometime editor of the Federated Press. There were [redacted] individuals who gave the appearance of being of Jewish descent, otherwise unidentifiable to [redacted]

PAUL ROBESON addressed the instant luncheon group speaking of his son and what ROBESON saw for America. PAUL's son is an engineer, age 30, who translates from Russian for some technical magazines in America. The son had at one point lived in Gstaad, Switzerland, for four years, where he learned Swiss-German. PAUL stated that he, himself, was in Moscow from 1934 to 1936, then in London to 1941.

ROBESON was observed at one point personally speaking to two unidentified persons of apparent Jewish descent. ROBESON was overheard to tell them to carry on "the program", arranging occasions for PAUL ROBESON to speak and sing since apparently all the money was on hand that was needed for the program. PAUL, during the instant luncheon period, conveyed that he wanted to sing and speak to millions in Mexico. PAUL stated that his wife was taking care of things in Jamaica.

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Relative to ROBESON's above-expressed interest to view a private showing of "Freedom" [redacted] related the following further information:

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On May 2, 1958, Mrs. HILL, wife of the pastor of the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, [redacted] said it was not possible to have "Freedom" shown to PAUL ROBESON or his friends as PAUL and his friends' program was full and she, Mrs. HILL, herself, was going out of town. It was apparent to PRATT, [redacted] that what PAUL ROBESON personally feels relative to any solution of international and domestic racial tensions is not quite clear. PRATT concluded from the foregoing that ROBESON seems to be under domination of the CP or under CP discipline.

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ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON
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For completion of your files, the following information which was classified "Secret" was furnished on [redacted] by [redacted] (u)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in Security Index. Subject recently traveled to the British West Indies with a group from the United Nations, it being noted that subject is an accredited correspondent at the United Nations for the publication "New World Review." [redacted] 1-15-81, (S)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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[redacted] advised on 5/25/58 BEN DAVIS was in contact with ESLANDA ROBESON, at which time he asked to speak to PAUL ROBESON. During the ensuing conversation between DAVIS and PAUL ROBESON, DAVIS congratulated ROBESON on his second concert (Carnegie Hall, 5/23/58), and stated he was sorry that he could not have been there. ROBESON said the second concert was much better than the first and that he was "in excellent voice." ROBESON added that "PAULIE's (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) man" completely revamped acoustics in Carnegie Hall and that the results were magnificent. ROBESON remarked that he is astounded at the success of the concert and that it opens up entire new vistas for him. He said that he put the Negro up on an intellectual plane.

PAUL ROBESON also stated, "This is the answer to Peekskill and everything that went before." He commented that he plans to engage a theatre for a week or so in the fall and put on a "one-man show." ROBESON also stated that he is astounded at his reviews and reception in trade papers like "Variety" and "Downbeat."

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DAVIS stated the whole thing is wonderful and terrific. He said that ROBESON overcame his big obstacle in performing again in NYC. ROBESON agreed with this statement.

BEN DAVIS enthusiastically told ROBESON of the wonderful impressions that he has made and the fact that he (ROBESON) is proving that the Negro is an intellectual and showing the wonders of African music.

DAVIS made arrangements to meet with ROBESON at ROBESON's residence the next day, 5/26/58. Informant was not able to furnish the reason for DAVIS wanting to meet with ROBESON.

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ROBESON is a Key Figure of the NYO. He is currently engaged in a nationwide concert tour, is a well-known singer, actor and writer. ROBESON has been described as a concealed member of the CPUSA prior to 1945. In the past he has served as officer, leader, sponsor, or sympathizer of numerous CP front organizations. He has openly expressed his admiration for the Soviet Union. He is in frequent contact with representatives and/or nationals of the Soviet Union and other satellite countries. ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand", was described BEN DAVIS, JR. as a "brilliant piece of writing and application of Marxism"; and by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as an "instrument to the movement, a consolidation to the left".

In [redacted], [redacted] expressed his opinion that ROBESON may be one of the real leaders behind the FOSTER-DAVIS faction in the CP. [redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] had recently expressed the opinion that the CP knows ROBESON better than anybody else and the informant stated that in the manner in which [redacted] spoke he indicated that the Communist Party does know ROBESON to be a CP member.

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Buairtel to NY 5/12/58 stated that in view of the State Department's current interest in ROBESON's passport case as well as the extensive publicity currently being afforded him throughout the world, ROBESON's activities should be followed closely and the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. Any information bearing upon ROBESON's pro-Soviet and pro-Communist sympathies as well as any information indicating Communist Party control, guidance, support or influence of ROBESON's activities, should be fully resolved.

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Bureau authority is requested to conduct a survey for installation of a tesur on ROBESON's residence, 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. ROBESON's telephone number is WA 7-7754.

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The Bureau does not feel that a survey for installation of a tesur on Robeson's residence is warranted at this time. In view of Robeson's extensive travel in the recent past and indications he will continue his concert appearances throughout the U.S. and possibly abroad, it does not appear that such an investigative technique would afford sufficient day-to-day coverage of Robeson's activities to justify its installation. In addition, [redacted] and b1 b7D [redacted] appear to afford reasonable coverage of Robeson's activities. You should, however, remain alert to any situation which would lend itself to the utilization of the above investigative technique at which time consideration may again be given to a survey.

The denial of authority to conduct the above-requested survey should in no way minimize the importance of closely following Robeson's activities pursuant to previous instructions.

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NOTE: Robeson is a key figure of NYO. He is noted Negro concert singer who has consistently supported the CP and related front groups and has likewise been outspoken in his praise of Russia. Robeson is currently receiving considerable international coverage in both the legitimate and progressive press. In view of his extensive concert appearances, his book "Here I Stand," and his suit against the State Department for a passport. As a result the CP, as in the past, is taking advantage of Robeson's prominence and is obviously exploiting him in an effort to enhance the CP position. NYO has previously been

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instructed to closely follow Robeson's current activities in an effort to establish the extent of CP control, support, guidance or influence over these activities. Although NYO request for above survey was possibly prompted by these instructions, it is not believed, for the reasons set forth above, that such coverage would be justified at this time.

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Synopsis:

ROBESON arrived, Portland, 3/16/58, for concert at Botsford Auditorium, Reed College, 3/18/58, arranged for and sponsored by Focus Club, a non-affiliated college group, membership in which comprised of Reed College students. ROBESON described in press as "here as an artist"; stayed at residence of Reed College professor, known in past as CP member. Subject entertained by Focus Club members. One prominent CP member complained that admission price to concern was prohibitive while another stated that few people were invited to attend gatherings for subject held by Focus Club members.

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Arrangements for a Concert Appearance of Subject

[redacted] on [redacted] reported that on [redacted] a meeting was held at [redacted] for the purpose of making plans for a concert to be given by PAUL ROBESON under the sponsorship of the Focus Club of Reed College on March18, 1958, to be held on the college campus. Informant identified VIRGINIA MALBIN as among those in attendance at this meeting. A Reed College student in attendance explained to those present that the president of Reed College whom he had consulted, had advised him that while Reed College would not assist in any way either in sponsoring or participating in the advertising for a concert by ROBESON, it would permit the Focus Club to sponsor the affair. One of the persons present at the meeting, according to [redacted] was requested to contact various negro clergymen in Portland to determine their reactin to ROBESON's appearance, both as a person and as an artist. He was delegated to attempt to arrange through the clergy with some negro family where ROBESON could stay while in Portland. During the meeting some copies of ROBESON's new book "Here I Stand" were given to some of the persons present. The Focus Club has been publicly described as an organization of Reed College students which has no official connection with Reed College and which has from time to time sponsored the appearance of various out-of-town speakers singers, and entertainers.

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In early May, 1958, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, member of the National Committee, CP, USA, spoke at Reed College under the auspices of the Focus Club.

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

[redacted] as of 1949, was known to Portland Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] as a member of the CP since which time she has been known to the above informants as one who has taken an active part in various Communist front organizations.

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[redacted] during the period 1948-1949, was known to [redacted] as one who had attended CP meetings during that period. Since 1949, [redacted] has been reported by [redacted] as one of those in attendance at CP front group meetings.

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[redacted] on [redacted] reported that at a meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Oregon's Foreign Born, at Portland, on February 25, 1958, an announcement was made concerning the scheduled appearance of PAUL ROBESON at a concert to be given at Reed College on about March 14, 1958.

[redacted] on [redacted] reported that at a meeting of the Oregon Federation for Social Action (OFSA) on [redacted] at Portland, an announcement was made by an OFSA member concerning the concert by PAUL ROBESON at Reed College on March 18, 1958, under the sponsorship of the Focus Club of Reed College. [redacted] reported on [redacted] at the meeting of the same organization held [redacted] Rev. MARK CHAMBERLIN, the chairman of the OFSA had announced the scheduled appearance of the subject. [redacted]

[redacted] on [redacted] reported that on the evening of March 18, 1958, at ROBESON's concert, Mrs. EDNA SMITH, who is known to [redacted] as an OFSA executive board member and program committee member while in conversation with the subject, discussed with him the possibility of subject giving a program in Portland for the Committee for the Protection of Oregon's Foreign Born (CPOFB), to which subject replied that he was always willing to cooperate with the Foreign Born Committees. ROBESON provided his address to Mrs. SMITH and plans were tentatively made for his appearance in Portland in the fall of 1958 under the sponsorship of the CPOFB.

News Publicity Concerning Subject's Appearance

The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, on March 6, 1958, contained an article entitled "PAUL ROBESON to Sing Here", which announced the scheduled appearance of subject in his first Portland concert in ten years on March 18, 1958. The article referred to ROBESON as a "political controversial

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figure in the last decade because of squabbles with the State Department over alleged Communist sympathies", and indicated he would present a vocal program of his own under the sponsorship of the Focus Club a student group of about 40 members, at Botsford Auditorium, at Reed College, at 8:00 p.m.

The Oregonian, on Monday, March 17, 1958, contained three photographs of the subject. The caption above one photograph "I am Here as an artist" and contained a statement below the photograph referring to ROBESON as having arrived at the Reed College campus on Sunday. Below another photograph of ROBESON appeared "ROBESON recalled political controversy over his alleged sympathies with Russia, declared 'my political position is precisely now as it has always been.'"

An article captioned "ROBESON says English T.V., concert stage engagements, hinge on getting U.S. Passport," with byline of HERB PENNY, staff writer, The Oregonian, appearing in The Oregonian, March 17, 1958, reflected the results of an interview with the subject on Sunday (March 16, 1958). The article referred to ROBESON as having stated that he thought it was "unlikely" he would be permitted to leave the country to accept singing and acting engagements in England. The article pointed out that since 1950 ROBESON had been unable to obtain a passport because of "squabbles with the State Department over alleged Communist sympathies," and further pointed out that he had filed suit this month in an effort to obtain a passport before the English engagements in June. The article quoted ROBESON as stating: "It is unlikely that I'll will make it at this time although this whole thing is getting pretty absurd in the light of our cultural relations abroad. But if the case came up in time there is no doubt that I'd win because the State Department is interferring with my livelihood." The news article noted that ROBESON spoke informally on the Reed College campus. It further noted that ROBESON had commented to the effect that he believed it important for people to know that he was getting invitations from abroad because it reflected how necessary a passport was for him. The article continued "in his Portland visit, he emphathized 'I'm here as an artistxxxx'" The article contined that "the fact that

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he now, apparently, has much more to say about music than about politics does not mean that he has changed his opinions. 'My political position is precisely now as it has always been' he declared." The article referred to the subject's most recent appearance as having been under the sponsorship of negro groups with many recitals in negro churches. It pointed out that no political message would be given with his concert.

The Oregon Journal, Portland daily newspaper, on March 17, 1958, contained an article captioned "PAUL ROBESON, 'here as artist'; discussion on politics avoided" under the byline of MARTIN CLARK, Journal music editor, which pertained to a press conference by ROBESON on Sunday afternoon (March 16, 1958). The article quoted ROBESON as saying "I'm here as an artist" and referred to his scheduled concert on Tuesday evening March 18, 1958, at Botsford Auditorium on the Reed College campus, which it was noted was being sponsored by the "Focus Club, a group of Reed College students which has no official connection with the college."

The article stated in part, including the phrase set out in paranthesis, that subject "has been accused of many things (including extreme left wing views and pro-Communist opinions), but never of a lack of sincerity. This was evident in all his answers." It further noted that subject was willing to answer political questions but he had made it clear that on this visit he wanted to be considered purely as an artist. It noted that subject had commented that should he return to Portland to give a lecture then he "would be happy to go into all such questions", the latter statement being indicated as prompted by a question concerning his feelings on the Hungarian revolt.

The article quoted subject in continuing "but I will say this, we here in the United States can get awfully excited about what's happening to people in other countries while paying little attention to the injustices to my people here in this country." Subject was referred to as having stated that since 1950, he had been concertising mainly in churches. He noted he was scheduled to sing in Carnegie Hall this year under the sponsorship of the AME Zion Church in New York in which his brother is pastor. He remarked it was his feeling that the U.S. Supreme Court

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will pass favorably soon on an application to have his passport, which was cancelled in 1950, reinstated and if that action is forthcoming, he will accept invitations from such British composers as RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS and BENJAMIN BRITTEN to concertise extensively in Great Britain. An article which appeared in the Oregon Journal on March 19, 1958, under the byline of MARTIN CLARK, Journal music editor, was captioned "Botsford Auditorium Jammed for ROBESON." The article referred to a spokesman for the Focus Club, the organization of Reed students which had sponsored PAUL ROBESON's appearance, as having stated it was the largest audience attending a concert in the auditorium, there being more than 1,000 in attendance. The article noted that the subject's "warm outgoing nature obviously struck a responsive chord in the hearts of his listeners", further noting that "ROBESON's request to be recognized purely as an artist apparently has been completely granted."

Communist Party Reaction to Subject's Appearance

[redacted] on [redacted] reported that in [redacted] GAYLORD GINTHER, in referring to the scheduled appearance of PAUL ROBESON, commented to the effect that he was sorry to hear that the Focus Club was charging $2 for admission to the concert, that he (GINTHER) felt that the price was too high, noting that neither he nor his wife could afford to attend at that admission fee. He further indicated that he was going to see some members of the Focus Club, the organization sponsoring the concert, and tell them they were charging too much.

GAYLORD GINTHER is known to informants [redacted] and [redacted] as state secretary of the CP of Oregon.

[redacted] whoattended the subject's concert on the evening of March 18, 1958, reported on [redacted] that ROBESON was most enthusiastically received by the entire audience. According to the informant [redacted] attended the concert, commented that subject was staying at the home of LLOYD REYNOLDS, Reed College professor.

[redacted] as of March, 1958, were known to [redacted] and [redacted] as current CP members. [redacted]

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have been known to [redacted] and [redacted] as longtime CP members who in recent years have played a prominent role in the CP leadership.

On June 19, 1954, ROBERT WISHART CANON, a self-confessed CP member, from 1947 to 1948, in testimony at Portland, Oregon, before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, testified that LLOYD REYNOLDS, professor of Graphic Arts, at Reed College, and his wife, were known to CANON in 1948 as members of the professional club of the CP, a group comprised of seven persons whose interests and livelihood were centered around Reed College.

On June 19, 1954, LLOYD J. REYNOLDS, 7423 S.E. 31st Avenue, Portland, while appearing as a witness under subpoena before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, identified himself as a professor of art at Reed College. He invoked the protection of the Constitution of the United States and particularly the 5th Amendment in declining to answer whether he was ever a member of the CP on the grounds his answers might tend to incriminate.

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[redacted] on [redacted] reported that on March 18, 1958, a social affair was held at a private home following subject's concert in honor of the subject. According to [redacted] no expressions of political views were heard, the topics of conversation being with reference to music of countries visited by the subject. [redacted] reported that the subject was pleased with the response given to his Portland concert and that subject indicated it would pave the way for him to give concerts in other cities. The subject commented that he hac had offers from Seattle and Spokane, Washington, fur future appearances. [redacted] orally advised on [redacted] that about 45 students were present at the above described social affair.

[redacted], on [redacted] further reported that on March 19, 1958, a buffet supper was held for the subject at which the membership was limited to Focus Club members and certain other invited guests. After the supper, according to [redacted] the group, including the subject, went to the Reed College coffee shop, where students were square

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dancing thus affording the students an opportunity to talk to the subject. After about an hour ROBESON left with one of the Focus Club members to return to the residence of Professor LLOYD REYNOLDS where he was staying.

[redacted]orally advised on [redacted] that during the gathering on the evening of March 19, 1958, in the subject's honor, the latter discussed at length his music and the background of some of the music in the countries he had given concerts. b7D

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APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OREGON'S FOREIGN BORN

According to Portland Confidential Informants, the COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OREGON'S FOREIGN BORN, known in its earlier stages as the CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR A CIVIL RIGHTS ORDINANCE and as COMMITTEE TO DEFEND FOUR OF OREGON'S FOREIGN BORN, has been dominated during its entire existence, August, 1949, to date by past and present COMMUNIST PARTY members.

A Portland Confidential Informant reported that a letter dated April 9, 1957, by COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OREGON'S FOREIGN BORN secretary, MARTINA CURL, described the organization "as an independent defense committee organized about seven years ago to help those in Oregon, who, when arrested and facing deportation for exercising the very rights they came to the United States seeking, were confused and financially unable to defend themselves." Portland Confidential Informants have advised the COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF OREGON'S FOREIGN BORN is currently active in Portland, Oregon, holding regular meetings and has sponsored a number of fund raising affairs during the past year.

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PORTLAND CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

Portland Confidential Informants have advised that the PORTLAND CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION, aka OREGON CHAPTER, METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION and OREGON FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION is heavily infiltrated by persons known to them as past or present COMMUNIST PARTY members and sympathizers who take an active part in its affairs and activities.

METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

The METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as "among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work and dealing with the problems of the unemployed and underprivileged."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 5/28/58

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-8472)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Rerep of SA [redacted] Portland, dated and captioned as above, enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is dissemination memo.

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For the information of the Bureau, and for the Office of Origin, [redacted] on [redacted] reported [redacted] (C) Because of the nature of the information reported and the fact that disclosure of the above facts might expose informant, the above remarks were not included in the body of instant report for dissemination.

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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. [X] This report is classified confidential because (state reason) it contains information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation.

8. [ ] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. [ ] This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Portland, Oregon
May 28, 1958

RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] at Portland, dated and captioned as above.

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All informants referred to in the above report are sources, who in the past have provided reliable information.

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ReBulet 5-28-58.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in Security Index. She recently traveled to British West Indies with a group from the United Nations, it being noted that subject is an accredited correspondent at the United Nations for the publication "New World Review." [redacted] (S)

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PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES

The summons and complaint were served on the Attorney General on Mar. 3, 1958. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment and other equitable relief to declare that the Passport Regulations of the Secretary of State (22 C.F.R. 51.135 et seq.) as applied to the plaintiff, are unauthorized, unlawful and invalid. Plaintiff further prays that the defendant be enjoined from interfering with plaintiff's travel outside the U.S., from continuing to refuse to grant a passport to the plaintiff, and to direct the defendant to issue a passport to the plaintiff forthwith. Defendant refused to grant a passport to plaintiff based on his refusal to answer questions concerning present and past membership in the Communist Party which are contained in the passport application form. On April 28, 1958, an Answer to Complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. On the same day, defendant filed a Motion for Security for Costs, together with a memorandum of points and authorities in support thereof. On May 22, 1958, Judge James Morris granted defendant's motion for security for costs and further ordered that plaintiff post such security within 30 days from the date of the Order.

Information included in Internal Security Division Monthly Status Report for May, 1958.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 6/3/58

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON,
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

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Reference is made to NY letter dated 5/8/58, and to Bulet 3/27/58.

In accordance with instructions set forth in reBulet, the following informants of the NYO were contacted to determine if they had any information indicating that subject's current concert tour is controlled, sponsored, guided or influenced by the CP.

	Date of Contact	Agent	Results
[redacted]		SA [redacted]	Negative
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On [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that in the past it was general knowledge in the CP that CP members should attend the concerts of PAUL ROBESON. Informant was unable to provide any specific information regarding subject's current concert tour and CP influence in same.

On [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the CP has always backed the various ventures of PAUL ROBESON by selling tickets, advertising the affair and through attendance. Informant pointed out that in his opinion the CP will do everything possible to assure success of any ROBESON venture. Informant advised that presently the CP is pushing sales of ROBESON'S book, "Here I Stand," urging all members to purchase the book and advertising the book

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1-New York (100-95550)(PAUL ROBESON,JR.)
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whenever the opportunity arises. Informant was unable to furnish any specific information as to the control or guidance by the CP of subject's current concert tour.

On 5/10/58, [redacted] advised that on that date one MARY ELLEN was in contact with PAUL ROBESON, JR., via long distance telephone. She stated there were certain things she desired to discuss with him with particular reference to having his father and mother appear on a TV-Radio panel covering Trade Unionism, Negro Culture and other related topics, the program itself to be sopnsored by "the Negro Ministers." She stated the time and date is entirely up to the ROBESON family. ELLEN further explained that her organization of women will sponsor the subject as long as he includes her on the program. ELLEN requested that she be advised as to how ROBESON is doing with his concerts and other activity inasmuch as "we got him started." ROBESON, JR., commented that he knew his father is in good hands "out there."

It is believed that the above contact with PAUL ROBESON, JR., originated from California and that MARY ELLEN is possibly a subject in the Los Angeles or San Francisco divisions. It is requested that Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland attempt to identify ELLEN and furnished the NYO with any pertinent information concerning her.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: June 12, 1958

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-20853)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
OO: New York

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Re New York airtel, dated May 20, 1958.

Referenced airtel requested Baltimore to reinterview [redacted] concerning his opinion of a statement recently made by [redacted] with respect to ROBESON's affiliation with the CP.

It is recalled that [redacted] (C) stated that [redacted] in speaking of ROBESON, had said, "We know him better than anyone else." Informant then commented, in his report, [redacted] made the remark in a manner which indicated that the CP does know ROBESON to be a CP member.

During recontact with [redacted] (C) informant said that when [redacted] made this statement, the tone of voice [redacted] used and the knowing laugh which accompanied the remark, led informant to conclude that ROBESON was more than a fellow traveler, a sympathizer or a Communist.

Informant stated that this is merely his opinion based on his knowledge of [redacted] personality, as well as all his many years associating with Party members. Informant also stated that he doubts that he would ever get any stronger statement from [redacted] if it is true that ROBESON is a Party member. He stated, however, that he would remain constantly on the alert for any such evidence. SA [redacted] recontacted [redacted] (C) on 5/26/58.

The Baltimore Office has alerted all other informants who are in a position to obtain any such evidence against ROBESON, as well as to obtain any other information which would indicate that the CP might benefit in any way from proceeds of the sale of ROBESON's book "Here I Stand".
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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ReBuairtel, 5/12/58.

Set forth below is a review of information concerning the activity in regard to ROBESON's concerts and the sale of his book, "Here I Stand."

On 5/19/58, [redacted] Carnegie Hall, 57th Street and Seventh Avenue, NYC, advised SA [redacted] that Art D'Lugoff, Festival Presentations, Incorporated, 319 W. 11th Street, NYC, arranged the concerts for ROBESON on 5/9 and 23/58. [redacted] noted this was not an unusual action on the part of D'LUGOFF, inasmuch as his business directly pertains to arranging such affairs for artists.

ReBuairtel stated that attempts should be made to determine whether the CP would benefit financially as a result of the campaign by the CP on behalf of the sale of ROBESON's book.

Investigation in this regard is set forth as follows:

(C) [redacted] a source close to [redacted], is contacted on a continuing basis and has furnished no information which indicates that the CP has benefited financially by the sale of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand."

(C) [redacted] a source close to [redacted] is contacted on a continuing basis and has furnished no information which indicates that the CP has benefited financially from the sale of ROBESON's book.

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financial records maintained by the National and the New York State Offices, CP,USA, 23 W. 26th Street, NYC, are contacted on a continuing basis, also furnished no information which indicates the CP has benefited financially from the sale of ROBESON's book.

It is noted that ROBESON's book was published by Othello Associates.

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Further, a review of [redacted] reflected the following officers of Othello Associates, Incorporated:

PAUL ROBESON, JR.
President

L. BROWN
Secretary

Concerning Othello Associates, it may be documented as follows:

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, State Supreme Court Building, Foley Square, NYC, revealed that on 10/23/52, a Certificate of Incorporation was filed for the Othello Recording Corporation, 53 W. 125th St., NYC. On [redacted] b7D b1 [redacted](C) advised that the Othello Recording Corporation was formed to make records for PAUL ROBESON and persons of the progressive movement who found it difficult to secure opportunities through other recording companies in putting their talent on wax.

On 4/21/58, records of the New York County Clerk's Office, under file number 59906, revealed that on 12/19/57, a Certificate of Change of Name of Othello Recording Corporation to Othello Associates, Incorporated, was filed by PAUL ROBESON, JR. President, and LLOYD L. BROWN, Secretary.

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Concerning PAUL ROBESON, JR.,

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The following is a review of information received from informants concerning activity on the part of the CP in regard to ROBESON's concerts and the sale of his book:

[redacted] (C) advised on [redacted], he had learned that although the CP is attempting to initiate a ROBESON engagement in Baltimore, that the Party's connection with this movement should be as indirect as possible in order to facilitate the greatest possible degree of success. Also, the Party would like ROBESON to be sponsored by the membership within the Negro community and that the only way to obtain this is through the creation of a seemingly spontaneous group with a desire to hear ROBESON.

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[redacted] (C) advised on 4/9/58, that BEN DAVIS indicated that some comrades were charging that "We" were trying to substitute the ROBESON book for the Party's line (The informant was not able to adequately ~~question~~ explain the nature of this statement.)

[redacted] (C) advised on [redacted] that on 4/13/58, at an affair held in Chicago, Ill., PAUL ROBESON spoke and reaffirmed his intention of continuing the fight for his people and for his passport. He urged all present to fight for their rights as individuals despite the fact that many fighters for Negro rights were falsely labelled Communists. ROBESON stated he looked forward to the time when people like CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

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could walk the streets as a free man. He said that LIGHTFOOT and his followers were not trying to overthrow the government, but were simply struggling for the rights of the Negro people.

[redacted] (C) reported on [redacted] ~~LLOYD BROWN~~ and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., conferred briefly on that date at DAVIS' residence. Evidently referring to PAUL ROBESON and ROBESON's book, ~~BROWN~~ said that the following week, in both "The Courier" and "Afro", that "We" will have another of "our" ads. He said he had a new heading, that being, "Ike Says Later, Paul Now." DAVIS indicated that that was a very good heading.

[redacted] (C) advised on [redacted] that the May Day Celebration in Newark, New Jersey, was held on 5/2/58. b1 b7D

PAT TOOHEY, a member of the National Committee of the CP,USA, spoke at the meeting. TOOHEY mentioned PAUL ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand" and urged everyone to buy a copy as soon as available.

[redacted] (C) advised on [redacted] that [redacted] informant advised that BEN DAVIS spoke at length on PAUL ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand", which he said clearly outlines a complete program in mass work. He said that ROBESON's book should be accepted as Party policy [redacted] He said that there were 100,000 copies of this book in print and that 25,000 were to be distributed in the New York area. He said it was the duty of each club and section to take as many of these books and see that they were sold and distributed widely.

PEARL ALLEN, a leading Negro CP member of the New York State CP, spoke during the discussion which followed DAVIS' report, and said she could not accept it. She said that ROBESON's book was a good book, but could not be accepted as Party policy since ROBESON is not a Party member. She said the CP should formulate its own policy as a Communist Party.

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[redacted] (C) advised on [redacted] that DAVIS was in contact with ROBESON on that date. During the ensuing conversation between DAVIS and ROBESON, DAVIS congratulated ROBESON on his second concert at Carnegie Hall, 5/23/58, and stated he was sorry that he could not have been there. ROBESON remarked that he was astounded at the success of the concert and that it opened up entire new vistas for him. He stated that he put the Negro up on an intellectual plane. ROBESON also stated, "This is the answer to Peekskill and everything that went before." DAVIS made arrangements to meet with ROBESON at ROBESON's residence the next day [redacted] (The informant was not able to furnish the reason for DAVIS wanting to meet with ROBESON).

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[redacted] (C) advised on [redacted] that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER dictated a letter to his chauffeur-secretary, JACK SHULMAN, to be sent to PAUL ROBESON.

"Dear Paul:

"You must have been very surprised the other day when during out visit I talked to you particularly about the Negro Questions without mentioning your new book.

"The reason for this exceedingly strange conduct on my part was believe it or not, I did not know that you had written a book. This shows the extent of my sickness. I had been cut off from current publications. The fact of the matter was inaudible even now I am catching up on it only in the most desultory matter.

"It so happens that I was not given a copy of your book when it came out or did I read about it in the 'Worker.'

"You may be sure however when I came to hear about the book several days after our talk I was thoroughly embarrassed at my ignorance and I made haste to get a copy of the book and read it without delay.

(Following paragraph added as a corrected piece.)

"Your book 'Here I Stand' is certainly a splendid piece of literature on the subject animated by the true fighting

spirit of the negro people in this country and throughout the world. It is certainly bound to receive a very wide circulation.

"In these days in our ranks there has been much confusion on the negro question inaudible your book will do a real service.

(Following paragraph a corrected one)

"Your book in its clear fighting spirit will do much to clarify the question. I venture to assert it will do a leading service to the negro people in the fight to light up and make clear the typical road the negro people have to travel in fighting for their own National liberation inaudible gradually working their way to Socialism.

"With all good wishes and again apologizing for my neglect of your fine book.

Bill Foster"

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"This letter was written by my friend JACK SHULMAN as I am unable as yet to write a letter."

Investigation to be conducted as set forth in reBuairtel continuing, and Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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Date: 6/13/58

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Mexico (100-New)

Subject: PAUL ROBESON
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ROBESON is expected to arrive in Mexico City from the United States on or about 7/1/58. [redacted] subject was coming to Mexico "on a private trip but will probably give a concert here." [redacted] it was highly desirable that ROBESON arrive in Mexico before the release of publicity regarding his trip.

The foregoing is being furnished to the Bureau for information.

Extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau for transmittal to the New York Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 6/28/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated 3/20/58, in which it was reported that [redacted] felt that PAUL ROBESON was in California for reasons other than his concert tour, namely, to consolidate the left forces in the CP. Further reference is made to New York letters of 5/8/58 and 5/20/58.

This is to advise that informants of the Los Angeles Office who might be in a position to have information concerning PAUL ROBESON and his activities in the Los Angeles area have been contacted. On [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON has now returned to New York. However, there has been some talk that he plans to move to Los Angeles to live; however, as yet these plans are somewhat indefinite. This informant advised SA [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON and PETTIS PERRY, a member of the National Committee of the CP who now resides in Los Angeles, are very close and see a great deal of each other. This informant stated that PETTIS PERRY has been heard to state that he had met with PAUL ROBESON and had persuaded him to sing at a recent "People's World" newspaper concert held for the benefit of the PW Communist newspaper in Los Angeles. Informant stated that other individuals had tried to persuade ROBESON to sing at such a concert but he had refused to do so until PERRY had talked with him.

Informant stated that he did not know whether ROBESON had had any political meetings with PETTIS PERRY or with other leading CP figures in the Los Angeles area. This informant stated that he had no information to indicate that PAUL ROBESON was actually a member of the CP or was allied with the Foster-Davis faction of the CP.

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However, it very well could be true, according to the informant, because of ROBESON's close relationship with leading CP figures who are of the left faction, particularly PETTIS PERRY.

[redacted] (CC) advised further orally to SA [redacted] that ROBESON's book is being pushed in this area by the Communist element and plans are in effect where any group or individual which might sell the book can keep 40% of the proceeds for themselves or for the organization. Informant stated that he was not certain as to whether any of the receipts from the sale of the book have actually gone to the CP, but it is entirely possible, in view of the fact that they might retain 40% of the proceeds of the sale. b1 b7C b7D

On [redacted] (C) was reinterviewed by SA [redacted] concerning the above matter. This informant stated orally that in order to evaluate the position which PAUL ROBESON now holds regarding the party crisis in the United States, the following facts should be kept in mind:

I. ROBESON has for many years maintained close personal contact with a number of highly placed Soviet officials. His frequent trips in the past years to the Soviet Union plus his contacts with the Soviet Communist movement during the Spanish Civil War, accounts for part of this personal contact.

II. ROBESON first came into contact, according to his own statement, some years ago in Detroit with Communist ideology as a result of his friendship with WILLIAM PATTERSON, with whom he first toured the Soviet Union and with whom he has maintained close personal relationship for many years. PATTERSON, it should be noted, according to the informant, is one of the key figures in the Ben Davis faction of the CP in the New York area.

III. At the time of the 16th National Convention of the CP in New York in February, 1957, [redacted] reported that she had lunched with WILLIAM PATTERSON and he told her that PAUL ROBESON was the main power behind the theoretical b7C b7D

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position of BEN DAVIS and CHARLES LOHMAN. At that time she indicated that while ROBESON was not a delegate to this convention, he was in New York throughout the convention, although the opposite was reported to the convention at the time in explanation for his not being invited to attend. Evidently, in spite of his extreme interest in the factional fight, he is still anxious to maintain some semblance of personal separation from the party, at least for appearance sake.

IV. ROBESON has been on the West Coast for some time. Since his arrival, a number of meetings have been held with key figures in the Negro community of the CP, including FRANK WHITLEY and PETTIS PERRY and CHARLENE MITCHELL, the latter two being members of the National Committee and supporters of the Foster-Davis faction of the CP. FRANK WHITLEY, according to informant, is chairman of the Negro Affairs Commission of the Southern California District of the CP, USA, (SCDCP). This association exists between ROBESON and the above left leaders, according to [redacted] stated that he felt the recent nomination of BILL TAYLOR on 5/9/58 at a district council meeting for National Committee member from Southern California represents support for the roll played by these individuals who have been in contact with PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] stated that BILL TAYLOR is now being considered the leader of the left faction in the SCDCP, which is concentrated in the Moranda Smith Section, in which PETTIS PERRY and PAUL ROBESON reside. [redacted] according to informant, [redacted] of the SCDCP, indicated some weeks ago that the Moranda Smith Section of the CP in Los Angeles was completely in the hands of the left faction. There is reason to believe, according to informant, that this left wing body is operating outside of the regular section apparatus in the Moranda Smith Section because they have evidently been in contact with key people outside the section, including such well known left wingers as LILLIAM HASKELL from San Diego.

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V. Informant advised that here in Southern California at the time of the 16th National Convention of the CP following the 20th congress in the Soviet Union, the centerists and those to the right of center were obviously in control and at the 16th National Convention the Southern California delegation, with one or two notable exceptions, were solidly behind the center and right wing position working with FRED FINE, SID STEIN, as well as JOHN GATES in some aspects of the convention work. A small minority of this delegation worked with BEN DAVIS, including CHARLENE MITCHELL, GLENDORA DAWSON and to a lesser degree ANITA ROSTODHA, all Negroes. Since that time the district council in Southern California and the general leadership of the party have followed a position of careful center of the road policy regarding the National Committee question as well as local questions. In the last few months, however, particularly since the visits of LOUIS WEINSTOCK, and the arrival of PETTIS PERRY and the presence of PAUL ROBESON, the complexion of the district council, as well as the general orientation of a number of the district CP leaders has changed noticeably, so that today there has been a decided left swing orientation of the district leadership. While this by no means has been decisive, it marks a trend which can easily lead to the removal of DOROTHY HEALEY, NEMMY SPARKS as well as BEN DOBBS from their positions of authority. It was noted at the last meeting of the SCDCouncil on 5/9/58 that all of the Negro delegates and Negro visitors sat in a body at this meeting and seemed to be working as an organized clique. When the time came for nominations to the National Committee, FRANK WHITLEY, ANITA ROSTODHA and others jumped to their feet to nominate BILL TAYLOR, a Negro, as if by pre-arrangement. While there has been an apparent desire for the most part on the part of PAUL ROBESON to stay away from CP functions as such, he has appeared as the honored guest at a PW newspaper affair and also at the present time his connection still continues to exist locally, in that anyone who sells a prescribed number of subscriptions to the PW newspaper is rewarded with a gift of PAUL ROBESON's book.

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there was an indication at [redacted] meeting [redacted]

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that some kind of a deal is in the wind regarding a general reorganization of the Southern California National Committee delegation. Informant stated that [redacted] did not discuss the question freely, he inferred that there may be more than a single replacement in the offing for this National Committee delegation.

[redacted] (C) stated that it must be concluded that the Negro left wing leadership of the SCDCP has taken on a much more active roll in recent months, which could only be caused by well organized leadership of the kind which PAUL ROBESON might give. There is reason to believe that PETTIS PERRY and FRANK WHITLEY are acting with the advice, counseling and guidance of PAUL ROBESON on questions of this kind. With the right wing delegate completely destroyed in the New York area, the California party represents the only significant segment which is not directly under the control of the Davis forces. Evidently, this control is a major objective of the left wing groupings in the months ahead.

On [redacted] (C) advised SA [redacted] orally that [redacted] it is his understanding that PAUL ROBESON maintains close contact with PETTIS PERRY and FRANK WHITLEY. This informant stated that he did not know the degree of influence which PAUL ROBESON may have on these individuals. He stated, however, that it was his understanding [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON generally has his thinking oriented along left lines.

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On [redacted] (C) advised SA [redacted] orally that he had no information concerning the activities of PAUL ROBESON of a political nature. He added that he could be very active with leadership in this area and it would not have come to his attention.

For the information of the Bureau and New York Office, PAUL ROBESON while in Southern California has been residing with FRANKIE LEE SIMS and GEORGE SIMS, [redacted] at 236 East 102nd Street, Los Angeles. [redacted]

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The Los Angeles Office will continue to be on the alert for any evidence on the part of PAUL ROBESON to participate directly or indirectly in the CP or influencing others in the current crisis.

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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
PAUL LEROY ROBESON	[redacted] b7C	mz

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

PAUL ROBESON Concert originally scheduled to be held at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, 4/21/58 but lease for hall cancelled because of ROBESON's political beliefs. Central Baptist Church, Wylie Avenue and Kirkpatrick Street, Pittsburgh, made available for ROBESON's Concert which was sponsored by the Religious Talent Guild. ROBESON's Concert held 4/21/58 at Central Baptist Church at which 1800 persons reportedly were in attendance. Leaders of the Communist Party - USA, Western Pennsylvania District, at Pittsburgh expressed an interest in this concert, assisted in the sale of tickets, and attended the concert.

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DETAILS:

I. EFFORTS OF PROMOTER TO OBTAIN CONCERT HALL AT PITTSBURGH, PA. FOR PAUL ROBESON CONCERT SCHEDULED APRIL 21, 1958

The "Sun-Telegraph," a Pittsburgh, Pa. daily newspaper, March 31, 1958, issue, page three, column four, contained an article entitled, "Paul Robeson 'Steal-in' Foiled Here," which set forth in part that the board of managers of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall foiled what was described as an attempt to let communist sympathizer PAUL ROBESON "steal" into the hall for a concert; that Superintendent GILBERT C. CLOONAN stated an advertising man had released publicity that ROBESON would sing at the Ushers Alliance program April 21 but that they contacted the Ushers Alliance which advised that they had voted down ROBESON as a singer for their program because of his political affiliations.

"The Pittsburgh Press," a Pittsburgh, Pa. daily newspaper, April 1, 1958, issue, page 17, columns one and two, contained an article entitled, "Use of Hall is Refused to Singer Robeson Here," which set forth that a contract for the use of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, on Monday, April 21, 1958, for the appearance of PAUL ROBESON had been cancelled the preceding day by GILBERT C. CLOONAN, Superintendent of the building. This article set forth that CLOONAN, in a letter to newspapers, announced that the lease which had been obtained by a private promoter was ordered returned on the grounds that the "facts are not consistent with the memorial character of the building and no mention had been made of Robeson's appearance there."

"The Pittsburgh Press," April 1, 1958, issue, page eight, column one, carried an article entitled, "Robeson Gets Church Offer for Concert," which set forth that Dr. CHARLES R. GORDON, Minister of St. Matthews A.M.E. Zion Church, Sewickley, Pa., extended an invitation to ROBESON to appear at his church. This article set forth that Dr. GORDON emphasized that he is not in agreement with the political views of ROBESON, a staunch admirer of the Soviet Union, but that he respects his rights to be heard as a concert artist.

This article further set forth that GILBERT C. CLOONAN, Superintendent, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, upon cancelling the lease for Robeson's Concert scheduled April 21, 1958, stated, "We didn't want his type here," and "We didn't think it is right to have a person who won't salute his country's flag."

"The Pittsburgh Courier," a national weekly newspaper published at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 12, 1958, issue, page three, columns one and two, contained an article entitled, "Church Opens Its Doors - Robeson Will Sing at Central Baptist," which set forth, in part, that PAUL ROBESON, labeled by one critic as "the Red bull butterfly of literary teas," but placed high in the heroes gallery of India's Prime Minister Jawaharial Nehru because he has represented and suffered for a cause which should be dear to everyone -- the cause of human dignity -- would sing at Central Baptist Church, April 21, at 8:00 PM, according to an announcement made this week by the Religious Talent Guild of Pittsburgh and vicinity.

The article set forth that ROBESON, who has been most successful in needling white America's conscience because of what he charges is bias against him and the rest of America's least privileged minority, will be presented in concert at the church at the aforementioned time, according to LEE A. MATTHEWS, promotional secretary, and B. H. LOGAN, president of the Guild.

Following an unexpected rebuff by GILBERT C. CLOONAN of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Oakland, where the concert was originally scheduled to be held, application was made by the promoters to two large churches - Wesley Center AME Zion and Central Baptist. Previously an invitation to hold the concert in his church was extended by the Rev. CHARLES R. GORDON, pastor of St. Matthews AME Zion Church in Sewickley, Pa. who made the gesture almost immediately after CLOONAN announced that ROBESON could not sing in the Memorial Hall because of some citizens' and organizations' objections to ROBESON's pro-communist leanings.

The article noted that in most cases halls and auditoriums, both public and private, have been made available to ROBESON and that religious organizations have been his chief sponsors.

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II. PAUL ROBESON CONCERT HELD APRIL 21, 1958

"The Pittsburgh Courier," April 28, 1958, issue, page three, entire page, and page four, column two, carried an article entitled, "'I Will Continue Fighting to Prove All Men Are Brothers' - Over 1,800 Attend Paul Robeson Concert," which set forth in part that the crowd of more than 1,800 persons, who jammed Central Baptist Church, April 21, 1958 to hear PAUL ROBESON proved that they were not going to be told who could sing to them or where their concerts could be held.

The article set forth that ROBESON who deviated from the scheduled program, in evident appreciation, gave one of those performances rarely heard in great concert halls; that his repertoire included numbers by old and modern masters; folk songs of various countries, including America, Mexico, England, Germany, France, Hungary, Russia, Africa, India and China; recitations, prayers and the "Death Scene" from "Othello"; that he displayed his mastery of languages by singing, in perfect idiom, English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Hebrew, several African tongues, Persian Sanskrit and Chinese; and on one occasion commented that "Truly, the people of the world are all brothers under the skin."

ROBESON stated that all of his life he had been fighting to prove that all men are brothers; that he was still fighting to prove it; and that he intended to continue fighting to prove it the rest of his life. There was hushed silence for a moment, then a deafening roar of applause, augmented by such vocal encouragement as: "I'm with you, Paul"; "Stand your ground, man"; "There's a real leader," and "There's a real man. I wish there were more like him."

The article noted further that even though brotherhood was the theme of Robeson's Concert, GILBERT C. CLOONAN, Superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, had cancelled the Guild's lease upon learning that ROBESON was to sing there; and that the Rev. CORNELL E. TALLEY, pastor of Central Baptist Church, and his deacon board then came to the rescue of the promoters by offering the use of their church.

It is noted that during the intermission, Rev. CHARLES R. GORDON, pastor of St. Matthews AME Zion Church, Sewickley, Pa., who was the first to offer the use of his church when it was learned that the concert could not be given at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, told the audience that he and his wife received threats of physical violence, after he offered the use of his church.

This article was concluded with the following statements:

"The mixed audience applauded when it was announced that the State Department had relaxed its restrictions on foreign travel by Paul Robeson.

"The department had informed the singer and actor that he was free to travel in the Western Hemisphere, where no passport is required. But he is still unable to go to Europe or elsewhere because he cannot obtain a passport.

"Mr. Robeson has an offer to play several parts next summer at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in Stratford-on-Avon, England. He wants the passport so that he can take the offer, but the State Department has again demanded that he sign a non-Communist affidavit.

"Somewhat different legal questions are raised in another passport case just taken to the United States Court of Appeals in New York--that of Corliss Lamont, lecturer and philosopher.

"In 1956 the State Department included on the regular passport form for the first time three questions about Communist party membership. When Dr. Lamont filled out his application, he left these spaces blank. Although he had previously denied party membership, he said it would violate his principles to answer such questions.

"His lawyer, Leonard B. Boudin of New York, argues that there is no statutory or constitutional authority for a 'general inquisition' into the beliefs of the 600,000 Americans who get passports each year.

"Mr. Boudin also says that some persons have refused to answer the new questions on the passport form for religious reasons and have nonetheless received passports. Not to do the same for Mr. Lamont, he argues, is discrimination.

"Again the audience applauded, when Mr. Robeson informed it that he would return to Pittsburgh in the near future and would give a concert in the Mosque (Syria Mosque). 'I'm still fighting,' he reminded the crowd.

"Alpha Omicron Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, of which the distinguished Rutgers graduate is a member, entertained Mr. Robeson at the fraternity house, following the concert."

III. INTEREST OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA, WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT, REGARDING PAUL ROBESON CONCERT AT PITTSBURGH

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

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that STEVE NELSON on that date at a meeting attended by leaders of this district commented regarding the proposed appearance of PAUL ROBESON at St. Matthews A.M.E. Zion Church, Sewickley, Pa. after ROBESON's lease for appearance at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall at Pittsburgh had been cancelled. He stated that Sewickley, Pa. was not a good location because it was too far away. NELSON stated that he asked BENJAMIN CAREATHERS to see the person who has a place in town and that possibly they can get a statement to read in church regarding this. NELSON stated that BENJAMIN CAREATHERS can contact "The Pittsburgh Courier" newspaper to see if a public statement could be issued.

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[redacted] on [redacted] advised that [redacted] STEVE NELSON had tickets to distribute for the Paul Robeson Concert scheduled April 21, 1958 at Pittsburgh.

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that based upon STEVE NELSON's activities, NELSON as of that date continued to be the chairman of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania District.

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that MARGARET NELSON and BENJAMIN CAREATHERS had participated in the distribution of tickets for the Paul Robeson Concert at Pittsburgh, Pa.

It is noted that [redacted] on [redacted] advised that MARGARET NELSON and BENJAMIN CAREATHERS on [redacted] at Pittsburgh, Pa. were in attendance at a meeting composed of leaders of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania District.

On April 21, 1958, Special Agents of the FBI observed numerous leaders of the CP Western Pennsylvania District in attendance at the Paul Robeson Concert, Central Baptist Church, Wylie Avenue and Kirkpatrick Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. which included, among others, the following individuals:

STEVE NELSON
ALLAN D. MC NEIL
THEODORE LEE ROWLAND
ALEXANDER STABER
ALEX STEINBERG.

It is noted that [redacted] on [redacted] advised that as of that date the above individuals were members of the District Committee, Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania District.

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This report has been classified "confidential" because information reported therein was furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] (C) the disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10501.

On 4/21/58 SAS [redacted] and [redacted] attended the Paul Robeson Concert at Pittsburgh, Pa. and observed the various members of the District Committee, CP Western Pennsylvania District in attendance.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-9855

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

June 19, 1958

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 19, 1958, at Pittsburgh.

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All sources identified by T symbols in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 25, 1958

FROM : R. R. Roach

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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[redacted] of the Passport Office, State Department, called at 2:20 p.m., 6/25/58 and advised that the State Department is issuing Passport Number 1145187 to Paul Robeson. He stated that Robeson's application has been pending at the Passport Office since 3/21/57. He intends to travel to Europe for the purpose of singing and acting and intends to visit England and Czechoslovakia. The passport is being mailed to Robeson's attorney Leonard B. Boudin of New York City. Robeson's case pertaining to his passport has been pending in the courts and this final action was taken by the State Department as a result of the recent Supreme Court's decision with regard to the issuance of passports.

ACTION:

None. For information.

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Nease
1-Mr. Bartlett
1-Mr. Eland
1-Mr. Philcox
1-Liaison Section

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To: SAC, New York (100-25857)

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From: Director, FBI (100-12304)- 514

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

State Department advised Bureau 6-25-58 that Passport Number 1145187 is being issued to Robeson for travel to Europe for the purpose of singing and acting. According to State Department, Robeson intends to visit England and Czechoslovakia. The passport is being mailed to Robeson's attorney, Leonard Boudin, at New York City. This action by State Department was taken as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision with regard to issuance of passports.

Continue to closely follow Robeson's activities. Any information developed bearing upon Robeson's contemplated travel plans and proposed activities abroad should be brought to the Bureau's attention promptly.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro concert singer who has long supported communist and related causes and has been outspoken in his praise of Russia. He has been fighting for passport since 1950 and as a result of recent Supreme Court decision in another passport case, State Department was required to issue passport to Robeson at this time.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 21, 1958

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Yesterday while talking with [redacted] he gave me some information about Paul Robeson.

According to [redacted] Paul Robeson is becoming increasingly effective out on the West Coast among the Negroes and especially among some of the Negro clergymen. [redacted] explained that this is how he is increasing his popularity:

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Robeson approached the pastor of one of the more important Negro churches in Los Angeles [redacted] did not have the name of the church or the pastor) and convinced the pastor to let him sing to his congregation. Robeson explained that the pastor could take up a collection for his church and the entire collection he could keep for his church and his members for he, Robeson, did not want any of it. All he wanted to do was to sing and sing and sing. The pastor agreed and as a result of Paul Robeson's singing he collected over $1,100. This news spread quickly from pastor to pastor in the Los Angeles area. They saw possibilities in Paul Robeson for raising money for themselves and their churches, and, therefore, he has been receiving invitations to sing which he accepts. [redacted] points out that in all these engagements Robeson gets across one or more points in behalf of communism and Russian viewpoints. [redacted] also advised me that Paul Robeson is planning to take a trip into Mexico in the near future and that his wife will go to Jamaica. [redacted] said that he had met Paul Robeson and on one occasion in this same connection, Robeson was heard to say to a person arranging for his Mexico trip: "Book me in as many churches in Mexico as possible." I asked [redacted] who were the people arranging for Robeson's Mexican trip. He said he did not know the names but believed they were "two Jewish promoters."

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[redacted] recognized that he didn't possess the details and explained [redacted] he didn't consider it proper for him to ask any pointed questions or make any specific inquiries, and, therefore, he retains only fragments of this or that conversation which he engages in or overhears.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Section tickler
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: PAUL ROBESON

In light of the cultural and religious history of Mexico, it is difficult to believe that Robeson would be admitted to many churches in Mexico for the purpose of singing. It may be that he had something else in mind such as singing to outdoor gatherings in church areas, etc.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (~~100-2587~~) 100-25857

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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[redacted] (C) advised on 6/18/58 that LLOYD BROWN on that date contacted BEN DAVIS. During the ensuing conversation, BROWN told DAVIS that he had been told by PAULIE (ROBESON, Jr.) that he had been finally able to reach his father (PAUL ROBESON) and "set up a session with him Friday at 1 o'clock and we'd like to have you come." DAVIS commented that he had been trying to reach PAUL ROBESON too but had had no success. To this comment BROWN stated "He must have just cut himself off from the world for a few days."

BROWN and DAVIS then discussed the possibility of PAUL ROBESON obtaining a passport in view of the recent Supreme Court decision pertaining to obtaining passports. DAVIS commented that he thinks ROBESON should immediately get a passport and "get the h___ out of here. Get to England or somewhere." BROWN indicated that the whole country is interested in what ROBESON will do.

In connection with the Supreme Court decision pertaining to restricted travel to foreign countries ~~and~~ in view of allegations of Communist activity, BROWN and DAVIS jokingly remarked that in view of this decision DAVIS should be able to "go to New Jersey." DAVIS

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(1 - 100-149163 BENJ. J. DAVIS, Jr.)
1 - New York 100-23825 (BENJ. J. DAVIS, Jr.)(7-5)
1 - New York 100-24616 [redacted] (7-5)
1 - New York 100-95550 (PAUL ROBESON, Jr.)(12-15)
1 - New York ~~100-2587~~ (7-5) 100-25857

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indicated he felt that the same principle was involved in his case. In conclusion, BROWN and DAVIS indicated that the meeting for Friday would take place at the residence of PAUL ROBESON at 1 o'clock.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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[redacted](C) advised on 6/20/58 that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. advised his wife he was going to meet with PAUL ROBESON that date at ROBESON's residence.

The "New York Times" issue 6/26/58, page 22, column 4, contains an article captioned "ROBESON To Leave For Britain Soon," by LOUIS CALTA. Article sets forth as follows: "PAUL ROBESON, who for the last eight years has been denied a passport, will be able to leave for London within a fortnight to fulfill stage, concert and television commitments there.

"News of the actor-singer's imminent departure was made known yesterday by his lawyer, LEONARD B. BOUDIN. Mr. BOUDIN said that officials of the Passport Office of the State Department in Washington informed him yesterday morning that the document would be 'issued to Mr. ROBESON as quickly as possible or in about five days.'

"Mr. ROBESON's plans include discussions with British producers about a London presentation of 'Othello,' with himself in the title role, and conferences with HAROLD DAVISON, Ltd., a theatrical, band and concert agency. He last appeared on the London stage in 1936 in a play called 'Toussaint L'Ouverture.'

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(3) - Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
1 - New York 100-68223 [redacted] (12-14)
1 - New York 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr.)(7-5)
1 - New York 100-25857 (7-5)

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"There is a possibility that the performer also will appear at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in Stratford-on-Avon. Last February Mr. ROBESON had sought a 'limited' passport to appear at the celebrated theatre as Gower in 'Pericles.'

"However, the State Department refused to process Mr. ROBESON's application. A recent Supreme Court decision voided State Department regulations denying passports to persons of allegedly doubtful loyalty. On Tuesday the State Department announced that the performer, among other rejected applicants, would shortly receive his passport."

Concerning [redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] was a [redacted]. Informant stated that in [redacted] of the CP through leading CP members, [redacted] was identified as a CP member. Informant further stated that he has known [redacted] to have been associated with Communist fronts.

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Informants and other highly confidential investigative techniques of the NYO have furnished no additional information concerning foreign travel by ROBESON other than that reported in re airtel. Bureau will be advised of developments.

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1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Rachner

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EX-117

Date: July 1, 1958

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) DATE

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to previous communications concerning captioned individual.

[redacted] advised that Robeson was expected to arrive in Mexico City from the United States on or about July 1, 1958. According to the source, efforts were being made by interested parties in Mexico City to avoid any publicity concerning Robeson's trip prior to his arrival in Mexico City. Source added that Robeson would possibly give a concert in Mexico City.

In addition, an article captioned "Robeson To Leave For Britain Soon" appeared in the June 26, 1958, issue of "The New York Times." According to the article, Robeson contemplated travel to London, England, within two weeks to fulfill stage, concert, and television commitments. His plans included discussions with British producers concerning a London presentation of "Othello"; conferences with Harold Davison, Limited, a theatrical, band, and concert agency; and a possible performance at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in Stratford-on-Avon.

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The above is furnished for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized individuals. No investigation is requested; however, it would be appreciated

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2 - London (See note page 2)
2 - Mexico City (See note page 2)
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If you would furnish this Bureau any pertinent information which may come to your attention concerning Robeson's travel plans and proposed activities while abroad.

2 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

NOTE TO LEGAL ATTACHES, LONDON AND MEXICO CITY AND SAC, NEW YORK:

ReBuairtel to New York dated 6-26-58, Legal Attache, Mexico City letter to Bureau dated 6-13-58, and Legal Attache, London cablegram dated 6-27-58.

For information of Legal Attaches, London and Mexico City, the State Department advised Bureau on 6-25-58 that Passport No. 1145187 was being issued to Robeson for travel to Europe for the purpose of singing and acting. According to the State Department, Robeson intended to visit England and Czechoslovakia. This action was taken by the State Department as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision with regard to issuance of passports.

New York should continue to closely follow Robeson's activities pursuant to instructions contained in reairtel. Immediately advise Bureau of any information bearing upon Robeson's contemplated travel plans and proposed activities abroad.

Legal Attaches, London and Mexico City should remain alert for additional information concerning Robeson's proposed travel abroad. [redacted] Legal Attaches, London and Mexico City should bear in mind that Robeson's appearance abroad will undoubtedly receive considerable publicity in both the legitimate and progressive press [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:
Robeson is key figure in New York Office. He is noted Negro concert singer who has long supported communist and

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related causes and has been outspoken in praise of the Soviet Union. In recent past Robeson has received considerable international publicity in connection with his passport fight, his recent publication of a book entitled "Here I Stand," of which he is the author, and his recent concert appearances. It is anticipated that Robeson's travel abroad will receive considerable publicity and that the communist countries, as well as communist related groups in other countries, will take advantage of Robeson's appearances abroad for propaganda purposes. Robeson's activities have been and will continue to be closely followed. Legal Attaches, London and Mexico City have previously been furnished pertinent background information. Classified "Confidential" inasmuch as information surrounding Robeson's proposed travel to Mexico was furnished by [redacted] (C) The information has not been furnished by any other source and, consequently, disclosure of same might possibly disclose identity of source AND jeopardize his valuable potential in field of security coverage in Mexico. This would be injurious to national defense.

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PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES

The summons and complaint were served on the Attorney General on March 3, 1958. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment and other equitable relief to declare that the Passport Regulations of the Secretary of State (22 C.F.R. 51.135 et seq.) as applied to the plaintiff, are unauthorized, unlawful and invalid. Plaintiff further prays that the defendant be enjoined from interfering with plaintiff's travel outside the U.S., from continuing to refuse to grant a passport to the plaintiff, and to direct the defendant to issue a passport to the plaintiff forthwith. Defendant refused to grant a passport to plaintiff based on his refusal to answer questions concerning present and past membership in the Communist Party which are contained in the passport application form. On April 28, 1958, an Answer to Complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. On the same day, defendant filed a Motion for Security for Costs, together with a memorandum of points and authorities in support thereof. On May 22, 1958, Judge James Morris granted defendant's motion for security for costs and further ordered that plaintiff post such security within 30 days from the date of the Order. On June 25, 1958, the Secretary of State granted a passport to the plaintiff on the basis of the Supreme Court's recent ruling in Briehl v. Dulles and Kent v. Dulles.

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cc: mr Ferrie

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

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To : Director, FBI

From: SAC, Baltimore (100-20853)

Re : CP, USA, MARYLAND - D. C. DISTRICT
BALTIMORE DIVISION
PAUL ROBESON
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[redacted] interested in determining whether contacts had been made with influential Negroes in Baltimore so that eventually PAUL ROBESON might appear at a concert in that area. [redacted] LLOYD BROWN was handling some of ROBESON's affairs, such as sending autographed copies of his book because ROBESON had gone to England.

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SAC, New York (100-25857)

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Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Los Angeles airtels dated 9-25-57 and 5-27-58 which set out information furnished by [redacted] concerning overtures made toward Robeson by representatives of the MRA for the purpose of defecting Robeson from his communist interests.

The following additional information was furnished in confidence by [redacted] (conceal) to a Bureau representative on [redacted]

[redacted] Robeson is becoming increasingly effective on the West Coast among Negroes, especially among some Negro clergymen. As an example of his effectiveness, Robeson approached a pastor of one of the more important Negro churches in Los Angeles and convinced the pastor to let him sing to the congregation. Robeson explained that the pastor could take up a collection and keep the entire collection for his church inasmuch as he, Robeson, was not interested in the money, only to sing. The pastor agreed and as a result of Robeson's singing the pastor collected over $1100. This news spread to other pastors in the Los Angeles area who recognized the possibility of Robeson raising money for their churches. As a result, Robeson received and accepted several invitations from pastors to sing in their churches. Currie pointed out that in all of these engagements Robeson gets across one or more points in behalf of communism and the Russian viewpoint.

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[redacted] advised further that Robeson is planning to take a trip to Mexico in the near future. [redacted] stated that Robeson was heard to tell a person, who was arranging for his Mexican trip, that he wanted to be booked in as many churches in Mexico as possible. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional details in this regard.

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Ben Davis commented that Robeson had appeared at a number of churches on the West Coast and that the money collected had been divided half for Robeson and half for the churches. (Reference Baltimore airtel to Bureau dated 4-3-58 concerning captioned individual.

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In connection with the above information furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] it does not appear desirable that contact be made with any of the pastors or other religious leaders of churches in which Robeson has appeared for the purpose of eliciting information concerning Robeson's appearances and related financial arrangements. All offices should, however, follow this matter through established informants and sources and keep the Bureau promptly advised of pertinent developments. In addition, any information bearing upon contemplated travel by Robeson outside the United States should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

For additional information, the Department of State advised the Bureau on 6-25-58 that Robeson is being issued Passport Number 1145187 for travel to Europe for the purpose of singing and acting. This action was taken by the State Department as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision with regard to issuance of passports. Copies of this letter being furnished Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago, San Francisco and Pittsburgh in view of Robeson's recent appearances in these divisions.

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Letter to New York
Re: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
100-12304

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is noted Negro concert singer who has long supported communist and related causes and has been outspoken in his praise of Russia. Robeson has been extremely active in recent past in concert appearances throughout the United States. He has been given considerable publicity in this regard and, as noted above, he is being issued passport for travel abroad having been denied same since 1950 in view of failure to comply with passport regulations. (Information above furnished by [redacted] See memo W. C. Sullivan to Belmont 6-21-58).

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/3/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
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OO: NEW YORK

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Reference is made to New York letter, dated June 3, 1958, in which Los Angeles and San Francisco were requested to endeavor to identify one [redacted] believed to be from Los Angeles or San Francisco, who was reported to have been in contact with PAUL ROBESON, JR., stating that her group got PAUL ROBESON started.

The Los Angeles Indices were negative on [redacted] on June 11, 1958, [redacted] of the "Hollywood Citizen News," furnished to SA [redacted] a mimeographed leaflet at the top of which appeared the heading "The Fallout Suit," Co-ordinator: MARYLOUISE ALLEN, 250 Ashbury Street, San Francisco, California; Treasurer: LLOYD M. SMITH, 633 South Shatto Place, Los Angeles, California. The Post Office Box number was shown as 1161, San Francisco, California. The mimeographed leaflet is a circular letter telling of the protests against the production and testing of weapons which menace mankind. The letter solicited assistance.

The committee was listed as follows:

DAVID WALDEN

HALLOCK HOFFMAN (son of PAUL G. HOFFMAN)

2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
2 - New York (100-25857) (REGISTERED)
(1 - 100-95550)
2 - San Francisco (100-6907) (REGISTERED)
6 - Los Angeles
(1 - 100-41391 [redacted]
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The Indices of the Los Angeles Office reflected numerous references on [redacted] however, there was no positive identification made, nor will this be undertaken unless so directed by the Bureau.

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The San Francisco Office will endeavor to establish the identity of the [redacted] mentioned in referenced New York letter and whether she is identical with the [redacted] mentioned in this letter in connection with the "The Fallout Suit."

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Date: 7/3/58

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Bureau airtel 6/26/58.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
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Reference is made to my letter dated July 2, 1958, concerning Robeson. (U)

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The above is for your information and should not be furnished to unauthorized persons. No investigation is requested; however, it would be appreciated if you would furnish this Bureau any pertinent information which may come to your attention concerning Robeson's activities abroad. (U)

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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ATTENTION LEGAL ATTACHES, BONN, PARIS, AND LONDON:

Legal Attaches, Bonn, Paris, and London, should remain alert for any information concerning Robeson's activities abroad. Pertinent information concerning his activities should be furnished the Bureau promptly in form suitable for dissemination. For the information of Legal Attaches, Bonn, and Paris, Robeson is a key figure of the New York Office. He is a noted Negro concert singer who has long supported communist and related causes and has been outspoken in his praise of the Soviet Union. During the recent past, he has received considerable publicity in connection with his efforts to obtain a passport, his recent publication of a book entitled "Here I Stand," of which he is the author, and his recent concert appearances. As a result of a recent Supreme Court decision, he received his passport. It is anticipated that Robeson's travel abroad will receive considerable publicity and, consequently, any inquiries concerning Robeson should be discreetly handled so as to avoid any possibility of embarrassment to the Government. (u)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name included in Security Index. State and Central Intelligence Agency have been kept currently advised of subject's plans to travel abroad. A copy of this letter is being furnished Legal Attache, Mexico, for information inasmuch as previous information indicated possibility of subject traveling to Mexico, of which Legal Attache, Mexico, was advised. This letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as information set forth above was furnished to

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consequently, untimely disclosure of such could adversely affect the national defense. (u)

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ReNYairtel 7/3/58.

The "New York Times" Late City Edition, Section 1, page 8, column 5, dated 7/11/58, contains the following article captioned "ROBESON Off to Europe After an 8-Year Battle." Article set forth as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON, who had been barred for eight years from leaving the country because he refused to sign a nonCommunist affidavit for a passport, left for London yesterday to start a series of concerts.

"The singer received his passport recently after the Supreme Court had invalidated the State Department's requirement for the affidavit. Departing from New York International Airport at Idlewild, Queens, Mr. ROBESON said he would give concerts in Europe, including Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

"Mr. ROBESON was asked if he planned to stay abroad. He replied: 'This is my land. My grandfather and father were born here, too, and I don"t plan to leave it.'"

For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 14, 1958

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER
(100-12304)

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed editorial from The Wall Street Journal. It concerns the action of the Supreme Court decision which enabled Paul Robeson to obtain a passport for travel abroad. It supports this decision, primarily on the basis that it cannot be seen how Robeson would be a danger to this country in foreign travel.

The enclosed editorial is particularly interesting because it shows that even the staid, conservative, and supposedly knowledgeable groups, such as are represented by a newspaper of this nature, entirely miss the point in regard to the issuance of passports to individuals like Robeson. Nowhere in the editorial is there any mention of the fact that such travel offers excellent opportunities for individuals of this nature to engage in espionage and thus to further the objectives of the international communist conspiracy.

When such a stand as this is taken on this vital issue by the well-educated element represented by this particular newspaper, it is understandable why there have been so many adverse reactions in the country today toward efforts to combat communism.

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REVIEW and OUTLOOK

Mr. Robeson Takes a Trip

Mr. Paul Robeson, whose great gift as a singer is matched by a talent for bitter criticism of his country, is off for a European concert tour after waiting eight years for a passport.

The baritone is on his way because the Supreme Court decided recently that the State Department didn't have the right to deny a man a passport just because the Government didn't like a man's views about this country or about Communism.

We thought the Supreme Court right then, and we think the President is wrong now to ask Congress to pass a law returning that power to the State Department.

Such a law, we think, would be wrong for several reasons. For one thing, we can see no reason why a man free to travel in any of the 48 states should be barred from traveling overseas. If a man is a danger to the country, then the man should be tried and if convicted he should be put in jail. A great many have. But if a man is not a danger within the country, we can't see how he can suddenly endanger the country once outside its borders.

Paul Robeson is a man with whose opinions about this country we completely disagree. But can a radical baritone's voice drown out Mr. Dulles? Can his views threaten N.A.T.O., or nullify all the billions of dollars we've spent on foreign aid to make friends and influence other nations? If so, we have built a foreign policy that is insecure indeed; and we might be the better off for knowing about it.

The fact is that Paul Robeson can't possibly do those things. He will be acclaimed in London, perhaps, for his artistry and acclaimed in Moscow for his political views. But what off-key remarks can Robeson make overseas that he hasn't said right here at home? And what has he said here that hasn't got overseas?

Our Government and private agencies have spent millions upon millions of dollars to strengthen the image of America as the land of the free. But will other people in other places not think of us as the land of the fearful if we deny the right to travel to our own critics? Surely, this is an unbecoming posture for the nation, at best.

And at worst, it could become a dangerous procedure. If the Government is empowered to deny Paul Robeson and others like him a passport because they are disgruntled or critical of our system, what is to stop the Government from broadening that power to include those who disapprove not of the whole system but only of part of it? Is the next step to label critics of, say, foreign aid as too "dangerous" to let abroad and to deny them passports also?

So far as Robeson, the individual, is concerned, it wouldn't matter very much to us if he found life elsewhere so enchanting he decided never to come back here. But so far as all of us are concerned, it should matter very much that even Robeson and his kind shall have the right to go.

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[redacted] (C) advised on 7/10/58, that BEN DAVIS was visited on that date at his residence by [redacted] apparently intoxicated, kept shouting, "That Negro got away, he got away". [redacted] evidently referring to trip by PAUL ROBESON to Europe). DAVIS made the statement, "He sure got away from those b..... in Washington." b1

DAVIS also made the statement, apparently referring to ROBESON, "The Negro from the chain gang made it". Continuing, DAVIS stated, "It was close though, they almost got him. If it had been left with the President they would have gotten him because they would have got him and held him till they got the bill passed". (DAVIS evidently referring to proposed legislation which would restrict foreign travel in view of Communist affiliation.) DAVIS commented concerning the President of the US and stated, "That President, he is a first class phony, a corrupt s.. o. a b.... if there ever was one.". W

Later in the conversation, after more drinking, [redacted] said to DAVIS, "Let them pass the law now". DAVIS told him that in that respect, if they passed the law "they can only get you and me". [redacted] told DAVIS that even if he had the money to go (abroad) and live in peace somewhere. b7C

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else that he'd be happiest here, "just messing with these people". DAVIS agreed to this. [redacted] retorted, "that is the only joy left to us.... and you can't even go to Jersey." b7C

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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: July 16, 1958

To: Director, FBI (100-3-81)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-39)

Subject: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Enclosed herewith is an article in French which appeared in the 7/14/58 edition of l'Humanite, Communist daily paper of Paris.

The article reflects an interview with PAUL ROBESON in London. ROBESON indicated that after London, he desired to go to Prague, Czechoslovakia, the USSR and France.

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FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-33129)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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(OO: New York)

Re New York airtel to the Director dated 5/22/58.

On [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] The informant furnished information orally which was reduced to writing by SA [redacted] and authenticated by the informant on 6/12/58. This material is being maintained in Newark file [redacted]

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[redacted]

MORTON STAVIS announced that there would be a concert by PAUL ROBESON at Carnegie Hall, 5/9/58 in New York City. STAVIS made the statement that the PAUL ROBESON Concert was being sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Young People's Democratic For Action Committee.

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[redacted] a mimeographed sheet advertising the PAUL ROBESON Concert on 5/9/58 with a heading at the top of the sheet "Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, 421 Seventh Avenue, New York 1, New York".

The informant was able to obtain this mimeographed sheet which is being maintained in Newark file [redacted] (C)

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The informant stated that he is unable to furnish any further information relative to whether or not the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Young People's Democratic For Action Committee were directly involved in the sponsorship of ROBESON'S concert. - RUC -

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TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, was.

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Report made by: [redacted] b7C

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Synopsis:

Subject issued passport on 6/25/58, as result of United States Supreme Court ruling on 6/16/58, upholding right of individual to refuse to answer questions in passport application relating to present or past membership in the Communist Party. Subject had executed passport application on 3/21/57, for proposed travel to England and Czechoslovakia for purpose of "to sing and act." In that passport application, subject declined to answer the questions relating to present or past membership in the Communist Party citing his constitutional right and his right to be granted a hearing. On 5/29/57, subject appeared at informal hearing held at the Passport Office and refused to answer questions or offer an explanation relative to Communist Party membership. On 12/10/57, subject's attorney requested Passport Office to issue subject a limited passport to permit subject to appear in a play in England. On 1/17/58, Passport Office ruled that subject must answer the questions with respect to Communist Party membership before consideration could be given toward granting him a passport. On 2/28/58, subject, through his attorney, filed a civil action in United States District Court, Washington, D. C., against the Secretary of State alleging that his constitutional rights had been violated through

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the refusal of the Passport Office to issue him a passport. On 7/2/58, a stipulation was entered in this matter, noting that subject had been issued a passport and in view of this the law suit should be dismissed. On 7/3/58, United States District Court ordered subject's law suit dismissed as moot. On 4/16/58, American Embassy, Prague, reported that the Czechoslovakia press prominently played up reports of subject's 60th birthday, and [redacted] b1

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On July 10, 1958, [redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA [redacted] the passport file of PAUL ROBESON. A review of that file disclosed the following information:

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ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT TO SUBJECT ON JUNE 25, 1958

Passport number 1145187 was issued to PAUL ROBESON on June 25, 1958. This passport was marked not valid for travel to the following areas under control of authorities with which the United States does not have diplomatic relations: Albania, Bulgaria, and those portions of China, Korea, and Viet-Nam under communist control. The passport was also marked not valid for travel in Hungary.

Under current passport regulations, an ordinary American passport, such as issued to subject, is valid for a period of two years, at the end of which time it may be renewed for an additional two years, making the maximum period of validity of such a passport four years. At the end of that period, a person must file a new application. It is noted that the regulations permit the use of a passport for lawful travel within the period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further prior notification to the Department of State.

Memorandum in file dated June 24, 1958, recommends that a passport should be issued to subject pursuant to decision rendered by United States Supreme Court on June 16, 1958, in the cases of "KENT v. DULLES; BRIEHL v. DULLES and DAYTON v. DULLES," which involved cases of individuals who had been refused passport facilities due to their failure to answer questions or submit affidavits relating to their present or past membership in the Communist Party.

The opinion of the United States Supreme Court in the aforementioned cases written by Justice WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS states: "We do not reach the question of constitutionality. We only conclude that Congress did not delegate to the Secretary of State the kind of authority exercised here. We deal with beliefs, with associations, with ideological matters. We must remember that we are dealing here with citizens who have neither been accused of crimes nor found guilty. They are being denied their freedom of movement solely because of their refusal to be subjected to inquiry into their belief and associations....."

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SUBJECT's PASSPORT APPLICATION OF MARCH 21, 1957

On March 21, 1957, at New York, New York, PAUL ROBESON executed an application for passport. In that application he stated he was born April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey, and maintained permanent residence at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York. He stated that during the period 1928 to 1939, he had resided in England, and that during the month of May, 1950, he had resided in Europe. He listed his father as WILLIAM DREW ROBESON, born 1843 in North Carolina, and his mother as LOUISA BUSTILL ROBESON, born 1853 in Pennsylvania. He indicated that his parents are deceased. Subject stated he was last married in August, 1921, to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, who was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D. C.

Subject stated his last passport was issued to him on May 8, 1947; that it was subsequently renewed and later revoked by the Department of State.

Regarding his travel plans, subject stated he intended to depart from the United States at the Port of New York, New York, on May 1, 1957, for a proposed length of stay abroad of six months in order to visit England, and Czechoslovakia for the purpose of "to sing and act."

Subject's wife served as the identification witness.

In answer to the questions, "Are you now a member of the Communist Party?" and "Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?", subject wrote "see rider."

Attached to subject's passport application was a rider consisting of an affidavit sworn to by subject at the Passport Office, New York, New York, on March 21, 1957, which stated:

"I decline to answer the questions as to membership in the Communist Party on the following grounds:

"(1) My consitutional rights and privileges.

"(2) The Department's demand is an attempted evasion of the decision of the Court of Appeals in ROBESON v. DULLES, C. A., D. C., No. 12983, which deferred consideration of the

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affidavit demands of the Department and relegated me to a hearing which I have previously requested in vain and which I again request if this application is not to be granted."

TENTATIVE REFUSAL OF PASSPORT FACILITIES TO SUBJECT

On May 27, 1957, Passport Office informed subject that his passport application of March 21, 1957, was being tentatively refused under the provisions of Section 51.135 of the Passport Regulations. Subject was informed of his entitlement to an informal hearing at which he could present any relevant information. It was stated that at any rate subject would be expected to subscribe under oath or affirmation to a statement with respect to membership in the Communist Party as provided in the Passport Regulations.

Section 51.135 of the Passport Regulations refers to the limitation on the issuance of passports to persons supporting the communist movement so that persons who support the world communist movement, of which the Communist Party is an integral unit, may not through the use of United States passports further the purposes of that movement.

INFORMAL HEARING HELD AT THE PASSPORT OFFICE

On May 29, 1957, pursuant to the passport regulations, an informal hearing was held at the Passport Office with respect to subject's request for passport facilities. Subject was represented at the hearing by his attorney, LEONARD B. BOUDIN. At the hearing, subject refused to submit an affidavit and refused to answer questions relating to Communist Party membership and also refused to answer questions or to offer explanation of varied activities abroad in support of the communist movement.

In view of subject's actions, he was informed that due to his failure to comply with the passport regulation, the Department of State was constrained to withhold further consideration of his request for passport facilities until such time as subject was willing to comply with the regulations.

REQUEST FOR LIMITED PASSPORT TO PERMIT SUBJECT TO APPEAR IN PLAY IN ENGLAND

On December 10, 1957, subject's attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN, sent a letter to the Passport Office, making reference to the passport application executed by the subject and also to the

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informal hearing held on May 29, 1957. Mr. BOUDIN pointed out that subject had indicated in his passport application that he desired to travel to England, France, Czechoslovakia, Israel, and the Scandinavian countries for the purpose of singing and acting. Mr. BOUDIN stated that the purpose of his sending this letter to the Passport Office is to advise that the subject has recently received an invitation from the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre to act in "Pericles" in England during the 1958 season. Mr. BOUDIN requested that since the matter of the right of an individual to refuse to answer questions in the passport application with respect to matters of past political associations, is one currently before the United States Supreme Court, consideration be given to issuing subject a limited passport restricted to his trip to England for the purpose of rehearsal and playing in "Pericles." Mr. BOUDIN stated it was necessary that subject accept this offer to appear in "Pericles" immediately or else it would have to be rejected, and it was therefore not possible for subject to await the outcome of the United States Supreme Court's decision in related cases.

Enclosed with Mr. BOUDIN's letter, was a letter from GLEN BYAM SHAW, Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon, England, dated November 22, 1957, offering subject the part of GOWER in "Pericles" and advising subject that he would be expected to start rehearsing in England on June 9, 1958, and to remain in England until the end of the season on November 29, 1958.

On January 17, 1958, the Passport Office replied to Mr. BOUDIN's letter of December 10, 1957, stating that the Department of State deems it necessary that the subject answer the questions with respect to Communist Party membership before consideration could be given to his request for passport facilities.

On January 31, 1958, Mr. BOUDIN sent another letter to the Passport Office, advising that subject had received an offer from the Harold Davidson, Limited, Theatrical Band and Concert Agency, London, England, offering subject two major television shows, one on April 6, 1958, entitled "Sunday Night at the Pallidium," and the other on April 12, 1958, entitled, "The Paul Robeson Show." Mr. BOUDIN again requested that consideration be given toward issuing subject a limited passport.

On February 10, 1958, the Passport Office advised Mr. BOUDIN that the Department of State has reconsidered this matter in light of the facts presented and perceives no reason to modify

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its previous position until such time as subject is willing to comply with the passport regulations.

CIVIL ACTION, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WASHINGTON, D. C., ENTITLED "PAUL ROBESON, PLAINTIFF, V. JOHN FOSTER DULLES, SECRETARY OF STATE, DEFENDANT"

On February 28, 1958, subject, through his attorney, DAVID REIN, of the law firm of Forer and Rein, Washington, D. C., filed a complaint in United States District Court for the District of Columbia, in civil action number 513-58, entitled "PAUL ROBESON, 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York, Plaintiff, v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Secretary of State, Defendant." The complaint states that subject is an artist, specializing in singing and acting for more than a quarter of a century. It states that subject's income in large part has been derived from concerts and appearances in Europe and elsewhere in the world. It was stated that on or about August 1, 1950, the Secretary of State made a public announcement that plaintiff's passport had been revoked, and on January 30, 1953, and thereafter, plaintiff made applications for passport, the last such application having been made on March 21, 1957. It was stated that each of plaintiff's applications for passport were denied by defendant based upon political beliefs and associations and upon plaintiff's refusal to answer questions on those subjects. It was also stated that on May 29, 1957, plaintiff appeared at an informal hearing, defendant was the sole witness and relied upon confidential material, not disclosed to plaintiff, upon testimony of witnesses before congressional hearings and upon newspaper stories. The complaint alleges that the constitutional rights of plaintiff have been violated through the refusal of defendant to issue plaintiff a passport and that this refusal interferes with plaintiff's liberty and was done without due process of law. The complaint contends that the questions in the passport application relating to membership in the Communist Party have no relevance to plaintiffs' request for a passport.

On July 2, 1958, a stipulation was entered by plaintiff's attorney, DAVID REIN, and defendant's attorney, JAMES C. HISE. This stipulation reflects that plaintiff and defendant by their counsels stipulate as follows:

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"1. Suit was commenced in this matter on February 28, 1958 with plaintiff seeking inter alia declaratory judgment directing defendant to issue a passport to plaintiff in standard form and for standard duration.

"2. The Secretary of State decided on June 25, 1958 that plaintiff was entitled under the applicable decisions of the United States Supreme Court of June 16, 1958 in KENT and BRIEHL v. DULLES, No. 481, to be granted the requested passport and on that date the defendant issued to the plaintiff the passport of standard form.

"3. The within action is accordingly discontinued without cost to either party."

On July 3, 1958, United States District Court Judge JAMES W. MORRIS issued an order stating that parties to the lawsuit, by their counsels have entered into a stipulation, that the action should be discontinued, and it is by the Court this 3rd day of July, 1958, ordered that this action be and is hereby dismissed as moot without costs to either party.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRESS PLAYS UP REPORT OF SUBJECT'S 60TH BIRTHDAY

On April 16, 1958, the American Embassy, Prague, forwarded a communication to the Department of State reflecting that during the preceeding week the Czechoslovakia press had prominently played up reports of the subject's 60th birthday with front page photographs and stories recalling subject's "heroic fight against fascist oppression." It was stated that the Czechoslovakian Committee of Peace Defenders reportedly sent a letter to the Department of State with a demand that subject be granted a passport so that he might appear in the Prague Spring Musical Festival. It was further stated that on April 9, 1958, "Bridge Across the Ocean," a film which subject had a hand in producing, was shown in Prague and the publication, "Prade" of April 10, 1958, reported that the subject had sent a telegram of thanks to the staff of Prague radio and television station responding to their good wishes on his birthday.

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DESCRIPTION

The following description of subject was contained in his passport application of March 21, 1957:

Height:	6'2½"
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Brown
Marks:	Scar over right eye
Occupation:	Singer and actor

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/22/58

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(OO:NY)

Classification 10/24/78 JTP/ss

Being forwarded herewith to the Bureau are four copies and to New York three copies of the report of SA [redacted] WFO, dated and captioned as above. (U) b/c

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Instant matter was brought to the attention of WFO by the Passport Office. (U)

[redacted] b/D (S)(U)

An evaluation memorandum has not been submitted inasmuch as T-1 has been described in the enclosed report as [redacted] and no further evaluation is deemed necessary. (U)

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IDENTITY	DESCRIPTION OF INFO FURNISHED	LOCATION
T-1 [redacted]	[redacted]	100-19021-230 (C)(U)

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed, and a T symbol was utilized in the report only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed. (U)

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3 - New York (100-25857) (Encls-3) (RM) REC-19 JUL 23 1958
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Instant report has been classified secret inasmuch as the information furnished by T-1 [redacted] bears this classification.

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[redacted] July 15, 1958.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Public Services Division,

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TO FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTOGATION

WASHINGTON D. C.

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Gentlemen:

On May 29th, 1954, 300 pages of materials regarding life under Soviet were given to Paul Robson (through his wife) [redacted]

I did not know at the time that Robson is communisticaly disposed. I arrived to United States on [redacted]

If Robson will be permitted to go to the USSR, he can take this materials with him and give it to the communists,- this would be a misfortune.

The materials (in Russian) were sent to the State Department to read through.

If you wish, I can send it to you now as a gift.

Respectfully yours

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To : Director, FBI 100-3-57

From: SAC, Baltimore (100-20853)

Re : CP, USA, MARYLAND - D. C. DISTRICT
BALTIMORE DIVISION
PAUL ROBESON
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CINAL

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-3 RJ/JW
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 1-16-91

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[redacted] advised [redacted] explained [redacted] that no one in New York knew when PAUL ROBESON would return to the United States. [redacted] said that it could be anywhere from three months to two years. [redacted] added that he felt that ROBESON would try to visit all the countries that had been inviting him to come for the past 11 years and might go to India, Africa, the Soviet Union, Red China, and other countries. [redacted] said that ROBESON would make these visits even if the State Department voided his passport.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) SECRET DATE: July 25, 1958

FROM : Legal Attache, London (100-1182)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/24/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25861)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference is made to Bulet to New York dated 7/2/58 in which it was set out that ROBESON had appeared before Negro churches to sing, and made remarks favorable to Communism.

Los Angeles has furnished all information to New York which is available through established sources, concerning ROBESON'S appearances before churches in the Los Angeles area, as follows:

[redacted] furnished a written report on [redacted] to SA [redacted] which set out that on 2/28/58 PAUL ROBESON sang at the St. Peter's Church, 111th and South Main Street, Los Angeles, California. Informant advised that at this affair ROBESON made no speech or remarks.

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The Los Angeles Office will be on the alert through established sources of ROBESON'S activities in churches and plans for concerts outside the United States, in order that the Bureau and New York may be appropriately advised.

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Date: 7/23/58

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Mr. Holloman
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100-3-59

To : Director, FBI

From: SAC, Baltimore (100-20853)

Re : CP, USA, MARYLAND - D. C. DISTRICT
BALTIMORE DIVISION
PAUL ROBESON
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(C) [redacted] Othello Associates, which is publishing PAUL ROBESON's latest book.

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[redacted] in asking [redacted] about the possibility of ROBESON's appearing at a concert in Baltimore learned [redacted] that ROBESON would only appear in concerts sponsored by Negroes. [redacted] then added that recently ROBESON had learned that a concert for ROBESON in Detroit had been sponsored by a white progressive and that this white progressive had collected most of the proceeds of the concert which had shocked ROBESON and had caused him to state that concerts in which he appeared in the future would have to be sponsored by Negroes.

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-48)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
WASHINGTON FIELD	NEW YORK	7/29/58	7/17,21/58

TITLE OF CASE

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka

Report made by [redacted] Typed By: jak

CHARACTER OF CASE

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject issued passport on July 7, 1958, for proposed travel to England of six months' duration for the purpose of joining her husband. In her application for that passport executed on July 1, 1958, subject refused to answer the questions pertaining to present or past membership in the Communist Party.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On July 21, 1958, [redacted] Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA [redacted] the passport file of ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. A review of that file disclosed the following information:

Passport number 1104293 was issued to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON on July 7, 1958. This passport was marked not valid for travel to the following areas under control of authorities with which the United States does not have diplomatic relations:

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Albania, Bulgaria, and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control. The passport was also marked not valid for travel in Hungary.

Under current passport regulations, an ordinary American passport, such as issued to subject, is valid for a period of two years, at the end of which time it may be renewed for an additional two years, making the maximum period of validity of such a passport four years. At the end of that period, a person must file a new passport application. It is noted that current passport regulations permit the use of the passport for lawful travel within the period of its validity whenever and as often as desired without further prior notification to the Department of State.

Passport application dated July 1, 1958, at New York, New York, reflects that ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D. C., and maintained permanent residence at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York. She listed her father as JOHN J. GOODE, born 1870, in Illinois, and her mother as ESLANDA CARDOZO GOODE, born October 22, 1872, at Columbia, South Carolina. She indicated that her parents are deceased. Subject stated she was last married on August 17, 1921, to PAUL ROBESON, who was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey. She stated that their marriage has not been terminated and that her husband resides with her at the above mentioned New York, New York, address.

Regarding her travel plans, subject stated she intended to depart from the United States on July 10, 1958, at the port of New York, New York, for a proposed length of stay abroad of six months in order to visit England for the purpose of joining her husband. There was a written notation on the application that subject does not intend to fulfill any writing assignments while abroad.

Subject refused to answer the questions in the application, "Are you now a member of the Communist Party?" and "Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?" Subject stated she does not have to answer questions regarding Communist Party affiliations.

It is noted that a United States Supreme Court decision of June 16, 1958, in the cases involving ROCKWELL KENT,

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WALTER BRIEHL and WELDON BRUCE DAYTON, held that under existing statutes governing travel, the Secretary of the State lacks the authority to withhold a passport because of an applicant's present or past membership in or association with the Communist Party.

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

The following description of subject was contained in her passport application:

Date of birth:	December 15, 1896
Place of birth:	Washington, D. C.
Height:	5' 3"
Hair:	Gray and black
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Writer

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/29/58

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-14994)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka
SECURITY MATTER
(OO:NY)

Being forwarded herewith to the Bureau are four copies and to New York three copies of the report of SA [redacted], WFO, dated and captioned as above.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Instant case was referred to WFO by the Passport Office.

Copies of subject's passport application photo will be forwarded to New York via routing slip.

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