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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

Date: 7/24/58

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legat, Mexico (105-978)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Legat letter dated 6/13/58.

No further information has been received by this office that PAUL ROBESON intends to visit Mexico.

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From: Legat, Paris (100-715)

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"L'Humanite", French Communist daily, on 7/21/58 printed a message from "the great colored American singer, PAUL ROBESON", which was read at the plenary session of the World Peace Council at Stockholm, Sweden, on 7/20/58 by Mrs. ANNA LOUISE STRONG. This statement read as follows:

"You have come from all corners of the Earth, and you represent different political opinions, nations and cultures.

"Once more the noble words of JOLIOT-CURIE have resounded at Stockholm: 'The people themselves must impose the peace.' There is still time. The world must know that the colored people want to be masters of their destiny and of their resources.

"The warmongers must understand that the ratio of strength has changed radically. They must understand that the aspirations of the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America can never, never be broken.

"I send you my best wishes for your labors. Millions and millions of people on this Earth are at your sides.

"With my deep affection.

"PAUL ROBESON."

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) 7/29/58

FROM SAC, WFO (100-19021)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, was. CINAL
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Re WFO letter and report dated 7/16/58, advising that ROBESON was issued a passport on 6/25/58.

On 7/28/58, ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Chief, Legal Section, Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA [redacted] a foreign service dispatch which was not classified but marked "official use only." This dispatch from the American Consulate, Glascow, dated 7/10/58 was captioned "Communist interest in possible visit of PAUL ROBESON to Scotland" and reflects that on 7/10/58, the Secretary of the Scottish Council of the Labour Party, WILLIA MARSHAL, indicated that the National Union of Mineworkers, Scottish Area, whose leadership is Communist, was jubilant over the prospects of a possible visit to Scotland by ROBESON. The Consulate reported that the source making available the above information indicated that ROBESON had accepted an invitation from the Scottish Area leadership of the Mineworkers' Union to come here sometime in the near future.

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"KHRUSHCHEV, 'who is resting on the south coast of the Crimea,' visited the Nizhnyaya Oreanda sanatorium where he met Paul Robeson and his wife. He had 'a friendly and cordial talk' with them and, together with Robeson, attended a children's concert. (Tass in Russian for Abroad 8/29/58)." (U)

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ROBESON travelling abroad; place of domicile remains 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC. ROBESON gave concerts in Oakland, California; Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Los Angeles, California, and at Carnegie Hall, NYC, on 5/9 and 23/58. Appeared at function in Chicago on 4/9/58, sponsored by the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF). Sang in Los Angeles on 3/14/58, on behalf of "People's World." At a meeting of NEC, CP, USA, on 3/28, 29/58, NYC, BEN DAVIS stated ROBESON's passport difficulty is the CP's fight. In contact with Soviet and satellite nationals and/or establishments. CP has actively pushed the sale of ROBESON's

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book, "Here I Stand." NEHRU of India described ROBESON as a sufferer "in the cause for human dignity." East Germany, Bulgaria, China, England, France and other countries had ceremonies to celebrate the 60th birthday of ROBESON. Received passport #1145187 from State Department for travel in Europe and departed United States on 7/10/58, stated he would give concerts in Europe and mentioned Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. Refused to answer question in Great Britain as to whether he is or is not a Communist. In Moscow on 8/17/58, stated the Moscovites had inspired him with strength. Soviet Prime Minister KHRUSHCHEV from Moscow, 8/29/58, stated he had a "friendly and cordial talk with PAUL ROBESON."

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

PAUL ROBESON left on a European concert tour on July 10, 1958. (See section II (F) below.)

[redacted] advised on September 5, 1958, that ROBESON's place of domicile in the United States continues as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. b7D

B. Employment

Concerts

The "San Francisco News", San Francisco, California, final edition, issue of January 29, 1958, contained an article captioned, "Robeson Happier, Still Fighting." In this article it was stated:

"Paul Robeson is feeling better these days.

"The American Negro basso is still as lefty as ever, still in good voice, and doesn't 'regret a thing.'

"He pulled into town yesterday for his Feb. 9 concert in honor of Negro History

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"Week at the Oakland Auditorium Theater.

"The reason he's feeling better is that he thinks 'we in America and the Russians are beginning to learn we've got to live with each other.' And he cited the recent U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange agreement as evidence.

"As for State Dept. troubles - he hasn't been able to get a passport for almost a decade because he won't sign a non-Communist affidavit - he says:

"'They're holding me up because they say I'll serve the Communist cause by:

'Preaching peace.

'Criticizing the U.S. for its treatment of Negroes.

'Working for the Council on African Affairs (first cited by the Justice Dept. as "subservice and Communist" in 1947).'"

The "San Francisco Chronicle", San Francisco, California, final edition, issue of February 5, 1958, contained an article captioned, "Paul Robeson --- More Music Than Politics". In this article it was stated:

"Paul Robeson has always been one of the most emotional of singers and about the

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"last person you would expect to hear talking about music in terms that might send an advanced musicologist back to his reference books.

"Returning to the concert circuit after six years of singing in churches and informal recitals, the 59-year-old basso will appear at the Oakland Auditorium Sunday afternoon. And after a lunch with Robeson last week at the Whitcomb Hotel - and a conversation loaded with such technical terms as 'pentatonic scale' and tritone intervals' - I could hardly help being convinced that he is more interested in musicology than in politics.

"'The last year and a half has been a time of great discovery for me,' said Robeson, who speaks with the same intensity as he sings and sometimes soars into melody to point an example. 'It began when I first listened really closely to Bartok and found how he had devised a method that would harmonize the melodies of pentatonic Hungarian folk songs. All folk music is similar and I had been singing it all my life without realizing the technical base that makes a Negro spiritual of the same family as a Russian folk song or an old English madrigal. Bartok, Debussy and Mussorgsky taught me to hear all over again.'

"'Actually, folk songs, and all great music, are based on the melody of natural human speech. In my concert Sunday

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"I sing folk songs and read Shakespeare and, to me, the poetry and music become merely two sides of something that most closely resembles a Hebrew chant.'

"After his Oakland appearance, Robeson plans to tour the U. S. and Latin America, and, if his passport restrictions are removed, he will go back to England (where he may do 'Othello'), Europe and the Soviet Union. He was frank on his feelings toward Russia. 'They are making great strides under great difficulties', he said. 'But the United States has also greatly advanced in the field of race relations.

"'I am sorry now that I quit the concert stage because of politics. It happened six years ago in St. Louis when I was singing in a non-segregated hall across the street from a segregated theater that I had picketed with the NAACP the same afternoon. I told the audience I would stop singing until these two things were reconciled. They are not yet, but I see now that I should have gone on with my work.'

"'There is a whole new generation for me to perform before,' said Robeson. 'Any "politics" in the future will be in my singing. A friend was shocked when I told him the only speeches Sunday would be Shakespeare and Shelley. Then I will sing French, Russian, Yiddish and Chinese

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"folk songs along with Negro spirituals. The audience can draw its own conclusion.'"

The "New York Times," New York City, New York, late city edition, issue of April 2, 1958, page 35, carried an article captioned, "Robeson Concert Off." In this article it was stated that GILBERT CLOONAN, Superintendent of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had stated on April 1, 1958, that PAUL ROBESON's concert scheduled for April 21 was cancelled because it would not be consistant with the memorial character of the building.

"Variety" (a newspaper for show people) issue of April 9, 1958, contained an article captioned, "Church Extends Invitation to Paul Robeson After Vet Group Objects." This article made reference to the fact that the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had cancelled a concert of ROBESON's on April 21, 1958.

In the article it is stated that Reverend CHARLES R. GORDON, Minister of the St. Matthew A.M.E. Zion Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, said he was "quite" disappointed that Allegheny County officials had called off the concert of April 21.

It was stated that GORDON emphasized that although he is not in agreement with the political views of ROBESON, he respected his right to be heard as an artist.

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East 33rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which several Communist Party members were present. PAUL ROBESON discussed concerts that he had in California and cited one which was a complete failure because he had received adverse publicity in the newspapers and lacked support from unions and Negroes.

ROBESON stated he had a singing engagement in Haiti but he refused to go because he wanted to give another concert in California that would be successful.

ROBESON stated that prior to this second California concert he went to the Negro leaders in the trade unions movement and various ministers to get their support. He stated that some local politicians tried to disrupt the concert but failed and the concert was a success so much so that he had been asked to return in the fall.

ROBESON stated he felt that the Negro fight for civil rights is finally sinking into the minds of ministers, educators and the Negro people in general. He stated that this could also be said of middle-class whites.

"The Worker" issue of April 20, 1958, page four, column two, contained an article captioned, "Robeson Sings in Detroit, April 25." In this article it was stated that PAUL ROBESON would sing with the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church Choir on April 25 at 7:30 p.m. DETROIT M.C.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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[redacted] advised on April 28, 1958, that PAUL ROBESON stated he had an important concert on May 15, 1958, in Los Angeles.

The "New York Daily News", final edition, issue of May 4, 1958, page one, section two, contained an article which stated that PAUL ROBESON would give two concerts at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on May 9 and 23, 1958.

The "New York Times", late city edition, issue of May 10, 1958, page 19, contained an article captioned, "Paul Robeson Sings, Lectures In First City Recital in 11 Years." In this article it was stated:

> "About twenty policemen were stationed outside Carnegie Hall last night, where Paul Robeson was giving his first local recital in eleven years. There presence was unnecessary. The audience, which completely filled the hall, was orderly, and there were no demonstrations outside. And so the police went home about 9:15 P.M.
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> "When Mr. Robeson made his appearance, he was greeted with a long standing ovation. Dressed in a dinner jacket, instead of the customary tails of recitalists, he remains a burly, imposing figure with tremendous dignity. He sang into a microphone and used a notebook with the texts of his songs.

[redacted] advised on May 19, 1958, that the arrangements for ROBESON's concert of May 9 and 23, 1958,

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were made by ART D'LUGOFF. [redacted] noted that this is not an unusual action on the part of D'LUGOFF inasmuch as his business pertains to arranging concerts for artists.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that ART D'LUGOFF was considered a member of the CP in 1951 in Santa Barbara, California.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

A. Activity of the CP and/or CP Front Organizations in Behalf of PAUL ROBESON

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Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship (CCASF)

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the CCASF, since its inception in Chicago in 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 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.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON's 60th birthday celebration held on April

9, 1958, at 32 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, was sponsored by the CCASF. About 750 persons attended this event [redacted] ROBESON received two standing ovations and in his talk stated, "We should tell the world we want peace" and "We have got to stop nuclear tests." ROBESON stated "America could not be what it is today without the contributions of the American Liberals."

ROBESON related, "I stand here at this moment for this organization to fight for peace. There must be peace between the United States and the Soviet Union. There must be a summit conference. This has to do with saving the whole world. I have been in the Soviet Union. I have found human dignity and freedom from prejudice there but had to come back and fight for myself and the Negro."

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"People's World"

The "People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] advised on March 14, 1958, that the 20th birthday celebration of the "People's World" was held at the Embassy Auditorium, 847 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on March 14, 1958.

PAUL ROBESON spoke and sang at this meeting. After concluding his singing, ROBESON stated he hopes this country will be the America we want. He stated he stands firm for a true America with an understanding of all kinds of ideals in the world

stating that if he was ever on trial himself he will stand as a believer in Marxism. He stated that he stands as a firm friend never to leave the side of the socialist people all over the world.

Comments of New York State and CP Leadership

[redacted] advised on March 28, 1958 and March 29, 1958, that a meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), CP, USA, was held in New York City on those dates. b7D

The informant stated that during the course of this meeting, BEN DAVIS spoke concerning PAUL ROBESON and characterized him as one of the great figures of the world. DAVIS stated that he had written a review of ROBESON's book as a commentary on its tremendous political significance and on the impact the book has today on the national community. DAVIS also stated that ROBESON's passport difficulty is the Party's fight.

Referring again to PAUL ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand," DAVIS stated that this book is getting a tremendous reception here and internationally. He said the book itself is a fine document, a brilliant piece of writing and an application of Marxism on the part of ROBESON that is fearless.

[redacted] also advised on June 17, 1958, that there was a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, on that date at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. b7D

BEN DAVIS spoke at this meeting and stated that all the emphasis that the Party has

put on ROBESON is going to prove to be money in the bank for the Party and money in the bank for the Negro people.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, stated that PAUL ROBESON, in his book, stated that he is not a Communist but [redacted] stated that the Party understands him.

B. Communist Party Associates

[redacted] advised on February 28, 1958, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had stated he had just finished PAUL ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand," and he stated in this connection that what is needed now is a re-birth of nationalism among Negroes.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a CP meeting was held on [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT spoke and commented on PAUL ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand." He stated that here is one of the greatest contributions to the Negro movement. It is the most violent appraisal of the Negro on the American scene. Whether you agree or disagree with ROBESON, you have to admit he has an honest approach.

LIGHTFOOT stated that he wanted 3,000 copies of this book sold by the CP with 1,000 copies being purchased by Party members and friends.

[redacted] advised on April 24, 1958, that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman Emeritus of the CP, USA,

in contact with PAUL ROBESON, stated, "Your book in its clear fighting support 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 .... gradually working their way to socialism."

[redacted] advised on May 25, 1958, that BEN DAVIS on that date was in contact with ROBESON. During the ensuing conversation, DAVIS congradulated ROBESON on his second concert at Carnegie Hall, May 23, 1958, and stated that he was sorry that he had not been there. ROBESON stated that the second concert was much better than the first one and that he was "in excellent voice." ROBESON remarked that he is astounded at the success of the concert and that it opens up entire new vistas for him. He stated that he put the Negro up on an intellectual plane.

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BEN DAVIS enthusiastically told ROBESON of the wonderful emphasis he has made and the fact that ROBESON is proving that the Negro is an intellectual and showing the wonders of African music.

C. Contacts With Soviet or Satellite Officials and/or Establishments

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[redacted] advised on June 27, 1958, that ROBESON, during June, 1958, prepared the following message for transmittal to the Soviet Union:

"Warmest greetings on this day dedicated to the youth.

"All through the years the activities of the youth have been of deepest concern.

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"As you know, my son was a young pioneer, and proudly recalls his stay in the Soviet land.

"Deepest gratitude to you all, for your persevering struggle in the sacred cause of peace for all nations, for all peoples. All success to you in your unremitting labors."

On June 27, 1958, the informant also furnished information that ROBESON has prepared the following message for transmital to the Soviet Union:

"Clearly the meeting of the Congress for Disarmament and International Cooperation is of profound importance.

"All peoples of the most diverse opinions must find common ground in the cause of wold peace and the preservation of human kind.

"The recent activities of tens of millions of peoples all over the world testify to the peoples will to find peace and quickly.

"This is increasingly true in various sections of the United States, with leading participation by many distinguished scientists, public figures, and powerful organizations.

"So all success to the Stockholm

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"conference in these trying times and thanks to you for your consecrated struggle in this most urgent of humanitys needs.

"Warmest greetings, PAUL ROBESON."

D. Activity of the Communist Party Concerning the Distribution of ROBESON's Book, "Here I Stand"

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at the Southern California CP District meeting held on March 9, 1958, at Los Angeles, California, it was reported that the CP in that area, through its leaders, stated that it is very important that they support PAUL ROBESON's book and that they should utilize ROBESON while he is on the Pacific Coast.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the Harlem Region CP intended to hold a Regional Committee meeting on either March 21 or 24, 1958, at Bermuda Hall, New York City, to promote the sale of ROBESON's book.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at a CP meeting held in Chicago on [redacted] CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a member of the National Committee of theCP, USA, spoke at the meeting and stated that his main point in asking for the floor was to promote the sale of ROBESON's book. He stated that this book must be sold in every store in the south side of Chicago and he desired every person present to pledge to sell at least ten copies.

LIGHTFOOT stated to read ROBESON's book is to be convinced that the Marxist stand that

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ROBESON has taken on the Negro question is the correct position.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting of the [redacted] CP was held on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City. The informant stated that BENJAMIN DAVIS, New York State CP Chairman, was the featured speaker at this meeting and he described the recently published book of PAUL ROBESON as "a magnificant weapon, a magnificant cultural and political event." He stated that this book would be a weapon for the CP to go through in the fight for civil rights and for peace and to wake up the whole campaign for ROBESON to get his passport. DAVIS stated the CP should try to "shoot" on the sale of 3,000 volumes of the book.

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[redacted] advised on April 7, 1958, that a New York State Board meeting was held on that date at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. At this meeting BILL ALBERTSON spoke on the importance of PAUL ROBERSON's book and suggested selling 25,000 copies, since he sees it as the basis for once again reestablishing them in the Negro peoples movement.

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ALBERTSON said the book would be sold to the Party and the State for sixty cents a copy and he suggested that the State CP sell it to the County CP for sixty-five cents and that they in turn sell it for a dollar.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE also spoke at this meeting and stated that the comrades must not underestimate the importance of ROBESON's book.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a CP conference on the Negro question was held by the [redacted] Communist Party on [redacted] in New York City.

BEN DAVIS spoke at this meeting at length on PAUL ROBESON's book which he said clearly outlined a complete program in mass work. DAVIS stated that ROBESON's book should be accepted as Party policy on the Negro question and should be endorsed by the conference.

DAVIS stated 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 stated that it was the duty of each club and section to take as many of these books as possible and see that they were sold and distributed widely.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that it was announced at a meeting of the CP Harlem Tenants Club on [redacted] that the first edition of PAUL ROBESON's book had been sold out. It was stated that this book had received a wonderful response all over the country.

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[redacted] advised on May 28, 1958, that a meeting of the Industrial Board, Industrial Division, New York State CP, was held at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on May 28, 1958. At this meeting, one of the speakers described ROBESON's book as "a manifesto of the Negro people." The speaker stated that ROBESON's book is the formula for the accomplishment of the alliance between the Negro people and the labor movement. The goal of the Communist Party is to guarantee the sale of 100,000 copies of ROBESON's book primarily in the Negro community. The Industrial Division of the CP has a goal of 40,000 books. b7D

The speaker commented that the most important thing the Party can do to advertise unity of the Negroes and the white people and in the struggle for Negro rights is to promote the sale of ROBESON's book.

[redacted] on [redacted] furnished a copy of a letter prepared by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA, which letter was directed "To All Districts", relative to ROBESON's book. This letter is set forth as follows: b7D

"July 25, 1958

"TO ALL DISTRICTS

"Dear Friends;

"Paul Robeson in London is everywhere received with that sort of acclaim usually reserved by Britons for members of.

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"the royal family.

"The echoes of Robeson abroad will continue to make news in our country's press for months to come. If you read the Negro press you are already aware that he is the object of a full dress "rediscovery." The Afro-American hascarried two successive editorial cartoons, lengthy editorials and feature articles of appreciation of him and the principles for which he stands.

"All this means that the possibilities for extending the sale of his book are greater than ever. The most heartfelt reception has been accorded booksellers who cover the entrances to the numerous church conventions which are taking place in many cities during the summer months. All the college summer schools provide a market for eager purchasers. News stalls which may have turned down handling the book when it was first made available now accept it for sale. Let us continue to promote the sale of the book HERE I STAND during the remaining summer weeks -- whether at home or on vacation.

"The publishers announce new and attractive wholesale terms:

"Orders direct to OTHELLO ASSOCIATES, INC.,
P. O. Box 283,
Manhattanville
Station
New York 27, N. Y.

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"will be filled on day of receipt of order and cash, at the rate of

50 ¢ per copy for the $1.00 edition in lots of 100 or more with shipping costs being absorbed by the publisher.

"Orders in losts of less than 100 will continue at the same cost to the wholesaler -- that is at 60¢ per copy.

"Please make a big and prompt investment in this project now.

"Sincerely yours,

"JJ/el "JAMES E. JACKSON

E. Activity in Connection with ROBESON's 60th Birthday Celebration

The "New York Mirror" of March 22, 1958, in its editorial that NEHRU of India was lending support in India to an unusual campaign, that of "whooping it up for American signer PAUL ROBESON in a celebration of ROBESON's 60th birthday, April 9th."

NEHRU also described ROBESON as a

sufferer in the cause for human dignity.

[redacted] advised on March 27, 1958, that on that date, a New York State Staff meeting took place at CP Headquarters, New York City. b7D

At this meeting BEN DAVIS suggested that one of the things that the Party concentrate on was ROBESON's birthday celebration on April 9, 1958.

The "New York Times", late city edition, issue of April 2, 1958, page 35, contained the following article:

"BERLIN, April 1 (Reuters)

"Neues Deutschland, East German Communist newspaper, said today that a Paul Robeson Society has been founded in East Germany and plans to hold a ceremony on April 9, the sixtieth birthday of the singer.

"The aim of the society is to help Mr. Robeson get a passport so he can accept the 'numerous invitations from abroad,' Neues Deutschland said."

"The Worker" issue of April 27, 1958, page seven, column two, contained an editorial captioned, "Celebrations in Bulgaria." It stated:

"SOFIA (by cable): The biggest concert hall in Bulgaria was filled at the concert honoring Paul Robeson on his

"sixtieth birthday April 9.

"Peoples' Artist, Mikhail Popov, well-known basso of the Sofia National Opera said, "Paul Robeson has devoted his art to the triumph of peace and friendship among people."

"George Pirinsky, vice president of the Bulgarian Peace Committee spoke on significant moments of Robeson's life in the fight for peace and democracy. Pirinsky said, 'Today when in London and New Delhi, Moscow, Berlin, Sofia and Prague men in all walks of life and professions celebrate Robeson's 60th anniversary, the Bulgarian peace fighters appreciate his contribution to the fight for peace, democracy and social progress. Robeson's name and voice has spread the world over, inspiring crusaders against racist discrimination.'

"Robeson's birthday was also honored in other Bulgarian cities like Plovdid, Bourgas, Rousse. Many message were sent to the great American artist."

"The Worker" of April 27, 1958, page six, column three, contained an article written by ROBESON's wife, ESLANDA ROBESON, captioned, "How World Greeted Paul Robeson." This article stated:

"Throughout seven long years of persecution Paul Robeson has been sustained by the knowledge that many people in many places, near and far, have continued

"to respect him and remain steadfastly loyal to him as an artist and as a man.

"These people, whose number runs into hundreds of millions, have assured Paul from time to time that they consider him a great artist and a courageous human being. They have been indignant because the U. S. Department of State continues to deny him his right to travel, preventing them from hearing him sing and act. They have, upon occasion, arranged trans-Atlantic telephone concerts in order to hear his 'live' voice.

"This year, friends, neighbors, colleagues and admirers all over the world decided to honor Paul Robeson by celebrating his 60th birthday (April 9th). Formal and informal Paul Robeson Birthday Committees were organized in Australia, Bulgaria, Ceylon, China, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the USSR and the USA.

"On or about April 9th these Committees held concerts, meetings, radio and television programs in which distinguished academicians, scientists, theatre and film personalities took part. Together with many groups and individuals, they sent Paul Robeson cables, telegrams, letters, cards and presents for his birthday. These continue to pour in,

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"more than a week after the birthday.

"Telephone calls and greetings came to our home from Accra, Armavir, Azerbaijan, Berlin, Bombay, Brooklyn, Bucharest, Budapest, Calcutta, Detroit, Kalinin, Kazan, Kiev, Kingston, Leningrad, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Moscow, New Delhi, New Haven, New York, Odesa, Peking, Paris, Port-au-Prince, Prague, Reykjavik (Iceland), Rostov, San Diego, Sofia, South Norwalk, Stalingrad, Stockholm, Sydney, Tashkent, Tiflis, Tokyo, Ulan Bator, ((Mongolia), Vienna, Vilnius, Warsaw, Washington, D.C., and many other places."

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[redacted] advised on May 6, 1958, that a meeting of the Regional Council of the Industrial Division, New York State CP, was held on that date at the New York Palace Theatre, 111 East Houston Street, New York City. One of the topics of discussion at this meeting was a report on PAUL ROBESON's birthday celebration.

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"The Worker" of June 15, 1958, page six, column one, contains an article captioned, "Peking Letter." In this article it is stated:

> "Paul Robeson's 60th birthday was celebrated in China as an event of major international significance. For two days preceding his birthday and on the day itself the national radio network played recordings of his songs. On April 9th, the entire cultural page of China's leading newspaper, the People's Daily, was devoted to articles about Paul - there were five of them - as well as a poem in his honor, plus a

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"cartoon of a mighty figure of Paul singing of peace, while little policemen frantically and vainly build a claptree barricade around his feet.

"In Peking's new and beautiful Capital Theatre, a rally meeting was staged that lasted over three hours. On the presidium sat some of the top figures in China's intellectual world ~~Kuo~~ Kuo Mo-jo, Chairman of the All-China Federation of Writers and Artists; ~~Chu~~ Chu Tu-man, head of the Chinese People's Association of Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries; and several of China's foremost dramatists and musicians. CHINA

"There were speeches and a chorus singing a song composed for the occasion, comparing Paul to a lion who could not be caged. After the congratulatory cables being sent that afternoon were read aloud, there was a showing of the special film short Paul had made in conjunction with Earl Robinson. Both artists were very well received, with the audience bursting into applause after nearly every number."

F. Activity in Connection with Foreign Travel

The "New York Times" issue of June 26, 1958, page twenty-two, column four, contains an article

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captioned, "Robeson To Leave For Britain Soon," by LOUIS CALTA. This article is set 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.'

"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.'

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"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."

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] in an official report [redacted] of the CP through leading CP members, [redacted] was identified as a CP member. The informant further stated [redacted] to have been associated with Communist friends.

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The Passport Office, Department of State, advised in June, 1958, that PAUL ROBESON was being issued Passport Number 1145187 to travel to Europe for the purpose of singing and acting.

[redacted] advised on July 10, 1958, that BENJAMIN DAVIS was visited on that date at his residence by LLOYD BROWN, a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA. During this visit, DAVIS and BROWN discussed the fact that ROBESON had left the country and expressed their delight on the fact that he was able to leave.

DAVIS commented that if it had been left to the President of the United States they would not have let ROBESON go abroad.

The "New York Times", late city edition,

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section one, page eight, column five, dated July 11, 1958, contained the following article captioned, "Robeson Off to Europe After an 8-Year Battle." The article is 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.
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> "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.
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> "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.'"

"L'Humanite", French Communist daily, on July 21, 1958, printed a message from "the great colored American singer, PAUL ROBESON," which was read at the plenary session of the World Peace Council at Stockholm, Sweden, on July 20, 1958, by Mrs. ANNA LOUISE STRONG. This statement read as follows:

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"You have come from all corners of the Earth, and you represent different political opinions, nations and cultures.

"Once more the noble words of Joliot-Curie have resounded at Stockholm: 'The people themselves must impose the peace.' There is still time. The world must know that the colored people want to be masters of their destiny and of their resources.

"The warmongers must understand that the ratio of strength has changed radically. They must understand that the aspirations of the peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America can never, never be broken.

"I send you my best wishes for your labors. Millions and millions of people on this Earth are at your sides.

"With my deep affection.

"PAUL ROBESON."

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The "New York Herald Tribune", page seven, July 12, 1958, issue contained an article captioned, "Robeson, In Britain, Balks at 'Red' Query." This article is set forth as follows:

"LONDON, July 11. -

"Paul Robeson bounced down out of a trans-Atlantic air liner at London Airport today, beaming and smiling and singing snatches of 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,' but a little later things clouded over when he was asked at a press conference whether he is a Communist.

"'There are certain questions one does not have to answer,' he said. 'I know you are friendly, but this is the essence of our constitutional right. I stand on my right not to answer. I could ask you the same question and you would not have to answer it.'

"The questionor persisted that it would not matter in Breat Britain if he did answer it - to which Mr. Robeson replied: 'It does in our country, and it is not a friendly question.'

"Otherwise, with more than 100 persons on hand to cheer him at the airport and a lot of friendly newspaper

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"comment on his return to Britain after having been denied a passport for eight years, his comments were all happy ones.

"He said he intends to tour Britain, the continent of Europe and the Soviet Union and then return to the United States.

"Denied a passport for several years, he obtained one recently after the United States Supreme Court ruled that the State Department had no right to refuse passports because of a person's associations."

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The "New York Times", late city edition, issue of August 16, 1958, page ten, contained an article captioned, "Robeson in Moscow." This article is set forth as follows:

"Singer Welcomed at Airport on Arrival for Tour

"London, Aug. 15 (Reuters)

"Paul Robeson, American singer,

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"arrivedwith his wife Eslanda, in Moscow by air today, Tass, the Soviet news agency, said.

"At the Vnukovo Airport near Moscow he was met by his Moscow friends, leaders of the Soviet Peace Defenders Committee, artists, musicians and journalists. He was welcomed by Nikolai A. Mikhailov, Soviet Minister of Culture.

"After the throng began to applaud, Mr. Robeson dropped his two suitcases and hat to clap his hands in time with the welcomers - a Slavic custom.

"Mr. Robeson will give concerts in Moscow, which he last visited nine years ago, and in various cities of the Central Asian republics, Tass said.

"The singer is expected to give his first concert Sunday at Moscow's Palace of Sports, which seats 14,000. He will fly to Paris after two weeks of engagements, but is expected to return later for a tour of Soviet cities."

"New York Daily News", final edition, August 18, 1958, page six, contains an article captioned, "Robeson to Reds: You Inspired Mr." This article stated as follows:

"London, Aug. 17 (Reuters)

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"Singer Paul Robeson told Muscovites today that they had inspired him with strength. He gave a concert and speech in Lenin Stadium. The program was broadcast by Moscow radio. 'I am here because you have been helping me, have been inspiring me with strength,' he said in Russian.

The "New York Times," late city edition, August 18, 1958, page six, contained an article captioned," Robeson, in Russia, Cites Soviet Amity." This article is set forth as follows:

"Moscow, Aug. 17 (AP)

"Paul Robeson called on the Soviet people today to fight for freedom. He did not specify what freedom or for whom, but he spoke and sang in general terms of man's right to be free.

"'When I read in America about the sputnik,' he told a concert audience here, 'my thoughts went out to my friends, the peoples of the Soviet Union whose minds and hands have created this miracle, opening up to mankind the boundless expanse of the cosmos.'

"The American Negro singer is idolized in the Soviet Union for his voice as well as his Left-wing views. He was introduced to a packed house of 12,000 persons at the Moscow Sports Palace as the Soviet Union's 'great and dear friend' and as a fighter for peace

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"and friendship throughout the world.'

"It was Mr. Robeson's first concert appearance in the Soviet Union since he visited here nine years ago. He has said he intends to make a singing tour of many Soviet cities before returning to the United States in October."

The "New York Herald Tribune", late city edition, issue of August 30, 1958, page seven, contains an article captioned, "Khrushchev Sees Robeson." This article is set forth below:

"Moscow, Aug. 29 (UPI)

"Soviet Prime Minister Nikita S. Khrushchev had a 'friendly and cordial talk' with American singer Paul Robeson in the Crimean resort of Yalta, the Moscow radio reported today.

"Mr. Khrushchev, who is on a vacation, met Mr. Robeson and his wife, Eslanda, in the Nizhnyaya Oreanda health sanatorium. Mr. Robeso sang for Soviet pioneers at the Artek camp the same evening in a performance attended by Mr. Khrushchev. The broadcast did not say when the meeting took place."

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Chicago Citizens Committee — CHICAGO

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the Chicago Citizens Committee was organized by ISH FLORY, s/ formerly known as a Communist Party member in the south side of Chicago. It is not known whether FLORY is a Communist Party member. b7D

The Chicago Citizens Committee was formed for the purpose of sponsoring a recital that was given by PAUL ROBESON at the Parkway Ballroom on April 13, 1958. This was a "one shot deal" and it is not believed that there will be any further functions sponsored by this Committee.

It is not possible to say that this was a Communist organization or dominated Committee since there were various individuals on the Committee who are prominent Negroes in Chicago who are known to be anti-Communist.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on April 13, 1958, a reception was held by the Chicago Citizens Committee for PAUL ROBESON at the Parkway Community Ballroom, Chicago, Illinois. b7D

PAUL ROBESON spoke at this reception regarding Communists. He stated our worse enemy is our own Government and not the Communists. He remarked the Secretary of State could not choose his, ROBESON, friends for him. He stated that he likes Soviets and Red China. ROBESON stated he does not care for the Chinese of Formosa.

ROBESON described CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as a good man and a friend of his.

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He urged those present to see to it that LIGHTFOOT walks the streets as a free man whenever he chooses.

The informant stated that ROBESON's talk was clearly anti-United States Government with emphasis on criticism of President EISENHOWER and Secretary of State DULLES.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at the affair in honor of PAUL ROBESON held at the Parkway Ballroom, Chicago, Illinois, on April 15, 1958, PAUL ROBESON spoke and reaffirmed his intention of continuing his fight for his people and for his passport. He urged all present to fight for their rights as individuals in spite of the fact that many fighters for Negro rights were falsely labeled Communists. b7D

ROBESON stated that he looked forward to the time when people like CLUADE LIGHTFOOT could walk the streets a free man. He stated that LIGHTFOOT and his followers were not trying to overthrow the government but were simply struggling for the rights of the Negro people.

ROBESON deplored the political attitude where free people were denied the right to hold the political belief of their own choice.

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"PEOPLE'S WORLD" (Formerly "Daily People's World")

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede the Guide published on 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 "People's World":

"1. 'The official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 95; also cited in Annual Report, H. R. 1, January 3, 1941, p. 10.)"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 9/15/58

FROM: SA[redacted], NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, was.
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Enclosed herewith are four copies of the report of SA[redacted] and four copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the reliability of informants, dated and captioned as above.

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ROBESON is a key figure of the New York Office.

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Referenced Bureau airtel above 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, "Here I Stand." Investigation in this regard is set forth as follows:

[redacted] (C) 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."

[redacted] (C) a source close to [redacted] CP members, 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.

[redacted] (C) and [redacted] (C) sources close to [redacted] CP, USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, are contacted on a continuing basis, and also furnished no information which indicates the CP has benefited financially from the sale of ROBESON's book.

The following information is set forth in this cover letter because of the phonetic pronounciation of some of the information received:

[redacted] (C) advised on April 21, 1958, that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was visited at his residence on that date by WILLIAM WEINSTONE. During the course of the ensuing conversation, WEINSTONE stated that PAUL

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ROBESON is for the following standards for Negro equality:

1. Full citizenship here and now;

2. Development of "Negro" (phonetic) political action;

3. A Negro peoples convention for a common "fund" (phonetic);

4. Leadership which is free of white supervision;

5. A leadership that does not bend its knee to "good" white folk.

Continuing, WEINSTONE said that he thinks that ROBESON underestimates the question in the South and does not call outright for the working class to lead the struggle. He stated ROBESON places the most weight to the churches.

[redacted](C) reported on May 18, 1958, that LLOYD BROWN and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., both members of the National Committee of the CP, USA, conferred briefly at DAVIS' residence on that date. b1

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

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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."

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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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
September 15, 1958

Re: Paul Leroy Robeson, with aliases
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Referred to the Dept of the Army for their review and direct response to you

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) SECRET DATE: February 25, 1959

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	CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

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At New York, New York

Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the United States. Will continue to follow and report on his activities while abroad and in the United States upon his return. (4)

Approved [redacted] Special Agent In Charge

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PAUL ROBESON is a key figure of the NYO. (u)

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ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. ROBESON has had close contacts with National leaders of the CP, USA. During the time he has been abroad he met with NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV and has publicly praised the Soviet Union.

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Report of: SA [redacted] b7C
Date: 3/12/59

Office: New York

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Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Synopsis: Subject traveling abroad; has stated will reside in England, where he reportedly owns property, but will return periodically to USA. Employment abroad: concerts in Great Britain, Ireland, and USSR; to make films in USSR; tour East Germany; and appear at Shakespeare Theater, England. Confined to hospital in Moscow, January, 1959, but reportedly recovered from illness. Bureau Internal Revenue drops action against ROBESON for taxes on $25,000 Stalin Peace Prize awarded in 1953. CP has actively promoted sale of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand." Book is also reportedly to be published in Berlin. Listed as member, Joseph North Testimonial Committee; subscribed to "The Worker," one year beginning 9/17/58; lauded by JOHN WILLIAMSON in "The Worker" column, 10/19/58. Participation in concerts set forth. [redacted] b7D states he will make film come-back in USSR; made Honorary Professor of Moscow State Conservatory of Music, 9/14/58; plans tour of East Germany in spring, 1959; arrived in Moscow, 12/30/58, for month's stay; illness not to prevent appearance at Shakespeare Memorial Theater beginning 4/7/59. Wife appeared at NCASF rally, Carnegie Hall, NYC, 11/14/58, and stated PAUL ROBESON intends to return to USA; also attended and spoke at a function sponsored by Committee of Women, NCASF of which she is co-chairman, and denied that husband will remain permanently abroad.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

PAUL ROBESON is presently traveling in Europe and the Soviet Union. (See Section III below).

The "New York World Telegram" issue of September 22, 1958, carries a column entitled, "Robeson Prefers to Live in Britain." This article reads in part as follows:

> "American Negro singer Paul Robeson said last night he plans to live in England and go back to the United States only as a visitor.
>
> "Robeson, as well known for his leftist politics as his singing, mad his surprise announcement to a concert audience of 1500 here.
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> "'From now on I am going to make the British Isles the center of my cultural activities,' he said. 'Whenever I go back to America it will be for a short stay--an overnight stop, so to speak.'"

In this regard it might be noted that NY T-1 advised on October 28, 1958, that he recalled ROBESON once having told him that he (ROBESON) owned a half a million in property in England. The informant was unable to recall whether ROBESON had meant pounds or dollars in referring to the half million in property.

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The "New York World Telegram" issue of November 15, 1958, page seven, carries an article entitled, "Robeson No Exile His Wife Insists." This article states in part that ROBESON's wife, ESLANDA, stated that her husband had been deliberately misquoted in news stories from London to the effect that he would never return to the United States. Mrs. ROBESON declared, "My husband considers that his home is in the U. S.A."

B. Employment

ROBESON has given concerts in Great Britain, Ireland, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), and plans a concert tour of East Germany. He reportedly is planning to make films in the USSR and is scheduled to appear at the Shakespeare Memorial Theater in England during 1959. (See Section III below).

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D. Miscellaneous

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of

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February 5, 1959, on page six, carries a column entitled, "Robeson Wins Tax Battle: Stalin Prize Ruled Exempt." This article reads as follows:

> "Singer Paul Robeson today won a five-year battle to escape taxation on the $25,000 Stalin Peace Prize he received in 1953. The Internal Revenue Service announced it is abandoning its claim that the Negro entertainer owed Federal income taxes of $9,655 on the award. In effect, the Revenue Service took the position that the Stalin Prize -- the highest Soviet award of its kind -- is in the same tax-exempt category as the Nobel and Pulitizer prizes. Mr. Robeson, sixty, is now seriously ill in a Moscow hospital. He went to Russia after winning another lengthy fight to obtain a passport. The I.R.S. said it was conceding defeat because a careful study of previous court decisions, tax rulings and other precedents had resulted in the conclusion that the government's claim could not be sustained. Mr. Robeson claimed the Stalin Prize was a gift rather than compensation for services rendered. He told the tax court he at no time engaged in any activities or performed any services in expectation of the award."

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)

A. Activity of the CP Concerning Distribution of ROBESON's Book

"The Worker" issue of August 17, 1958, page

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thirteen, carries a column which states in part that a third printing of 15,000 copies of PAUL ROBESON's "Here I Stand," has been announced. According to the article sales for this book have already passed 25,000 copies. The article states further that a Berlin publisher is bringing out a German-language edition of 30,000 copies this fall.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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The "Daily Worker" of May 6, 1957, on page three, reported that JAMES E. JACKSON was elected to the National Executive Committee, Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) at a meeting of its National Committee held on April 27, 28, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

A characterization of New Century Publishers is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

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[redacted] on [redacted] furnished information concerning a meeting of the [redacted] CP [redacted], on [redacted]. According to the informant it was announced at this meeting that the Industrial Section had purchased twenty-five copies of PAUL ROBESON's book and paid cash for them. The Section intends to loan these books out on consignment to the various clubs in the Industrial Section.

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On [redacted] furnished material pertaining to the [redacted] CP [redacted] Included among this material was a one page mimeographed document entitled, "Paul Robeson Book Sales ($1.00 Edition) as of September 2, 1958." This document listed the quotas assigned to the various New York State CP County organizations.

The figures reflected that 2,149 books had been sold as contrasted to an assigned quota of 25,000 for the entire New York State CP.

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On [redacted] furnished a subscription offer card distributed at the 39th Anniversary Celebration of the CP, USA, held September 26, 1958, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. This card reflected that in connection with the Ben Davis Election Campaign, an introductory subscription offer of fifteen issues of "The Worker" together with PAUL

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ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand" is being offered for $1.50 or fifteen issues of "The Worker" for $1.00.

BEN DAVIS was a candidate for New York State Senator, 21st Senatorial District, New York City, sponsored by the People's Rights Party.

The People's Rights Party (PRP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] furnished information concerning a meeting of the [redacted] CP, held in Los Angeles, California, on [redacted]

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The informants' information reflected that HY LUMER, described by the informants as "National Education Secretary of the CP" was among those present at the meeting. LUMER reportedly stated during the meeting that the National Education Commission of the CP was largely responsible for the distribution and sale of over 20,000 copies of the recent "ROBESON book."

[redacted] on [redacted] made available a copy of a mimeographed letter reading in part as follows:

"December 15, 1958

"TO ALL DISTRICTS:

"Here is some wonderful news for you about Paul Robeson's best-selling book, 'Here I Stand.' By arrangements with the publishers we have secured a special price --- far below any discount available up till now--for bulk orders placed by our districts. Now, for pre-paid orders for 500 copies or more of the $1 edition, the price to you will be only 25¢ per copy!' (plus $2.50 postage per hundred copies.)

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"Paul Robeson's book has gotten a warm response wherever it has been introduced, and individuals and groups who have concentrated on selling the book have had remarkable success. One of the most recent examples has been the sale of close to 300 copies, person-to-person,..... ..... in Philadelphia.

"The sale thus far of more than 25,000 copies of 'Here I Stand,' with its militant message and program, has been a splendid contribution to the Negro people's movement of our country. But much more can and must be done to bring this book to masses who have still not been reached.

"Now, with this special price, we expect that the campaign to sell this book will gain new momentum. The unusually large discount will make it possible to subsidize full-time selling by individual comrades (as has been done successfully in a number of areas), and to use the sale of the book for fund-raising purposes.

"We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity without delay. Orders should be sent directly to the publisher-Othello Associates, Box 283, Manhattanville Section, New York 27, N. Y.

"Comradely,

Bob Thompson"

"The Worker" of July 13, 1958, on page fourteen, identifies ROBERT THOMPSON as Executive Secretary of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

B. Miscellaneous

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[redacted] a copy of a letter captioned, "Joseph North Testimonial Dinner Committee." The letter further identified members of instant Testimonial Committee and stated that the Committee was formed for the purpose of holding a banquet in honor of JOSEPH NORTH. PAUL ROBESON's name was listed as a member of this Committee.

"The Worker" issue of December 21, 1958, on page one, identifies JOSEPH NORTH as Foreign Editor of "The Worker."

[redacted] advised on September 5, 1958, that subject, PAUL ROBESON's domicile in the United States is 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

"The Worker" issue of October 19, 1958, on page six, carries an article entitled, "London Letter" by JOHN WILLIAMSON.

JOHN WILLIAMSON was convicted on October 14, 1949 in 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 serve five years in prison and to pay a fine of $10,000. He was released from Federal prison on March 1, 1955.

WILLIAMSON was granted permission to leave the United States voluntarily under warrant of deportation and departed from the United States for England on May 4, 1955.

The article entitled, "London Letter" reads as follows:

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"In the midst of his concert tour of Britain, Paul Robeson agreed to an interview with the London and New York Worker. After being shown around the London Worker building, Robeson answered the questions of London D. W. assistant editor George Matthews and myself.

"He took issue with comments in the press that implied there was something strange about his recent announcement to make London the centre of his cultural activity. Many actors and musicians, like Laughton, and Isaac Stern have spent long periods in Britain, just as British artists spend much of their time in America, he pointed out.

"He had a wonderful welcome in Britain. He was in the midst of a 28-city concert tour of the Isles, the first tour of which he had completed. Everywhere these concerts were sold out. He had had the opportunity of singing to millions of people on television. Next year he hoped to appear in Othello and another modern play now being written.

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"'It is natural,' said Paul, 'that returning after nine years absence I should plan to spend a good deal of my time working here. For progressive American artists, there are not such great opportunities today to appear in the theatre and on television.'

"He wanted to assure his friends in America that 'I am on call to go back at any moment to take up the struggle again and hope to make trips back and forth to America, though I make London my centre.'

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"In his role as an artist he wanted to play his part in establishing the necessary contacts between the American and British people. 'Since Mr. Dulles and Mr. Macmillan can get together,' he said, 'it's about time that all sections of our folk get together.'

"'There is another America,' he said, 'beside that of Mr. Dulles. I am proud to be a part of what I like to call progressive America.'

"He felt if Dulles can come over here and talk to Britain's leaders, the ordinary people should do likewise and not go their separate ways. 'The outspokenness of the people in these isles over the question of China has strengthened the forces of sanity in the U.S. and gives encouragement to millions of Americans who are afraid to speak out,' he stated.

"His role as an artist, he said, does not divide him from the people or from having opinions on events occurring throughout the world or in his own land.

"'What I do as an artist is closely bound up with the struggle for a better world' he said, and drew comparisons with the contributions of composers like the late Vaughan Williams or Benjamin Britten. The role of Dr. Linus Pauling as a scientist is similar, he added.

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"For himself, he said: 'My position is the same as it has always been, only it has deepened.' He explained his opinions are deeply Socialist and that the future of mankind lies on the path the Socialist part of the world is treading.

"He talked at length on many subjects. Highlights of this conversation were:

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"American Negroes and liberation struggles of colonial peoples. 'Today, when Ghana and India have been established as new nations, when there is a tremendous growth of the liberation movement in Africa, you can tell that the American Negro has a sense of pride in Africa.'

"Little Rock and the struggle for school integration: 'The Supreme Court has again sustained its judgment. Faubus' actions cannot be allowed to go through. The real issue is whether the Administration will defend the democratic rights of Negro citizens. The Negro people are determined to become first class citizens. The American people, Negro and white, will have to organize and bring pressure to bear to realise this aim.'

"Race riots in Britain. 'I am glad that the majority of the British people and especially the Labor Movement, recognised the need is for unity of all peoples and was sure they would not allow continued attacks on West Indians and Africans, since this was against the interests of white citizens also.'

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"Ben Davis candidacy for New York State Senate. 'Many of the advances in New York City were ushered in during the period when my dear friend, Ben, gave leadership as Councilman. As the Negro people fought for Congressman Powell against the party "machine" they will come to the aid of Davis. No finer person could they find in Albany to represent them than Ben Davis. I send him my best wishes.'

"Soviet Union. 'My recent visit has shown me what tremendous growth there has been since I first visited there in 1934 and later in 1938 and 1949. I saw the great progress made in Usbekistan. It seemed to me that in the children of the Soviet Union I could see the future for us.'

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"Paul then turned to what he says the press always asks him. 'Do you confirm or deny that you are a Communist?'

"He pointed out how the U. S. Supreme Court has established that Communists had the right to propagate their principles and rejected the original Smith Act allegation of conspiring to overthrow the Government by force and violence. 'I would put it this way. Brave members of the Communist Party have made great sacrifices in the interests of their country. That is why I will not accept these attacks. I count them -- Ben Davis in particular -- as my friends.'

"Referring to your correspondent, Paul said: 'The American people miss people like Johnny Williamson. We hope he

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"will be able to come back to us, though of course he is already part of Britain -- of Scotland -- as well as of America.'

"In winding up he told us he hopes to visit India at the beginning of the year in response to many requests. And he is considering requesting the U.S. Government to grant him permission to visit China. 'I hope that public opinion will succeed in doing away with some of the restrictions which hamper the free movement of artists,' he said.

"He again talked of the heartening experience to meet so many thousands of friends in Britain and how he was impressed by the large number of young people coming to his concerts who had never before heard him sing."

BEN DAVIS referred to in the above article is identified as Chairman, New York State CP in "The Worker" issue of October 26, 1958, page three.

III. FOREIGN TRAVEL AND ACTIVITY THEREWITH

A. Concerts

"The Worker" issue of August 10, 1958, page two, carries an article which reads as follows:

"In Ebbw Vale, Wales, the main streets are flag-bedecked for the National Eihteddfod (Music festival). Crowds packed the main pavillion and the overflow pavillion Aug. 2, and 8,000 voices were raised to sing with Paul Robeson the chorus of 'John Brown's Body.' Sharing the platform with Robeson was Aneurin Bevan, the town's M. P.

> "(member of Parliament), who earlier had tea with Robeson and Cecil Smith, steel plant executive. Robeson last visited Wales 20 years ago when he filmed 'Proud Valley.' To help finance the festival, miners in the valley gave a penny each."

"The Worker" issue of August 24, 1958, page two, column three, carries an article concerning ROBESON which reads as follows:

> "Paul Robeson was getting a hero's welcome in Moscow, where 12,000 persons packed the Sports Palace to hear him sing and to speak and to be introduced as the Soviet Union's 'great and dear friend' and a 'fighter for peace and friendship throughout the world...'"

NY T-15, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations advised that ROBESON arrived in Belfast, Ireland on November 17, 1958, and presented a concert on November 17 and 18, 1958 to capacity houses at Grosvenor Hall, which seats about 1,800 persons. (K)(4) Released per State

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Information furnished by the informant reflected that except to thank the audience for the support he had received in the "fight" for the return of his passport, and to say that this return was the result of a decision by the Supreme Court, he made no statements of a political or controversial nature. (X)(W) Released per State

Additional information furnished by NY T-15 reflected that PAUL ROBESON gave a recital before a capacity audience in Usher Hall, Edinburgh, Scotland, on November 6, 1958. (X)(W)

According to the informant the Edinburgh "Evening News" and the "Bulletin," a morning daily serving both Edinburgh and Glasgow, featured interviews with ROBESON. Both papers quoted him as saying, "My politics are to free my people. That is the core of my struggle." The "Evening News" quoted him further as saying "I don't want any double-talk about the American democracy until my people are as free to walk the earth as anyone else --- if a Negro said things like that in America he was cracked down on."

The informant advised further that in the same interview [illegible] he stood for the end of nuclear testing, the recognition of China, complete freedom and peace.

The November 26, 1958, issue of "Variety," a publication dealing with the entertainment field, on page seventy-three, carried an article entitled, "Robeson Well-Received In Concert in Glasgow." This article reads as follows:

"Glasgow, Nov. 18.

"Paul Robeson, making a one-night concert appearance last week at St. Andrew's Hall, was warmly received in a program of German, Gaelic, Yiddish and English folk songs and a reading of the death scene from 'Othello.'

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"Vet local critic Robins Millar commented that the Negro baritone, a controversial figure in his native U. S., has a voice 'as grand as ever' and does not need the microphone he uses. He rapped the singer's 'uncouth' platform manner, however, describing him as 'lurching to the piano.'"

B. Miscellaneous Activities in Connection With Foreign Travel

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The September 3, 1958, edition of "Variety," page two, carries an article concerning ROBESON, which reads as follows:

"ROBESON'S PIX RETURN
UNDER RUSSIAN AEGIS

"Washington, Sept. 2.

"Paul Robeson plans to make a film comeback via Russian pix. So the actor-singer told an audience at the Asian-African Film Festival in Tashkent, Russia, at which he was guest of honor.

"A Soviet broadcast, beamed in English to India and Pakistan, and picked up by U. S. Government monitors, described in great detail the Robeson stint at opening of the Commie-inspired film fete.

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"The Singer, who has frequently tangled with Congressional investigators and immigration authorities because of his alleged Commie leanings, compared Western films unfavorably with those of Eastern producers. The West, he stated, concentrates on detective stories, while pix made in Asia and Africa 'truthfully reflect people's lives,' and educates them in the spirit of humanism.

"Pravda, commenting on the festival, stated editorially that it was a graphic illustration of the 'solidarity of film workers of various countries with differing social systems.'

"Speeches of United Arab Republic and Indonesian delegates were also featured on Russian broadcast."

The "New York Journal American" issue of September 14, 1958, on page fifteen L, carries an article under the dateline "London, Sept. 13." This article states in part that PAUL ROBESON was made an honorary professor of the Moscow State Conservatory of Music, according to the Moscow Radio.

The "New York Times" issue of September 17, 1958, on page seven, under the caption, "Robeson to Tour Germany" carries a column which states that according to the East Berlin newspaper, "Neues Deutschland," PAUL ROBESON plans to tour East Germany during the spring of 1959. The article further stated that ROBESON expected to complete two films in Russia one of which would deal with his life story.

The December 31, 1958, issue of the "New York Times," on page twelve, in a column entitled, "Paul Robeson Is in Moscow" stated that PAUL ROBESON and his wife arrived in Moscow on December 30, 1958, to start a months stay in the Soviet Union.

The February 11, 1959, issue of the "New York Times" carried a column entitled, "Robeson Will Perform As Othello in England." This column reads as follows:

> "Paul Robeson, American singer and actor, who was reported to be seriously ill in Moscow last month, will be able to undertake the title role in 'Othello' on April 7 at the Shakespeare Memorial Theater, Stratford-on-Avon, England.
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> "This information was sent yesterday by Mr. Robeson in a cable from Moscow, where he is recuperating, to his New York lawyer, Robert Rockmore. According to Mr. Rockmore, his client was feeling much better and had decided to return to London in mid-March.
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> "Officials at the Shakespeare Theater, where 'Othello' had been scheduled as the opening bill of its new season, previously were notified by Mrs. Robeson that her husband was suffering from bronchitis and exhaustion.
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> "She said he would be compelled to forego the acting assignment. He was taken to a Moscow hospital on Jan. 12 and is now resting in a sanitorium."

IV. ACTIVITIES OF WIFE

[redacted] furnished the following information on [redacted] concerning the Rally for Peace and Friendship, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on November 14, 1958:

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The rally started at 8:00 p.m. with approximately 2,000 persons in attendance. The first speaker introduced was ESLANDA ROBESON, wife of PAUL ROBESON.

Mrs. ROBESON [illegible] spoke mostly about the trip she and her husband made abroad and she commented upon the warm reception they received in England and the USSR. She stated she had learned two words in Russian, "Welcome Friends," because these two words she had heard everywhere she and her husband went. Mrs. ROBESON remarked that PAUL ROBESON still considered his home to be in the United States even though he should take up temporary residence in England or somewhere else.

[redacted] on [redacted] and on [redacted] furnished additional information concerning the above-mentioned function.

According to these informants, ESLANDA ROBESON spoke of the enthusiastic reception she and her husband had received in England and the Soviet Union and she stressed the fact that PAUL ROBESON is an American and intends to return to the United States of America.

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Concerning the above-mentioned rally, "The Worker" of November 9, 1958, on page fifteen, carries an advertisement concerning the rally which states in part the following:

"Observing twenty-five years of diplomatic relations...and the 41st anniversary of the Soviet Union. Rally for Peace and Friendship." ESLANDA ROBESON is advertised as the featured speaker and the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship (NCASF) is listed as the sponsoring organization.

A characterization of the NCASF is contained in the Appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] on [redacted] furnished information concerning [redacted] a speech to be presented by ESLANDA ROBESON on Sunday, November 23, 1958, at 150 West 85th Street, New

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York City. ESLANDA ROBESON is identified [redacted] as the co-Chairman of the Committee of Woman of the NCASF and a member of the Board of Directors of the NCASF.

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Concerning the above-mentioned function, the informant advised [redacted] it had been held as scheduled and that approximately seventy persons had been in attendance. Mrs. ROBESON reportedly spoke for approximately one hour concerning her recent trip to the Soviet Union. She stated that the reception given her and her husband in the Soviet Union had been "terrific" and that in addition to a heavy police guard, the Army had to be mobilized to protect her and her husband. She stated that 60,000 persons were inside the Sports Palace in Moscow when her husband sang there and that 60,000 more were standing outside. She is quoted as saying "there are rumors that Paul will take up residence abroad. Paul's home will always be where his family is, in the United States, even if he takes up temporary residence somewhere else. Paul Robeson is making two movie pictures in the Soviet Union, one will be his own life story and the other one a travel picture. Paul will return to the Soviet Union in December."

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship:

"1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)

2. 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as' the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 156.)

3. Cited as specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda.
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

4. Found to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered to register as such with the Attorney General of the United States.
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Decision of February 7, 1956.)"

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NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning New Century Publishers:

"New Century Publishers

"1. 'An official Communist Party publishing house, which has published the works of William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis, Communist Party chairman and executive secretary, respectively, as well as the theoretical magazine of the party known as Political Affairs and the Constitution of the Communist Party, U. S. A.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, May 11, 1948, pp. 7 and 34.)"

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
March 12, 1959

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Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
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All informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, have furnished reliable information in the past, except [redacted], who was in a position to furnish reliable information and [redacted] contact with whom has been insufficient to judge reliability.

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From: Legat, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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An article appeared in the newspaper "France Soir", Paris, on 3/11/59 indicating that PAUL ROBESON had passed through Le Bourget Airport, Paris, en route from Moscow to London, at which time he was interviewed by a reporter. He indicated that he had spent two months in Moscow, where he had given several concerts and had participated in the World Peace Council. He indicated that he had also assisted in the production of a motion picture in Moscow concerned with his trips to Moscow, in which he sings several songs and which will be ready for release in Russia soon. He stated that he was returning to London, where he will perform starting April 7 at the National English Theatre. He stated that he would be free to give recitals in Paris during this theatrical season.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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Date: May 26, 1959

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legat, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Paris letter 4/2/59.

Pertinent information has been furnished to [redacted] requesting that this office be advised in the event any pertinent information is received by them regarding subject's activities. It is to be noted that the subject has indicated he intends to give recitals in Paris, but the exact time of his contemplated visit to Paris is unknown. b1

In the event the London office receives any further information as to subject's itinerary, it would be appreciated if this office could be advised.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: May 26, 1959

FROM : Legat, London (100-1182)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, was.
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According to the London "Daily Worker," ROBESON attended an African Freedom meeting held April 19, 1959, at the St. Pancras Town Hall, London, where he spoke and sang. The Daily Worker for April 23, 1959, carried an article indicating ROBESON would attend the forthcoming Seventh World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria. The Daily Worker for May 11, 1959, stated that ROBESON had been elected president of the British-Soviet Friendship Society. [redacted] (c)

An article appeared in the Birmingham (England) Post of March 17, 1959, indicating that ROBESON would start his role of Othello at Stratford-upon-Avon on April 7, 1959, and that the anticipated length of the run of this Shakespeare play would be 34 weeks. This would indicate that ROBESON presumably will remain in the United Kingdom until the end of 1959.

This matter will be kept in pending status to follow the activities of ROBESON and the Bureau will be advised.

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1 - Mr. Haack
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Date: June 8, 1959

To: Office of Security
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to previous communications concerning Robeson.

According to an article which appeared in the April 23, 1959, issue of the London "Daily Worker," it was indicated that Robeson planned to attend the Seventh World Youth Festival to be held in Vienna, Austria.

The above is for your information. In the event information concerning Robeson's activities at the above festival comes to your attention it would be appreciated if you would furnish such information to this Bureau.

1 - Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

2 - Bonn (105-720)

ATTENTION LEGAL ATTACHE, BONN:

ReBulet to Department of State July 11, 1958.

[redacted] Be guided by instructions previously set out in reBulet.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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See note on yellow page 2.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is key figure of New York Office. He is the noted Negro concert singer who has long been outspoken in his praise of the Soviet Union. Since mid 1958 he has been traveling in Europe and Russia. State, CIA and European Legal Attaches previously alerted to subject's foreign travel and in possession of pertinent information.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 29, 1959

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : Legat, London (100-1182; 100-1666)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: July 16, 1959

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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Date: August 13, 1959

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

There is enclosed for the Bureau a newspaper clipping which appeared in l'Humanite, the French Communist Party newspaper on 8/11/59, regarding PAUL ROBESON.

This clipping indicates that PAUL ROBESON will appear at the festival of l'Humanite at Meudon in the near future. The clipping indicates that PAUL ROBESON, who is one of the greatest living singers, has not visited France in 10 years. It stated that his acceptance of their invitation to appear at this festival indicates his desire to work for the cause of peace and justice.

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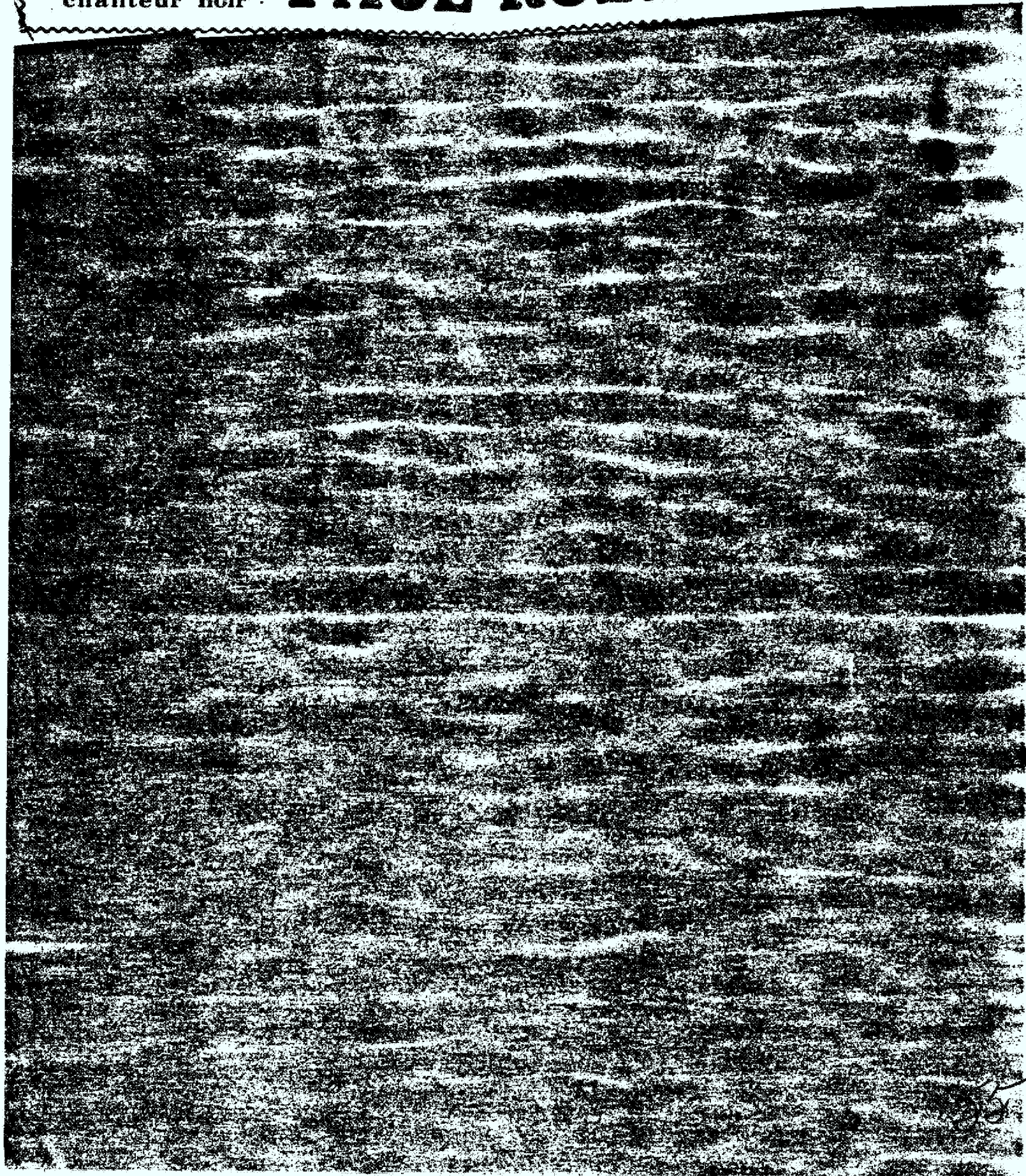
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Enclosure to Bureau

Re: PAUL ROBESON
SM - C

L'extraordinaire chanteur noir

PAUL ROBESON SERA



8.11.59

RA A LA FÊTE DE MEUDON



Paul Robeson sera des nôtres sur les terrasses de Meudon, à la Fête de l'Humanité.

Sa venue est un événement à plus d'un titre. Parce que Paul Robeson est l'un des plus grands chanteurs vivants, parce que son voyage à Paris sera le premier qu'il accomplira en France depuis dix ans. Parce que Paul Robeson, en prêtant son concours à notre fête, témoignera une fois de plus de son attachement à la cause de la paix et de la justice qu'il ne cesse de défendre depuis des dizaines d'années comme chanteur et comme citoyen.

En accueillant Paul Robeson à Meudon, nous serons nombreux à évoquer son extraordinaire apparition à la tribune du premier Congrès Mondial de la Paix, salle Pleyel. Comment oublier en effet cette journée d'avril 1949, où, face à une salle

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	9/9/59	3/2/59 - 8/31/59

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Report made by: SA [redacted] b7C — Typed By: mma

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/12/59, at New York.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US.

Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

Approved: — Special Agent in Charge

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file 100-56680, is carried on the SI of the NYO.

[redacted] b7C

Subject ROBESON is a key figure of the NYO.

[redacted] b7D

It is noted that the information reported by Legat, London on 5/26/59, concerning a statement appearing in the London "Daily Worker" for May 11, 1959, reflects that ROBESON was elected President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society. Further, an article appearing in the "New York Times" of May 11, 1959, reflects ROBESON was elected Vice-President of the organization.

This information has been reported as above and the NYO is in possession of no other information bearing on the office actually held by ROBESON in the British-Soviet Friendship Society.

Concerning information furnished by [redacted] on [redacted] reflecting the sale of ROBESON's book [redacted] being promoted by the CP organization in Dorchester, Mass., the informant furnished the information on the basis of a meeting of a CP Industrial Group held at [redacted] in Dorchester, Mass., on [redacted] who was present at the meeting, was in possession of copies of the book which he stated could be purchased for $.25 each and resold at $.50 each with the profit going to the "local CP chapter." b7C b7D

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The sources used in the characterization of the US Festival Committee, in the order of their appearance are [redacted] and [redacted] who have furnished reliable information in the past. (S)

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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)

[redacted] (C) b1

8. [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) **he is not residing in the USA.**

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. He has had close contacts with National leaders of the CP, USA. He has publically praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: 9/9/59

Office: New York, New York

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Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Synopsis:

ROBESON and wife currently residing in United Kingdom where he is appearing in stage production of "Othello." Appeared at 7th World Youth Festival, Vienna, Austria; elected to office in British-Soviet Friendship Society; and is current subscriber to "The Worker." Information concerning promotion of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand," by the CP set forth. Film based on ROBESON's life reportedly being completed in S.U. Information concerning activities while abroad set forth.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

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Concerning his affiliation with the production with "Othello", an article appearing in the "Birmingham (England) Post" of March 17, 1959, stated it was anticipated that the production would open on April 7, 1959, and run for 34 weeks.

B. Health

An article appearing in the "New York Times", issue of February 22, 1959, bearing the dateline Moscow, February 21, stated that PAUL ROBESON had made a public appearance in Moscow that day for the first time since he was a patient in the Kremlin Hospital.

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of March 10, 1959, bearing the dateline London, March 9, stated that ROBESON had arrived in London that day from Moscow "feeling perfectly fit and well." The article stated he had suffered from influenza and had been hospitalized in Russia.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

On [redacted] furnished information concerning a cultural program being prepared by the United States Festival Committee to be presented at the Seventh World Youth Festival. This information reflected that ROBESON was scheduled to appear with a chorus singing ballads. b7D

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The "New York Times" issue of August 4, 1959, on page 5, carried an article entitled, "ROBESON Sees Rise of Fascism in the United States." This article, with a dateline Vienna, August 3, read as follows:

> "Paul Robeson, the American Negro singer, charged today that United States foreign policy was being infiltrated by 'fascism.'
>
> Mr. Robeson delivered a general attack on his country's foreign policy in a speech before the Communist-run World Youth Festival, but he said Vice President Richard M. Nixon's East European tour might prove helpful.
>
> Mr. Nixon's trip to the Soviet Union and Poland will demonstrate to the Vice President that the people who live in those countries really want peace, said Mr. Robeson, a longtime supporter of Communist-front causes.
>
> Delegates to the festival who tried to question or criticize Mr. Robeson's statements were shouted down or ruled out of order by the Communists, who control the program.
>
> Mr. Robeson said the American people cannot 'talk of giving full freedom and democracy to Africa when 18,000,000 of us do not have full freedom in the United States.'"

It is noted that the Seventh World Youth Festival was held in Vienna, Austria, from July 26 to August 4, 1959.

The United States Festival Committee sent delegates to this festival. A characterization of the United States Festival Committee appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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The London "Daily Worker" issue of May 11, 1959, stated that PAUL ROBESON had been elected President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society.

The "New York Times" issue of May 11, 1959, page 5, carried an article with a dateline London, May 10, stating that PAUL ROBESON had been elected a Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society at a conference of that organization held that day.

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A characterization of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

III. PROMOTION OF THE SALE OF ROBESON'S BOOK BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CP, USA)

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

"The Worker" issue of December 21, 1958, page 9, column 2, under a column entitled, "Letters", published a letter to the Editor of "The Worker" signed "JAMES DOLSEN". The letter, reportedly written from Philadelphia, commences by stating, "I have sold over 300 copies of PAUL ROBESON's "Here I Stand'. My experiences may be of value to others."

The writer goes on to describe the various canvassing methods he has used to sell the book, and urges the readers to utilize certain of his methods. These methods include house-to-house canvassing, the visiting of barber shops, and promoting the book at certain conventions of Negro organizations.

On September 15, 1958, [redacted] reported that JAMES DOLSEN was the District Press Director, Communist Party of b7D

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Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, and Correspondent of "The Worker."

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[redacted] furnished information on [redacted] a letter from ROBERT THOMPSON, addressed "To All Districts". According to the informant, this letter stated that prepaid orders for 500 or more copies of the $1.00 edition of PAUL ROBESON's book "Here I Stand", would be available at $.25 a copy.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that EMANUEL BLUM is State Chairman of the Indiana Communist Party.

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"The Worker" issue of July 13, 1958, listed ROBERT THOMPSON as a member of the Communist Party National Executive Committee and Executive Secretary, CP, USA.

On [redacted] furnished information reflecting that at a recent CP meeting held in Dorchester, Massachusetts, copies of ROBESON's book were distributed for the purpose of raising funds for the local CP organization.

[redacted] reported on [redacted] he had learned that copies of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand", had been sold to comrades attending a meeting of the North Shore Section, CP, USA, held in Beverly, Massachusetts, on March 23, 1959.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES ABROAD

"The Worker" issue of January 18, 1959, page 6, column 1, carries the following article:

"Robeson's Success Abroad Brings Bids From U.S. Managers

PAUL ROBESON's phenomenal success in England and other countries has brought him bids from several U.S. managers, according

to Paul Novick, editor-in-chief of the Morning Freiheit who interviewed Robeson in Moscow last week.

Robeson has become one of the top concert and stage artists in England, where he is scheduled to give ten television concerts at one thousand pounds per concert.

The Negro artist hopes to appear on Broadway; at present his central interest is in performing Othello, according to Novick, whose dispatch appeared in Thursday's issue of the Freiheit.

Novick reported that Robeson sent 'warm greetings' to all those friends in the U. S. who had made the breakthrough for his flourishing artistic career.

ROBESON 'spoke lovingly' Novick reports, of the Negro masses of the San Francisco area whose efforts resulted in his concert there last February. He recalled also the assistance of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, headed by Harry Bridges, and the Los Angeles Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, and 'many more' who had fought for his right to be heard.

'I am always ready to come to America at the call of the Negro people,' Robeson said, 'say, if I were invited by the Baptist Churches or by the NAACP.'

He emphasized that he remains a 'political artist' fighting for peace. Robeson's Moscow concert last Monday, said Novick, was 'heartwarming testimony' of Robeson's intent.

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THE CONCERT was the 'triumph of a true people's artist, a fighter for peace, for friendship between the USA and the USSR, for the liberation of the Negro people, for the equality of all races and nationalities,' Novick wrote.

The program consisted mostly of Negro songs and spirituals, 'movingly rendered in the wonderful Robesonian voice.' It also contained Soviet, Chinese and Yiddish songs. The standing-room-only house joined him at the conclusion of the concert, and after prolonged applause, in singing Shiroka Strana Moya Rodnaya.

Robeson expressed to Novick his elation at the chance to visit Moscow during the launching of the artificial planet. He stressed the role that the history of the Soviet Union has played in the upsurge of the peoples of Asia and Africa, and expressed delight that his present concert series in the Soviet Union will be followed by a trip to India.

He told Novick he regretted his inability to visit additional Soviet cities or other socialist countries, because of his heavy schedule in England where he will appear as Othello in a production by the Stratford-on-Avon Shakespeare company."

It is noted that a photograph of ROBESON and his wife in the company of Premier KHRUSHCHEV accompanies this article.

The "Daily Worker" of December 9, 1948, editorially referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish language Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast daily Communist

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newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

The "New York Times" issue of February 4, 1959, carries an article stating that "Soviet film-makers have nearly completed a movie on the life of PAUL ROBESON, showing the American singer as an 'unbending peace champion'".

The "New York Times" issue of March 3, 1959, on page 38, carries the following article:

"Robeson Sings in Moscow
MOSCOW, March 2 (Reuters)
Paul Robeson made a surprise appearance in a Moscow hall tonight when he sang songs in Yiddish, Russian and English. He was singing in Moscow's Trade Union Hall of Columns at a concert in honor of the centenary of the birth of the Yiddish writer, Sholem Aleichem. Mr. Robeson appeared to be fully recovered from the bronchitis from which he was suffering last month."

"The Worker" issue of April 19, 1959, page 16, column 4, carries the following article:

"Robeson in 'Othello' at Stratford Acclaimed by Audience and Critics

LONDON. - Paul Robeson marked another and perhaps the most important milestone of his long artistic career when he opened the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre's 100th season Tuesday night at Stratford-on-Avon with a performance of the title role in 'Othello' that was acclaimed by audience and critics alike.

There was thunderous applause mingled with cheers as the final curtain fell.

Next day it was the turn of the London

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press to applaud.

'Paul Robeson a Powerful Othello' was the 'Daily Telegraph's' headline.

The 'Daily Herald': 'Paul Robeson Best "Othello" I've Seen.'

The 'Star': 'Robeson Bewitches as Othello.'

And the European edition of the 'Herald Tribune': 'Robeson Hailed in Stratford Othello.'

The Associated Press story in the last-mentioned paper spoke of Robeson's performance as 'amazing.'

The 'News Chronicle' reviewer called it 'superb.'

The 'Daily Herald' critic said it was 'the perfection of romantic acting.'

And the 'Daily Mirror', applauding the 'powerful acting of the Colossal Bronze,' expressed the general feeling: 'Thank goodness for Paul Robeson.'

Though 'Othello' has been given before in the Shakespeare Memorial Theater's repertoire, Robeson was the first Negro to portray the role. The critics spoke of the great dignity he brought to it. Said one, 'He was like all kinds of things - Milton's Satan, who witnessed huge affliction and dismay; like Meredith's Lucifer, in starlight dwarfing all around him; and most of all he was like Shakespeare's ideal Othello.'

Another critic wrote that Robeson

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'poured more music into Shakespeare's poetry than this critic has ever heard. His voice - that deeply resonant voice - rang through the theatre. Every world could be heard, and every word touched the heart.'

Those who compared this production of 'Othello' with the one in which Robeson appeared in 1930 at the Savoy in London felt he had lost nothing and gained much in the long interval. This writer has yet seen no comparison made with the New York production which ran for 296 performances at the Shubert Theatre in 1943 but he can say, having seen both, that in this instance, too, nothing has been lost but much has been gained.

While unanimous in their praise of Robeson, the critics were in some instances not so kind in their comments on the staging of the play or the roles portrayed by Sam Wanamaker as Iago and Miss Mary Ure as Desdemona. The London Times critic felt that Robeson was 'sadly handicapped by an over-clever production' and by the miscasting of the two characters mentioned. The consensus, however, was that Robeson's stellar performance sufficed, despite any other shortcomings, to make this production a memorable and historic event in the history of the Shakespeare theatre.

Interviewed in his dressing room after the opening night performance, just two days before his sixty-first birthday, Robeson told the reporter of the London Daily Mirror, 'I am overwhelmed by the reception I have been given tonight. It is the greatest moment of my life.'*

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship:

"1. Cited as subversive and Communist.
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)

2. 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as' the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 156.)

3. Cited as specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda.
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

4. Found to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered to register as such with the Attorney General of the United States.
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Decision of February 7, 1956.)"

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U.S. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(SEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

On August 4, 1958, a confidential source made available a background statement on the 7th World Youth Festival, distributed by a U.S. Festival Committee then in the process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94), with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary and the International Union of Students (cited as a Communist organization in the HCUA Guide, above, on page 48) with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria during the summer of 1959.

This source advised in April 1959, that the U.S. Festival Committee is located at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and is still active.

The statement made available by the above source on August 4, 1958, sets forth that "The Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world."

Another source on October 3, 1958, made available information concerning a Regional Youth Conference of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City on September 27, 1958. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this Festival and to help raise money to defray delegates expenses.

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Re Paris letter 8/13/59.

As the Bureau was advised in relet, PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to appear as the star performer at a Communist Festival sponsored by the Communist newspaper "L'Humanite" on 9/5/59 at Meudon, a suburb of Paris. Considerable publicity has appeared in "L'Humanite" on almost a daily basis, and clippings were forwarded to the Bureau by routing slip 8/31/59.

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Enclosed herewith is a page from "L'Humanite" of 9/4/59, which sets out the background of ROBESON. Also enclosed is a page from "L'Humanite" of 9/5/59 captioned "A tout a l'heure, PAUL ROBESON" ("See you soon, PAUL ROBESON"). This article describes meeting ROBESON at Orly Airport, Paris, on 9/4/59. ROGER ROUCAUTE and ANDRE STIL, members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of France, were present, among others at the airport, to welcome ROBESON to Paris. This article, in part, concerns an interview with ROBESON in which he mentions his early childhood and to some extent discusses his musical impressions. On concluding this interview, ROBESON states that he has always been proud to be a colored American, and has always been conscious of the struggle which the workers and the colored people have in common.

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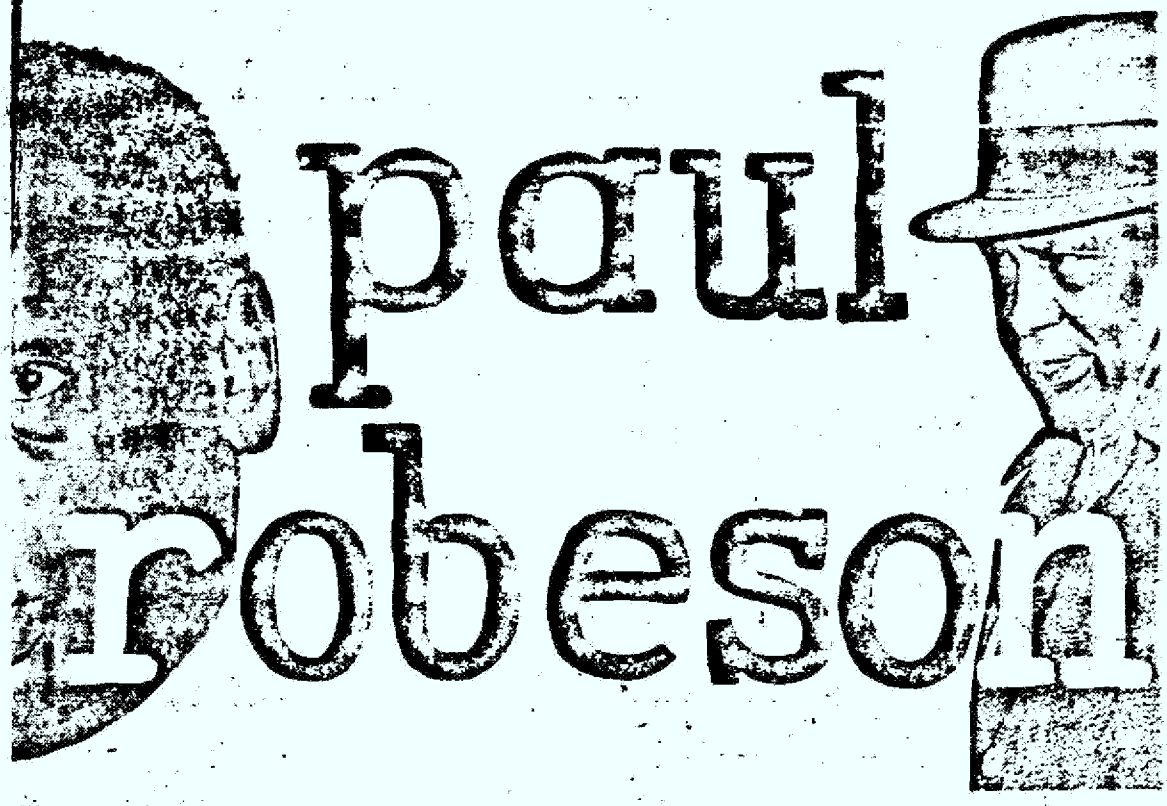
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dant douze années, Paul Robeson étudie profondément la culture africaine, celle de ses ancêtres. En même temps, il rencontre et fréquente des étudiants, des matelots, des dockers. Il découvre alors les profondes racines de la culture noire, les richesses d'une civilisation. Peu à peu, l'homme en lui prend conscience des conditions déplorables où vit son peuple. Sa vie se modèle aux exigences que cette conscience lui crée. Plus que jamais, en Paul Robeson, l'homme

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et l'artiste se confondent et progressent. Les années passent. Admirable Othello, chanteur illustre, partout reconnu, il part en 1934 pour un premier voyage en Union Soviétique.

L'expérience de l'U.R.S.S.

« Je vis là-bas comment les Yakoutes, les Ouzbègues et d'autres nations autrefois opprimées passaient de la vie en tribus à une société moderne et industrialisée, de l'analphabétisme aux connaissances les plus diverses, tandis qu'en même temps leur culture ancienne se trouvait revivifiée et enrichie. Tout ce que je puis dire, c'est que j'ai trouvé quand j'étais là-bas ce que j'avais espéré pendant toute ma vie. Là-bas, je marchais avec dignité. »

1936, autre étape

Au retour de son voyage en U.R.S.S., Paul Robeson décide d'envoyer son fils Paul poursuivre ses études en Union Soviétique. On ne le lui pardonnera pas et, longtemps après, on lui en tient encore grief.

« C'est, dit Robeson, *pour éviter à mon fils tous les tracas et tous les malheurs du racisme que je prenais cette décision. Il en avait déjà trop souffert en Amérique, au Canada et même en Angleterre... Sachant que le monde socialiste avait aboli le racisme, je savais qu'il aurait enfin une vie normale... »*

En 1936, la guerre civile éclate en Espagne. Paul Robeson s'y rend et connaît les combattants des brigades internationales. Le spectacle de la lutte dont il est le témoin le détermine à regagner l'Amérique pour y tenir sa place dans le combat pour la paix. De toutes ses forces, il aide les républicains espagnols, les Autrichiens victimes, un peu plus tard, du nazisme, les Ethiopiens sous la botte fasciste. De toutes parts, en Amérique, si les progressistes reconnaissent en lui un grand homme, les « ultras », racistes, agitateurs du fameux Ku Klux Klan, de l'American Legion, déchaînent leurs campagnes. Du monde entier, des millions de gens l'applaudissent. Grand chanteur, magnifique comédien, homme au sens plein du terme, Paul Robeson était, il y a vingt ans, ce qu'il est aujourd'hui. Il allait lui en coûter cher.

Son incessant combat pour la justice, la paix et la liberté ne l'avait jamais empêché de poursuivre une étincelante carrière artistique. Réputé comme l'une des plus belles voix du monde, il est aussi considéré comme le plus superbe Othello qui ait jamais existé... Les dramaturges écrivent pour lui. Il chante partout où il sait qu'il peut être également utile. Tout cela pendant les années de la guerre. En 1945, les Alliés anéantissent les armées nazies. C'est la victoire... mais...

Mais bientôt, en Amérique, de violentes campagnes racistes

libre citoyen, Paul Robeson, sans passeport, vit dans les limites des Etats américains.

Et la fidélité

« Pourquoi n'êtes-vous pas resté en Russie ? », lui demande-t-on à la Commission des activités antiaméricaines.

— *Parce que*, répond-il, *mon père était esclave et que mes ancêtres sont morts en construisant ce pays. Je reste ici parce que c'est mon droit, au même titre que vous, et nulle pression de caractère fasciste ne pourra me faire partir d'ici. Est-ce clair ?*

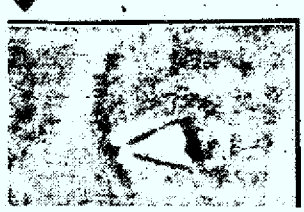
Lorsque, enfin, après plus de huit ans passés sans quitter le sol américain, le grand chanteur obtint à nouveau un passeport, il déclara que rien ne le ferait changer d'opinion, et il sut alors reprendre les termes d'une déclaration plus ancienne qu'il prononçait il y a cinq ans :

« On affirme que Paul Robeson a échangé d'opinions. Bien. Les menteurs continueront à mentir, mais j'affirme que tout ce qui donne leur sens à ma vie et à mon travail, c'est la fidélité à mes convictions. »

Tel est l'homme que vous allez entendre. Robeson... cela somme fier, n'est-ce pas ?

un acteur





PAUL ROBESON est à Paris. Vous l'entendrez demain à la fête de « l'Humanité ». Il y a dix ans que l'illustre chanteur n'est pas venu dans notre pays. Souvenez-vous, la dernière fois, c'était en avril 1949

Le premier Congrès mondial des Partisans de la Paix tenait alors ses assises à la salle Pleyel, l'un des hauts-lieux de la musique. Ce jour-là, Paul Robeson, follement acclamé, montait à la tribune pour y lire un message « au nom de ses frères noirs et de l'Amérique progressiste, au nom des peuples noirs des pays coloniaux... » A brûle-pourpoint, au milieu de son exposé, l'orateur déclarait : « Et voici maintenant ce que vous attendez aussi de moi, voici « Les quatre généraux », une chanson populaire espagnole ». Un tonnerre d'applaudissements éclatait à la dernière note. Paul Robeson chantait encore ; une complainte, une romance, une chanson, comme s'il avait voulu, devant cette assemblée et dans ce lieu, prouver que la musique, son art, ne pouvaient demeurer étrangers à ses préoccupations d'homme, de tribun, d'avocat.

« Et la vie sera belle, car nous la ferons belle », s'écria-t-il avant de quitter le Congrès.

Dix années ont passé, dix années difficiles pour Paul Robeson qui fut bientôt déféré devant la commission des « activités antiaméricaines » et privé de son passeport par une mesure du Département d'Etat. Dix années ont passé sans que jamais, en aucune circonstance, Paul Robeson n'abdique devant ses adversaires et renie ses opinions. Tout au contraire, durant cette longue période de sédentaire — et la vie sédentaire équivaut pour l'artiste à l'exil — Paul Robeson continua ce qu'il pense depuis toujours être sa mission, la lutte pour la liberté, pour la justice, pour l'égalité et pour que tous ses frères de race obtiennent enfin le droit à une vie décente. Dix années ou presque car, en juillet 1958, après d'interminables procédures soutenues par lui avec un courage exemplaire et une volonté indéracinable, aidé par tous ceux qui dans le monde entier le respectent et l'admirent, Paul Robeson obtenait enfin un passeport. Aussitôt après, il se rendait à Londres puis reprenait le cours de ses voyages et de ses tournées. Paul Robeson est à Paris, vous l'entendrez demain.

un homme



Un esclave : son père

Il était donc une fois un jeune Noir américain, esclave dans une plantation de Caroline du Nord. Il avait à peine quinze ans, c'était en 1860. Il s'évada et gagna le nord des Etats-Unis d'Amérique où l'opinion publique était nettement antiesclavagiste.

Le jeune Robeson parvint à se faire inscrire à l'Université Lincoln, étudia longtemps et fut nommé en 1878 pasteur d'une église presbytérienne de Princeton, dans le New Jersey. Il vivait là avec sa femme, une institutrice, Maria-Louisa Bustill, dont l'arrière grand-père, Cyrus Bustill, avait été le « boulanger noir » de Washington. Le couple eut cinq enfants. Paul, le dernier né, vint au monde le 9 avril 1898.

Quelques années plus tard, en 1904, Maria-Louisa mourut, et le petit Paul Robeson resta seul au côté de son père.

Les premières chansons...

Jamais, aime souvent répéter Paul Robeson, « *je n'oublierai ce temps de mon enfance. Jamais je n'oublierai comment j'ai entendu chanter mon peuple à la sueur d'un poêle et devant les porches, dans la douceur du parfum des lilas, dans les greniers et sur les bancs le dimanche matin; jamais je n'oublierai ces chants entendus dans les sermons mêmes de mon père* ».

L'écolier Robeson, durant ces années, remportait de nombreux succès scolaires et, les jours de congé, il brillait sur les stades, taillé en athlète.

Doté d'une solide instruction classique où la grec et le latin avaient grande part, Paul recevait également une formation d'orateur public. Ce qui ne l'empêchait pas, bien au contraire, d'être alors membre du club musical et du club d'art dramatique de sa ville natale.

... Et les premiers pas

C'est au cours de l'un des spectacles donnés par les élèves de son école que Paul Robeson devait paraître pour la première fois en public dans le rôle d'*Othello*, de Shakespeare. Rien n'a pu faire, ni le temps ni l'expérience pour que ce souvenir s'efface de sa mémoire. Lorsqu'il en parle aujourd'hui, on a, en l'écoutant, l'impression de revivre l'angoisse qui l'assaillait alors : « *...Nerveux et terrifié, je me débattais avec le texte, prenant garde à ne pas froisser l'oreille exercée de mon père et l'enseignement patient de mes maîtres : personne au monde n'aurait su ce temps-là pu me convaincre de jouer à nouveau sur une scène...* »

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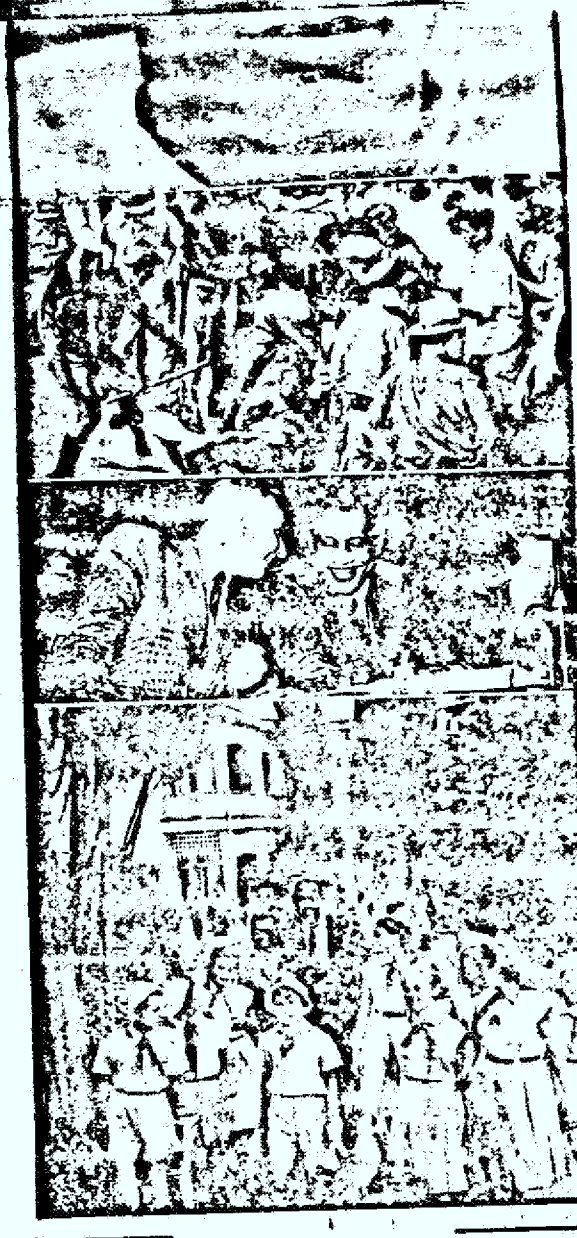
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C'est lui, dit le grand artis[illegible] « clarifia ce que mon [illegible] m'avait fait deviner, à so[illegible] sens profond des simples [illegible] les chansons de mon enfa[illegible] tendues au sein de notre [illegible] communauté. C'est lui qui [illegible] connaître la grandiose po[illegible] cantiques, des chants de [illegible] et des « blues » des plant[illegible]

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CE joueur de rugby triomphait sur les stades à l'âge de 20 ans, mais, dès qu'il quittait la pelouse, il devenait l'un des meilleurs élèves de son Université.

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C'est en 1934 que le grand chanteur se rendit pour la première fois en Union Soviétique. Il y retourna il y a peu de temps encore : « Là, dit-il, chaque homme marche dignement. Chaque homme et chaque enfant. »

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« *Je récitai, dit Paul Robeson, mais en ce temps-là je ne savais pas grand-chose sur la signification de la vie de Toussaint Louverture. Je rentrai à cette époque à l'Université pour étudier le grec et le latin, les mathématiques et la physique, l'histoire* (mais elle ne parlait pas de Toussaint !) *et aussi pour jouer au football. J'entrais dans la vie, une chose dominant pour moi toutes autres : j'étais le fils de mon père, un Noir d'Amérique. C'était là le défi.* »

A l'Université, Paul est un remarquable étudiant, mais aussi un sportif des plus doués et on le considère alors comme l'un des meilleurs joueurs de rugby de sa génération. Combinant toutes ses activités, il poursuit ses études et pour les achever s'inscrit à l'Université de Columbia, où il est bientôt docteur en droit. Mais le diplôme est une chose. Il lui fallait encore obtenir la possibilité d'exercer son nouveau métier. La ségrégation ne lâchait pas prise. Le barreau lui devenait inaccessible ! Alors Paul Robeson parvient à un moment décisif de sa vie. Il débute au théâtre, oubliant son angoisse d'autrefois, dans une troupe d'amateurs. Et, du jour au lendemain, tout changea.

C'est le dramaturge américain Eugène O'Neil qui le remarque le premier et ne tarde pas à lui confier le principal rôle de sa pièce : *Empereur Jones*. Quand Paul Robeson entra en scène, il ignorait sans doute que, du jour au lendemain, ou presque, il allait devenir l'un des plus grands chanteurs de notre temps.

L'action dramatique d'*Empereur Jones* exigeait que Jones, perdu dans la jungle, siffle pour se donner du courage. Pris de court et ne sachant pas siffler, Paul Robeson chanta un negro-spiritual. Ce fut un triomphe. Les représentations terminées, l'acteur part en tournée, visite l'Angleterre et l'Ecosse, devient vite célèbre...

Premier récital au rythme du chant noir

Le 19 avril 1925, un chanteur noir américain consacrait pour la première fois dans l'histoire de la musique tout un récital public à la musique noire. Paul Robeson, accompagné au piano par le musicien noir Lawrence Brown paraissait au Greenwich Village Theatre de New York.

Le lendemain, unanimes, les critiques le reconnaissaient comme le meilleur baryton d'Amérique. L'un d'eux, rédacteur au *New York Times*, écrivait : « *Les*

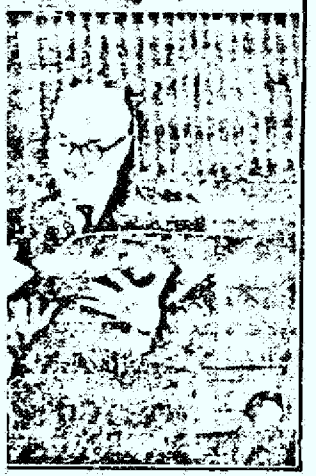
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...s le monde entier, est pres-
Old Man River », sa première
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...d Robeson est un chercheur
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...geur l'impétueux ... teur, magnifique ... me au sens plein du terme ... Robeson était ... ce qu'il est aujourd'hui. Il allait lui en coûter cher.

Son incessant combat pour la justice, la paix et la liberté ne l'avait jamais empêché de poursuivre une étincelante carrière artistique. Réputé comme l'une des plus belles voix du monde, il est aussi considéré comme le plus superbe Othello qui ait jamais existé... Les dramaturges écrivent pour lui, il chante partout où il sait qu'il peut être également utile. Tout cela pendant les années de la guerre. En 1945, les Alliés anéantissent les armées nazies. C'est la victoire... mais...

Mais bientôt, en Amérique, de violentes campagnes racistes se déchaînent. Les communistes, les Noirs, les syndicalistes, les juifs en sont indifféremment les victimes. Paul Robeson est tout désigné pour l'être lui aussi. Cependant, il ne plie jamais. En 1946, il obtient une entrevue du président Truman. Il plaide pour ses frères, demande des poursuites contre les racistes de tout poil qui agressent les Noirs américains, sûrs de demeurer impunis.

M. Truman lui répond seulement:

« *Vous parlez, monsieur, le langage d'un révolté.* »

« *Mauvais, mauvais récital* », dira Paul Robeson à ses amis qui l'attendent devant la Maison Blanche. Oui, « mauvais récital », mais qui va servir de pièce à conviction contre le chanteur, comme servira de pièce accusatrice sa présence à Paris, au Congrès de Pleyel en 1949.

La chasse aux sorcières

A partir de cette époque, les gouvernants américains font tout pour empêcher le créateur « d'Old Man River » d'être lui-même. Il ne cède pas. Il ne cédera jamais, dût sa carrière en souffrir, comme cela se passa, on le sait.

Traduit devant des commissions inquisitoriales, Paul Robeson conserve l'attitude qui est la sienne depuis l'enfance. Quand il chante malgré tout, en public, comme en ce 27 août 1949, des milliers de manifestants fascistes lui barrent la route et attaquent son public.

Paul Robeson maintient ses points de vue. Il contre-attaque, en septembre, "Il y a tout juste dix ans aujourd'hui : il paraît devant vingt mille auditeurs enthousiastes, à Peekshill. Et cependant que quelques centaines d'agités brûlent des partitions, s'en prennent aux auditeurs, la voix d'airain, épousant les accents de Joe Hill, ou des « Quatre généraux », « d'Old Man River », et d'autres romances, dominant la foule, impose le respect et l'admiration, fait acclamer la vérité.

Malgré les menaces de terreur, malgré tout, Paul Robeson est toujours présent à la manière d'un vivant symbole. Son action lui vaut l'admiration universelle. En 1952, il reçoit le Prix « Lénine » International de la Paix. Mais, à ce moment-là, privé du plus élémentaire de ses droits de

ÉTUDIANT et comédien amateur, Paul Robeson jouait « Othello » quand le dramaturge Eugène O' Neil le remarqua. Quelque temps après, le jeune homme paraissait dans ce rôle de « Empereur Jones » qui lui valut aussitôt son premier triomphe de... chanteur.

Longtemps après ces débuts, « Empereur Jones » devenait « John Henry » sur une scène de Broadway. John Henry, le géant, le forçat du travail... Mais aussi grand qu'il ait été dans ce rôle, c'est toujours Othello qui demeure à la fois sa plus grande satisfaction de tragédien et son plus incontestable succès. Cette année encore à Stradford on Avon, au théâtre Shakespeare, il en fit l'étincelante démonstration.

...elles Menton ... samedi 18 ... elles Menton

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deux orangeries superposées construisit Mansart à l'époque des splendeurs de Meudon.

Trop occupé à satisfaire les moindres caprices de la Pompadour, Louis XV abandonna les magnifiques jardins qui s'étendaient là à nos pieds. On raconte que l'homme qui était chargé d'arroser les orangers fut oublié en ces lieux pendant deux ans, durant lesquels il ne put manger de viande ni boire de l'excellent vin que l'on récoltait cependant sur les coteaux voisins.

Ces ifs sont sans doute tout





Sachez que...

● Au stand de « Neues Deutschland »

Exposition de photos sur la vie en République Démocratique Allemande, vente de livres allemands, distribution de brochures. On vendra également des poupées de Thuringe ainsi qu'une spécialité d'harmonicas miniatures à 7 notes... qui peuvent même se porter en broche. Enfin, pour la première fois en France, on dégustera de la bière de Radeberg, la meilleure bière de toute l'Allemagne.

● Un disque en hommage à P. Vaillant-Couturier

Il sera mis en vente au stand de la Fédération Seine-Sud. Une face du 33 disque est consacrée à un discours de Paul Vaillant-Couturier intitulé « L'Humanité, visage de la France ». L'hommage que Marcel Cachin prononça sur la tombe du grand journaliste a été gravé sur l'autre face. Marie-Claude Vaillant-Couturier dédicacera ce disque samedi après-midi.

● Les photo-stoppeurs correspondants de l'*Humanité*

Vous les verrez samedi et dimanche parcourant la fête en tous sens. Généralement ils seront deux, parfois davantage. Au revers de leurs vestes, ils porteront un énorme carré de carton avec des lettres qui crèvent les yeux : « PHOTO-STOP correspondant de l'Humanité ». Grâce à leur savoir-faire vous pourrez disposer d'un fort joli souvenir de Meudon, une magnifique photo encore plus grande que leur maximum : 20 francs !

Les correspondants photographes verseront l'intégralité de la somme qu'ils recueilleront à « l'Humanité ».

● Pas de jardins d'enfants

En raison de la configuration du terrain, il a été matériellement impossible de prévoir cette année l'aménagement de jardins d'enfants.

Par le train

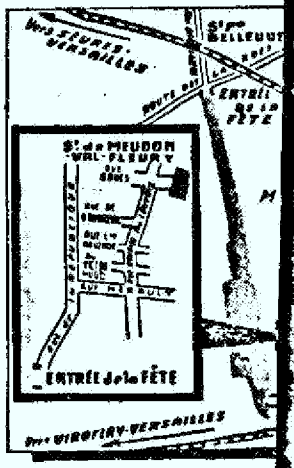
LE moyen sans doute le plus commode et le plus rapide.

— *Au départ de Montparnasse* : Descendre à Meudon-Bellevue. En plus des trains réguliers qui desservent également les stations Ouest-Ceinture Vanves, Malakoff et Clamart, des trains supplémentaires directs Paris-Montparnasse-Bellevue partiront selon les besoins en fonction de l'affluence.

— *Au départ des Invalides* : Descendre à Meudon-Val Fleury. Sur cette ligne également, en plus du service régulier, des trains supplémentaires seront mis en service selon les besoins. Ils desserviront les stations Pont-de-l'Alma, Champ-de-Mars, Javel, Boulevard-Victor et Val Fleury.

Afin de faciliter leur retour, nous conseillons aux participants à la fête de se procurer au départ un billet aller-retour. Le prix de ce billet aller-retour, soit par Montparnasse, soit par Invalides, est de 120 francs.

Le service fonctionnera jusqu'à 24 heures.



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Une évocation de la vie
par Jean LODS, auteur
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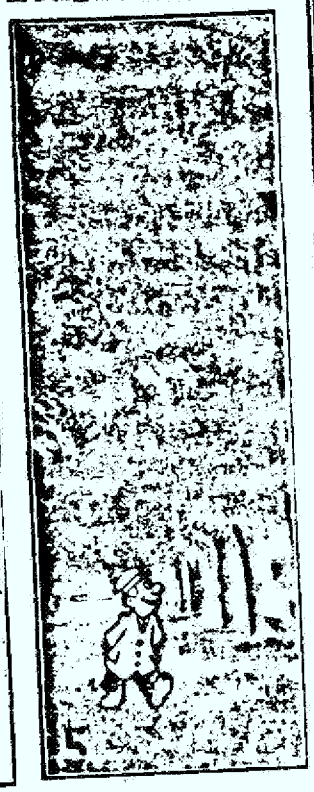
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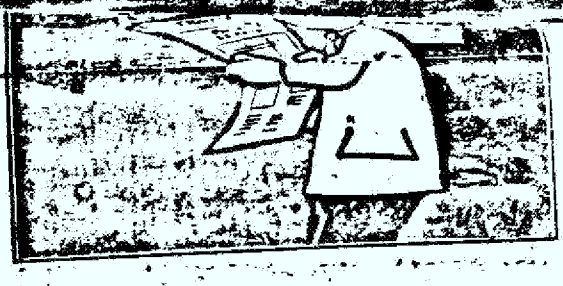
A côté, la scène centrale. 200 mètres carrés de superficie.

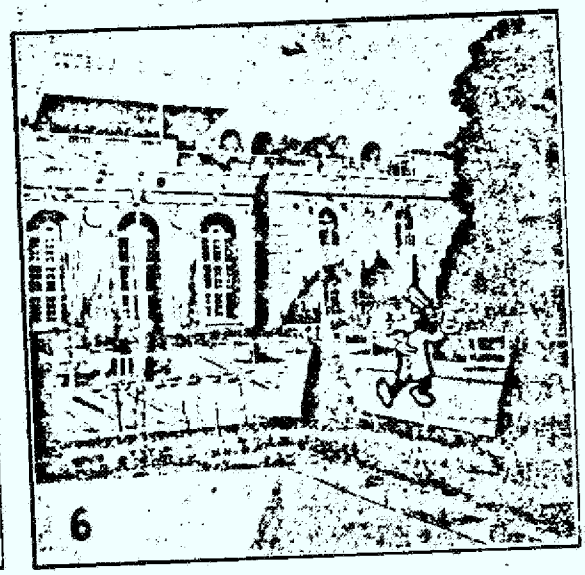
Voilà Marcel, la visite est terminée. Je ne t'ai sans doute pas tout dit. On ne décrit pas la fête de l'Humanité comme ça. Je me contente d'effectuant un simple tour. Et puis 300 stands... si j'arrêtes un peu pour saluer mes amis.

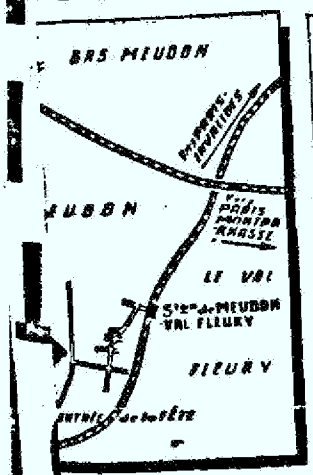
En me quittant, le conducteur de Lilas m'a dit : « Pas d'blague, dimanche il faut que je m'arrange à être du matin ».











NT DE LA FETE

E JAURES

le grand tribun présenté réalisateur des films sur Albert Einstein.

SEINE-ET-OISE : 25.000 HIER SOIR

A l'issue de la première série de rendez-vous organisés cette semaine en Seine-et-Oise, la Fédération totalisait hier soir 25.000 vignettes-bons de soutien. Elle n'est plus qu'à quelques encâblures de Seine-Ouest (28.450). Rejoindra-t-elle d'ici samedi ?

SA 319e VIGNETTE

Le camarade Ballanger, de la cellule déf N.M.P.P. (Paris-3e), vient de placer sa 319e vignette. Un champion. Qui dit mieux ?

200 SUR 300

Aux ateliers R.A.T.P., 37, avenue de la Porte-d'Italie, qui comptent 300 ouvriers, 200 vignettes de la fête de « l'Huma » ont été vendues, dont 80 en quelques heures. Le record des années précédentes qui était de 186 environ, a été largement battu.

Pensez à la vignette

Ce soir, derniers rendez-vous

BOULOGNE-BILLANCOURT : au siège de la section, 65, rue Carnot, à 13 heures avec Roger Boisseau, secrétaire fédéral.

BLICHY : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Jean Mercier.

BENNEVILLIERS : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Lanternier, membre du Comité Central.

NANTERRE : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Raymond Barbet, maire.

RENAULT : à 18 h. 30, au siège de la section, avec Kerzreho.

SAINT-OUEN : à 18 h. 30, au centre Amaëra, avec E. Palon, membre du Bureau Politique.

COLOMBES : à 18 heures, au siège de la section, avec Henri Nevez, conseiller général.

ACHERES : 21 heures, salle de la Mairie, avec Drain du Bureau Fédéral (Achères, Conflans, Poissy, Pontoise).

VILLENEUVE-ST-GEORGES : 21 heures, 23, rue d'Alembert (Villeneuve-le-Roi, Villeneuve-Saint-Georges, Draveil, Montgeron, Brunoy), avec Blésa du Comité Fédéral.

VERSAILLES : 21 heures, 5, rue de St-Cloud, avec Chatelain, secrétaire fédéral (Versailles, Sèvres, St-Cloud, Viroflay, Meudon, Chaville, Garches).

ARPAJON : 21 heures, Mairie de la Norville, avec St-Etienne, du Comité Fédéral (Arpajon, Limours, Chamarande).

GOUSSAINVILLE : 21 heures, Bd P.-V.-Couturier, avec Michel Vandels, du Comité Central (Goussainville, Larrochas).

PALAISEAU : 21 heures, salle de la Mairie, avec P. Chevrier, secrétaire fédéral (Palaiseau, Massy, Orsay).

CORBEIL : 21 heures, Mairie annexe, avec Rodriguez, du Comité Fédéral (Corbeil, Essonnes, Milly).

GARGES-LES-GONNESSE : 21 heures, à la Mairie, avec Peshon, du Comité Fédéral (Garges-les-Gonnesse, Arnouville, Sarcelles).

12e GARE SALPETRIERE : à 18 heures, au siège de la section, 76, Bd de la Gare.

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QUAND CONDUCT DES LI VISITE LA



200 poulets cuits, 300 kilos de sucre, 1.200 jus de fruits, 800 bouteilles ... tera la moitié des bestioles samedi et le reste dimanche matin. C... mettre sous enveloppes les 10.000 billets. 10.000 à 30 fr. : 300.000 fr... dans les caisses, il faudra en verser le maximum à « l'Huma ». Av... tirer quelques numéros supplémentaires du « Départ ».

Marcel, conducteur sur la ligne Porte des Lilas-Levallois, donnait mardi soir, à la réunion du comité de section du métro (photo n° 1), les dernières informations sur l'organisation du stand des gars de la R.A.T.P.

C'est la première fois, alors il faut ficeler. Maintenant quels sont les copains disponibles vendredi soir, samedi, dimanche et lundi ? Bien sûr, amène ta femme. Elle n'est pas du Parti ? Et alors, c'est pas une raison !

La trouvaille de la soirée

On a encore parlé du nougat qu'il faudra acheter sur place, des bouteilles d'apéros pour la buvette (discussion sur la marque), de la lettre à écrire après la Fête pour remercier les camarades de la section de Saint-Denis « qui nous ont prêté du matériel », du tarif des consommations, de l'éclairage du stand qui était en panne et du tract à distribuer...

Enfin, il y a la vignette. « Un acte politique », a dit Marcel. Notre objectif était modeste, 800. Il faut le dépasser d'ici samedi. Qui paie des vignettes ce soir ? Marcel a pris un chiffon et une craie puis il s'est mis à modifier des chiffres sur un tableau noir dans la colonne des « payées » (photo n° 2). Au métro, les cellules du Parti portent le nom des têtes de lignes. Faisons le point : « Issy » et Porte des Lilas » sont en tête. Maintenant voici le total : 788. Il faudra aller voir les cellules qui n'ont encore rien réglé.

Ordre du jour épuisé ? Non ? Comment vendra-t-on les billets de loterie ? Eh bien ! mais dans... dans des boîtes. Pas original, d'accord, mais qu'est-ce que tu proposes ? Des vieilles casquettes de la RATP... Bravo ! ça c'est l'idée de la soirée... Alors que chacun récupère chez lui les « gapettes » usagées...

A la fin de la réunion, j'ai donné rendez-vous à Marcel pour aller visiter Meudon le lendemain matin. Il n'est pas sûr d'être à la Fête dimanche. Ça dépendra du service.

Attraction inédite

En traversant Meudon, Marcel, qui pensait sans doute aux rails de sa ligne, s'est exclamé : « Dis donc, ça grimpe par ici... » Il n'avait encore rien vu. Je n'ai pu résister à la tentation... Nous sommes allés directement sur la terrasse d'où l'on a cette vue extraordinaire sur Paris (photo n° 3). Il n'en finissait plus et se livrait au petit jeu qui sera l'attraction inédite de la Fête : identifier les principaux monuments de la capitale. L'altitude ? Ici nous sommes à 153 mètres, mais le bois de Meudon, que tu vois derrière nous, s'élève jusqu'à 170 mètres. Non, la Fête ne va pas dans le bois, juste une petite portion, là-bas, à l'autre bout. Il nous offre le décor, ce n'est déjà pas si mal.

Maintenant, allons faire un tour à votre stand, Avenue du Château. 800 mètres de long. Reliait jadis le château de Meudon au château de Bellevue. Oui, les pavés sont d'époque... Les quatre rangées de tilleuls sont sans doute un peu plus récentes. Tiens voilà votre stand (photo n° 4). Mais dis donc, l'endroit est historique : de l'autre côté de l'avenue, au 27, Richard Wagner a composé le « Vaisseau fantôme » en 1841.

Retournons sur la Terrasse. Attends ! De part et d'autre de la grille que nous franchissons actuellement (photo n° 5), les fossés ont été creusé sur l'ordre de Louvois qui fut propriétaire de ce domaine. L'Huma a pensé qu'en installant une passerelle par-dessus ce serait plus commode pour circuler.

La Terrasse ? 480 mètres de long, 186 mètres de large, trois allées ombragées, comme celle dans laquelle nous marchons en ce moment (photo n° 5) et six rangées de stands pour la Fête, évidemment. Stop ! Ici, il y a 303 ans, nous n'aurions pas pu aller plus loin car la Terrasse s'arrêtait au bord d'un profond ravin. Un certain marquis de Sablé a dépensé une fortune pour le faire combler.

C'est la faute à la Pompadour

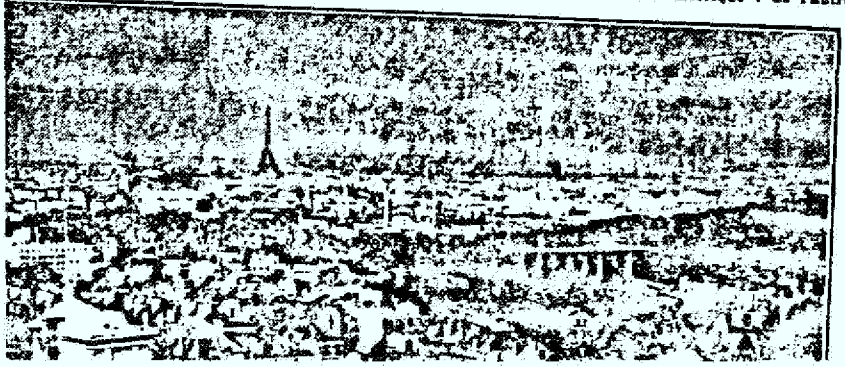
Le château ? Il n'existe plus. Rasé en 1804, après 284 ans d'existence et de nombreux changements de propriétaires. Napoléon a récupéré les restes pour son arc de triomphe du Carrousel.

L'emplacement rêvé pour installer le stand de l'Humanité et du Comité Central.

Et d'ici, nouveau coup d'œil magnifique. Oui, en bas, c'est encore la Fête. Nous sommes sur la terrasse de l'une des deux orangeries superposées que construisit Mansart à l'époque des splendeurs de Meudon.

Trop occupé à satisfaire les moindres caprices de la Pompadour, Louis XV abandonna les magnifiques jardins qui s'étendaient là à nos pieds. On raconte que l'homme qui était chargé d'arroser les orangers fut oublié en ces lieux pendant deux ans, durant lesquels il ne put manger de viande ni boire de l'excellent vin que l'on récoltait cependant sur les coteaux voisins.

Ces ifs sont sans doute tout





LE
EUR
AS
ÊTE...

bière. Une 2 CV transper-
q camarades s'occupent de
On ne gardera pas l'argent
ce qui restera, on pourra

e qui reste des jardins. On les
taillés pour la Fête de l'Hu-
a. Tu marches en ce mo-
ent (photo n° 8) sur le plan-
ier du bal. 2.000 mètres carrés.
es gars que tu vois là plan-
nt des clous depuis trois se-
aines.

Puis Marcel est tombé en ar-
t devant un escalier qui s'en-
nce dans le bois. « Ça me rap-
le le métro. » En haut, il a
ouvert l'Observatoire (photo
° 7). Nouveau cours d'histoire :
e bâtiment, c'était jadis le châ-
au neuf que Louis XIV fit
onstruire par Mansart — enco-
e lui — pour son fils le Grand
auphin. Endommagé par un
ncendie en 1870, il fut trans-
ormé, une dizaine d'années plus
ard, en observatoire.

Le parterre est resté. On y
stalle la Cité internationale.
ouze pays qui présenteront
ur spectacle sur la scène que
vois là... Eh oui ! dans le
assin. C'est une trouvaille ?

Mieux qu'au « Gaumont »

Redescendons par cette allée
travers la forêt. C'est la por-
on dont je te parlais tout à
eure. Te voilà maintenant au
ed de l'écran géant de la
le (photo No 9). Alors ? Tu es
lé au « Gaumont » ? Oui, une
is comme tout le monde. Plus
tit qu'ici. Les appareils de
ojection sont à cent mètres.
s hôtes sont là-bas, à 105 mè-
s. Quant à l'écran, pour un
m standard c'est le plus grand
l ait jamais été réalisé : 18
tres de large, 14 mètres de
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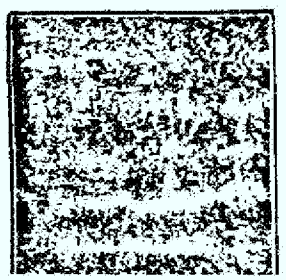
côté, la scène centrale. 250
tres carrés de superficie.
oilà, Marcel, la visite est ter-
iée. Je ne t'ai sans doute pas
t dit. On ne décrit pas la
e de l'Humanité comme ça,
effectuant un simple
our. Et puis 300 stands... si
t'arrêtes un peu pour saluer
amis.

n me quittant, le conducteur
Lilas m'a dit : « Pas d'hie-
e, dimanche il faut que je
rrange à être du matin ».











Cerné par les flammes

DANS LA FORÊT DE GENNES (MAINE-ET-LOIRE)

un camion de pompiers se renverse

CINQ BRULÉS VIFS

LE dramatique incendie de forêt de Gennes (Maine-et-Loire), qui a dévoré, jeudi, 800 hectares de bois, a coûté la vie à cinq pompiers venus volontairement combattre le sinistre. Parmi les victimes, figurent deux jeunes gens de 18 ans. L'un d'eux a trouvé la mort au côté deson père.

Les cinq combattants du feu habitaient Beaufort-en-Vallée. Ce n'est que quelques heures après l'accident qu'on découvrit le drame. En fin d'après-midi, devant l'ampleur du désastre, l'ensemble des sauveteurs dut effectuer un mouvement de repli. Quelques heures plus tard, on constatait que le camion-citerne des pompiers de Beaufort-en-Vallée n'était pas rentré. On se mit à sa recherche et le véhicule fut découvert en flammes. Près de lui gisaient trois corps carbonisés. Deux autres devaient être retrouvés à une soixantaine de mètres de là. Les malheureux furent identifiés grâce à des objets personnels. Il s'agit du lieutenant Amard, couvreur de son état, commandant des sapeurs de Beaufort et de son fils, 18 ans, de Louis Courant, de Charpentier, de Gabriel Broussard, horticulteur, 36 ans et de Christian Rabin, 18 ans.

Une nuit d'épouvante

L'incendie a fait rage toute la nuit. Toutes les pompes, tous les sapeurs de l'arrondissement de Saumur s'étaient mobilisés pour lui faire face. Une centaine d'hommes aidés par les cadets de l'école de cavalerie luttaient contre le feu activé par le vent. Enfin, on fit appel aux pompiers d'Angers, de Vihiers, de Brissac, de Beaupréau et de Chemillé. A un certain moment, le château d'Augni, près de Louerre, qui appartient à M. Catrice parut menacé. On réussit cependant à le préserver.

C'est avec épouvante qu'on commentait hier, dans la région, la fin héroïque des cinq pompiers de Beaufort-en-Vallée. Le premier, le lieutenant Amard avait rassemblé ses hommes pour les conduire à 15 kilomètres de leur localité sur les lieux de l'incendie. Avec leur moto-pompe remorquée par un camion C.M.C., ils s'étaient postés sur la route départementale 158, en pleine zone dangereuse.

Vers 17 h. 30, un retour de flammes soudain s'abattit sur eux. Quand le chauffeur voulut reculer, il ne put le faire. Le camion se renversa dans le fossé. Les pompiers sautèrent, mais ne purent s'échapper de l'enfer.

Chacun s'interroge à présent sur le sort de leurs familles, car ces braves gens, partis bénévolement, ont des parents dans le besoin.

Les pouvoirs publics les laisseront-ils dans la misère ?

L'enquête semble avoir établi que le sinistre a été provoqué involontairement par un vieux cultivateur, M. Retailleau, 85 ans, de Saint-Georges-des-Sept-Voies qui avait allumé, vers midi, des herbes sèches dans son jardin. Le vent emportant des étincelles, et bientôt la forêt environnante fut transformée en mer de feu.

Le sinistre a été circonscrit hier matin.

1.000 hectares de landes et forêts ont été ravagés.

Pour ne pas exposer de nouvelles vies humaines, le colonel Mathieu, commandant des services départementaux, avait donné l'ordre de laisser brûler le centre du foyer.

Les arbres continuent cependant

236.000 pompiers volontaires en France

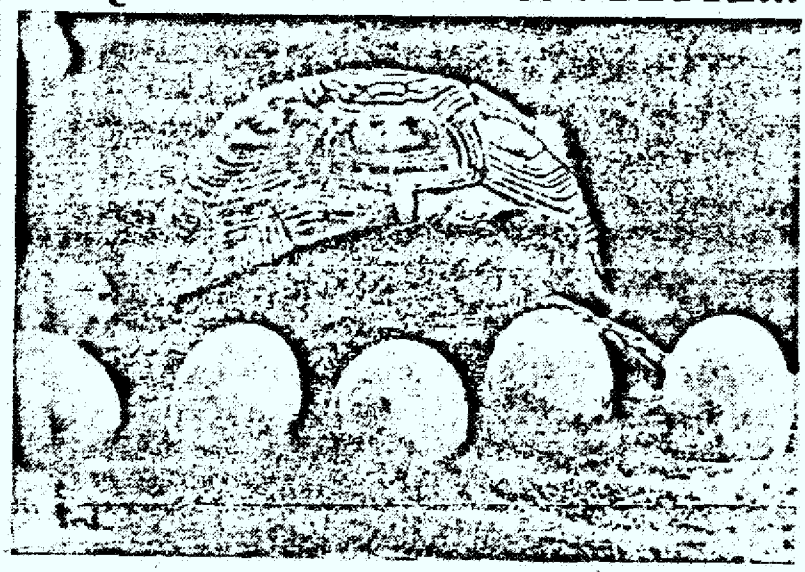
La France compte 8.000 pompiers professionnels et 236.000 volontaires, comprenant des sapeurs, caporaux, sous-officiers et officiers.

Chaque grade est attribué après l'obtention d'un brevet d'aptitude. Une manœuvre par mois est obligatoire.

S'ils sont requis pour lutter contre un sinistre, les volontaires perçoivent 400 francs par heure s'ils sont officier ou 200 francs s'ils sont simples sapeurs. En cas de blessure, ils perçoivent une faible indemnité : 161.820 francs par an en cas d'incapacité permanente. S'ils sont tués, la veuve reçoit 87.092 francs par an (une aumône).

sur une étendue de 3 kilomètres sur 4 à se consumer lentement. La plupart des gendarmeries de la région ont été mobilisées afin de prévenir une éventuelle recrudescence de l'incendie.

DE QUOI FAIRE UNE OMELETTE...



David et Stephen Evison, habitant Sheffield, en Angleterre, possédaient une tortue terrestre, une gentille tortue baptisée « Trudi » qui ne faisait pas de bruit à la maison et qui les mettait en joie avec sa démarche très lente, sa tête dodelinante et ses petits yeux très expressifs. Elle était choyée à la maison et recevait tous les jours de superbes feuilles de salade, et un bol de lait. Or, quelle ne fut pas la surprise des deux enfants... et de leurs parents, lorsqu'un matin, ils aperçurent cinq œufs pondus par le brave « Trudi ». C'est, paraît-il, un fait extrêmement rare de voir des tortues pondre en captivité... aussi l'événement a été photographié, et maintenant on attend les naissances...

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SIX DES VI
OU DES MO

Les cyclistes et les mo
la route. Parmi eux, ont com

A VALMONT (Moselle), un enfant de neuf ans, Robert Engelmann, fils d'un mineur de Folschviller, a été renversé par une auto. Projeté violemment sur le capot du véhicule, l'enfant a été tué.

Près de SAINT-QUENTIN (Aisne), au lieudit « les Murailles », un cyclomoteur conduit par M. Fernand Marchand, 42 ans, de Tullins, s'est écrasé contre un cyprière. Le sexagénaire a succombé sur le coup.

Terrassé par une force de 3 tonnes

Dracula derrière les barreaux



La carrière de Dracula, 17 ans, d'ugang des « Vampires », semble stoppée. Le jeune chef de bande de Manhattan a été capturé en même temps que deux de ses « hommes ». Le voici, à droite, accompagné de son camarade Luis Hernandez, pénétrant dans les locaux de la police de New York. Ils sont l'un et l'autre accusés du meurtre de deux jeunes gens d'un groupe rival, tués au cours d'une bataille rangée en pleine rue.

Chef d'un gang de jeunes malfaiteurs

La «Belle Lucienne» et son complice Marcel

échappent trois fois à la police en quelques heures

LA « belle Lucienne », 26 ans, chef d'une bande de jeunes malfaiteurs du 18e arrondissement de Paris, qui était recherchée dans la Nièvre avec un complice, Marcel Bertoux, 19 ans, a encore filé, hier matin, entre les mailles de la police après une équipée mouvementée.

Marcel Bertoux et Lucienne Colombo avaient réussi, jeudi soir, à échapper aux gendarmes de la Nièvre où ils s'étaient rendus dans la région de Montsauché en franchissant les barrages dans la 403 noire d'un taxi parisien volée à Nevers.

A bord de la voiture, le couple se dirigea à toute allure vers la région parisienne et s'arrêta à Saint-Germain-en-Laye après avoir abandonné la 403.

Après avoir passé la nuit à Saint-Germain-en-Laye, les deux jeunes gens dérobaient hier matin à 10 heures une voiture de marque anglaise de couleur bleue et prenaient la route, vraisemblablement vers la direction de la Manche.

A Mantes, ils firent le plein d'essence.

Un pneu crevé par une balle

Mais alors qu'un peu plus tard elle franchissait Poissy, leur voiture essuya un coup de feu tiré par un inspecteur en faction dans la localité. La balle creva un pneu du véhicule qui fit une embardée. Redressée par son conducteur, l'auto poursuivit sa route jusqu'à Chambourcy. Là, elle rencontra un barrage hâtivement établi par les gendarmes.

Marcel Bertoux tira dans la direction des policiers, ce qui lui permit une fois de plus de franchir le barrage. Mais, à une centaine de mètres de là, la voiture dut s'arrêter. Les deux jeunes s'enfuirent en courant vers les bois de Chambourcy. Les gendarmes constatèrent alors que le siège avant était ensanglanté. Des traces de sang jalonnaient la courte distance parcourue par le couple pour se réfugier dans les bois.

Les deux jeunes gangsters, malgré les battues, échappaient une fois de plus, mais ils se séparèrent alors. Tandis que Bertoux, blessé au bras, faisait de l'auto-stop et se faisait emmener à l'hôpital de Saint-Germain, Lucienne Colombo regagnait elle aussi cette localité. On devait l'apercevoir vers 15 heures faisant des achats.

Quant à son complice, sitôt devant l'hôpital, il s'appropriait une 403 verte immatriculée 18-38 CZ 78 et s'enfuyait à nouveau.

Un accident de voiture fait découvrir le pot aux roses

C'est un banal accident de la route survenu le 31 août à La Chaux-du-Dombief (Jura) qui devait faire découvrir la bande des malfaiteurs. Les deux accidentés, André Lemoigne et Raymond Duquennes, âgés de 19 ans, circulaient dans une Jaguar volée à Paris.

Ils donnèrent alors le nom de deux de leurs complices, Lucienne Colombo et Marcel Bertoux, avec lesquels ils avaient cambriolé un restaurateur du Perray, près de Rambouillet, s'emparant d'un million cinq cent mille francs et de bijoux placés dans un coffre-fort.

La bande s'était ensuite rendue sur la Côte d'Azur pour procéder au partage du butin. Tandis que Lemoigne et Duquennes remontaient vers le Jura à bord d'une Jaguar volée, la « belle Lucienne » et son ami Marcel gagnaient Saint-Germain-en-Laye dans une Mercédès dérobée à un touriste italien. Echappant une première fois à la police, ils avaient alors gagné la Nièvre.

morts et blessés

es routes

IMES SONT DES CYCLISTES
RISTES RENVERSES PAR DES AUTOS

ctes fournissent un large contingent des accidentés de six victimes au cours des dernières vingt-quatre heures.

LIVRON (Drôme). M. Baul ibert, 58 ans, a été heurté et tellement blessé par une auto ès de SAINS-EN-GOHELLE -de-Calais) un automobiliste Polycarpe Nozac, 28 ans, bou- à Nœux-les-Mines, a ren- é, en moins de 50 mètres, cyclomotoriste qui roulaient le même sens que lui. L'un s, M. Stephan Andanskiellez, ns, de Hersin-Coupigny, a été sur le coup. Un autre, M. Da- Vermier, 28 ans, de Nœux-les- es, a été grièvement blessé, is que le troisième, M. Evariste œur, 67 ans, d'Hersin-Coupi- se tirait à peu près indemne a chute.

Marcoul, de Béziers, a été tué. Le conducteur, M. Jean Cornou, a été blessé.

Rue de Pontoise, à BEZONS, une auto conduite par M. Clément Trior, de Paris, a fait une embardée et est allée s'écraser contre un prône de la R.A.T.P. Le conducteur, sa femme et son fils ont été grièvement blessés et hospitalisés à Argenteuil.

Von Braun annonce :

L'an prochain un Américain s'envolera dans l'espace

Durée du premier voyage 6 minutes

Au cours d'une conférence de presse tenue à Stuttgart, le docteur Von Braun, a annoncé que les Etats-Unis ont l'intention de tenter, l'année prochaine, d'envoyer un homme dans l'espace à bord, sans doute, d'une fusée Redstone. Selon ces projets, l'homme expédié renterera dans l'atmosphère terrestre après un vol balistique de six minutes. On connaîtra ainsi les réactions physiques et psychiques d'un homme qui aura la possibilité « en cas d'urgence de se séparer de sa fusée pour redescendre en parachute ».

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circulant à bicyclette, rue Général-Colas, à Cahcou, M. ph Lechat, 66 ans, chiffon-a été heurté par un camion une roue lui passa sur le . Le malheureux, qui a eu râne et la cage thoracique sés, a expiré.

Fourgon contre auto de tourisme : 2 morts

mations parmi les autres acci-s de la route, celui qui est nu au carrefour de la Du-e, à Vadalle-d'Aussac (Cha-), où un fourgon piloté par Jean Piqueux, 34 ans, ébe-à Saint-Amand-de-Bonnieure rente) a heurté la voiture de ndré Billard, 51 ans, de Tu-qui transportait avec lui son et ses deux filles. Après un -queue, la voiture légère est de dans un fossé. M. Billard tué. Le fourgon a parcouru rentaine de mètres avant de ser dans un champ. Son cteur a été mortellement

s de SAINT-ETIENNE-DE-TI-Alpes-Maritimes), un camion entreprise de goudronnage tombé dans un ravin de ètres. Le chauffeur, M. Etien-oreau, 25 ans, a succombé à lessures. Un autre ouvrier, arcis Cassani a été sérieuse-atteint.

s de BUGEAT (Corrèze), uto a heurté un obstacle qui ouvrait sur le bord de la . Un passager, M. André

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Après les précédentes ouvertures des 23 août, pour la Corse, 30 août pour l'Aude, les Bouches-du-Rhône, le Gard, l'Hérault, les Pyrénées-Orientales, le Vaucluse et le Var, ce sont cette fois 59 départements qui connaîtront, dimanche, à 7 heures, les joies de l'ouverture générale de la chasse. Les dernières ouvertures auront lieu les 13 et 20 septembre pour un certain nombre de départements.

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Le docteur Von Braun a donné quelques détails sur « *le projet Saturne* » qu'il considère comme le plus grand et le plus ambitieux des Etats-Unis.

Le but de ce projet est de créer un service de transmission à l'échelle du monde grâce à trois satellites. Les communications téléphoniques, les télégrammes et les émissions de télévision seraient transmis grâce à ces satellites. Une commission scientifique a déjà préparé ce système de télécommunications et on n'attend plus maintenant que la fabrication des fusées nécessaires.

Malgré les échecs successifs enregistrés par son nouveau pays, le technicien des fusées reste optimiste. Le moment n'est plus loin, a-t-il précisé, où il sera possible d'envoyer une expédition dans la Lune. Les experts étudient actuellement la possibilité d'atteindre la Lune avec une fusée d'une poussée de 8.000 tonnes. « *Cependant* », a ajouté Von Braun, « *je préfère personnellement une fusée plus petite à trois étages dérivée du type « Saturne* ».

Von Braun est partisan de la mise en place de plusieurs petites stations spatiales, certaines avec des hommes, au lieu d'une seule grande comme il le pensait précédemment.

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au sous-sol et les couloirs nt ainsi dégagés.
e autre innovation : les teurs des ventes, français et ngers, pourront désormais crire dès abonnements an-au secrétariat de l'hôtel. dg recevoir les catalogues à l'occasion des vacations plus importantes.

75.000 doses de vaccin antipolio volées et retrouvées au Canada

Sûreté de la province de bec a retrouvé intactes les 00 doses de vaccin antipolio-litique volées lundi matin Institut de microbiologie de iversité de Montréal.
n craignait que les précieuses oules n'aient été emportées les voleurs dans un pays nger pour alimenter le mar-noir du vaccin.

Les parcours de coffres forts opèrent à Arras

me somme de 1.200.000 francs té volée à la base enfantaire ée en bordure de la ligne -Lille, en gare d'Arras, et appartient à une société lectrification dont le siège à Paris.
es malfaiteurs, pénétrant dans bureaux, ont éventré le coffort à l'aide d'un chalumeau as sont surpris de la paie ouvriers de l'entreprise.

Premier vol de l'X-15 à moteur en route

doté par l'Américain Scott Carpenter, l'avion-fusée expérimental X-15 a effectué hier son premier vol avec moteur en route. Jusqu'à présent, largué par un bombardier B-52, il n'avait effectué que des vols planés.

Un appel de prudence aux « usagers de la forêt »

Le Centre National de Prévention et de Protection lance un appel à la prudence à tous les usagers de la forêt et recommande en premier lieu le débroussaillement des sous-bois et des coupe-feux, ainsi que le renforcement de la surveillance.

Dans cet appel, qui est lancé au moment où un incendie de forêt près de Saumur vient de coûter la vie à cinq pompiers, le Centre National indique qu'il ne faut jamais allumer de foyer à proximité des forêts pour brûler les mauvaises herbes et insiste sur le fait que le vent peut transformer un petit feu en une catastrophe.

Un postier parisien délesté de 250.000 fr.

Vingt-quatre heures après l'audacieux hold-up commis dans une banque, rue de la Pompe (16e), une nouvelle agression, non moins audacieuse, a été perpétrée 23, boulevard de la Somme (17e), au moment où M. Robert Bubon, postier au service financier des P.T.T., pénétrait dans l'immeuble, pour prélever un mandat au concierge.

L'inconnu qui le suivait à distance, a profité de cet instant pour plonger brusquement sa main dans la sacoche de l'employé, s'emparant d'une somme de 250.000 francs environ, en billets de banque. Le malfaiteur a pu enfuir aussitôt et n'a pas été retrouvé.

Suicide au bois de Vincennes

Un homme a été découvert pendu à une branche, hier matin vers 7 h. 30, dans le bois de Vincennes.

Il s'agit de M. Yves Menez, né en 1914, à Morlaix et demeurant 25, rue du Val-d'Aoste, à Saint-Maurice. L'enquête a conclu à un suicide.

Accident mortel au passage à niveau de Pierrefitte

En traversant la voie ferrée au passage à niveau de Pierrefitte, Mme Marguerite Mine, 55 ans, de Stains, a été renversée et broyée par un train de marchandises venant de Creil et se dirigeant vers Bobigny.

Un Boeing 707 allant au Bourget déroute vers Londres

Un Boeing 707 venant de Rome, avec 95 passagers à bord qui devait atterrir hier après-midi au Bourget, a été brusquement déroute sur Londres au moment où il commençait la manœuvre d'atterrissage au-dessus de l'aérodrome.

C'est parce que l'un des voyants lumineux témoignant du bon fonctionnement du train d'atterrissage ne s'était pas allumé que le pilote avait préféré poursuivre jusqu'à Londres où la compagnie a une station d'opérations et dispose de tous les moyens techniques nécessaires.

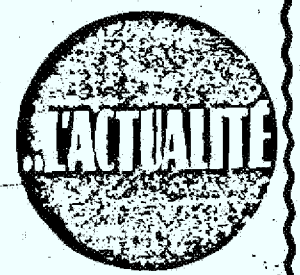
L'avion s'est donc posé normalement à Londres.

Meurtrier par amour filial, Michel L... a choisi son défenseur

Le jeune Michel L..., 17 ans, qui, à Behoust, près La Queue-les-Yvelines, a abattu de trois coups de fusil son beau-père Robert Loiseleur, a choisi pour défenseur Me Robert Tiercin, du Barreau de Versailles.

Le jeune Michel L... a toujours prétendu qu'il avait tué son beau-père parce que celui-ci maltraitait sa mère et de nombreuses personnes habitant Behoust et Orgerus, où était employé le jeune meurtrier, ont signé des pétitions en faveur de ce dernier.

Me Robert Tiercin demandera prochainement au magistrat-instructeur versaillais la mise en liberté provisoire de son client.



David et Stephen Ericson, habitant Sheffield, en Angleterre, possédaient une tortue terrestre, une gentille tortue baptisée « Tradi » qui ne faisait pas de bruit à la maison et qui les mettait en joie avec sa démarche très lente, sa tête dodelinante et ses petits yeux très expressifs. Elle était choyée à la maison et recevait tous les jours de superbes feuilles de salade, et un bol de lait. Or, quelle ne fut pas la surprise des deux enfants... et de leurs parents, lorsqu'un matin, ils aperçurent cinq œufs pondus par le brave « Tradi ». C'est, paraît-il, un fait extrêmement rare de voir des tortues pondre en captivité... aussi l'événement a été photographié, et maintenant on attend les naissances...

Plus d'un million de prix récompenseront les meilleurs inventeurs du

CONCOURS LÉPINE

QUI S'OUVRE AUJOURD'HUI A STRASBOURG

(De notre envoyé spécial, Roger LE BRIQUIR.)

STRASBOURG (par téléphone). — Depuis hier, quatre cents inventeurs s'installent dans le Hall 3 de la Foire de Strasbourg, en vue de l'inauguration, cet après-midi, du 50e concours Lépine, qui ne fermera ses portes au public que le 20 septembre.

Depuis sa création en 1901, le Concours Lépine s'est tenu 49 fois à Paris. Alors, pourquoi Strasbourg cette année ? Il semble que ses organisateurs aient été plus tentés par le Marché commun que par le respect de la tradition, puisqu'ils ont cru bon de l'accommoder à la sauce européenne en logeant dans cette Foire le célèbre « *Salon de la première chance* ».

Plus d'un million de prix

Paris n'aura droit, cette année, qu'à la présentation des principales inventions, après la clôture du concours, lorsque l'« *Oscar* » sera décerné par un jury de personnalités parisiennes et d'artistes du théâtre et du cinéma.

Tous les autres prix (plus d'un million de francs en espèces) seront attribués ici, à Strasbourg. Citons, notamment, le prix de la Vie des métiers (100 000 francs) accordé à une invention améliorant les conditions de travail. Il fut attribué, l'an dernier, à l'ingénieuse pince à autoserrage de M. Lebre pour accrocher les caisses ou les pièces de bois.

Il est utile de rappeler combien le Concours Lépine contribua souvent à faire avancer la science.

C'est devant son jury que furent présentées bon nombre d'inventions que nous apprécions depuis longtemps.

Edouard Branly y exposa le principe de sa télégraphie sans fil ; Fernand Forest, différents modèles de moteurs à explosion et un changement de vitesse progressif ; Langelle, un réfrigérateur, première application pratique de la conservation par le froid (1903). On vit également, au Concours Lépine, la protection contre les rayons X, l'hélice à pas variable (1909), l'hélicoptère (1917), le roulement à billes (1912), l'inhalateur à oxygène (1918), la transfusion sanguine (1924), la respiration artificielle (1934) et le cœur artificiel (1937).

Des inventions, comme la lampe à magnésium, le stylo à bille, la semelle de crêpe ou l'antenne de télévision, si largement utilisées aujourd'hui, ont eu leur première chance au Concours Lépine.

Qu'apportera celui qui s'ouvre ? Ce soir, nous serons parfaitement renseignés. Mais, puisque nous avons déjà soulevé, hier, un coin du voile en parlant de la mise au point et du réglage des moteurs, nous pouvons dire que la qualité technique, scientifique et industrielle de nombreuses inventions est indiscutable.

Beaucoup d'entre elles concernent l'amélioration du sort des diminués physiques (par exemple des machines à calculer et à écrire en braille), la simplification des appareils ménagers et des procédés augmentant la sécurité des véhicules à moteur.

Bien sûr, en marge des inventions sérieuses, se placeront, comme toujours, des trouvailles pittoresques ou même insolites, genre chausse-pied à distance pour obèse, vase de nuit phosphorescent ou aiguille à tricoter extensible...

Les inévitables ouvre-boîtes, fidèles à tous les concours Lépine, auront un sort particulier cette année puisque 500 000 francs récompenseront le « père » du meilleur.

250 inventeurs ont donc cherché à fabriquer l'ouvre-boîte idéal. Vingt d'entre eux, sélectionnés par un jury, seront présentés aujourd'hui. Nous vous dirons donc lundi si vous pouvez ranger définitivement pinces, tenailles et marteaux qui, si souvent, remplacent, au dernier moment, le merveilleux ouvre-boîte, incomparable, inimitable, mais, hélas ! exceptionnellement... défaillant.

Quel temps fait-il, Monsieur Nuage ?

Beau ou nuageux



Au sud de la ligne Bordeaux-Auxerre-Strasbourg : bruines et brouillards matineux dans le Sud-Ouest. Temps nuageux avec ondées orageuses et orages locaux plus violents des Pyrénées-Orientales au Massif Central.

Ailleurs : Généralement peu nuageux. Températures en hausse.

Terrassé par une force de 3 tonnes

UN OUVRIER DE L'ALSTHOM DE TARBES EST GRIEVEMENT BLESSÉ

Hier matin, à 11 h. 15, M. Manuel Gallego, âgé de 45 ans, père de quatre enfants, a été très grièvement blessé au cours de son travail à l'usine Alsthom, à Tarbes. Occupé au démontage d'une machine pneumatique, cédant à la pression, une pièce d'acier se détachait et l'atteignait à la tête. C'est une force d'environ trois tonnes qui l'a frappé.

C'est la troisième fois qu'un tel genre d'accident se produit. C'est par dizaines que l'on compte dans cet atelier les malades, les accidents du travail dus à la productivité. Cet atelier est celui où la direction prétendait jeter les travailleurs à la rue.

Aujourd'hui encore, elle prétend leur diminuer les salaires.

A l'atelier où travaillait l'ouvrier accidenté, le personnel unanime à l'appel de la C.G.T. a arrêté le travail tout l'après-midi de vendredi.

Signalons en outre qu'aussitôt l'accident connu, quinze ouvriers se sont offerts pour donner leur sang afin de tenter de sauver leur camarade.

(Correspondant *Humanité*).

AU FIL DE...

Les avis de contravention du 2 septembre annulés

Pour tenir compte des restrictions de circulation qui ont dû être imposées le 2 septembre 1959, jour de l'arrivée et du défilé dans Paris du président Eisenhower, le préfet de police a décidé que les avis apposés sur les voitures à Paris, au cours de cette journée, pour inobservation des règles du stationnement, ne recevraient aucune suite.

Meurtre boulevard de la Bastille

A l'intérieur d'une vespasienne, situés boulevard de la Bastille, entre la rue Jules-César et la rue de Bercy, les policiers ont découvert, blessé de deux balles de revolver, un représentant de commerce, M. Henri-Fortuné Fraun, 47 ans, 35, rue de la Grange-aux-Belles.

Transporté à l'hôpital Saint-Antoine, la victime a succombé sans qu'on ait pu l'interroger.

Première croisière d'un observatoire flottant soviétique

Le navire scientifique « Voeikov » (84,5 mètres de long, 3 000 tonnes) a quitté hier Odessa pour Vladivostok, afin d'effectuer son premier voyage. Il peut parcourir sans escale 15 000 milles et tenir la mer pendant 3 mois et demi. Il est doté de moteurs d'une puissance de 2 000 CV. A bord de ce bâtiment se trouve 38 laboratoires destinés à l'observation météorologique des niveaux de l'atmosphère au-dessus de l'océan et au contrôle de toutes les profondeurs de l'océan.

Sourd-muet, Maurice 11 ans, n'avait pas entendu venir le train...

Un jeune sourd-muet, Maurice Thibaud, 11 ans, de Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or (Rhône) a été heurté hier par un train au lieu dit les « Grands-Violets », au moment où il traversait les voies près du domicile de ses parents.

Très grièvement blessé, l'enfant a été transporté à l'hôpital Edouard-Herriot et, de là, reconduit à son domicile, toute intervention ayant été jugée inutile.

On peut s'abonner au catalogue de l'hôtel Drouot

L'hôtel Drouot, fermé depuis le 1er août, va reprendre son activité, à partir de mardi prochain, 8 septembre. Les magasins s'agrandissent. Les vendeurs pourront déballer leurs marchan-

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A tout à l'



Paul Robeson salue les amis venus l'accueillir (en haut) et reçoit le bouquet de la bienvenue que lui remet Nelly Feld au nom de la délégation de notre journal.



QUATORZE heures, hier, à Orly. L'avion se pose. Il vien de Londres. Des passagers paraissent. Une hôtes derrière nous, demande :

—Est-ce Paul Robeson que vous attendez ?

Sur la passerelle, un géant nous salue. Il porte un barbiche, celle d'Othello. Paul Robeson est à Paris.

Quelques instants plus tard, notre groupe, la délégation de « l'Humanité », bavarde déjà avec le grand chanteur. Il sourit.

Roger Roucaute, André Stil, membres du Comité Central de notre Parti, Nelly Feld, Yves Moreau, Georges Léon et le compositeur Jean Wiener qui, tout à l'heure, sur l'immense scène de Meudon, accompagnera Paul Robeson, l'ont salué. Ils l'accompagnent maintenant dans l'aérogare.

Il dit sa joie d'être à la fête de « l'Humanité »

A Meudon, les bâtisseurs de la fête occupent le terrain. Pour gagner l'Observatoire où va se tenir la conférence de presse organisée par notre journal, nous passons devant eux. Paul Robeson envoie de larges saluts.

Dans la salle, l'assistance accueille le visiteur. Il y a là nos camarades Etienne Fajon, membre du Bureau Politique, directeur de « l'Humanité », Roger Roucaute, administrateur de « l'Humanité », Georges Gosnat, André Stil, membres du Comité Central, la cantatrice Irène Joachim, Jean Wiener, Joseph Kosma, Georges Soria, Jean Mialhe, de la direction du « Chant du Monde », les représentants de la presse et des radios.

NOTRE camarade, Roger Roucaute prend la parole et souhaite la bienvenue au prestigieux artiste :

« *Au nom*, dit-il, *de l'organe central du Parti Communiste Français, j'ai le très grand plaisir de remercier Paul Robeson d'avoir bien voulu accepter l'invitation que nous lui avons adressée, le conviant à venir, à Paris, chanter à notre fête, et par là rehausser l'éclat de cette dernière...* »

Pierre Juin parle à son tour. Il évoque à grands traits la vie et la carrière du créateur d'*Old Man River* : « *Cet honnête homme au sens que le XVIII^e siècle donnait à ce mot, cet homme courageux, au sens que notre époque donne à ce terme...* »

Dans l'assistance, soudain, un reporter branche son magnétophone. Il a vu le premier que le chanteur allait parler.

Ce qu'a dit Paul Robeson...

D'ABORD sa joie d'être parmi nous, tout à l'heure, à Meudon. Sa joie d'être en France, dix ans après le Congrès de Pleyel. Sa joie de paraître devant l'immense public populaire de notre fête et de lui faire plaisir en chantant.

Puis, devançant les questions que certains de nous allaient poser, animé d'une

caine. Il est un vieux chan de là-bas qui commence ain (Paul Robeson chante pou appuyer ses dires). *Et, voyc cet air chinois*, dit-il, *n'es ce pas la même chose. Et, nouveau, la musique mont Je pourrais accumuler les pre ves. En voici encore une. J dis, quand j'étais enfant, da le temple de mon père, était pasteur, j'écoutais sermons. Ils commençai par des mots. Les mots, p à peu, devenaient des invoc tions et, peu à peu, se tran formaient en mélopées. O toutes les musiques, d'un ce tain point de vue, se resse blent et toutes sont un p sœurs. N'y a-t-il pas un p des « Chorals » de Bach da les chants « nègres » ? Et q dire de la parenté du langa de Moussorgski et de votre D bussy : Boris Godounov Pelléas ? Que dire aussi naturel de Monteverde, au d but du XVII^e siècle ? Peut-nier qu'il y a là, une admir ble continuité ? »*

Debussy, Moussorgski, Mo teverde, Milhaud, Bartol Comme Paul Robeson choi bien ses exemples ! Comme sait rendre à la musique ce q lui appartient, en exalter pouvoir... Sans pontifier, ma en sachant d'abord et surto comme Debussy, justemen percevoir, dans la musiq écrite la vraie marque de sincérité.

Je vais rencontrer la classe ouvrière

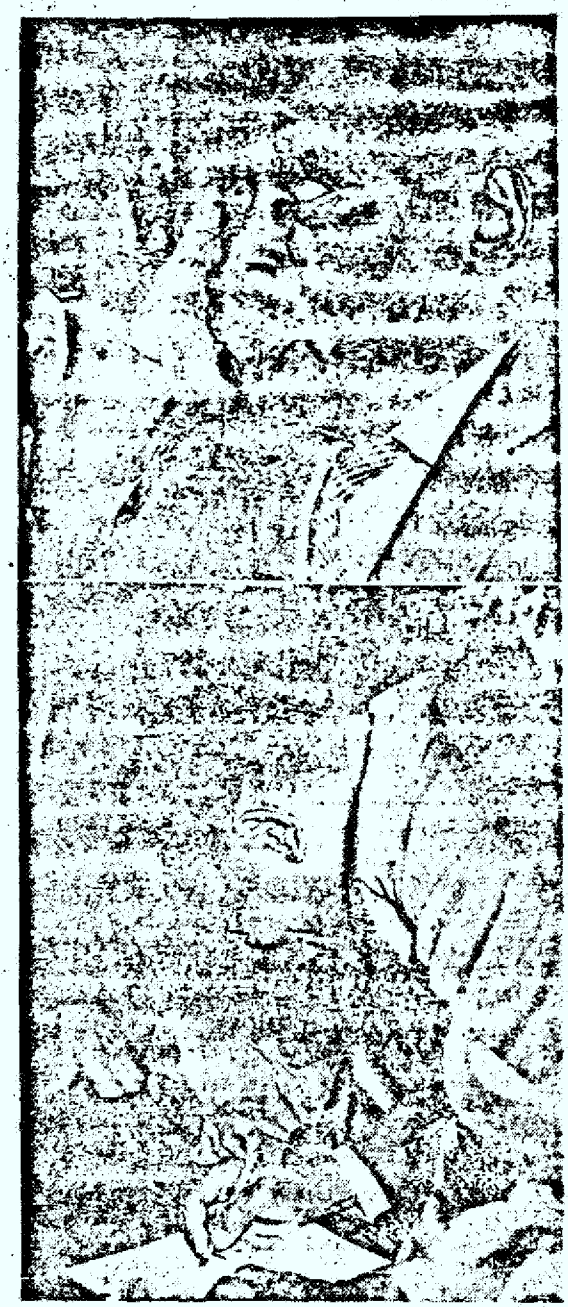
LONGTEMPS encore, Pa Robeson aurait vou convaincre son auditoire. Celui-ci s'y serait prêté conquis déjà par l'extraord naire puissance de l'orateu dont il ne savait plus très bi s'il lui parlait durant une co férence de presse ou s'il éta témoin privilégié d'un récit inédit.

Paul Robeson avait parlé Debussy. Debussy, naguè écrivit un prélude : « Ce qu dit le vent d'Ouest ». Ce qu dit Paul Robeson lui resse ble. Mais il est une chose qu tint à ajouter :

— *J'ai toujours été fier d'ê ce que je suis. Un Noir d'Am rique d'aujourd'hui est ce que j'ai pris, autrefois, con science de la lutte commu des Noirs et de la classe o vrière. C'est parce que je vo rencontrer demain la clas ouvrière que je suis ici.*

« *J'ai eu naguère, vous savez, des ennuis. Des ho mes, partout dans le mon m'ont aidé. Et je ne nierai p qu'avec eux c'est en gran partie la puissance pacifiq de l'Union Soviétique, celle d pays socialistes qui me perm d'être libre, en Amérique, co me aujourd'hui. Encore u*

et reçoit le bouquet de la bienvenue que lui remet Nelly Feld au nom de la délégation de notre journal.



En haut : Robeson chante.
Ci-dessus : le premier autographe.

Photos René BARTHELEMY

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Puis, devançant les questions que certains de nous allaient poser, animé d'une flamme, le mot n'est pas trop fort, à laquelle nous nous brûlons, l'interprète d'*Old Man River*, l'admirable Othello, aborde les problèmes de son art et, mieux qu'en un long discours, sait montrer comment cet art est infiniment lié à tous les aspects de la vie. Comment, en lui, la vie et les actions des hommes, leurs souffrances et leurs joies, leurs luttes et leurs victoires, se reflètent au prisme d'une langue universelle la musique, prolongement du langage, aussi naturel que lui.

C'est alors, en écoutant Paul Robeson, dégager avec une clarté, un tact, un sens des mots à choisir et des exemples parmi les artistes, que nous fûmes tous témoins, non plus d'une déclaration, mais d'une véritable conférence où la musicologie devenait un argument social, où la sociologie rejoignait l'histoire de la musique et celle des civilisations.

Il faudrait pour être fidèle à Paul Robeson, le citer tout entier. Mais, comment pourrions-nous, au moins, montrer ici la façon qu'il eut d'illustrer musicalement le moindre de ses propos ? Il n'y a en lui aucune fatuité, simplement un très grand savoir et peut-être encore plus un sens de l'humain qui autorise à ranger Paul Robeson parmi les très grands intellectuels de ce temps.

QUELQU'UN prit la parole :
— *On nous a dit, tout à l'heure, à quel point vous vous passionnez pour l'étude des civilisations africaines.*

Paul Robeson offrit, pour réponse, une nouvelle et éclatante démonstration. Dépassant le caractère même de la question, il se lança véritablement sur son sujet. Et alors, l'orateur, le tragédien, le fils du pasteur de Princeton, le musicien, le partisan de la Paix se mêlèrent en un seul homme :

— *Il n'y a pas d'exemple*, dit-il, à peu près, *où la musique que l'on aime vient seulement du cerveau. Si vous écoutez bien, vous verrez que toutes les grandes œuvres que l'Histoire a retenues, sont profondément imprégnées d'un sentiment populaire et que toutes, à un certain degré, à leur façon, sont directement issues du langage naturel. Il n'y a pas là de mystère. Voyez, on me parlait à l'instant, de civilisation afri-*

que j'ai pris, autrefois, co[nscience] de la lutte commu[ne] des Noirs et de la classe o[uvrière]. C'est parce que je v[eux] rencontrer demain la cla[sse] ouvrière que je suis ici.

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Merci, Paul Robeson.

Georges LEO[N]





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Rebulet to State Department 6/8/59 and Bureau form 0-1 dated 8/31/59.

On 6/12/59 while in Vienna personally and again by written communication on 7/15/59, I alerted the following sources to the probability that the subject would attend the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna and requested that any pertinent information regarding his activities which might come to the sources' attention be provided:

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(2) Political Section, The American Embassy, Vienna; and,

(3) Security Section, The American Embassy, Vienna.

No information on the activities of ROBESON has been received from these sources, with the exception of the following.

The Political Section of the Embassy reported that the subject was the star performer at an assembly held on 8/1/59 at the Helden Platz in Vienna. This was billed as one of the "highlights" of the Seventh World Youth Festival. Austrian officials estimated that approximately 32,000 individuals attended this assembly.

An Associated Press dispatch from Vienna under date of 8/4/59 reported that the subject had addressed a meeting for youths from Asia and Africa at the Seventh World Youth Festival. The press dispatch reported that ROBESON spoke on "restriction of Negro rights in the United States" and that several American youths in the audience reported that they had been denied an opportunity to question ROBESON regarding his statements as they were shouted down by others in attendance.

This case is being retained in a pending status to report any information which may be received from sources and also long enough to permit personal check with sources in Vienna on the occasion of my next visit to that city.

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ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON aka	[redacted] b7C	gmm

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she maintains her association with Communist Front organizations. She and her husband have visited in Russia and were guests of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV.

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Title: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: ESLANDA ROBESON is wife of PAUL LE ROY ROBESON and mother of PAUL ROBESON, Jr. Has stated PAUL ROBESON considers the US his home despite stay abroad. Returned to the US in November, 1958, for short period before returning to Europe. Subject traveling and living abroad, including a visit to the Soviet Union where she reportedly received medical treatment. While in US was in contact with members of CP, USA, and spoke at NCASF functions in NYC on 11/14, 23/58, - participation set forth. Listed as member of Sponsoring Committee for International Women's Day Reception and Exhibition held NYC, 3/22/59, and sent greetings to the Reception. Subject's writings appeared in 3/8 and 6/28/59 issues of "The Worker." Subject in contact with Soviet Establishment in US in November, 1958.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Family

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON is the wife of PAUL LE ROY ROBESON and the mother of PAUL ROBESON, Jr.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON, well known figure in the entertainment field, was known to him prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

[redacted] on [redacted] stated that PAUL ROBESON, Jr., was a member of the State Committee of the New York State Communist Party (CP) [redacted]

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B. Residence

[redacted] furnished information on [redacted] reflecting that ESLANDA ROBESON stated publicly on November 14, 1958, that PAUL ROBESON still considered his home to be the United States even though he should take up temporary residence in England or somewhere else.

C. Travel and Activities Abroad

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The New York "Herald Tribune" issue of December 31, 1958, page 9, carried the following under the dateline "London, December 30:"

"PAUL ROBESON, American singer, and his wife arrived today in Moscow to start a month's stay in the Soviet Union."

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An article appeared in the "News Chronicle," a London, England, daily newspaper, for May 29, 1959, indicating that Mrs. ROBESON was a speaker at a meeting of the Interracial Friendship Coordinating Council held in London on May 28, 1959. According to the newspaper article, this meeting was held to protest the murder of a British West Indian named KELSO COCHRANE who resided in the Notting Hill section of London. Mrs. ROBESON, according to the article, was cheered by an audience of about 450 white and colored people when she said, "I believe that KELSO COCHRANE was killed because he was colored. He died because of racial prejudice and hatred."

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The September 12, 1959, issue of the "Daily Worker," London, England, carried an article which stated ESLANDA ROBESON was to depart from London on September 12, 1959, for East Germany, where she would meet with representatives from other countries to participate in an unveiling of a memorial commemorating the death of 92,000 women who died in Ravensbruec Concentration Camp.

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D. Health

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II. CONNECTION WITH THE CP AND/OR CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

A. CP Associates

[redacted] on November 8, 1958, furnished information reflecting that ESLANDA ROBESON had been in contact with BENJAMIN DAVIS on that day and further that she expected to contact LLOYD BROWN in the near future.

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"The Worker" issue of May 17, 1959, page 3, column 1, identified BENJAMIN DAVIS as Chairman of the New York State CP.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which discontinued publication on January 13, 1958.

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B. National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

A characterization of the NCASF is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] furnished the following information on [redacted] concerning a Rally for Peace and Friendship, held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on November 14, 1958: b7D

The rally started at 8:00 p.m. with approximately 2,000 persons in attendance. The first speaker introduced was ESLANDA ROBESON.

Mrs. ROBESON spoke mostly about the trip she and her husband made abroad, commenting upon the warm reception they had received in England and the USSR. She stated she had learned two words in Russian, "Welcome Friends," because these two words she had heard everywhere she and her husband went. Mrs. ROBESON remarked that PAUL ROBESON still considered his home to be in the United States even though he should take up temporary residence in England or somewhere else.

[redacted] during the period November 18, through December 16, 1958, advised that ESLANDA ROBESON had been present as a speaker at the above described rally. b7D

Concerning the above-mentioned rally, "The Worker" of November 9, 1958, on page fifteen, carries an advertisement concerning the rally which states in part the following:

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"Observing twenty-five years of diplomatic relations...and the 41st anniversary of the Soviet Union. Rally for Peace and Friendship." ESLANDA ROBESON is advertised as the featured speaker. The NCASF is listed as the sponsoring organization.

[redacted] a speech to be presented by ESLANDA ROBESON on Sunday, November 23, 1958, at 150 West 85th Street, New York City. ESLANDA ROBESON is identified [redacted] as the co-Chairman of the Committee of Women of the NCASF and a member of the Board of Directors of the NCASF.

Concerning the above-mentioned function, the informant advised further on [redacted] that he had received information reflecting it had been held as scheduled and that approximately seventy persons had been in attendance.

Mrs. ROBESON reportedly spoke for approximately one hour concerning her recent trip to the Soviet Union. She stated the reception given her and her husband in the Soviet Union had been "terrific" and in addition to a heavy police guard, the Army had to be mobilized to protect her and her husband. She stated 60,000 persons were inside the Sports Palace in Moscow when her husband sang there and that 60,000 more were standing outside. She is quoted as saying "there are rumors that PAUL will take up residence abroad. PAUL's home will always be where his family is, in the United States, even if he takes up temporary residence somewhere else. PAUL ROBESON is making two movie pictures in the Soviet Union, one will be his own life story and the other one a travel picture. PAUL will return to the Soviet Union in December."

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on April 29, 1959, a memorial meeting was held under the sponsorship of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship at 227 West 46th Street, New York City, to honor the memory of the late THEODORE BAYER. b7D

According to the informant, THEODORE BAYER had been an officer in NCASF.

Concerning the meeting, it was reported a record which had been made by PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA, in England, was played for the audience. In the record, both expressed their sympathy for the BAYER family and praised BAYER for his work in the field of American-Soviet relations.

C. Women's Day Reception and Exhibition

"The Worker" issue of March 15, 1959, page 14, carries an advertisement concerning an "International Women's Day Reception and Exhibition" to be held on Sunday, March 22, 1959, at 113 West 57th Street, New York City. It was noted that the affair is sponsored by "The Progressive Women's Committee."

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Concerning International Women's Day, a column in "The Worker" of March 8, 1959, on page 9, entitled "How It Began" by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated in part that March, 1960 will mark the 50th anniversary of International Women's Day.

The article went on to explain that the day was so designated by a vote of delegates at the International Socialist Congress held in Copenhagen in 1910. It was stated further that the day is not celebrated in the United States to the extent that it is in other countries, especially the Socialist countries.

On [redacted] advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected National Field Organizer of the CP, USA, at a CP National Committee meeting held on June 28, 1958. b7D

On page 15 of the above-mentioned edition of "The Worker" is a list of members of the Sponsoring Committee for the above described Reception to be held on March 22, 1959. ESLANDA ROBESON's name appears on this list.

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Information concerning the Women's Day Reception and Exhibition held on March 22, 1959, was furnished by [redacted] on [redacted] N.Y. b7D

According to the informant, a cablegram of greetings to the Reception from ESLANDA ROBESON was read to the audience by PEGGY DENNIS, the Chairlady for the Reception.

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PEGGY DENNIS is the wife of EUGENE DENNIS.

"The Worker" issue of September 13, 1959, page 4, column 3, refers to EUGENE DENNIS as National Secretary, CP, USA.

D. "The Worker"

"The Worker" issue of March 8, 1959, carried a three paragraph column authored by "Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON."

The column, undated, originated in Moscow and sent by cable is quoted below:

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"MOSCOW (By Cable) -- The main problem facing American women today is the criminal wastefulness of national housekeeping. Budget defense spending brings us neither security nor friends. Every housewife knows you cannot pour most of your allowance down the drain of futile defense and simultaneously accomplish sensible housekeeping.

"American women, half the voting population, must assume natural responsibility for housekeeping of the nation, and use their common sense in spending the bulk of the budget for the essentials of life, namely health, housing, education and implementation of civil rights for all Americans.

"American women must replace the extravagantly wasteful war budget and program with a constructive peace budget and program."

"The Worker" issue of June 28, 1959, page 6, column 3, carried a column entitled "The American Ambassador Rules Sudan." It was indicated this column had been written by ESLANDA ROBESON from Moscow. The column is quoted below:

"THE ALL-AMERICAN BOYS who make our U. S. foreign policy seem to have added another satellite to their ever-growing list. This latest one is The Sudan, in the heart of Black Africa.

"'The American Ambassador rules the Sudan from Khartoum,' said a young Sudanese, bitterly. 'The Government carries out his orders, and we are now no better than an American colony.'

"There is the familiar pattern of recent Americanism (or rather, Un-Americanism) in The Sudan today. All organizations, including trade unions and political parties, which insist upon rights for the workers, and do not wholly endorse the Government's policies, are accused of being 'Communist-led' and are dissolved.

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"Since the new Government, led by General Aboud, who took over following the military coup d'etat in November, came to power, there has been a systematic campaign of repression. The Farmers' Union, the Workers' Union, and the Anti-Imperialist Party, all of which had chosen delegates to send to the All-African Peoples' Conference at Accra in December, were declared to be 'Communist-led' and therefore illegal and were dissolved; the elected delegates were refused permission to attend the Accra Conference.

"THERE ARE QUITE a number of Sudanese here in Moscow, many of them students at the University. During the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the congress received greetings from the Communist Party of The Sudan. Since the Communist Party is now banned in Sudan, no names were attached to the greeting.

"Yet the new Government of Sudan announced that any Sudanese who was in the Soviet Union (not just in Moscow) or in any East European Republic at the time the greeting was announced, would be arrested upon return to the Sudan. This is about as high-handed as it is possible to be.

"WHOLESALE ARRESTS have been made in the Sudan on the undefined grounds that the victims are 'revolutionaries.' The leaders of the Sudan Youth Organization have been arrested and their organization has been dissolved, again on the grounds that it is 'Communist-led.'

"IS THE Communist Party strong and active in Sudan, I asked rather tactlessly, I afterwards thought. The group of Sudanese friends looked at me, smiled, and wisely said nothing at all. Later one of them said that any leader, any organization which the Government fears for any reason, or which the Americans in Sudan find to be 'un-cooperative' is promptly declared to be Communist, and is harrassed.

"'The Americans very much feared the Accra Conference,' another said; 'they fear any signs of Africans uniting for their freedom and independence and strength.'

"'The British created and maintained divisions within our country,' said still another Sudanese. 'They set up barriers between the northern and southern parts of Sudan, and we had to have permits from the British to travel from one part of our country to another. They also tried to foment distrust and dislike between our people in the north and in the south.'

"'But now that we have achieved our independence,' said a young man who had been quiet heretofore, 'and our country is united and ONE, we make it a point to bring north and south together in every possible way. But now the Americans in Sudan are trying to foment distrust and dislike between our country and other African States, particularly the United Arab Republic. We Sudanese have no quarrel with Egypt, and no hostility toward her. It is the Americans who fear Nasser.'

"His fellow-countrymen agreed.

"GENERAL ABOUD, they said, had managed his coup d'etat with only some of the top ranking officers of the army. The younger officers, and the rank and file of the army, and the majority of the people of the Sudan were not involved in the coup and do not support the new Goverment under Aboud. 'The Americans support it,' they said.

"But, they added with one voice, no Government in the Sudan will last, nor will it get support from the people, unless it follows a policy which protects the rights and interests of the people of The Sudan, and safeguards our independence.

"Guatemala, South Korea, South Viet Nam, Iran, and now the Sudan. The list of American satellites continues to lengthen, even as the toe-hold becomes more precarious and desperate."

III. CONTACT WITH SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (NCASF)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on 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 of American-Soviet Friendship.

"National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

"1. 'Cited as subversive and Communist.' (Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)

"2. 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as' the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 156.)

"3. 'Cited as specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

"4. 'Found to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered to register as such with the Attorney General of the United States.' (Subversive Activities Control Board, Decision of February 7, 1956.)"

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New York 100-56680

New York, New York
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Re: Eslanda Cordozo Robeson
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To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Paris let 10/14/59. (U)

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Robeson was born April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey, and has been self-employed as a concert singer and actor since approximately 1923. He maintains a residence at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City; however, subsequent to the issuance of his United States passport, Number 1145187, he traveled to Europe in July, 1958, and has since maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England. (U)

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Robeson has also been reported by several sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and by various publications to have been active throughout 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

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organizations are the Council on African Affairs; American Peace Crusade; American Youth for Democracy; China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated; Civil Rights Congress; National Negro 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)

In addition, Robeson, who is often quoted in publications throughout the world, has frequently made public statements wherein he has been consistent in his praise of the Soviet Union and communist and related parties throughout the world. (u)

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To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

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Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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(OO: New York)

Re Legat, London letters to Bureau, 9/18/59 and 11/23/59.

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The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO. (u)

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On 1/22/60, the NYO requested the INS, Washington, D. C. to notify the nearest FBI Office in the event of PAUL LEROY ROBESON's arrival in the US, and to have that office notify the NYO of the arrival. (u)

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In the case entitled [redacted] aka; IS-R", NY file 100-103300, Bufile 100-401216, the Bureau by letter to New York, dated 6/11/59, advised the following:

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Inasmuch as the Bureau has instructed that the above information, obtained from [redacted] should b1 not be disseminated outside the Bureau or set forth in any investigative report, it is not being incorporated in the details of this report. (U)

In the case entitled, [redacted] ET AL; b7C ESP-R; ISA of 1950", NY file 100-65568, Bufile 100-57453, b7D

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The "Paul R.", mentioned [redacted] may have been PAUL LEROY ROBESON, however, since this is conjecture, it is not being included in the details of this report. (U)

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The 8/23/59 edition of the "London Sunday Times" carried a report over a statement made by ROBESON published in Budapest to the effect that ROBESON would ignore United States passport restrictions and visit China and Hungary in the coming months. The article was entitled "Robeson Defies Ban." (u)

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The sources used in the characterization of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF) in the order of their appearance are [redacted] (C) and [redacted] (C) (u)

The sources used in the characterization of the "China Daily News" in the order of their appearance are [redacted] (C) and [redacted] (C) (u)

The source used to characterize the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist CP (POC) is [redacted] (C) (u)

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The sources used in the characterization of the United States Festival Committee in the order of their appearance are [redacted] (C) and [redacted] (C)(U)

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At New York, New York

Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US. (U)

Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return. (U)

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8. [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he is not residing in the United States.

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. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP,USA. He has publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959.

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Synopsis: ROBESON and wife continue to reside in United Kingdom, and in September, 1959, ROBESON was still under contract for appearances in stage production of "Othello". [redacted] b7C Information concerning ROBESON's appearance at Seventh World Youth Festival, Vienna, Austria, set forth. ROBESON appeared at festival sponsored by "L'Humanite", French Communist Party newspaper, in Meudon, France. Information concerning promotion of ROBESON's book, "Here I Stand" set forth. Information concerning ROBESON's visit to Budapest, Hungary, and to Rumania set forth. ROBESON was quoted in a Hungarian newspaper as saying that "by March I will visit China". In early February, 1960, ROBESON ended a 2½ week stay in Moscow, Russia.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND DATA

A. Residence and Employment

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Regarding the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, the following is noted:

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that ESLANDA 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 CP.

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The CP 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 PAUL ROBESON, 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, would be recontacted for the purpose of renewing his subscription for "The Worker". b7D

"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

It is to be noted that ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to his departure for Europe.

The column "New York Confidential" by LEE MORTIMER, which appeared in the New York "Daily Mirror" newspaper, dated August 27, 1959, contained the following:

"WHAT A WORLD (but where else can I go?):
Paul Robeson cheering for the 15th
Aniversary of Communist rule in Rumania."

B. Evidence of Membership in or Sympathy with CP Front Organizations

On [redacted] advised that on April 29, 1959, a memorial meeting was held under the sponsorship of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) at New York Center, 227 West 46th Street, New York City, to honor the memory of the late THEODORE BAYER, who was an officer of the NCASF [redacted] further advised that at this meeting a record, which had been made by PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA ROBESON, in England, was then played for the audience. [redacted] stated that in this record they both expressed their sympathy for the BAYER family and praised THEODORE BAYER for his work in the field b7D

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of American-Soviet relations. [redacted] further stated that also included on the record were several memorial songs which were sung by PAUL ROBESON. b7D

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

In connection with THEODORE BAYER, the following is noted:

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The "New York Times" Sunday edition, dated March 8, 1959, on page 87, reflected that THEODORE BAYER of 200 West 15th Street, New York City, Administrative Secretary for the last fifteen years of the NCASF, died on March 7, 1959, at the Memorial Center Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, New York City.

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C. Miscellaneous

On November 7, 1959, [redacted] made information SI b7D available which reflected that on that date WILLIAM WEINSTONE addressing a meeting of the New York State CP Committee, which was being held in Room 11-B, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, made the following comments:

WILLIAM WEINSTONE stated he had just returned from a trip to the Soviet Union and added that PAUL ROBESON was a great cultural and political ambassador from the United States to the world. WEINSTONE had occasion to exchange greetings with ROBESON over the telephone during his, WEINSTONE's, recent European trip. While speaking to ROBESON over the telephone, ROBESON informed WEINSTONE that he was going to visit the Czechoslovak Army. WEINSTONE further advised that PAUL ROBESON was stirring Europe, and English comrades spoke with such love and affection of the role that he played in the big peace march where he spoke and sang in Trafalgar Square. English comrades told WEINSTONE of the British Broadcasting Company broadcast of the leading artists and cultural figures of England in a testimonial to PAUL ROBESON. WEINSTONE stated that ROBESON was an immense figure in Czechoslovakia and he brings the best of America to the peoples of Europe and in him they see the greatness of our country. WEINSTONE further stated that ROBESON is regarded not only as an anti-fascist, but as a militant fighter for Socialism. WEINSTONE added that from the standpoint of culture, what is important is the way people say not "give us an American song" but "give us a Paul Robeson song". WEINSTONE

concluded by stating that the words he spoke in ROBESON's behalf is hardly justice to this great figure, our people's ambassador to Europe and the world.

In connection with WILLIAM WEINSTONE, the following is noted:

"The Worker", issue of January 17, 1960, on page 14, identified WILLIAM WEINSTONE as a member of the New York State CP Committee.

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In connection with [redacted] the following is noted: b7C

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A characterization of the CCASF is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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In [redacted] advised that on August 1, 1959, at the Seventh World Youth Festival, which was held in Vienna, Austria, from July 26, 1959 to August 4, 1959, PAUL ROBESON, SR. appeared at a meeting of the delegates, spoke a few words complaining of a sore throat, and sang approximately five songs. [redacted] further advised that PAUL ROBESON, SR. was enthusiastically received and acclaimed. b7D

The United States Festival Committee sent delegates to the above-mentioned Seventh WorldYouth Festival.

A characterization of the United States Festival Committee appears in the appendix of this report.

On [redacted] advised that he learned that United States youth at the Seventh World Youth Festival, mentioned above, were most impressed by the Paul Robeson Peace Rally held at the festival. b7D

On [redacted] advised that he learned that PAUL ROBESON sang several songs at a rally at the Seventh World Youth Festival, mentioned above, one of which was a Chinese lullaby, which aroused cheers from the Chinese delegation.

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NY T-13, a confidential source abroad, advised in August, 1959, that an Associated Press dispatch from Vienna, Austria, under the date August 4, 1959, reported that the subject had addressed a meeting for youths from Asia and Africa at the Seventh World Youth Festival. This dispatch reported that ROBESON spoke on "Restriction of Negro Rights in the United States" and that several American youths in the audience reported that they had been denied an opportunity to question ROBESON regarding his statements as they were shouted down by others in attendance.

NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, advised on August 13, 1959, that the August 11, 1959 issue of "L'Humanite", a French CP newspaper, contained an article which indicated that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to appear at the festival of "L'Humanite" at Meudon, France, in the near future. This article also indicated that PAUL ROBESON, who is one of the greatest living singers, had not visited France in ten years. This article further indicated that PAUL ROBESON's acceptance of "L'Humanite's" invitation to appear at this festival indicated his desire to work for the cause of peace and justice.

NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, also advised on September 11, 1959, that the September 5, 1959, issue of "L'Humanite" contained an article which described ROBESON's arrival at Orly Airport, Paris, France, on September 4, 1959. This article stated that ROGER ROUCAUTE and ANDRE STIL, members of the Central Committee of the CP of France, were present among others at the airport to welcome ROBESON to Paris. This article in part concerns an interview with ROBESON in which he mentions his early childhood and to some extent discusses his musical impressions. In concluding this interview, ROBESON states that he has always been proud to be a colored American and has always been conscious of the struggle which the workers and the colored people have in common.

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The September 21, 1959, issue of the "National Guardian" on page 12, carried an article in the "Spectator" column, entitled "Great Day for Meudon". This article

related to PAUL ROBESON's attendance at the festival sponsored by the Communist newspaper "L'Humanite" at Meudon, France, on September 5, 1959. This article stated that some 50,000 people were in attendance at this festival to see and hear ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON sang "Waterboy", "Cuatros Generales", "Old Man River","John Brown's Body" and the Soviet "Song of the Partisans". The article reflected that ROBESON talked to the spectators "about music and wine and peace, about China and France and America, about Shakespeare and Racine, about history and the future. He said a few words in French, switched over to English, sang Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' in German, sang a little Chinese song, explained the humor of a delightful Yiddish song on his program, and just before the end, recited a poem in beautiful ~~sonorous~~ Russian."

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix of this report.

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In connection with [redacted] the following is noted:

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

An additional characterization of the CPA is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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In connection with [redacted] the following is noted:

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, United States of America (CP,USA), held December 10, 1959 through December 13, 1959, in New York City, PAUL ROBESON, JR. was elected to the National Committee of the CP,USA. b7D

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On [redacted] made information available which reflected that PAUL ROBERSON, 66 Jumel Terr., telephone number WA 7-7754, was known to [redacted] b7C b7D

In connection with [redacted] the following is noted: b7C

On April 17, 1959, [redacted] advised that on April 17, 1959, KENNETH BRUTON was elected Chairman of the New York Steering Committee of the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist CP (POC). b7D

A characterization of the POC appears in the appendix of this report.

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Regarding [redacted] the following is noted: b7C

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The September 9, 1949 edition of the "China Daily News" contained an article datelined Shanghai,

September 8, Associated Press, entitled "Paul Robeson Invited to Visit Communist China". This article reflected that after the concert, given by PAUL ROBESON, was "raided by the mobs" on August 27, the Red Chinese Literary Workers' Association and the Musical Workers' Association telegraphed ROBESON their sympathy and consolation and asked him to visit Communist China.

A characterization of the "China Daily News" appears in the appendix of this report.

The above referred to incident occurred at Peekskill, New York, on August 27, 1949, and is described as follows:

On August 27, 1949, [redacted] 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 Civil Rights Congress (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 individual in a veteran's group which was picketing the meeting. Violence then broke out and resulted in injuries to several supporters of ROBESON.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that the Peekskill disorder on August 27, 1949, was the outgrowth of a concert given by singer PAUL ROBESON. [redacted] further advised that this concert was held under the auspices of the Harlem Chapter of the CRC.

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A characterization of People's Artists, Inc. is set forth in the appendix of this report.

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A characterization of the World Peace Council appears in the appendix of this report.

III. PROMOTION OF THE SALE OF PAUL LEROY ROBESON'S BOOK "HERE I STAND"

On [redacted] furnished information which reflected that at a mass rally of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which was held on Sunday, July 19, 1959, at the Polo Grounds, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, copies of ROBESON's book "Here I Stand" were being sold.

On [redacted] furnished information which reflected that the CP distributed literature at a mass rally of the NAACP, which was held on Sunday, July 19, 1959, at the Polo Grounds, New York City, and attempts were also made by the CP to sell the subject's book "Here I Stand".

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On [redacted] advised that the New England District CP, USA had worked on selling PAUL ROBESON's book "Here I Stand".

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It is to be noted that "Here I Stand" was published by Othello Associates, Incorporated.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES ABROAD

On August 21, 1959, the United States Department of State, American Legation, Budapest, Hungary, advised that the Hungarian newspaper "Esti Hirlap" on August 21, 1959, carried an interview with PAUL ROBESON, in which ROBESON stated that "by March I will visit China".

On September 1, 1959, the United States Department of State, American Legation, Budapest, Hungary, furnished a translation of an article which appeared in the August 22, 1959, issue of the Hungarian newspaper "Nepszabadsag", which related to the visit of the subject to Budapest, Hungary, on August 20, 1959. This article was captioned, "'Those Are in Majority Who Want Peace' - An Interview with Paul Robeson Passing Through Budapest", and it read as follows:

"Paul Robeson, the world-famous singer who has been decorated with the International Lenin Peace Medal, spent a few hours in Budapest on Thursday on his way to the Rumanian People's Republic. In the company of Leb DENES, Vice-President Hungary

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of the Institute for Cultural Relations, he drove along the capital. Vasile POGAGEANU, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Rumanian People's Republic, was present too. Paul Robeson sang a few songs on the stage of the open-air theater on the Margaret Island at the request of the crowd that surrounded him spontaneously. He then gave the following interview to a correspondent of the Hungarian Telegraphic Bureau: 'For ten years I was a captive in my own country. I was not allowed to go abroad, I was impeded from meeting the European fighters of the world's peace movement. In the course of the ten years I received a number of letters and messages also from Hungarians and the affection and sympathy emanating from their writings fortified me. I was especially touched when I received the present of the Hungarian Radio, the records of a radio play performed by Hungarian children about my childhood. I very well know that the honest people of the world, and among them the Hungarian workers, helped me immensely to get back my passport and thus to accept the thousands of invitations reaching me from all parts of the world. Now when I am spending a very short time in Budapest, I feel the same affection and friendship present in the letters and messages sent to me in the course of my isolation. Next week I am coming back for a few hours and in autumn for a few days. Next spring I shall spend four or five weeks in the country giving recitals. I come back though it has been stamped in my passport: "Not Valid for Hungary". Nor is my passport valid for the Chinese People's Republic. Still, I am here and I shall come back many more times and shall visit China too. I intend to spend six months of every twelve in the socialist countries, in the Soviet Union and the people's democratic countries. Only six months, because the rest of the time I want to meet the peace fighters of the capitalist countries. Recently 25,000 people gathered in Trafalgar Square to attend a peace meeting where I spoke. Its reverberations have been considerable not only in Britain, but also in the United States. The argument used by the State Department of the United States throughout the past ten years was that I was not an artist, so I had no reason to travel abroad. Now they have been given a telling answer. I was the first American in London to play Shakesperean roles. I had success there as an artist.'

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AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION

According to records of the New York County Clerk, Amtorg Trading Corporation is a New York corporation formed in 1924. It has acted since then as a buying and selling agency in the United States for the Soviet Government. Since 1949, it has been registered with the Department of Justice under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (CCASF)

[redacted] made available in [redacted] the "First Annual Report CCASF", an undated publication which stated that the CCASF was incorporated in July, 1943. This document stated "the council's affiliation with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was validated August 11, (1943). The present name was adopted to conform to standard national practice. It should be noted, however, that the Chicago Council is entirely autonomous; the government of its affairs rests exclusively in the hands of the Chicago Executive Board".

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A source advised on June 20, 1956, that at an Executive Committee meeting of the CCASF an officer of the organization stated that the aim of the council was peaceful coexistence and friendship with the USSR.

A second source advised on May 1, 1958, that the CCASF continues to use its facilities for the purpose of propagandizing for international peace and cultural exchange with the USSR. This source advised that even though the CCASF claims to be autonomous, leaders of this group are frequently in contact with and its program follows that of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF).

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CHINA DAILY NEWS

A confidential source advised on May 8, 1959, that the "China Daily News" (CDN) was founded in 1940 by a group of Chinese Communists and that the persons who controlled its policies from then to the present time have all been known to him as Chinese Communist leaders within the Chinese Communist movement in the New York area. This source advised that to his knowledge, the CDN has followed the official Communist Party line in its editorial policies from its founding to the present time.

Another confidential source advised on May 5, 1959, that the CDN follows the communist line in its editorial policies and that most of its news items are derived from communist news sources. This individual also stated that the CDN selects and writes up news in a manner favorable to Communist China and other communist countries. The source stated that this publication is the propaganda organ for the Chinese Communists in the United States.

On February 16, 1955, the CDN paid a fine of $25,000.00, and EUGENE MOY, its former managing editor, who died on December 14, 1958, began serving a one-year prison sentence after their conviction in the U. S. 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.

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COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION (CPA)
(May 1944 to July 1945)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the Communist Political Association (May 1944 to July 1945):

1. Cited as a "subversive", "Communist" organization which sought "to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means."

   (Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 21, 1948.)

2. "* * * after assuming the name of the Communist Political Association on May 20-23, 1944, for strategic reasons, the party resumed the name of the Communist Party of the United States on July 26-28, 1945."

   (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 209 on "The Communist Party of the United States as an Agent of a Foreign Power," April 1, 1947, p.29; also cited in House Report 1694 on "Organized Communism in the United States," May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, pp. 114 and 120, and House Report 2244 on "The Communist Conspiracy," Part I, Section E, May 29, 1956, p. 3.)

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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PEOPLES ARTISTS, INC.

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 Peoples Artists, Inc.:

"Peoples Artists, Inc.

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 392)."

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PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR A MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY (POC); also known as Provisional Organizing Committee for the Reconstitution of a Marxist-Leninist Party; Provisional Committee for the Reconstitution of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party; Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party, USA

The September, 1958, issue of "The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard," which is self identified as being published by the "Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party," contains an article on page 1 entitled "Communist Conference" which reflects that a conference was held in New York City, August 16 and 17, 1958, "to guarantee the survival of Marxism-Leninism in the USA." At this conference a call was issued for the formation of a "Provisional Organizing Committee for the Reconstitution of a Marxist-Leninist Party."

In the same issue of "The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard" there is contained "A Declaration" which reads in part:

"Therefore, we of the Marxist-Leninist caucus of the old Party, having met in a national conference on August 16th - 17th, 1958, have constituted ourselves as a Provisional Committee for the Reconstitution of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party."

The October, 1958, issue of "The Marxist-Leninist Vanguard" on page 1 contains an article entitled, "5 Questions" which stated, "our aim is to forge ahead in our movement, and later, join in a constitutional convention with any other movement which is fighting for the creation of a genuine Communist vanguard party."

A source advised on January 5, 1959, that the organization known as the Provisional Committee to Reconstitute the Communist Party, USA, is also known as the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

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U. S. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(SEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

On August 4, 1958, a confidential source made available a background statement on the 7th World Youth Festival, distributed by a U. S. Festival Committee then in the process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94), with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, and the International Union of Students (cited as a Communist organization in the HCUA Guide, above, on page 48) with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria, during the summer of 1959.

This source advised in April, 1959, that the U. S. Festival Committee is located at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and is still active.

The statement made available by the above source on August 4, 1958, sets forth that "The Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world."

Another source on October 3, 1958, made available information concerning a Regional Youth Conference of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City on September 27, 1958. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this Festival and to help raise money to defray delegates expenses.

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WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the World Peace Council:

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."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 378 on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 25, 1951, originally released April 1, 1951, p. 38.)

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New York, New York
March 8, 1960

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Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] at New York, dated and captioned as above. b7C

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The sources used to characterize the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, the "China Daily News", the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party, and the United States Festival Committee, have [redacted]

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I. BACKGROUND DATA

A. Residence and Employment

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Regarding the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, the following is noted:

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that ESLANDA 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 CP.

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In [redacted] advised that on August 1, 1959, at the Seventh World Youth Festival, which was held in Vienna, Austria, from July 26, 1959 to August 4, 1959, PAUL ROBESON, SR. appeared at a meeting of the delegates, spoke a few words complaining of a sore throat, and sang approximately five songs. [redacted] further advised that PAUL ROBESON, SR. was enthusiastically received and acclaimed.

The United States Festival Committee sent delegates to the above-mentioned Seventh World Youth Festival.

A characterization of the United States Festival Committee appears in the appendix of this report.

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On [redacted] advised that he learned that United States youth at the Seventh World Youth Festival, mentioned above, were most impressed by the Paul Robeson Peace Rally held at the festival.

On [redacted] advised that he learned that PAUL ROBESON sang several songs at a rally at the Seventh World Youth Festival, mentioned above, one of which was a Chinese lullaby, which aroused cheers from the Chinese delegation.

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NY T-13, a confidential source abroad, advised in August, 1959, that an Associated Press dispatch from Vienna, Austria, under the date August 4, 1959, reported that the subject had addressed a meeting for youths from Asia and Africa at the Seventh World Youth Festival. This dispatch reported that ROBESON spoke on "Restriction of Negro Rights in the United States" and that several American youths in the audience reported that they had been denied an opportunity to question ROBESON regarding his statements as they were shouted down by others in attendance.

NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, advised on August 13, 1959, that the August 11, 1959 issue of "L'Humanite", a French CP newspaper, contained an article which indicated that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to appear at the festival of "L'Humanite" at Meudon, France, in the near future. This article also indicated that PAUL ROBESON, who is one of the greatest living singers, had not visited France in ten years. This article further indicated that PAUL ROBESON's acceptance of "L'Humanite's" invitation to appear at this festival indicated his desire to work for the cause of peace and justice.

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NY T-14, a confidential source abroad, also advised on September 11, 1959, that the September 5, 1959, issue of "L'Humanite" contained an article which described ROBESON's arrival at Orly Airport, Paris, France, on September 4, 1959. This article stated that ROGER ROUCAUTE and ANDRE STIL, members of the Central Committee of the CP of France, were present among others at the airport to welcome ROBESON to Paris. This article in part concerns an interview with ROBESON in which he mentions his early childhood and to some extent discusses his musical impressions. In concluding this interview, ROBESON states that he has always been proud to be a colored American and has always been conscious of the struggle which the workers and the colored people have in common. (C)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 5/11/60

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka.
SECURITY MATTER - C

(OO: New York)

The following is set forth for the information of the Bureau:

On 4/21/60, [redacted] (protect by T symbol), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] one PHIL ROBINSON, [redacted] stated that his wife, HALOIS MOOREHEAD ROBINSON, is currently in a hospital in Moscow, Russia, where she shares a room with ESLANDA ROBESON.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: May 27, 1960

FROM : Legat, London (100-1182)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C

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Remylet 4/13/60.

On 5/24/60 Mr. WALTER M. WALSH, American Consul, United States Embassy, London, advised that PAUL ROBESON appeared at the Embassy to make application for a new passport and while at the Embassy submitted an affidavit concerning his travel in August, 1959, to Hungary. It is noted that Hungary is an area prohibited to American travelers except by special permission. ROBESON's statement is contained in memorandum the original and four copies of which are enclosed. This affidavit was witnessed by Mr. WALSH on May 17, 1960. (u)

b1 [redacted] Since ROBESON wished to remain in the United Kingdom until September, 1960, this also forced him to appear at the American Embassy to make application for his passport and to answer questions the State Department wished to ask him about his travel to Hungary. It should also be noted that the American Embassy, London, has tried repeatedly since late 1959 to get ROBESON to come to the Embassy to answer these questions.

(c)

As subject continues to reside in the United Kingdom and his status is not yet decided by either the State Department [redacted] this case is maintained in a pending status and the Bureau will be further advised. (u)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 27, 1960

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Re: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

The following is a statement given by ROBESON in the form of an affidavit, subscribed and sworn to before American Consul WALTER M. WALSH at the American Embassy, London, on May 17, 1960.

"I, PAUL ROBESON, was born at Princeton, New Jersey on April 9, 1898. I am the holder of American passport 1145187 issued to me by the Department of State, Washington on June 25, 1958.

"In August 1959, I travelled to Bucharest to fulfill engagements there. I travelled from Amsterdam on a KLM Dutch Airliner to Budapest, where I had to change planes as the plane I was travelling on was going to Turkey. I was at Budapest Airport for no more than 3 hours during which time a reporter from a newspaper or radio (I cannot remember which) interviewed me. I was asked if I would come to Hungary and sing, I said I would like to very much. I also said that I would be coming back again next week, as at that time it was my belief I would have to change planes again in Budapest. I also stated that I hoped to come back again one day for recitals. I made this statement knowing that Olympic athelets and a lawyer whom I know personally and many other people had been granted permission to travel in Hungary, and it was my intention to make application to the Department of State, for travel to Hungary at some future date, had the ban not been lifted. I would also like to add that whilst I was waiting at the Airport in Budapest, word got around that I was there, and I was taken on a tour of the City.

"With regard to the statement supposed to have been made by me that I would visit China in March. I have never said that. I may have said that I would like to visit China at some future date, and would probably make application to the Department of State for permission to do so. I could not have travelled to China in March even if I had wanted too as I had committments in Great Britain. I would like to state that the reporter who interviewed me could not speak English and the interpretor did not speak English at all well."

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

DATE: 6/16/60

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FROM :

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
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(OO:NY)

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Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/16/59, at New York and WFO letter to New York, dated 5/24/60. (U)

[redacted] (X)(C)

3 copies of instant letter are designated for the Bureau for dissemination to the Legat London, their file 100-1666. (U)

[redacted] (C)

Confidential sources utilized in the characterization of the United States Festival Committee are set forth as follows in the order of their use:

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U.S. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(SEVENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)

On August 4, 1958, a confidential source made available a background statement on the 7th World Youth Festival, distributed by a U.S. Festival Committee then in the process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94), with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary and the International Union of Students (cited as a Communist organization in the HCUA Guide, above, on page 48) with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria during the summer of 1959.

This source advised in April 1959, that the U.S. Festival Committee is located at 246 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and is still active.

The statement made available by the above source on August 4, 1958, sets forth that "The Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world."

Another source on October 3, 1958, made available information concerning a Regional Youth Conference of the Communist Party, USA, held in New York City on September 27, 1958. The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this Festival and to help raise money to defray delegates expenses.

The confidential sources used to characterize the United States Festival Committee have furnished reliable information in the past.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/16/60

FROM : SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6246)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

The June 10, 1960 issue of the San Juan Dairy, [redacted], related that subject was scheduled to "Open" at the Flamboyan Club, in San Juan on July 1, 1960.

In view of [redacted] background he will not be interviewed at this time to determine the source of his information concerning the subject.

San Juan is alerting informants and will follow the activities of the subject should he actually appear in San Juan.

New York is requested to furnish background information which would be of assistance to San Juan's investigation, and to advise of subject's departure from New York.

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Mr. Coakley

Sac, San Juan (100-6246) June 27, 1960

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EX 109 PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Re San Juan letter 6/16/60, copies of which were forwarded to New York.

For San Juan's information, Robeson, who is a Security Index subject, was still residing in London, England, as of late May. He recently attempted to obtain an extension of stay in the United Kingdom and to get his United States passport extended. No decision has been made by [redacted] the State Department regarding Robeson's attempts in this respect. Neither London nor New York has forwarded any information regarding a possible appearance on the part of Robeson in Puerto Rico. From available facts, it does not appear that subject anticipates appearing in Puerto Rico in the near future. b7D

London and New York continue to furnish any pertinent information regarding subject's activities or future plans.

For the information of London and New York, [redacted] has an unsavory background and is reputed to be somewhat of a "con man." Thus, San Juan does not anticipate contact with him in order to corroborate his story regarding Robeson's appearance in San Juan. b7C

2 - London (100-1182) (Enclosure)
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

By relet San Juan advised that according to "San Juan Diary" Robeson is scheduled to appear at a night club in San Juan as of 7/1/60. Facts available do not support this story. San Juan requested New York to forward pertinent information and verify departure from New York. Subject residing in England. Copy of relet enclosed for London.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 6/24/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-6346)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS-C
(OO: New York)

Re San Juan letter to Director, 6/16/60.

Relet advised that information was received at San Juan that PAUL ROBESON was scheduled to "open" at the Flamboyan, in San Juan, on 7/1/60.

NYO has no information re the above announcement. PAUL ROBESON is currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London, England, and was recently employed as an actor, playing the role of OTHELLO at Stratford - Upon - Avon, England. In addition he has traveled in Austria, Rumania, Hungary and Russia. He was born on 4/9/98, at Princeton, NJ, and holds American Passport 1145187 issued by the Department of State on 6/25/58.

San Juan is requested to advise the NYO of any additional information received re subject's visit to San Juan.

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FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (100-6246)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re San Juan letter 6/16/60.

[redacted] Flamboyan Club, San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised 6/29/60 that subject is not identical with ROBESON who will open at Flamboyan Night Club from 7/1/60. b7C/b7D

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
Paris 8, France

CONFIDENTIAL

Date: July 18, 1960

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The July 4, 1960, issue of l'Humanite, the French daily Communist Party newspaper, indicated that the Communist festival held each year sponsored by Humanite is presently being planned. It indicated that considerable trouble is being experienced in finding a suitable place since the government has failed to approve four sites thus far proposed. The article indicated that PAUL ROBESON who was the chief performer at the last rally held in September 1959, has promised to participate in this year's activities. (U)

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We will continue to follow this. [redacted] (U)

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7/27/60

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS-C
(00:NY)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies and for New York 2 copies of a letterhead memo concerning subject's application for a renewal of passport.

This information was furnished SA [redacted] on 7/22/60, by [redacted] Legal Division, Passport Office. b7C

[redacted] advised that the American Embassy was authorized to renew this passport and was requested to advise the Department of State when the passport is renewed and of the subject's travel plans.

When this information is made available Bureau and New York will be advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 27, 1960

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

On July 22, 1960, the file maintained by the Passport Office, United States Department of State, for Paul Leroy Robeson disclosed that on May 17, 1960, Robeson applied for a renewal of his passport, number 1145187, which was issued on June 25, 1958.

He gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and his current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

On July 14, 1960, the Passport Office authorized the American Embassy in London, England, to renew Robeson's passport.

No additional information is contained in this file.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: July 26, 1960

FROM : Legat, London (100-1182)(100-1666)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON
SM - C

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Re New York letter to the Bureau 6-16-60 captioned "ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, SM - C" and mylet to the Bureau captioned "PAUL LEROY ROBESON, IS - C," 5-27-60.

[redacted]

Mr. WALTER WALSH, American Consul, Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on July 25, 1960, that authority has just been received from the State Department, Washington, to issue him a new passport. The British Home Office has been reluctant to grant PAUL and his wife a further stay in the United Kingdom until such time as PAUL obtained a valid travel document. It appears the new passport will be issued shortly, therefore the British Home Office will voice no opposition to have PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON remain in the United Kingdom.

[redacted]

As there are no further leads outstanding at this time these cases are being placed in an RUC status subject to being reopened on receipt of additional information.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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Date: August 16, 1960

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legal Attache, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Paris 8, France

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Date: September 1, 1960

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legat, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Paris letter 8/16/60. (U)

Enclosed herewith for the completion of Bureau files is a photograph of the subject which appeared in "L'Humanite," the French daily Communist Party newspaper, on 9/1/60. (U)

The subject, according to this paper, will take part in the annual Communist Party festival, which is sponsored by "L'Humanite," on 9/4-5/60 at La Courneuve, a suburb of Paris. (U)

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Mr. PAUL HOYLEN, Consul, American Embassy, London, advised that ROBESON's passport expires in June, 1960, and that the Embassy upon instructions from the Department of State, Washington, have sent numerous communications to subject requesting that he answer certain questions about his travel to Hungary in order that they can further decide whether to renew his passport. Mr. HOYLEN stated as of April 8, 1960, no answer has been received from subject regarding this matter. (U)

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Mr. WALTER WALSH, American Consul, Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on July 25, 1960, that authority has just been received from the State Department, Washington, to issue him a new passport.

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It appears the new passport will be issued shortly.

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LEAD (CONTINUED)

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Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return. (U)

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At New York, New York

Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US. (4)

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Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

[redacted] b1 Subject celebrated May Day - 1960, in Edinburgh, Scotland and spoke to a group of Scottish miners; participated in the "third annual press festival" in East Berlin on June18, 1960, sponsored by the East German CP. An article written by PAUL ROBESON about his trip to Russia appeared in "Narodna Volya" edition of February 26, 1960. Subject scheduled to appear at the L'Humanite festival in France on September 4, 1960, sponsored by the French Communist Party newspaper L'Humanite and also scheduled to appear in Brest, France on September 6, 1960, at another Communist festival. [redacted] b1 Worker article of February 7, 1960, describes visit of ROBESON to Moscow. Information indicates ROBESON plans tour to Australia and New Zealand. ROBESON's passport renewed July 14, 1960. (C)

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

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Regarding the subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, the following is noted:

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that ESLANDA 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 CP.

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

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE CP MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

The United States Department of State, American Legation, Edinburgh, Scotland, made information available on May 3, 1960, which reflected that PAUL ROBESON was at the annual "Gala Day" assembly of the Scottish Miners N.U.M.

This information reflected that the Scottish Miners of the N.U.M. celebrated May Day with their annual "Gala Day" parade and picnic held in the grounds of Holyrood Park. An estimated 20,000 people attended, including a delegation of thirty Russian miners.

PAUL ROBESON was in the front rank of the parade sharing honors with the MOFFATT brothers (well known Communist leaders of the Scottish miners) and with WILLIAM PAYNTER, General Secretary of the N.U.M. Following the parade at the large open air assembly area ROBESON sang and addressed the gathering.

The main theme of the parade, as evidenced by banners and floats was racial discrimination in Africa and there was some moderate display of protest banners on the nuclear bomb. As always the parade and assembly were orderly and after the speech making was finished the crowd settled down to picnicking on the grounds.

ROBESON was not separately interviewed by the press and received about the same attention from it as would any featured speaker at such a gathering.

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The "Scotsman" the Edinburgh daily newspaper gave the above occasion little coverage. However, the "Evening News" of Edinburgh gave some prominence to ROBESON's attendance at the miners' Gala and states that he received a great ovation from thousands of miners and their families when he reaffirmed his friendship for the Soviet Union. After quoting ABE MOFFAT's tribute to ROBESON "this great man, this great artist, and this great fighter for freedom" the following excerpts from ROBESON's speech are featured:-

"You have made, and are making, such a fine contribution to the struggles of this land. You will need all the strength you have got to see that you who create the wealth of the country have a chance to enjoy it.

"I have been very close to the miners and the workers of the Soviet Union. On this historic day and at this historic time we must find peace and friendship in the world, and how wonderful it is to find here these representatives of the arts and the people of the U.S.S.R. joining in this gala. I am intensely proud. I have been and always will be a firm and unswerving friend of the Soviet people and people from Soviet lands.

"My people, my father, my relatives were hewers of wood and drawers of water all over the Western world. To-day again, we are seeing it is time for us to live a new life, a time to free the land again."

The "Evening Dispatch" gave the most prominent coverage with a feature picture on the front page, showing ROBESON surrounded by miners. The same excerpts from his speech are quoted in this paper.

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On June 23, 1960, the United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., furnished information concerning the subject in connection with his "Support of Soviet Zone Regime". This information reflected that

"After having previously indicated, over a period of several years, an intention to visit East Germany, American singer Paul Robeson arrived in East Berlin June 18 to participate in the 'third annual press festival,' sponsored by Neues Deutschland, official organ of the East German communist party (Sozialistische Einheitsparted Deutschlands, or SED). He appeared the same evening as featured artist during the ceremonies officially opening the festival, held a press conference the next day, appeared on a large public platform and mingled with the crowd (closely accompanied by East German photographers and TV cameramen) and left later (June 19) by air for London.

"Although the formal opening of the 'press festival' June 18 included a number of entertainers from various countries, Robeson was clearly the honored guest-performer. Master of ceremonies was Hermann Axen, chief editor of Neues Deutschland and a member of the SED Politburo; other top level SED officials included representatives of the Central Committee, and notably Paul Verner (SED official well known for his close association with the current communist pressure on West Berlin). Robeson, introduced as 'comrade' and as 'our great friend and model', told the audience that, since his father had been an American slave, he (Paul) was proud to have the opportunity to meet the 'socialist press of the whole world' and to be a member of the World Peace Council. His musical contribution to the occasion ended with a rendition, in the Russian language, of 'Fatherland, no enemy shall threaten you."

"The following day, June 19, ROBESON was escorted on a highly publicized tour of the street 'festival' area and was particularly associated with children who, according to the East press, were deeply impressed by his 'countenance on which were deeply etched goodness and the love of humanity.' He then held a press conference in which he revealed that his visit fulfilled a promise he had made to East German representatives at the Vienna Youth Festival in 1959. ROBESON gave the reporters some biographic notes, with particular reference to

A. His close association with 'the British workers movement' 1928-1940;

B. Participation in the Spanish Civil War;

C. His first visit to Berlin in 1934 while enroute to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR);

D. An 'eight year period of persecution by American officials' during which he was unable to obtain a passport.

"When questioned about future plans, ROBESON said he will make a series of records for the British Broadcasting Company soon and, in the autumn, will leave the United Kingdom for a lengthy visit to 'several socialist courtries', including another visit to "the German Democratic Republic" in August or October. However, he also plans to return to the United States where he will make appearances "principally before Negroes and workers, using halls located in workers ' residential areas."

"ROBESON's appearance in East Berlin during the recent 'press festival' probably had little influence on the East German population which has ample reason to recognize that a man who shares a public platform with Politburo members of the SED in a propaganda extravaganza is hardly a typical American citizen. On the orther hand, East German exploitation of ROBESON's appearance, particularly through GDR contacts in Asia and Africa, may well be more successful. With reference to ROBESON's statement that he may visit the GDR again in August or October, it will be recalled that East Germany's 'national day' is October 7."

The following article, which has been translated from the Russian, appeared in the February 26, 1960 edition of the "Narodna Volya", a Bulgarian language weekly newspaper published at Detroit, Michigan. The House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUCA) cited "Narodna Volya" as a publication which may be safely considered as the organ in the Bulgarian language, of the CP.

In this article, ROBESON describes "his great happiness upon returning to the Soviet Union. The diligence and the progress made by the Soviet people has earned them the esteem of the entire world."

Then, ROBESON compares "the waste and the unproductive use of the energy of the people in the West to the Soviet Union where everything is utilized and where everybody works to the best of his ability. The only hope there is for the West is a basic change. This change might come soon. The call of the Soviet Government to decrease armed forces to destroy the means to wage war and to exclude war from the life of the society cannot be treated with indifference."

" The peaceful Soviet call for economic competition must lead, and I am convinced that it will, to a considerable transformation in the economy of the other countries. The West will have to take decisive steps in this direction. Peaceful competition has already started, it is real fact. Millions of people in many countries recognize the fact that they owe extremely much to the Soviet People. They have a feeling of gratitude toward them and wish them the best of success in the cause of building communism."

The July 4, 1960 issue of "L'Humanite," the French daily CP newspaper, indicated that the Communist festival held each year sponsored by Humanite is presently being planned. It indicated that considerable trouble is being experienced in finding a suitable place since the government has failed to approve four sites thus far proposed. The article indicated that PAUL ROBESON, who was the chief performer at the last rally held in September, 1959, has promised to participate in this year's activities.

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B. Miscellaneous

[redacted] furnished information on March 30, 1960, which indicated that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr., has access to the apartment of PAUL ROBESON at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and occasionally utilizes this apartment for his work. b7D

It is to be noted that PAUL ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to his departure for Europe, and still considers it as his legal residence.

"The Worker", an east coast Communist, weekly newspaper, in its editorial of May 1, 1960, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Jr. as National Secretary of the CP, USA.

Foreign Travel

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"The Worker" in its edition of February 7, 1960, page 5, column 1, contained a photograph of PAUL and ESLANDE ROBESON on the occasion of their arrival in Moscow, Russia. The article stated that the "news spread like wildfire through this city of five million. Paul has wound up his appearances in 'Othello', and is looking forward to resuming his half-hour lecture-concerts for BBC, which are enormously popular and brought thousands of fan letters".

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On May 24, 1960, Mr. Walter M. Walsh, American Consul, United States Legation, ~~the United States Department of State, American Legat~~, London, England, advised that PAUL ROBESON appeared at the embassy to make application for a new passport and while at the embassy, submitted an affidavit concerning his travel in August, 1959, to Hungary. The following is the statement given by ROBESON in the form of an affidavit subscribed and sworn to before American Consul, WALTER M. WALSH.

"I. PAUL ROBESON, was born at Princeton, New Jersey on April 9, 1898. I am the holder of American passport 1145187 issued to me by the Department of State, Washington on June 25, 1958.

"In August 1959, I travelled to Bucharest to fulfill engagements there. I travelled from Amsterdam on a KLM Dutch Airliner to Budapest, where I had to change planes as the plane I was travelling on was going to Turkey. I was at Budapest Airport for no more than 3 hours during which time a reporter from a newspaper or radio (I cannot remember which) interviewed me. I was asked if I would come to Hungary and sing, I said I would like to very much. I also said that I would be coming back again next week, as at that time it was my belief I would have to change planes again in Budapest. I also stated that I hoped to come back again one day for recitals. I made this statement knowing that Olympic athelets and a lawyer whom I know personally and many other people had been granted permission to travel in Hungary, and it was my intention to make application to the Department of State, for travel to Hungary at some future date, had the ban not been lifted. I would also like to add that whilst I was waiting at the Airport in Budapest, word got around that I was there, and I was taken on a tour of the City.

"With regard to the statement supposed to have been made by me that I would visit China in March. I have never said that. I may have said that I would like to visit China at some future date, and would probably make application to the Department of State for permission to do so. I could not have travelled to China in March, even if I had wanted too as I had committments in Great Britain. I would like to state that the reporter who interviewed me could not speak English and the interpretor did not speak English at all well."

The Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised on July 22, 1960, that PAUL LEROY ROBESON on May 17, 1960, applied for a renewal of his passport number 1145187, which was issued on June 25, 1958.

On July 14, 1960, the Passport Office authorized the American Embassy in London, England, to renew ROBESON's passport.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.
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New York, New York

September 7, 1960

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Title
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Reference
is made to the report of Special Agent John H. Sheahan, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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

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XXX Legal Attache, Paris (100-715) September 25, 1960
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Director, FBI

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Attached is the translation which you requested to be given dated 9/8/60. Copy of translation is enclosed to London.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

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PAUL L. ROBESON

L'Humanité (GEORGES LEON) September 2, 1960

"So glad to see you" PAUL ROBESON (in English and in French).

PAUL ROBESON is coming today. He will sing tomorrow. We are going to welcome him presently, glad and proud to find him faithful to the rendezvous he had made with us a year ago, when he left Paris after his triumph in Meudon.

When he boarded the airplane which was to take him away, PAUL ROBESON said goodbye in these words:

"Friends, please know that this unforgettable day has moved me deeply. My meeting with the people of Paris, with the representatives of all the French provinces, takes on a great importance in my eyes. I have just had a fraternal contact with France. I am glad of it as an artist, but also and especially as a man, as a militant. Friends, I am convinced that never again now, when I shall come back, will I feel like as a stranger in this country. So long. Thank you. Will be seeing you soon again."

PAUL ROBESON is coming back and a fine day will rise when we, all of us, shall be before him to hear him and to thank him for being what he is, for being here, just so!

For a year, living in England, going around Europe, PAUL ROBESON has been fighting the good fight for justice and brotherhood, with music as his weapon and his eloquence as his strategy. He has kept on the way on which earlier he made up his mind to engage, without changing anything in his habits and without denying any of his convictions or of his certitudes. We will find him again as we left him last year in Meudon. With new songs.

PAUL ROBESON's art is so intimately bound up with his way of life that one cannot speak of him without recalling at once the great problems of our time.

TRANSLATED BY:
EDWARD P. ARBEZ: dsw
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He is always there where witnessing is necessary, ready for the struggle, open to friendship. When he sings, he is a tribune, and when he addresses those come to hear him, he is now, fully, an artist.

An Exemplary Life

Remember the words he said as a greeting. Have you forgotten the 'bronze' "good day" which he threw at us last year when the welcoming band became silent before him?

So it is always, in Stockholm, in London, or in Moscow. Sometime ago in Peekskill, at a famous meeting which turned loose against him the stupid fury of racism. He says and sings aloud what he thinks and he grants nothing.

The life of this artist and of this man is exemplary in every respect, as far back as it can be followed. He is like what he is today. Always the same courage, the same determination, the same care and the same passion. Never does he relax his effort, and everything down to the least detail reveals in him the unshakable will to take part in the history of his time. Deprived for a long time of his most elementary right, he found the necessary means so that we might hear him. Present wherever it was necessary, in Peekskill first before an immense audience or simply before a telephone to answer, in spite of everything, to the entreaties which came to him from everywhere.

Obliged then not to leave the American territory, PAUL ROBESON pursued the object of his mission.

Sometimes people wondered, in his own country, at his "obstinacy" in remaining faithful to his past. He was even asked why he had not, long before this, chosen to settle abroad.

Then PAUL ROBESON replied: "Because my father was a slave and my ancestors died building this country. I remain here because it is my right, just the same as you have. No fascist pressure shall be able to make me go. Is this clear?"

As his passport was taken from him, for eight years the great artist fought in America: giving lectures, singing as soon as he was able, receiving many visitors, writing his memoirs which he was to publish later as a beautiful book, each

page of it an act of faith in mankind, a lesson of integrity, an appeal to freedom and brotherhood.

A Book, A Man

This book - his autobiography - explains ROBESON completely, whether he writes about his art or his researches or his convictions.

As a musician he reveals an unbounded curiosity and pays particular attention to showing the value of his discoveries by constant parallels. If he studies the work of Bartok and Hungarian folklore, he knows how to compare them with African folklore, he can point to echoes and analogies more than resemblances. And everything, in his view, goes to show the universality of music. On this subject he is inexhaustible and ardent.

I remember a long talk with him, in London, two years ago. Holding the scores, he was talking to me of DEBUSSY; he quoted "Pelleas and Melisande", stopped awhile and to confirm what he had just said, he sang in an undertone a melody from MUSORGSKI's "Boris and Godunov".

Then he took up a Hebrew melody, a prayer and added immediately without any comment, an African incantation.

This anxiety to convince, PAUL ROBESON has it also, when he is pleading for justice or protesting against cruelty. In everything he is just and generous.

In this same book, when he addresses the colored children of Little Rock, he wants his racial brethren to feel the anxiety and the action of men of all lands.

"You are our children, he says to them, but the peoples of the whole world claim you also. They have seen your faces and the faces of all those who hate you. They are on your side. They see in you the qualities which parents everywhere wish to see in their children. Their best wishes - the love of all good people for children - they give to you."

This is only one detail among many others which reveal equally his kindness. Would not one think after these lines that PAUL ROBESON is going to sing? And indeed he almost does so in this place when he quotes a poem of PABLO NERUDA.

This is PAUL ROBESON who cannot - and does not wish to - dissociate art from life, certain as he is that true artists always have been able, in their way, to sing, fight and combat in the only way he knows to be possible, the way of a realism which has always manifested itself in the great periods of artistic history, whether the creators were poets or musicians, whether we are dealing with Beethoven or the popular story teller of the African forest.

In a short while, PAUL ROBESON will be among us. Sunday he will bring us all the love of the world to share. We are awaiting him.

GEORGES LEON

PAUL L. ROBESON

L'Humanité (GEORGES LEON) September 3, 1960

Good day to you, PAUL ROBESON!

PAUL ROBESON landed on French soil yesterday afternoon, at the Bourget airport where a delegation of "L'Humanité" led by our comrade ROGER ROUCHAUTE, the paper's manager, was waiting for him.

He met us at once with a smile on his lips and drew near to embrace us. Then after the greetings, he expressed at once his joy at being here, at finding "all of you again on Sunday at La Courneuve, at singing before you" and showing thus by his presence that our festival has in his eyes a great importance.

The travelers, who came from London with him, had been watching him for a while, as he was waiting for his bags at the customs. A young woman came up to him with an envelope. PAUL ROBESON took it and thus signed his first autograph. In the hall of the airport, people recognized him and we heard frequently the words: "at La Courneuve".

The car which took us to the hotel followed a road which ran along the festival grounds. P. ROBESON saw the flags which were being raised up the poles, had a glimpse of the colors hoisted on the thousand and one stands and said smiling: "This will be for tomorrow, a fine day."

Hardly had our friend reached his room, when he confided to us how glad he was to see us again, and he added that he had another reason for feeling happy: his brother was in Paris and they were going to meet.

In the restaurant a few minutes later, the head waiter soon managed to make us understand that he also knew the reason for the trip of our guest and that, like us, he was glad of it. He came back at the end of the meal and asked for an autograph "so that he might frame the menu adorned by the signature."

Several times during the meal he received marks sympathy from people who, recognizing him, greeted him

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simply, without saying anything or asking for anything.

"My friends, how good it is to be here without being treated as an unapproachable personage. This is the way I like to find again my Parisian friends. Indeed I am very glad to be here again. Every sojourn in your city reminds me of the unforgettable welcome which the French workers gave me as I was coming back from Spain in 1937. And how could I forget that Saturday of last September, when I sang on the Meudon terraces?"

JEAN WIENER, whom we shall applaud tomorrow by the side of PAUL ROBESON, came for the dessert. And soon, their conversation took a musical turn. PAUL ROBESON spoke of BACH, BEETHOVEN and BARTOK, of his researches, of his studies and of a work which he has just completed. He became fiery trying to convince us. He was happy. We left him then, to find him again a few hours later at "L'Humanite", where he was anxious to greet in person all the comrades of the paper.

He was received by our comrades ETIENNE FAJON, the Editor of "L'Humanite" and WALDECK ROCHET, members of the Political Bureau, ROGER ROUCHAUTE, the Manager, GASTON PLISSONNIER of the Central Committee, RENE ANDRIEU, the Editor of the paper, and ANDRE CARREL the Editor of the Sunday edition (L'Humanite - Dimanche). As he came into the room, PAUL ROBESON was greeted by his brother who was waiting for him and by all those who everyday get up "L'Huma" and who, last night, expressed by their applause the admiration and the respect which they all feel for him.

ETIENNE FAJON began: "Dear PAUL ROBESON, I remember that, last year, when the time came to part after your unforgettable Meudon recital, I had thought I could say: "Until we meet again!. I say (now): we are happy to have you among us."

"If PAUL ROBESON had not come, our Festival would have lost a part of its beauty. I welcome him in this house where the collaborators claimed the privilege of being the first to applaud him, as they know well that, with him, art cannot be dissociated from the struggle."

The acclamations which followed our editor's words, showed to PAUL ROBESON our delight in thanking him for coming. He rose to say:

"Is it necessary for me to dwell on my pleasure in being in this house again? As, a little while ago, I was passing by in the street, I recognized the front of your house and I felt deeply stirred. Indeed, I am especially happy today...."

Suddenly PAUL ROBESON's voice rose stronger:

"Indeed, my friends, I am happy. I am with you and I am now thinking of what JOLIOT - CURIE used to say again and again: 'It is the peoples who will impose and make a lasting peace.' So long, until tomorrow."

While he was raising his glass to our common friendship and success, PAUL ROBESON met the very great Soviet singer, ZARIA DOLUKHANOVA and the baritone IGOR SOROKIN, whom you will hear in a little while. Near them, a tall youth gave vent to his joy. He was the pianist IEROKIN, who had accompanied PAUL ROBESON in Moscow. Then began among the artists the friendly talk, but soon it had to be interrupted, as ZANIA (sic) DOLUKHANOVA was going to rehearse. However, she confided to us her pleasure to appear before you, to find again Paris which acclaimed her, seven years ago, after an extraordinary recital. You are going to acclaim her. Hers is one of the golden voices of our time.

GEORGES LEON.

Above the article, a picture of the Soviet singer Z. DOLUKHANOVA and PAUL ROBESON. Center, the arrival of P. ROBESON at Le Bourget.

Notice accompanying the pictures:

The reception of P. ROBESON and of the Soviet artists, Z. DOLUKHANOVA, IGOR SOROKIN, ALEXANDER IEROKIN took place, last night, in the large hall of "L'Humanite", then in the office of our comrade, ETIENNE FAJON, in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

There was talk of music. They recalled the success of our past festivals. Our friend, RATIANI, the correspondent

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of "PRAVDA" in Paris, acted as interpreter. P. ROBESON was conversing with the pianist IBROKIN, Z. DOLUKHANOVA recalled her first visit to France. ETIENNE FAJON wished to all, the deserved applause. Our photographers took the pictures of our meeting, as you can see, with Z. DOLUKHANOVA and P. ROBESON above; and, beneath, P. ROBESON accompanied by E. FAJON and WALDECK ROCHET.

A few hours earlier, at Le Bourget, a delegation of "L'Humanite" had welcomed the great singer; near by him, you can recognize our manager, R. ROUCHAUTE and our collaborator, G. LEON.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: September 8, 1960

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legat, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Re Paris letter 9/1/60.

Enclosed herewith are two newspaper articles with photographs of the subject which appeared in "L'Humanite", French daily Communist Party newspaper, on 9/2-3/60 in connection with his appearance at the annual Communist Party festival held at La Courneuve, France.

In view of the information contained in the enclosed clippings, which describe ROBESON's participation in a Communist-sponsored festival and which demonstrate his affection for several well known French Communists, it is suggested that the enclosures be reviewed by a French translator for pertinent information.

Any additional data obtained will be forwarded to the Bureau and Legat, London.

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Memorandum

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FROM : Legat, Bonn (105-720)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Reference Bonn letter 11-3-59.

The "Berliner Zeitung", an East German newspaper, reported on 9-14-60 that PAUL ROBESON, among others, will take part in the East Berlin Cultural Festival October 1/16, 1960.

[redacted] any information which is received concerning ROBESON's activities will be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: October 10, 1960

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legat, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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The 10/6/60 issue of "L'Humanite", daily organ of the French Communist Party, contained an article, datelined 10/5/60 at Berlin, which is translated as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON today received the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from Humboldt University in East Berlin. The great singer is presently in East Berlin, where he will give several concerts during the 'Cultural Week' organized in honor of the 11th anniversary of the proclamation of the 'Democratic German Republic' on October 7."

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[redacted](C) advised on 10/18/60 regarding a discussion b1
between [redacted] and [redacted] b7C

Five copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to this discussion are enclosed.

The memoranda are classified "Confidential" because they contain information from [redacted] source, the unauthorized disclosure of which could seriously impair the investigation of the CP, USA, and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests of the country.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
October 19, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 100-98394

Re: [redacted]

A confidential source, which has furnished reliable information in the past, recently advised that [redacted] recently asserted he met Paul Robeson while he was in Europe. According to [redacted] Robeson told him he is going to fly to Australia for a three month concert tour.

[redacted] said he remarked to Robeson that plans are being made for a new "Daily Worker". [redacted] Robeson told him that he is to give a concert in London and that the proceeds of the concert will go to the new "Daily Worker". According to [redacted] Robeson stated he would guarantee from $8,000 to $10,000.

The Communist Party, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, had a daily newspaper called the "Daily Worker", which ceased publication with the issue of January 13, 1958.

[redacted] stated that Paul Robeson attended the 11th Anniversary Celebration of the German Democratic Republic on October 3, 1960.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that Paul Robeson was known to him, prior to 1945, as a concealed Communist.

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My dear [redacted] (C)

We recently learned that Paul Leroy Robeson, the much-publicized Negro concert singer, plans to travel to Australia in the near future to conduct a concert tour. The expected duration of his tour is three months.

Robeson was born on April 9, 1898, at Princeton, New Jersey, and has been self-employed as a concert singer and actor since approximately 1923. He maintains a residence at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York; however, since July, 1958, he has maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England. He possesses a valid United States Passport Number 1145187.

According to sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, Robeson was a concealed member of the Communist Party, USA, from the 1930s to 1945; reportedly stated in 1952 that he was a communist; made numerous public appearances in the United States from 1950 to 1957 which were either sponsored, guided, or influenced by the Communist Party, USA; has frequently been in contact with Soviet and satellite officials in the United States, Russia, England and many other countries; and was publicly reported to have met with Nikita Khrushchev on occasions in Russia in 1958 and 1959.

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Robeson has also been reported by several sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and by various publications to have been active throughout the years as an officer, sponsor or member of numerous organizations which have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Some of these organizations are the Council on African Affairs; American Peace Crusade; American Youth for Democracy; China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated; Civil Rights Congress; National Negro Congress; 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.

In addition, Robeson, who is often quoted in publications throughout the world, has frequently made public statements wherein he has been consistent in his praise of the Soviet Union and communist and related parties throughout the world.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure of the New York Office. Information regarding proposed travel to Australia developed through [redacted] who, when recently in contact with Robeson in Europe, was informed of such plans by Robeson. It is noted that State Department, in recent intra-Department communications, carbon copies furnished Bureau, indicates that State Department office in Australia is being alerted to possible travel by Robeson to Australia. Letter classified "Confidential" inasmuch as considerable information contained herein was furnished by current active informants, the disclosure of which to unauthorized persons could impair security of informants resulting in injury to the national defense. b7C

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Robeson, the internationally known and frequently quoted Negro concert singer, is again parading foreign soil as a propagandist for the international communist conspiracy. Now 62, the misguided artist, whose early achievements as a singer, scholar, and athlete, including all-American football honors, were unequalled, has achieved even greater stature as a "dupe" of the Soviet Union and international communism.

In pursuit of his concert activities, he has traveled abroad extensively since the 1920's. Because of activities detrimental to United States' interests abroad, his passport privileges were revoked in 1950 and withheld until 1958 when, as a result of the Supreme Court decision regarding issuance of passports, they were restored. Again given leave to travel, Robeson journeyed to England in 1958, where he has since maintained a headquarters for his activities. It is significant that he has not since returned to the United States even to visit his son Paul Robeson, Jr. However, he has spent considerable time in the Soviet Union, where he has associated with high Russian officials, including the desk-pounding number one communist, Nikita Khrushchev.

In view of his reputation as a Soviet apologist and communist propagandist, Robeson's frequent appearances at, or support of, communist sponsored affairs throughout the world, together with his outspoken comments at such affairs, have received widespread coverage in the international press. His utterances have been consistent in their praise of the Soviet Union, and its satellite countries, with particular emphasis on his mistaken but confirmed belief that these countries desire peace. Most distasteful to the informed world are Robeson's accompanying statements, always critical of his country of birth and its policies, foreign and domestic. Certainly such expressions by an American traveling abroad under United States endorsement and protection cannot have

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Report made by [redacted] Typed By mep

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/16/59, at New York.

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Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key Figure of the NYO, NY file 100-25857, Bufile 100-12304. (4)

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Mr. WALTER WALSH, American Consul, Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on 7/25/60, that authority has just been received from the State Department, Washington, to issue PAUL ROBESON a new passport. [redacted] b7D

Approved: [signature] Special Agent In Charge

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[redacted] It appears the new passport will be issued shortly. [redacted] (4)

The Passport Office, US Department of State, advised on 7/22/60, that PAUL LEROY ROBESON on 5/17/60, applied for a renewal of his passport number 1145187, which was issued on 6/25/58. (4)

On 7/14/60, the Passport Office authorized the American Embassy in London, England, to renew ROBESON'S passport. (4)

[redacted] (c)

[redacted] reported on 2/29/60, that BEN DAVIS on that date contacted the Con Edison Company, New York City, concerning the bill of ESLANDA ROBESON, 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. DAVIS informed a representative of the Con Edison Company that a check was on the way for payment of the above bill, of around $81.00. BEN DAVIS stated that he wanted to make certain that the electricity at the above address was not discontinued. The representative of the Con Edison Company assured BEN DAVIS that service would be continued if the check for the bill arrived soon. (4)

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It is to be noted that PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to their departure for Europe and they still consider it as their legal residence. (u)

"The Worker", an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its editorial of 5/1/60, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., as National Secretary of the CP, USA. (u)

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    [X] Subject's activities [ ] do [X] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Date: November 16, 1960

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: New York 100-56680

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Title: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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Synopsis: ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON continue to reside in the United Kingdom. Article appearing in "The Worker" of 3/20/60, captioned "ESLANDA ROBESON Appeals for WINSTON". [redacted] ESLANDA ROBESON sent greetings to International Women's Day meeting of 3/20/60, ~~Subject reported in February, 1960, to have been [redacted] in Moscow~~ and planned to remain in Moscow 3 or 4 more weeks. [redacted]

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

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The International Youth Festival referred to in the article is documented in the Appendix of this report.

"The Worker", dated March 20, 1960, on page eight, column three, contained an article captioned "ESLANDA ROBESON Appeals for WINSTON" by ESLANDA ROBESON. The article is as follows:

"LONDON — The meanness and inhumanity revealed by prison authorities in the neglect and persecution of Henry Winston during the early and observable stages of his very serious illness, is another manifestation of the dreadful result of the anti-communist hysteria and obsession in the United States.

"There is nothing constructive in anti-communism. It merely breeds hatred. It does not even attain its objective of destroying communism. Everyone knows that there are 1,000 million people living and working, growing and developing, building Socialism under the leadership of Communist Parties in other parts of the world. These 1,000 million people are very very strong, and becoming stronger every day.

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"Everybody knows now what the U. S. is against. It is much more important for everyone to know what the United States is for. The United States, and other 'Free Nations' of the West declare every hour on the hour, all over the face of the earth, that they are for Democracy.

"My Negro people will know that the U. S. is really for Democracy when, and not until when, we became first class citizens and along with all other American citizens, we can enjoy our Civil Rights.

"The African and Asian peoples know all about Democracy. They remember that the Democracy of Britain was not for them; that the 'Fraternite Egalite,' etc. of France was not for them; it was only after they fought and died and their leaders were imprisoned and they finally achieved their independence, that the 'Free Nations' began all this screaming about Democracy.

"The frantic anti-communism, the feverish hounding and persecution of 20 or 50 or 100 Communists in the United States — when one considers the 1,000 million of them in the rest of the world — is pathetic and tragic and futile.

"Whatever Henry Winston's political convictions are, I believe them to be honest convictions, else he would not have had the courage to endure such contemptible and brutal persecution for them. So I wish him speedy and permanent recovery, and say to him, across the miles: Be well, Man."

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HENRY WINSTON, SF National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, was sentenced on October 21, 1949, under the Smith Act of 1940, to confinement for five years and fined $10,000.00 on July 2, 1951. WINSTON became a fugitive and on March 5, 1956, surrendered to Federal authorities, Southern District of New York. On March 26, 1956, WINSTON was sentenced to three years for contempt of court, to be served subsequent to the sentence imposed in the Smith Act, 1940 conviction.

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"The Worker" is an east coast Communist weekly newspaper.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that greetings from ESLANDA ROBESON from Moscow were read to the International Women's Day meeting held on [redacted] in New York, New York.

Concerning the International Women's Day, a column in "The Worker" of March 8, 1959, on page 9, entitled "How It Began" by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated in part that March, 1960, will mark the 50th anniversary of International Women's Day.

The article went on to explain that the day was so designated by a vote of delegates at the International Socialist Congress held in Copenhagen in 1910. It was stated further that the day is not celebrated in the United States to the extent that it is in other countries, especially the Socialist countries.

On [redacted] advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected National Field Organizer of the CP, USA at a CP National Committee meeting held on June 28, 1958.

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During January and February, 1952, JOHN LAUTNER, who was a CP member for over 20 years and was former Chairman of the New York State Review Commission of the CP, testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board for the purpose of determining whether the CP, USA is a "Communist Action Organization" within the Internal Security Act of 1950. LAUTNER testified that he knew HALOIS MOOREHEAD, also known as HALOIS ROBINSON, to be a member of the CP as late as the spring of 1949.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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It is to be noted that PAUL ROBESON resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, prior to his departure for Europe and still considers it as his legal residence.

"The Worker", in its editorial of May 1, 1960, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., as National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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"The Worker" in its edition of February 7, 1960, page 5, column 1, contained a photograph of PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON on the occasion of their arrival in Moscow, Russia.

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APPENDIX

UNITED STATES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(Seventh World Youth Festival)

On [redacted] a source made available a background statement on the Seventh World Youth Festival distributed by the United States Festival Committee then in process of organization in New York City. This statement sets forth that the Festival idea is supported by the World Federation of Democratic Youth, (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, January 2, 1957, page 94.) with headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, and the International Union of Students, (cited as a Communist organization in the House Committee on Un-American Activities Guide, above, on page 48.), with headquarters in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It was decided to hold the 7th World Youth Festival in Vienna, Austria, during the summer of 1959.

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The statement made available by the above source on [redacted] set forth that the Festival has as its aim the desire to promote understanding and friendly cooperation between the youth of nations of the world.

A second source on [redacted] made available information concerning [redacted] of the CP, USA, held in New York City, on [redacted] The Youth Festival to be held in Vienna was discussed and those attending were urged to get delegates to attend this festival and to help raise money to defray delegate expenses.

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

A third source on [redacted] advised that the United States Festival Committee maintains Post Office Box 98, at Peter Stuyvesant Station, New York 9, New York.

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New York, New York
November 16, 1960

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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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

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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

Date: November 16, 1960

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legat, Paris (100-715)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Paris letter 10/10/60.

No further information has been received [redacted] regarding the activities of the captioned individual. [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11/22/60

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FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-720)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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The 10/14/60 edition of the East German English-language propaganda pamphlet "German Democratic Report" also carried an article on ROBESON's visit to East Berlin, referring to the honors afforded him and noted that he ended his visit there on 10/7/60 when he entertained the crowds gathered in East Berlin's Marx-Engels Square celebrating the 11th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic. (U)

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The "Bulletin des Weltfriedensrates" (Bulletin of the World Peace Council), Nr. 12 (Volume VII), dated October 1960, which is issued in conjunction with the communist organ "Stimmen Zur Zeit" (Voices of the Times), published monthly in Austria, carried an article regarding PAUL ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON, a member of the World Peace Committee, was in Budapest, Hungary from September 10 to September 15, 1960 at the invitation of the Hungarian Peace Committee. It was also stated that he took part in numerous gatherings of peace adherents in Budapest, as well as other Hungarian cities. (4)

This case is being closed at this time but this office will remain alert for any information which may become available regarding the activities of the subject. (4)

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Enclosed herewith are copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting a contemplated trip to Cuba by PAUL ROBESON, Sr.

The sources utilized in the attached letterhead memorandum are:

Confidential Source A - [redacted]
Confidential Source B -
Confidential Source C -
Confidential Source D -

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The attached memorandum has been classified confidential because it contains information from informants the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the defense interests of the United States and seriously hamper the investigation of the CPUSA.

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1-New York (100-25857) (PAUL ROBESON, Sr.) (412)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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New York, New York
November 25, 1960

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF 12-8-60 DATE

Re: Paul Leroy Robeson

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[redacted] advised on November 23, 1960, that Paul Robeson, Sr. and his wife Eslanda, were then in Australia where Robeson is completing a successful concert tour. Robeson is scheduled to be back in London, England, on December 6, 1960, following which he is to appear in Cuba.

[redacted] Robeson's son, Paul, Jr., has received an invitation from "the guy" in New York to visit Cuba at the time his parents are in that country. The source related that Paul Robeson, Jr. stated that "the guy" in New York said it would be like a "national holiday" when Paul Robeson, Sr. appears in Cuba.

[redacted] related that Benjamin J. Davis stated that Paul Robeson, Sr. would be the personal guest of Fidel Castro in Cuba. Davis further stated that he would "give anything" to go to Cuba and may try or at least put up a fight on it.

[redacted] reported on November 24, 1960, Benjamin J. Davis stated Paul Robeson, Sr. is the "greatest man in the world." Davis stated that Robeson's going to Cuba will be one of the greatest things that ever happened to Cuba, it will give Cuba world recognition. According to [redacted] Davis stated that this is a great thing for the Negro people and for the Communist Party. Davis indicated he hoped the Party would give Paul Robeson, Sr.'s visit to Cuba all-out support.

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ENCLOSURE

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Re: Paul Leroy Robeson

[redacted] related Davis stated he was seriously considering going to Cuba during the time Paul Robeson, Sr. is there "one way or another."

[redacted] has advised that in June, 1955, the Council on African Affairs dissolved and, at the time of dissolution, Paul Robeson, Sr. was Chairman of the organization.

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

[redacted] reported that Paul Robeson, Jr., was elected a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) at its 17th National Convention held December 10-13, 1959.

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

"The Worker" December 20, 1959, reported that Benjamin J. Davis, at a meeting of the National Committee, CP, USA, on December 14, 1959, was elected National Secretary and a member of the five-man Secretariat to conduct the current work of the Party.

Davis was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly publication.

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The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO. (u)

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On 10/13/60, the Security Office of the US Mission in Berlin furnished copies of various articles from East Berlin and East German newspapers on the dates 10/6 through 10/9/60, which reported the presence of the subject as an honored guest at various functions in East Berlin and listed the various honors afforded him as were described in a letter of 10/13/60, from Legat, Bonn. (4)

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Information concerning articles from L'Humanite were furnished by Legat, Paris to Bureau by letters dated 10/10/60, 9/23/60 and 9/1/60. (4)

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At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return. (U)

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ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He has publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

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On July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

On September 22, 1960, the United States Department of State furnished information concerning a press conference by subject in Budapest in which subject is quoted as stating, in part, "However, I do not think I shall deprive myself for a longer period from the possibility of paying a visit to 600 million Chinese who are building Socialism and are true friends of my people. I shall be among them much sooner than my passport will permit".

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According to information received from the Department of State, Washington, D. C., in November, 1960, PAUL ROBESON gave a series of three concerts in Auckland, New Zealand, on October 18, 29 and 31, 1960, before sell-out audiences.

The Department of State advised that at a press conference held on October 17, 1960, ROBESON called the Western democracies "pro-Fascist" and criticized the United States for supporting Franco and Chiang Kai-shek. After referring to Little Rock, he said that he would have "asked thousands of Negroes from all over the United States to go there armed" and he was sure nothing would have happened. When questioned as to his philosophy, he replied that he was a "Marxist - a rigid Marxist".

PAUL ROBESON's remarks made at the above-mentioned press conference were reported on the third page of the October 18, 1960, issue of the "New Zealand Herald".

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The Department of State also advised that while on this tour the communist weekly paper, "People's Voice", gave prominent coverage to PAUL ROBESON in its October 19 and 26, 1960, and November 2, 1960, issues, playing up his role as a "peace fighter" and "champion of human rights".

The November 2, 1960, edition of the "People's Voice" carried PAUL ROBESON's remarks before the waterside workers in Wellington on October 28, 1960. At this gathering, he referred to the fact that his father had been a slave and that the Negroes in the United States had not yet attained world equality but were working toward it. He alleged that the Welsh miners had first made him aware that the struggle of the Negro people was a class struggle based on economic facts, that the bosses wanted their labor for nothing - they (the Welsh miners) taught him that their struggle was also a class struggle and that there could be no separation between the two. Therefore, he became an active participant in the struggle. At this meeting, ROBESON was offered and accepted lifetime membership in the Wellington Watersiders Union.

In December, 1960, the Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised that while on a recent visit to Adelaide, Australia, PAUL ROBESON gave two well-attended public concerts, a free performance for the Waterside Workers Federation, and several radio, television and press interviews. He also attended a reception given by the Eureka Youth League and the Australian-Soviet Friendship Society (both communist affiliates) in honor of a visiting Soviet youth delegation. Both his performances and his interviews were heavily loaded with propaganda designed to sell himself as a messenger of peace, brotherhood, and the rights of man.

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The Department of State advised that the following quotes from reviewers show how ROBESON's message was received in Australia:

"What a fine man Paul Robeson looked and sounded in Sunday's 'Spotlight', on Channel 2.

"He is a Crusader with so much to say it all comes gushing out of him, in words and in song...

"'Set my people free' is the theme of Mr. Robeson's message on behalf of the negro race, and he speaks it, sings it, and lives it."

News, November 16, 1960

"...in the minds of everyone present, including Robeson, was the thought of the unique representativeness of the singer, who not only 'drifted into drama and singing with a passivity which takes the breath away,' as the programme note puts it, but has drifted (not quite so casually) into the position of a kind of one-man band (or league) of nations."

Advertiser, November 25, 1960

"The second concert by Paul Robeson on Saturday night confirmed the first impression of simple sincerity, both in his art and in his mission of brotherhood."

Advertiser, November 28, 1960

"Variety", a weekly theatrical newspaper, contained an article in its November 30, 1960, edition as follows:

"PAUL ROBESON 'TOP' WITH AUSSIE PUBLIC IN HIS 1ST DOWN UNDER P.A. TOUR

"Melbourne, Nov. 29.

"PAUL ROBESON, previously only known here through recordings and films, is tops and his voice is 'as good as ever' according to Aussie opinion.

"ROBESON, touring Down Under and New Zealand, has already given one concert in Brisbane and four in Sydney. He is giving three here, then does two in Adelaide and two in Perth. He's playing to capacity or near-capacity houses.

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"At his Melbourne debut last week he got the cheer treatment --even before beginning his recital. These demonstrations are usually reserved here for teenage warblers. A large percentage of the capacity audience in the huge Melbourne Town Hall was made up of older age groups.

"ROBESON, with great ease, goes through Beethoven, Schubert, Negro spirituals, quotes poetry and gives an excerpt from 'Othello'. Interspersed are references to 'peace', injustices', 'brothers under the skin' etc., which gain much applause--for it is applause for a great and superb artist.

"At one point in last week's performance ROBESON said he had been made 'an honorary member of the 'Wharfies' Association.' This was in reference to a current strike here of wharf workers and public's sympathy is definitely not with them. Yet this statement too, said half jocularly, half seriously, received wild applause.

"ROBESON says he hopes to be back Down Under next year and appear with an Aussie cast in a production of 'Othello.'"

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[redacted] advised on November 23, 1960, that PAUL ROBESON, SR., and his wife ESLANDA, were then in Australia where ROBESON is completing a successful concert tour. ROBESON is scheduled to be back in London, England, on December 6, 1960, following which he is to appear in Cuba.

According to [redacted] ROBESON's son, PAUL, JR., has received an invitation from an unnamed individual in New York to visit Cuba at the time his parents are in that country. The source related that PAUL ROBESON, JR., stated that the unnamed individual in New York said it would be like a "national holiday" when PAUL ROBESON, SR., appears in Cuba.

[redacted] related that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS stated that PAUL ROBESON, SR., would be the personal guest of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba. DAVIS further stated that he would "give anything" to go to Cuba and may try or at least put up a fight on it.

"The Worker", an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its editorial of May 1, 1960, page 12, identified BENJAMIN J. DAVIS as National Secretary of the CP, USA.

[redacted] advised on December 21, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10-13, 1959, PAUL ROBESON, JR. was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA.

[redacted] advised on November 24, 1960, that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS stated PAUL ROBESON, SR., is the "greatest man in the world." DAVIS stated that ROBESON's going to Cuba will be one of the greatest things that ever happened to Cuba, it will give Cuba world recognition. According to [redacted] DAVIS stated that this is a great thing for the Negro people and for the Communist Party. DAVIS indicated he hoped the Party would give PAUL ROBESON, SR.'s visit to Cuba all-out support.

The "Berliner Zeitung", an East German newspaper, reported on September 14, 1960, that PAUL ROBESON, among others, will take part in the East Berlin Cultural Festival, October 1-16, 1960.

The publication "Neues Deutschland" (New Germany), which is the organ of the Central Committee of the East German Communist Party (SED) reported in its October 6, 1960 edition that the subject, during his stay in East Berlin on October 5, 1960, had been the recipient of the following honors:

1. The subject was awarded the "Stern der Voelkerfreundschaft" (Star of People's Friendship) by WALTER ULBRICHT, Chairman of the Council of Ministers. ROBESON is the first recipient of this honor.

2. Professor Doctor MARTIN LEHNERT, Dean of the Philosophy Faculty of Humboldt University, conferred an honorary Doctor of Philosophy on the subject.

3. Professor Doctor Doctor WALTER FRIEDRICH, President of the "Deutschen Friedensrat" (German Peace Council) conferred the "Deutsche Friedensmedaille" (German Peace Medal)

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The October 6, 1960 issue of "L'Humanite", daily organ of the French Communist Party, contained an article, datelined October 5, 1960, at Berlin, as follows:

> "PAUL ROBESON today received the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from Humboldt University in East Berlin. The great singer is presently in East Berlin, where he will give several concerts during the 'Cultural Week' organized in honor of the 11th anniversary of the proclamation of the 'Democratic German Republic' on October 7."

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper, in its edition of November 6, 1960, on page 5, column 1, contained an article captioned "Democratic Germany Honors ROBESON", commenting on the honoring of PAUL ROBESON in Berlin on the occasion of the eleventh anniversary of the founding of the German Democratic Republic. At a press conference, when ROBESON was asked about his immediate plans, ROBESON announced that he was about to leave for a six weeks concert tour in Australia, that toward the end of the year he hoped to make an extended trip to Africa and that after that he would go to Cuba.

The October 14, 1960 edition of the East German English-language propaganda pamphlet "German Democratic Report" also carried an article on ROBESON's visit to East Berlin, referring to the honors afforded him and noted that he ended his visit there on October 7, 1960 when he entertained the crowds gathering in East Berlin's Marx-Engels Square celebrating the 11th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic.

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The "Bulletin des Weltfriedensrates" (Bulletin of the World Peace Council), Nr. 12 (Volume VII), dated October, 1960, published monthly in Austria, carried an article regarding PAUL ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON, a member of the World Peace Committee, was in Budapest, Hungary, from September 10 to September 15, 1960, at the invitation of the Hungarian Peace Committee. It was also stated that he took part in numerous gatherings of peace adherents in Budapest, as well as other Hungarian cities.

An article in the September 1, 1960, edition of "L'Humanite", stated that subject will take part in the annual Communist Party festival, which is sponsored by "L'Humanite", on September 4-5, 1960 at La Courneuve, a suburbe of Paris.

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An article appeared in "L'Humanite" dated September 3, 1960, which commented on subject's landing on French soil on September 2, 1960, at the Bourget Airport to take part in the festival sponsored by "L'Humanite" on September 4-5, 1960, at La Courneuve, a suburb of Paris.

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[redacted] advised on October 3, 1960, that LOUIS WEINSTOCK in discussing his recent trip to Europe stated that when WEINSTOCK's daughter, SUSAN, was married in Hungary, PAUL ROBESON, who was giving a concert there, was a witness at this marriage. b7D

"The Worker", in its edition of October 23, 1960, page 6, column 1, contained a photograph of PAUL ROBESON under the caption "US-Hungarian Relations Strengthen," and stated that new bonds between the United States and Hungary were tied in Budapest on September 15, 1960, when SUSAN WEINSTOCK, daughter of LOUIS WEINSTOCK, General Manager of "The Worker", was married. Among those present at the ceremony was PAUL ROBESON who appeared as a witness for the bride. U.S., Hungary

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On November 7, 1960, the Department of State, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information concerning PAUL ROBESON's concerts in Auckland, New Zealand:

No civic reception or other formal type of welcome was tendered to ROBESON during his stay in Auckland, although the Mayor, D. M. ROBINSON, did receive him and his wife at a private morning tea at the Mayor's residence. Aucklanders studiously refrained from commenting to the Principal Officer and Vice Consul about ROBESON's early outburst to the press or his political leanings. No inquiries of any kind were received by the Consulate regarding ROBESON's status as an American citizen or the circumstances under which he was originally denied a passport by the Department.

On December 15, 1960, the Department of State, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information concerning the propaganda impact of PAUL ROBESON's visit to Adelaide, Australia:

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"The recent visit to Adelaide by PAUL ROBESON must be accounted a complete propaganda success. He was accepted by South Australians with the naive, uncritical welcome they extend to almost all entertainers from 'overseas', regardless of merit.

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"Advertiser, November 28, 1960

"Australians are by no means pro-Communist; the great majority are strongly anti-Communist. However, they are eager for novelty and, for the most part, completely indifferent to international politics. The few who are politically aware are proud of their political tolerance and would not miss a change to show how much more broad-minded they can be than the Americans. For this reason, the years of controversy caused by refusing ROBESON a passport undoubtedly increased the impact of his propaganda."

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New York, New York

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] at New York, dated and captioned as above. b7C

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

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Mr. J. E. Hoover
F.B.I. Dept.
Washington D.C

Dear Sir:

I am seeking information of the status of Mr. Paul LeRoy Robeson. I would like this information from you (if it is the policy of your office to do so) because I would like to do series of talks on this person and would like to know his status in regards to your files.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Yours truly

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated March 6, 1961, and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

There are no identifiable references to correspondent. Paul LeRoy Robeson, about whom correspondent inquired, is the internationally known Negro concert singer. He has been traveling abroad since 1958. Robeson received All-American football honors and considerable fame as a scholar and singer. He has been associated with high Russian officials such as Nikita Khrushchev, Soviet Prime Minister. He has constantly favored Soviet Russia. (100-~~12344~~ 12304)

Correspondent in his letter advised he was seeking information about the "status of Mr. Paul LeRoy Robeson" since he wished to do a series of talks on this person. In view of the manner in which correspondent's letter was written to furnish him literature would be inappropriate.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure of New York Office. Presently residing in London, England.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ALBANY, LAWSON (Your file 100-11182) DATE: APR 3 1961

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and serial 100-123666)

SUBJECT: Paul Leroy Robeson 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. 1-24-81

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Report will be submitted

Reason for delay (Remain alert for any indication re travel to Cuba)

(C) NYK Caribbean advised re Travel To Cuba. b1

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2. (X) 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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: April 7, 1961

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It is recalled that Robeson, who has an extensive history of participation, sponsorship and influence in national and international communist affairs, and who has been an outspoken apologist for the Soviet Union, left the United States in 1958 following issuance of a passport which had been denied him since 1950. He has since maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England, and has spent a substantial amount of time in Russia, where he has publicly been reported to have, on occasions, met with Nikita Khrushchev. (U)

In view of the past exploitation of Robeson's popularity by the communists to further their aims, it is expected that the death of Robeson would be much publicized, and that his name and past history would be highlighted even more in propagandizing on behalf of the international communist movement. We will, of course, continue to follow his activities closely. (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
(100-399388)
FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (100-1182)
(100-1878)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/17/61

FROM: Legat, Rio de Janeiro (100-659)

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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The May 2, 1961, edition of "Ultima Hora," a leftist Rio de Janeiro newspaper, carried a short item that arrangements were being made for the Negro singer, PAUL ROBESON, to come to Brazil to sing at "Fred's," a Rio de Janeiro night club. No date was given for this appearance.

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Legat will follow this matter to report any information developed concerning the appearance of PAUL ROBESON and any other information of interest relating to such an appearance in Rio de Janeiro.

It is requested that Legat be advised of any information available indicating ROBESON plans an appearance in Rio de Janeiro.

One copy of this letter is being forwarded for transmittal to the New York Office.

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1 - Mr. Rachner

Legal Attache, Rio de Janeiro (100-659) June 5, 1961

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Director, FBI

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet 5-17-61.

No information has been received to indicate that Robeson anticipates travel to Brazil or other countries in South America. According to several reports, Robeson had planned to visit Cuba possibly in late April, 1961; however, subject's plans undoubtedly curtailed based on subsequent reports indicating that Robeson had been confined since late March or early April for what would appear to be a heart ailment.

It may be noted that since 1958, Robeson has maintained a residence and headquarters for his activities in London, England, but has spent a substantial portion of his time in Russia as well as its satellite countries.

Enclosed for New York Office is a copy of relet. New York furnish any information bearing upon travel by subject in a form suitable for dissemination.

2 - New York (100-25857) (Enclosure)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure in New York Office.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 5/18/61

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-720)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Reference Bonn letter 4/25/61.

On 5/9/61, [redacted] Public Affairs Section, U.S. Mission Berlin, furnished the enclosed Photostat of an item from the 4/27/61 issue of the East German newspaper "Neue Zeit," which contained a write-up of an interview with PAUL ROBESON.

From this interview, it appears that ROBESON's plans for the future are to visit in East Germany and Hungary in the first weeks of summer. He then intends to go to Ghana and also to Guinea, if possible, as well as to other countries of West Africa. He has also received an invitation from Cuba. He further indicated that he intends to go to Australia again and to devote the proceeds of concerts and films there to the welfare of the aborigines.

It is recommended that the enclosed Photostat be translated and that the original and translation be forwarded to the office of origin in this case.

The foregoing is for information.

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Meine Pläne – Kampf für die Freiheit!

Unser Moskauer Korrespondent Henrik Gurkow sprach mit dem weltberühmten Sänger Paul Robeson über seine letzten Reisen

APR. 27 1961 NEUE ZEIT

Der berühmte Friedenskämpfer und Künstler Paul Robeson wird zur diesjährigen Ostseewoche nach Rostock kommen. Unser Moskauer Korrespondent sprach mit Robeson während dessen Aufenthalts in der sowjetischen Metropole.

Beharrlich klingelte das Telefon. Alle wollen Robeson sprechen, alle ihn bei sich begrüßen. Da sind Betriebe und Schulen, Redaktionen der Zeitungen und Theater. Robeson lächelt und klatscht vor Verwunderung in die Hände. Wie gern möchte er überall sein, doch das ist leider unmöglich. Auch in der Sowjetunion, wo die Wissenschaft wahrlich Wunder vollbringt, kann man dem Tag keine Länge zusetzen. Vierundzwanzig Stunden – das ist zu wenig!

Wir sitzen in seinem Zimmer, das er im Hotel „Sowjetskaja" belegt hat. Paul Robeson spricht – energisch, klar, in der ihm eigenen Weise. Dieser Mensch und Lauheit sind zwei einander ausschließende Pole. In dem so gut bekannten unnachahmlichen Timbre seiner Stimme klingen innige Wärme, wenn er über seine Moskauer Eindrücke spricht, aber auch Bitternis und Zorn, wenn seine Gedanken zu denen gehen, die noch immer nicht für sich das Recht der Menschenwürde errungen haben, wenn er vor seinen Augen das Leben der Afrikaner, der australischen Ureingeborenen und der Neger Amerikas sieht.

Begegnungen mit dem Publikum

„Ich bin eigentlich jetzt ohne bestimmtes Ziel unterwegs", erzählt Robeson, „wollte nur einfach mal ‚Hallo' meinen sowjetischen Freunden sagen. Natürlich gab es schon eine ganze Reihe freundschaftlicher Begegnungen. Eine davon ist der Besuch bei der ‚Iswestija' gewesen. Besondere Freude hat mir die Bekanntschaft mit dem jungen Nachwuchs der sowjetischen Journalisten gemacht. Ich sang ein paar Lieder, und dann haben wir uns lange unterhalten: über den Kampf der sowjetischen Jugend für den Frieden, über ihre Teilnahme beim Aufbau des Kommunismus, über ihre Arbeitserfolge in den Neulandgebieten. Wir haben auch über Musik gesprochen, über Negro-Spirituals und Jazz. Wie Sie sehen, war der Bogen unserer Gespräche weit gespannt."

Paul Robeson erzählt von seinem Besuch im Großen Theater und gibt seiner Anerkennung über die „Ballade vom Soldaten" Ausdruck. „Natürlich habe ich auch die Universität der Völkerfreundschaft aufgesucht. Ich wollte mit den Studenten aus den afrikanischen Ländern zusammenkommen und auch mit der Jugend Asiens und Südamerikas. Die jungen Männer und die Mädchen werden als Vertreter verschiedener Völker aus Moskau nicht nur ausgezeichnete fachliche Kenntnisse mitnehmen, sondern auch das Gefühl der Achtung voreinander. Die Universität erfüllt eine edle Aufgabe. Und wie froh haben mich die Worte des Rektors gestimmt, der anerkennend von der wichtigen Rolle meiner Frau bei der Durchführung dieser Aufgabe sprach.

„Ihr letztes Ziel war Australien?", frage ich. „Führte Sie eine Gastspielreise dorthin?"

„Nicht nur", antwortet Robeson. „Sehen Sie, auf einer solchen Reise verbinden sich meine Auftritte als Künstler mit der Arbeit des politischen Menschen, der die Weltfriedensbewegung vertritt. Ich hatte einige Konzerte. Genau genommen, ist das nicht die richtige Bezeichnung dafür. Ich selbst nenne das Auftreten im Rahmen einer Veranstaltung Begegnungen mit dem Publikum. Auf solchen Begegnungen singe ich, lese Verse und äußere mich zu Fragen der Musik, besonders aber über die Volksmusik.

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Einladungen über Einladungen

In Australien und Neuseeland kennt man mich von Grammophonplatten und Filmen her, die gut zwanzig bis dreißig Jahre alt sind. Jetzt wollten die mich sehen und hören. Ich gab vier Konzerte, es hätten vierzehn sein können. Das Interesse war außerordentlich groß; jedesmal ausverkauft."

„Etwas hat in mir Bitternis hervorgerufen." Robeson wird mit einem Male sehr ernst. „Ich habe auf dem fünften Kontinent eine mir aus Afrika und Amerika bekannte Erscheinung angetroffen: Rassendiskriminierung in widerlichster Form. Wenn man die Lage der Maori — der neuseeländischen Ureinwohner — mit der Lage amerikanischer Neger aus den Nordstaaten vergleicht, so kann man die Situation, in der sie und die australischen Urbewohner sich befinden, einfach nur schrecklich nennen. Hier wird offene Ausrottung betrieben. Hier muß sich die Weltöffentlichkeit einschalten und ein ernstes Wort sagen.

Ich beabsichtige, noch einmal nach Australien zu fahren. Ich werde dort Filmen und Konzerte geben; die Einnahmen sollen der in Armut dahinvegetierenden Eingeborenenbevölkerung zugute kommen. Ich habe das bereits in Afrika getan, nun möchte ich es noch einmal in Australien wiederholen."

„Würden Sie uns auch noch von anderen Plänen der nächsten Zukunft etwas verraten?"

„Die nächsten Pläne", meint Paul Robeson, „sind eng mit den Einladungen verbunden, die mich aus einigen sozialistischen Ländern erreicht haben. In den ersten Sommerwochen weile ich in der DDR und in Ungarn sein. Danach möchte ich nach Ghana und — wenn möglich — auch nach Guinea sowie in andere Länder Westafrikas. Weiter erhielt ich von Kuba eine Einladung. Es wird mir nur schwer, das alles zeitlich zu bewältigen.

Auch in den USA

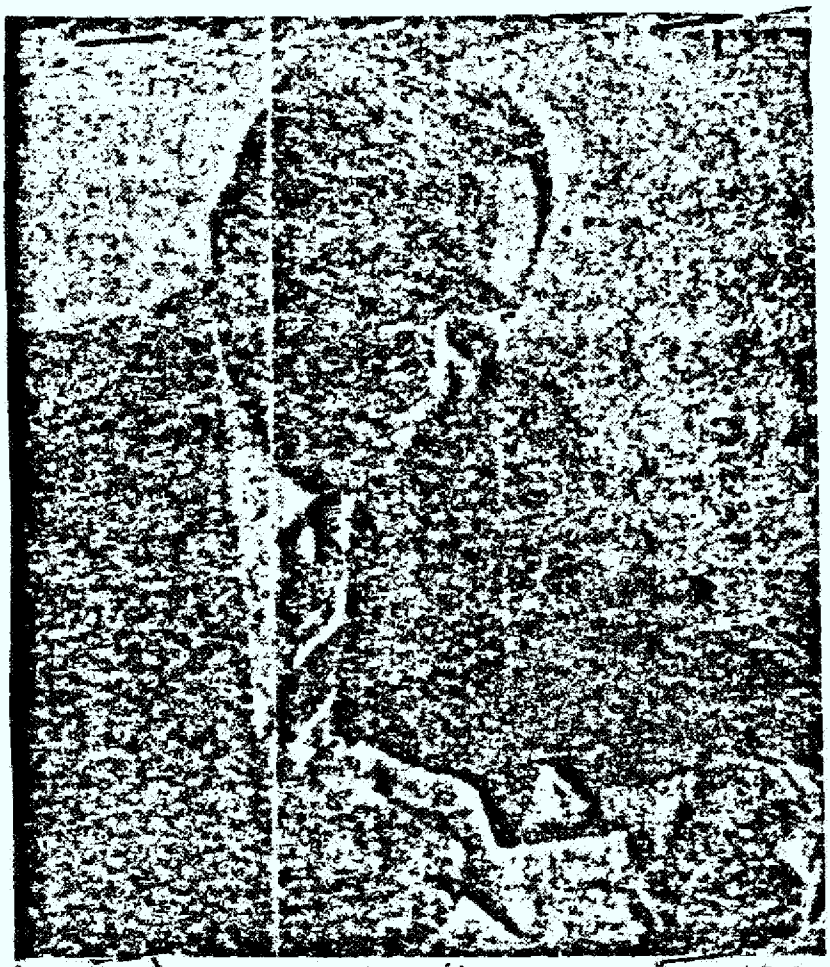
Inzwischen haben auch in den USA breite Kreise aufgehört, sich vor einem Besuch meiner Konzerte zu fürchten. Ich habe mir von neuem das amerikanische Publikum erobert. Das ist nicht nur für mich, sondern gleichermaßen auch für zahlreiche farbige Künstler wichtig, die auf jegliche Weise unterdrückt wurden. Es mußte allen vor Augen geführt werden, daß jene verloren hatten, die mich zum Schweigen bringen wollten. Ich stehe indes wieder auf den Füßen und singe."

„In England und Schottland", schließt Robeson seinen Bericht, „begrüßte mich das Publikum wie einen guten Bekannten. Meinen Erfolg in England verdanke ich zu einem guten Teil meinem Auftreten im Shakespeare-Gedächtnis-Theater in Stratford-on-Avon. Hier hatte ich die Rolle des Othello übernommen. Gerade nach Stratford kamen viele Amerikaner. Es war ihnen offensichtlich peinlich, daß ein amerikanischer Schauspieler, der in Amerika nicht auftreten darf, in England spielt. Und dies nicht auf einer gewöhnlichen Bühne, sondern auf der Bühne des Shakespeare-Theaters, das über die besten Kräfte verschiedener englisch sprechender Länder verfügt. Es gibt für einen Schauspieler keine größere Ehre, als dort zu wirken.

Die Rolle des Othello, das ist das Höchste, was ich als Schauspieler vollbracht habe. Für den Rest meines Lebens möchte ich meine Kräfte völlig einsetzen für den Kampf um die Freiheit Afrikas, für die Freiheit der amerikanischen Neger und der australischen Urbevölkerung, für die Freiheit aller, die unter der Unterdrückung leiden."

Als wir uns zum Abschied die Hand reichen, spüre ich in dem festen Händedruck dieses großartigen Mannes eine Bestätigung seiner Worte.

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PAUL ROBESON

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

MY PLANS--FIGHT FOR FREEDOM!

Our Moscow correspondent HENRIK GURKOW spoke with the world-famous singer PAUL ROBESON about his last journeys.

From "Neue Zeit" (New Time), April 27, 1961.

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The famous peace fighter and artist PAUL ROBESON will come to Rostock for this year's Baltic Sea Week. Our Moscow correspondent talked with ROBESON during his stay in the Soviet metropolis.

The telephone rang constantly. All wanted to speak with ROBESON; all wanted to welcome him in their homes. Enterprises and schools, the editorial offices of the newspapers and theaters called. ROBESON smiled and clapped his hands in astonishment. He wanted to be everywhere; however, this was unfortunately impossible. Even in the Soviet Union, where science really accomplishes wonders, the day cannot be prolonged. Twenty-four hours--this is too little time!

We sit in his room which he had reserved in the Hotel "Sovietskaya." PAUL ROBESON speaks--energetically and clearly-in the manner peculiar to him. This man and indifference are two poles which exclude each other. In the so well-known, inimitable tone of his voice lies sincere warmth when he talks about his impressions in Moscow, but also bitterness and scorn when he thinks of those who still have not conquered for themselves the right to human dignity; when he sees before his eyes the life of the Africans, of the Australian aborigines and of the Negroes of America.

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MEETINGS WITH THE PUBLIC

ROBESON stated: "Now I am on the road without having any definite aim. I simply wanted to

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say 'hello' to my Soviet friends. Of course, quite a number of friendly meetings took place. One of them was the visit to 'Izvestia.' I was particularly glad to meet the young generation of the Soviet journalists. I sang a few songs and then we talked to each other for a long time: about the struggle of the Soviet youths for peace, about their participation in the construction of communism, about their successes in the work in the new territories. We also discussed music, Negro spirituals and jazz. As you see, our discussions covered a lot of territory."

PAUL ROBESON talked about his visit to the Great Theater and expressed his approval of the "Ballad about the Soldier." He said: "Of course, I also visited the University of the Friendship Between Nations. I wanted to meet the students from the African countries and also the youths of Asia and South America. The young men and women as the representatives of different nations will not only take with them from Moscow excellent technical knowledge, but also the feeling of respect for each other. The university fulfills a noble task. The words of the rector have gladdened me very much, who praised the important role of my wife at the execution of this task."

I asked: "Your last goal was Australia? Did a starring performance lead you there?"

ROBESON replied: "This was not the only reason. You see, during such a trip my appearances as artist combine with the work of the political human being who represents the world peace movement. I gave a few concerts. However, in the true sense of the word this is not the correct designation. I call the appearances, within the framework of a public event, meetings with the public. During such meetings I sing, read verses and discuss the questions of music; in particular, of popular music."

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ONE INVITATION AFTER THE OTHER

"In Australia and New Zealand the people know me from Gramophone records and films which are twenty to thirty years old. Now they want to see and hear me. I gave four concerts; it could have been fourteen."

Suddenly ROBESON became very serious and said: "One thing has embittered me. On the fifth continent I encountered a phenomenon which I have experienced in Africa and America: racial discrimination in the most loathsome form. If we compare the situation of the Maoris - of the aborigines in New Zealand - with the situation of American Negroes from Northern states, we can call the situation simply terrible in which they and the Australian aborigines are. Here open extermination is effected. Here the public opinion in the world must go to work and say a serious word.

"I intend to return to Australia. I shall make films and give concerts. The proceeds shall benefit the aboriginal population languishing in poverty. I already did that in Africa, and now I want to repeat it once more in Australia."

"Would you tell us something about other plans in the near future?"

PAUL ROBESON replied: "The next plans are closely connected with the invitations which I received from some socialist countries. During the first summer weeks I shall be in the German Democratic Republic and in Hungary. Then I wish to go to Ghana and, if possible, also to Guinea and other countries of West Africa. Furthermore, I received an invitation from Cuba. However, it will be difficult for me to find the time for everything."

ALSO IN THE USA

ROBESON continued: "Meanwhile also in the USA wide circles have ceased to fear a visit of my concerts. I have again conquered the American public. This is not only important to myself, but likewise to numerous colored artists who were oppressed by any means. All had to be shown that those have lost who wanted to silence me. However, I am standing on my feet again and sing."

ROBESON concluded his report as follows: "In England and Scotland the public welcomed me like a good acquaintance. I thank my success in England partly to my appearance in the Shakespeare Memorial Theater in Stratford-on-Eavon (sic). Here I had to accept the role of Othello. To be sure, many Americans came to Stratford. They were apparently embarrassed that an American actor, who is not permitted to appear in America, plays in England; and then not only on an ordinary stage, but on the stage of the Shakespeare Theater, which has the best actors of various English-speaking countries at its disposal. There is no greater honor for an actor than to appear there.

"The role of Othello is the biggest one which I played as an actor. For the rest of my life I want to use my energies completely for the struggle for Africa's freedom, for the freedom of the American Negroes and of the Australian aboriginal population, for the freedom of all who suffer from oppression."

When we said good-by to each other, I felt in the firm handshake of this wonderful man a confirmation of his words.

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Picture of PAUL ROBESON by GURKOW.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO [redacted] DATE: 6/[illegible]/61

SUBJECT: PAUL [redacted]
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ReBulet [redacted] Janeiro dated [illegible]/61.

Relet requested NY furnish any information bearing upon travel [redacted] to Brazil or other countries in South America.

NY is in receipt of no information at this time concerning proposed travel by ROBESON to South America. NY will be alert for receipt of such information and will immediately furnish it to the Bureau.

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2-Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
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SUBJECT: PAUL ...ESON

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ESLANDA ROBESON will be maintained in a pending status in this office. (U)

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	9/7/61	3/1/61-9/4/61

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka

Report made by [redacted]

Typed By: ejr

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY LETTER(S) CE [illegible] DATE 9/12/61

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] 3/7/61, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO. (U)

Subject's wife, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, NY file 100-56680, Bufile 100-12304, is carried on the SI of the NYO. (U)

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The information concerning the interview article in the East German newspaper "Neue Zeit" was furnished by [redacted] Public Affairs Section, U.S. Mission Berlin, 5/5/61, to Legat, Bonn. (4)

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The information concerning the article in "Neues Deutschland" of 4/6/61, was furnished to the Director by Legat, Bonn by letter of 4/25/61. (U)

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the U.S.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the U.S. upon his return.

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1. [ ] Subject's name is included in the Security Index
2. [ ] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [ ] Changes on the Security Index card are necessary [x] and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
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6. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested [x] agencies are Secret.
7. [ ] This report is classified [redacted] because (state reason) [redacted] are confidential sources [redacted] (C)

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8. [x] Subject previously interviewed (dates) [redacted]
   [ ] Subject was not interviewed because (state reason) He is not residing in the U.S.

9. [ ] This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending [x] 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 the Security Index Criteria because (state reason).
ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He has publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960-1961.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] 67c Office: New York, New York
Date: SEP 7 1961

Field Office File No.: 100-25857 Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: [redacted] 61

ROBESON reported to be among various prominent guests who would take part in Baltic Sea Week in the Baltic coastal area of East Germany in July, 1961. (3)

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

It is noted that on July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

It is also noted that subject is employed as a concert singer and made a concert tour of Australia and New Zealand during 1960; details of this tour are set forth later in this report.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party (CP), USA, held December 10-13, 1959, PAUL ROBESON, JR., was elected to the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE CP MOVEMENT

Evidence of CP Sympathies

The East German newspaper "Neue Zeit" in its issue of April 27, 1961, contained a write-up of an interview with PAUL ROBESON. From this interview, it appears that ROBESON's plans for the future are to visit in East Germany and Hungary in the first weeks of summer. He then intends to go to Ghana and also to Guinea, if possible, as well as to other countries of West Africa. He has also received an invitation from Cuba. He further indicated that he intends to go to Australia again and to devote the proceeds of concerts and films there to the welfare of the aborigines.

The publication "Neues Deutschland" (New Germany), which is the organ of the Central Committee of the East German CP (SED) reported in its April 6, 1961, edition that subject would be among various prominent guests who would take part in this years Baltic Sea Week in the Baltic coastal area of East Germany. It was stated that ROBESON promised to attend during the period July 7, to July 10, 1961.

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Director - F.B.I
Washington 25, D. C.

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I'm sorry if I've rambled on but I get disgusted with myself and my fellow citizens who permitted people such as these to get in office. You have my very best regards and that of every member of my family. I will say this that John Crosby can go plum to hell and the faster he and the rest of his ilk go the better off this country will be.

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Respectfully Yours

/s/ [redacted]

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Respectfully Yours

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1 - Mr. Gurley

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter dated November 4, 1961, and your interest in furnishing me your observations is appreciated.

I am enclosing three items of literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Kenneth J. Turner

ATTENTION SAC, NEW YORK:

There are enclosed two copies of a letter from correspondent. You should make an appropriate check of the files of your office concerning the individuals mentioned therein and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions pertaining to security investigations of individuals.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to correspondent or the individuals mentioned by him, except Robeson.

Paul Robeson is on the Security Index of your office. (100-12304)

You are aware of the identity of the publications "The Nation," "The New Republic," and "The Reporter." The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent.

1. Director's statement re Internal Security 4-17-61
2. "The Communist Party Line"
3. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

"The Nation" has not been investigated by the Bureau but in the past has carried articles extremely critical of the FBI. (61-901) "The New Republic" is self-described as an "outstanding liberal magazine belonging to no party." This publication has been on the Bureau's "Do Not Contact List" since 1950 because a former editor accused FBI Agents of asking individuals whether or not they read "The New Republic." "The Reporter" has been characterized as a "liberal" fortnightly magazine. In the past it has published articles critic of the Bureau. (100-364570)

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	11/14/61	11/8/60 - 11/6/61

TITLE OF CASE

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON aka

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Report made by [redacted] b7C

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 12-30-91 at New York, 11/16/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key Figure of the NYO, NY file 100-25857, Bufile 100-12304. (4)

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7. [X] This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)

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8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) her residence in England.

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.
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maintains her association with Communist front organizations and pro-Communist articles written under her name have appeared in "The Worker".

11. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [X] Subject's activities [ ] do [X] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: NEW YORK

Date: November 14, 1961

Field Office File No.: 100-56680 Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: [redacted]

Letterhead of National Council of American Soviet Friendship under caption "Board of Directors", contained name ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. (C) -C-

CLASS. & EXT. BY sp-5 Rdg/Hw
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 1-2-3
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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

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It is noted that on July 22, 1960, the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reflected that PAUL ROBESON when applying for a renewal of his passport, gave his legal residence as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, and current address as 45 Connaught Square, London, England.

[redacted] (C)

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST (CP) MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of CP Sympathies

[redacted] (C)

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The letterhead of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship [redacted] reflects the following name under the caption, "Board of Directors", ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

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

"Freedomways" is characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

NY 100-56680

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, Albany, New York, reflect that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961. u

The first issue of "Freedomways," spring, 1961, is self-described as a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 14, 1961

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Title Eslanda Cordozo Robeson

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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

[redacted] and [redacted] were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 18, 1962

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20616) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ESLANDE GOODE ROBESON
SM - C
ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON
00: New York

Re Bureau letter, 11/3/61, to Cleveland under caption of [redacted]

[redacted]

A review of ROBESON's file in the Cleveland Office reflects no information not previously furnished to the Bureau or office of origin. It is noted that the only information [redacted] which appears in ROBESON's Cleveland file is the report on October 2, 1951, identifying the subject as a member of the "Sojourners For Truth and Justice" and as a member of the "initiating committee" of this organization.

The Bureau has instructed that all information concerning persons [redacted] which has not been previously furnished to the Bureau, should be immediately submitted for the Bureau's consideration. The New York Office is therefore requested to review its file on ESLANDE GOODE ROBESON and submit to the Bureau any information contained therein which is not currently in the Bureau's possession.

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2 - New York (RM)
1 - Cleveland

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Congressional Information exempt from disclosure

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CV 100-18733

[redacted] b7C b7D

The New York Office is requested to review their file on the subject and forward any pertinent information not in the Bureau's possession.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/22/62

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-18733)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Bureau letter, November 3, 1961, captioned [redacted] instructed Washington Field Office to furnish to Cleveland [redacted]

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Washington Field letter, November 15, 1961, enclosed for Cleveland a photostat of [redacted]

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Referenced Bureau letter states:

"The Cleveland Office should thoroughly review [redacted] upon receipt and advise the Bureau of all persons mentioned and their subversive activities unless such information is currently in the Bureau's possession. In the event the subjects reside in territory of other Field Offices, those Field Offices should be instructed by Cleveland Office to furnish Bureau any pertinent information which is not in the possession of the Bureau."

[redacted]

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - New York (100-25857)(RM)
2 - Cleveland
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
~~(100-399388)~~

DATE: 2/8/62

FROM :
SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (P)
(100-56680) (C)

SUBJECT:
PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS-C
(OO: NY)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM-C
(OO: NY)

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 1/18/62, captioned "ESLANDE GOODE ROBESON, SM-C" and Cleveland letter to Bureau dated 1/22/62, captioned "PAUL ROBESON, IS-C".

Referenced letters concerned information furnished by [redacted] b7C/b7D which included information concerning subjects. Bureau is in possession of all information concerning ESLANDA ROBESON as annual report was submitted on her on 11/14/61. A semi-annual report will be submitted in March, 1962, on PAUL ROBESON.

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UNITED STATES GC

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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DATE: February 13, 1962

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Rosen
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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Rachner

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We will continue to follow Robeson's activities closely, it being apparent that the communists would exploit the passing of Robeson, as they have exploited his day-to-day activities, to propagandize on behalf of the international communist movement. The Department, State and Central Intelligence Agency have been kept currently advised. (U)

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For information. (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 2-20-62

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720) (PUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C

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Communication dated 12-20-61

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☐ Office of Special Investigations (OSI), U. S. Air Force Europe

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New York, New York
March 6, 1962

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Title Paul Leroy Robeson

Character Internal Security - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. b7C

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	3/6/62	9/5/61 - 3/1/62

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka

Report Made By [redacted] Typed By: lbb

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] 9/7/61, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO.

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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Approved: [redacted] Special Agent In Charge

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LEADS:

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At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the US.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

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ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice-President of the British-Soviet Friendship Society in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960-1961.

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Date: 3/6/62

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Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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TO: LEGAL ATTACHE, LONDON (100-1666)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) — 651

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 4-16-92

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C.

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Cablegram to London
Re: Paul Leroy Robeson
100-12304

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson is key figure New York Office. He is Negro concert singer who has long been outspoken in praise of Russia. Since mid-1958, he has been traveling in Europe and Russia [redacted] b1

Sent via State Department channels at no cost to Bureau.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: April 17, 1962

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rachner
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[redacted] (TS)

Robeson, internationally known concert singer and apologist for USSR who has an extensive history of participation, sponsorship, and influence in national and international communist affairs, left the United States in 1958 and has since maintained residence in London with substantial periods spent in the USSR. He is key figure of the New York Office and his name is in Security Index.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 29, 1962

FROM : Legat, London (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(London file 100-1182)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(London file 100-1666)

OO: New York

Remylet 3/27/62.

There are enclosed the original and seven copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subjects made available by [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London.

As subjects are currently residing in England, these cases are being maintained in a pending status to be followed with sources of this office.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
1 - Liaison Section (Sent direct) (Enc. 1)
1 - London (100-1182)
1 - London (100-1666)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 31, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
ESLANDA ROBESON

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On May 25, 1962, [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, subject ESLANDA ROBESON arrived at the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her U.S. Passport. At that time she also made an appointment for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment was made for May 25.

[redacted] advised that both passports were renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the appearance of subjects at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy on May 25 and [redacted] spoke briefly with him. She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [redacted] that her husband continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel plans until he is released from the hospital.

[redacted] said the subjects' applications for passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have to be referred to the Department for approval and she will advise further if and when this approval is received.

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1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Rachner

SAC, New York (100-25857)
(100-56680)

July 25, 1962

Director, FBI (100-12304)
(100-399388)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re London letter and memorandum, both dated 5-29-62, which advised that the passport renewal requests of subjects filed with U. S. Embassy, London, had been referred to Department of State for approval.

Department of State has advised that passport will be issued Eslanda Robeson inasmuch as she signed affidavit indicating she had never been member of Communist Party or other subversive group. No mention was made of any issuance of passport to Paul Robeson.

Washington Field office promptly review passport records for complete information concerning subjects' passport renewal applications. Submit results in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

New York office thoroughly analyze all available information concerning subjects to determine whether a possible violation of passport sanction provisions of Internal Security Act of 1950 by either subject exists. If possible violation exists, handle pursuant to SAC Letters 61-61 and 62-29 and Bureau letter to all offices dated 6-14-62 relating to passport violations under the Internal Security Act of 1950. Advise Bureau of results of your review.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subjects in Security Index. Have resided abroad since 1958.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: July 30, 1962

FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(London file 100-1182)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(London file 100-1666)

OO: New York

Remylet dated March 27, 1962. (U)

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These cases are being maintained in a pending status to be followed with sources of this office. (U)

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1 Foreign Liaison - sent direct
1 London (100-1182)
1 London (100-1666)

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
July 30, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON;
ESLANDA ROBESON

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/3/62

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(NYfile 100-25857)
(WFOfile 100-19021) (P)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(NYfile 100-56680)
(WFOfile 100-41052) (P)

ReBulet to New York dated 7/25/62.

On 7/31/62, [redacted] Security Section, Legal Division, Passport Office, advised IC [redacted] that PAUL LEROY ROBESON has been requested to furnish an affidavit concerning Communist Party membership on his part, and that as of 7/31/62, ROBESON had not furnished such an affidavit. His application for renewal of his passport is being held in a pending status and no further action has been taken.

IC [redacted] was also advised on 7/31/62, that the passport file for ESLANDA ROBESON was not yet available for review.

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3-New York (RM)
2-WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) (100-399388)

DATE: AUG 10 1962

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (100-56680)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReBulet to NY dated July 25, 1962.

Relet requested analysis of subject's files to determine whether possible violation of passport sanction provisions of Internal Security Act of 1950 by either subject, exists.

The Department has advised in previous correspondence relating to passport sanctions, that in order to establish a violation under Section 6(a) (1) or (2) of this act, "it would be essential for the Government to prove Communist Party membership during the approximate period of the particular act involved, that is, the act of making application for a passport or the renewal of a passport or the act of using or attempting to use the passport".

PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA, have been in Europe and on concert tours abroad since approximately July, 1958. There is no information in the subject's files which indicates any present membership or continuation of past membership in the CP. Information in the file reflects that the CP of Great Britain had decided when the ROBESONS arrived there, that they should avoid becoming involved in any open CP activity and that they would not be asked to do anything on behalf of the Communist organization nor would they arrange any Party sponsored events for them.

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The Department has also advised that it would be helpful if the government could establish that the subject had actual knowledge of the prohibitions of Section 6 of the ISA - 1950, concerning the application for a passport or the use of a passport and that he had actual knowledge that the section proscribed such use.

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Since there is no evidence of present or recent CP membership on the part of subjects in view of the Department's interpretation of the passport sanction violation, it is not believed that a possible violation of the passport sanction exists on the part of subjects.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/24/62

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(Bufile 100-12304)
(NY file 100-25857)
(WFO 100-19021) P.
(OO:NY)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
(Bufile 100-399388)
(NY file 100-56680)
(WFO 100-41052) P.
(OO:NY)

ReBulet to NY dated 7/25/62.

There are forwarded herewith eight copies of a LHM to the Bureau and two copies to NY setting forth the results of a review of subjects' passport files by S[redacted]

Copies were made of the passport photographs of the subjects which will be forwarded to NY by routing slip at a later date.

WFO will determine the passport number of each subject and advise Bureau and NY by separate communication.

The LHM is classified "Secret" since the information contained therein was taken from State Department files which are also secret.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON
ESLANDA ROBESON

The file for Paul Leroy Robeson was reviewed on August 7, 1962 and was found to contain the following:

On May 25, 1962 at London, England, Robeson made an application for a passport. In this application he stated he had previously been issued Passport Number 1145187 on June 25, 1958 at Washington, D. C., and this passport had been renewed in London, England, on June 26, 1960. He stated he was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. His parents were listed as William D. Robeson, born in North Carolina and Maria Louisa Bustill, born in Pennsylvania. He was last married on August 17, 1921 to Eslanda Goode Robeson who was born December 15, 1896 at Washington, D. C. In his application Robeson stated he intended to remain abroad indefinitely but had no plans to travel outside of England because of his poor health. In connection with his passport application Robeson submitted a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

"I, Paul Leroy Robeson, am not now a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, and that I have not been a member at any time during the twelve(12) months preceeding May 25, 1962, the date of my application for a passport."

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ... SLIP(S) ... DATE ...

The following descriptive data appeared in Robeson's passport file:

Height:	6'2"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Singer and actor

By Operations Memorandum dated August 7, 1962 the State Department authorized the American Embassy in London, England to issue a passport to Robeson.

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RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON; ESLANDA ROBESON

The passport file for Eslanda Goode Robeson was also reviewed on August 7, 1962 and was found to contain the following:

Mrs. Robeson made application for a passport at London, England, on May 15, 1962. In this application she stated she had previously been issued passport number 1104293 at New York City on July 7, 1958 which passport was renewed at London, England on May 17, 1960. She stated she was born December 15, 1896 at Washington, D. C. She stated she was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. She listed her parents as John Jacob Goode born in Illinois and Eslanda Cardoza Goode born in South Carolina, both deceased.

Mrs. Robeson stated she had no plans to travel outside of England but intended to remain abroad indefinitely.

In connection with her passport application, Mrs. Robeson furnished a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

> "Referring to the letter from the American Embassy of July 10, 1962 I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, or in any other country. NEVER!"

The following descriptive data appeared in Mrs. Robeson's passport file:

Height:	5'3"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Writer

In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. Robeson and at the request of the American Embassy, London, England, Mrs. Robeson furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

England	7-11-58	to	8-15-58	
USSR	8-15-58	to	9-15-58	
England	9-15-58	to	12-30-58	
USSR	12-30-58	to	3-9-59	(Ill in hospital)
England	3-9-59	to	6-10-59	
Czechoslovakia	6-10-59	to	6-12-59	
England	6-12-59	to	8-1-59	

RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON; ESLANDA ROBESON

Austria	8-1-59	to	8-4-59	
England	8-4-59	to	8-20-59	
Roumania	8-20-59	to	8-24-59	
England	8-24-59	to	9-4-59	
France	9-4-59	to	9-5-59	
England	9-5-59	to	1-18-60	
USSR	1-18-60	to	2-7-60	
England	2-7-60	to	6-18-60	
Germany	6-18-60	to	6-20-60	
England	6-20-60	to	9-2-60	
France	9-2-60	to	9-6-60	
England	9-6-60	to	9-9-60	
Budapest	9-9-60	to	9-15-60	
England	9-15-60	to	10-4-60	
Germany	10-4-60	to	10-8-60	
Australia and New Zealand Tour	10-10-60	to	12-6-60	
England	12-6-60	to	3-15-61	
USSR	3-15-61	to	6-10-61	(Ill in hospital)
England	6-10-61	to	6-24-61	
USSR	6-24-61	to	9-12-61	(Ill in hospital)
England	9-12-61	to	present	(Ill in nursing home but much better now)

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 8/31/62

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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ESLANDA ROBESON
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(Bufile 100-399388)
(NYfile 100-56680)
(WFOfile 100-41052) (RVC
(OO:NY)

ReWFOlet and LHM dated 8/24/62.

There are forwarded herewith eight copies to the Bureau and four copies to New York of a LHM setting forth the passport numbers and dates of issue for the captioned subjects.

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August 31, 1962

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ESLANDA ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

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On August 24, 1962, [redacted] Security Branch, Legal Division, Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised as follows:

On July 24, 1962 Passport Number Z162475 was issued to Eslanda Robeson by the American Embassy, London, England. On August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued Passport Number Z162860 to Paul Robeson.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	9/5/62	3/2 - 8/24/62

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY mxg

CHARACTER OF CASE

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY BUZZING SLIP(S) OF 9-7-62 DATE

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/6/62.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO.

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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As noted in instant report an article appeared in the London newspaper "Daily Sketch" of June 9, 1962, which indicated PAUL ROBESON was not going to accept the job offered to him at the University of Accra in Ghana. (U)

Concerning PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON's applications for renewals of their passports, [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that the subjects applications for passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have to be referred to the Department for approval and she will advise further if and when this approval is received. (U)

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	File Where Located
NY T-1 [redacted](C) b1	
NY T-2 G-2, US Army, Europe	(X)(u)

The following informants were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning subject:

[redacted](C) (C) b1

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the U.S. (u)

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return.

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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)

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8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

he is not residing in the US.

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.
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ROBESON was National Chairman of the Council on African Affairs until its dissolution in June, 1955. He has had close contacts with national leaders of the CP, USA. He had publicly praised the Soviet Union while abroad. He was elected Vice - President of the British -Soviet Friendship Soviety in May, 1959, and has been active in functions sympathetic to Communism abroad during 1960 - 1961.

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: NEW YORK 67C
Date: September 5, 1962

Field Office File No.: 100-25857 Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

[redacted] ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON have applied for renewal of their American passports, which, as yet, have not been issued. (C)

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence, State of Health and Passport Renewal

[redacted] On May 25, 1962, [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that subject's wife ESLANDA ROBESON arrived at the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her United States Passport. At that time, she also made an appointment for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment was made for May 25.

[redacted] advised that both passports were renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the appearance of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy on May 25 and [redacted] spoke briefly with him. She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [redacted] that her husband continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel plans until he is released from the hospital.

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"The Worker", dated April 24, 1962, page 2, column 2, contained an article captioned "Greetings to Robeson" as follows:

"April 9th marked the 64th birthday of one of the greatest sons our country ever produced, Paul Robeson, The Worker sends him its warmest, most heartfelt and comradely greeting.

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"Health and long life to you Paul. May the day be soon when our country will again hear your magnificent voice and witness again a superb performance such as in years past brought us to appreciate the depth of your humanism and your measure as a rounded and dedicated artist who fully understood the relation of art to the people's freedom, social progress and world peace."

Informants, who are familiar with subject and his activities were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York

September 5, 1962

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NY 100-25857

Title Paul Leroy Robeson

Character Internal Security - C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	11/9/62	8/25/62-11/1/62

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b7c

TYPED BY tp

CHARACTER OF CASE

IS - C

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/5/62. b7c

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The subject, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a key figure of the NYO.

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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NY 100-25857

LEAD:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

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2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the United States upon his return.

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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 Secret because (state reason)

the information furnished by the State Department concerning the subject's passport review was classified as Secret.

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he is not residing in the United States.

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b7c Office: New York, New York
Date: 11/9/62
Field Office File No.: 100-25857 Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

PAUL ROBESON and his wife ESLANDA ROBESON applied for renewal of their American passports in London, England, and were issued these passports on 8/13/62, and 7/24/62, respectively. (RXW) - P* -

DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Passport Renewal

The passport file for PAUL LEROY ROBESON was reviewed on 8/7/62 by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] b7c and contained the following:

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On May 25, 1962, at London, England, ROBESON made an application for a passport. In this application he stated he had previously been issued Passport Number 1145187 on June 25, 1958, at Washington, D.C., and this passport had been renewed in London, England, on June 26, 1960. He stated he was born April 9, 1898 at Princeton, New Jersey and was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. His parents were listed as WILLIAM ~~P.~~ ROBESON, born in North Carolina and MARIA LOUISA ~~BESTILL~~, born in Pennsylvania. He was last married on August 17, 1921 to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON who was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D. C. In his application ROBESON stated he intended to remain abroad indefinitely but had no plans to travel outside of England because of his poor health. In connection with his passport application ROBESON submitted a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

> "I, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, am not now a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, and that I have not been a member at any time during the twelve (12) months preceding May 25, 1962, the date of my application for a passport."

The following descriptive data appeared in ROBESON's passport file:

Height:	6'2"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Singer and actor

On August 24, 1962, the United States Department of State furnished information that on July 24, 1962, passport number Z162475 was issued to ESLANDA ROBESON by the

American Embassy, London, England, and on August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued passport number Z162860 to PAUL ROBESON. (X) (W)

In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. ROBESON and at the request of the American Embassy, London, England, Mrs. ROBESON furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

England	7/11/58	to	8/15/58	
USSR	8/15/58	to	9/15/58	
England	9/15/58	to	12/30/58	
USSR	12/30/58	to	3/9/59	(Ill in hospital) *
England	3/9/59	to	6/10/59	
Czechoslovakia	6/10/59	to	6/12/59	
England	6/12/59	to	8/1/59	
Austria	8/1/59	to	8/4/59	
England	8/4/59	to	8/20/59	
Roumania	8/20/59	to	8/24/59	
England	8/24/59	to	9/4/59	
France	9/4/59	to	9/5/59	
England	9/5/59	to	1/18/60	
USSR	1/18/60	to	2/7/60	
England	2/7/60	to	6/18/60	
Germany	6/18/60	to	6/20/60	
England	6/20/60	to	9/2/60	
France	9/2/60	to	9/6/60	
England	9/6/60	to	9/9/60	
Budapest	9/9/60	to	9/15/60	
England	9/15/60	to	10/4/60	
Germany	10/4/60	to	10/8/60	
Australia and New Zealand Tour	10/10/60	to	12/6/60	
England	12/6/60	to	3/15/61	
USSR	3/15/61	to	6/10/61	(Ill in hospital) *
England	6/10/61	to	6/24/61	

USSR	6/24/61	to	9/12/61	(Ill in hospital) *
England	9/12/61	to	present	(Ill in nursing home but much better now) *

* Ill in hospital apparently refers to illness of PAUL ROBESON.

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This information will also be reported in the ROBESON file in the next communication on that file directed to the Bureau. (TS)

As there are no further leads outstanding in the DU BOIS case at this time, it is being placed in an RUC status subject to reopening upon receipt of additional information. (U)

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGINAL	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	11/15/62	11/7/61 -10/22/62

TITLE OF CASE

ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY CWW

CHARACTER OF CASE

SECURITY MATTER - C

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/14/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Subject's husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, is a Key Figure of the NYO, (NY file 100-25857; Bufile 100-12304).

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source | Location

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because information furnished by the State Department concerning subject's passport review was classified "Secret".

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   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

her residence in England.

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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)

maintains her association with Communist front organizations and pro-Communist articles written under her name have appeared in "The Worker".

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Report of: [redacted] b7C
Date: 11/13/62

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-56680

Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: [redacted]

ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON applied for renewal of their American passports, which were issued on 7/24/62 and 8/13/62 respectively. Subject's name listed as Board Member of the NCASF. [redacted] b1 (S)

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Passport Renewal

[redacted] (S)

On May 25, 1962, [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that subject, the wife of PAUL ROBESON, arrived at the American Embassy requesting a renewal of her United States passport. At that time, she also made an appointment for her husband, PAUL ROBESON, to come to the Embassy and this appointment was made for May 25.

[redacted] advised that both passports were renewed in July, 1960, for two years and would need to be reissued in July, 1962. This was the reason prompting the appearance of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON at the Embassy.

PAUL ROBESON appeared with his wife at the Embassy on May 25 and [redacted] spoke briefly with him. She stated he appeared to be a very frail and subdued old man. ESLANDA ROBESON advised [redacted] that her husband continues to be hospitalized in a nursing home on the outskirts of London, but is allowed to come in for weekends. She stated they have no travel plans at the moment and cannot make any travel plans until he is released from the hospital.

The passport file for ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON was reviewed on August 7, 1962, by SA [redacted] and contained the following:

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Mrs. ROBESON made application for a passport at London, England, on May 15, 1962. In this application she stated she had previously been issued passport number 1104293 at New York City on July 7, 1958, which passport was renewed at London, England, on May 17, 1960. She stated she was born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D.C. She stated she was currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W 2, England. She listed her parents as JOHN JACOB GOODE born in Illinois, and ESLANDA CARDOZA GOODE born in South Carolina, both deceased. (X)(W)

Mrs. ROBESON stated she had no plans to travel outside of England, but intended to remain abroad indefinitely. (X)(W)

In connection with her passport application, Mrs. ROBESON furnished a sworn affidavit which reads as follows:

> "Referring to the letter from the American Embassy of July 10, 1962 I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsovever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, or in any other country. NEVER!"

(X)(W)

The following descriptive data appeared in Mrs. ROBESON's passport file:

Height:	5'3"
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black-grey
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Writer

(X)(W)

In connection with the passport applications of Mr. and Mrs. ROBESON and at the request of the American Embassy,

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London, England, Mrs. ROBESON furnished the following travel itinerary for herself and her husband since July 11, 1958:

England	July 11, 1958	to	August 15, 1958
USSR	August 15, 1958	to	September 15, 1958
England	September 15, 1958	to	December 30, 1958
USSR	December 30, 1958	to	March 9, 1959 (Ill in Hospital
England	March 9, 1959	to	June 10, 1959
Czechoslovakia	June 10, 1959	to	June 12, 1959
England	June 12, 1959	to	August 1, 1959
Austria	August 1, 1959	to	August 4, 1959
England	August 4, 1959	to	August 20, 1959
Roumania	August 20, 1959	to	August 24, 1959
England	August 24, 1959	to	September 4, 1959
France	September 4, 1959	to	September 5, 1959
England	September 5, 1959	to	January 18, 1960
USSR	January 18, 1960	to	February 7, 1960
England	February 7, 1960	to	June 18, 1960
Germany	June 18, 1960	to	June 20, 1960
England	June 20, 1960	to	September 2, 1960
France	September 2, 1960	to	September 6, 1960
England	September 6, 1960	to	September 9, 1960
Budapest	September 9, 1960	to	September 15, 1960
England	September 15, 1960	to	October 4, 1960
Germany	October 4, 1960	to	October 8, 1960
Austria and New Zealand Tour	October 10, 1960	to	December 6, 1960
England	December 6, 1960	to	March 15, 1961
USSR	March 15, 1961	to	June 10, 1961 (Ill in Hospital
England	June 10, 1961	to	June 24, 1961
USSR	June 24, 1961	to	September 12, 1961 (Ill in Hospital)
England	September 12, 1961	to	Present (Ill in nursing home, but much better now)

* Illness in hospital apparently refers to illness of PAUL ROBESON.

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On August 24, 1962, the United States Department of State furnished information that on July 24, 1962, passport number Z162475 was issued to ESLANDA ROBESON by the American Embassy, London, England, and on August 13, 1962, the same Embassy issued passport number Z162860 to PAUL ROBESON.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Communist Party (CP) Sympathies

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated (NCASF)

[redacted] Charities Registration Bureau, New York State Department of Social Welfare, Albany, New York, made available to SA ROBERT E. MARGISON on March 19, 1962, the Registration Statement for the NCASF. The Registration Statement set forth the board members of the NCASF and included among the board members was Mrs. ESLANDA G. ROBESON. b7C

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. Miscellaneous

[redacted] (S)

[redacted] (S) b1

[redacted] (S)

[redacted] (S)

[redacted] (S)

[redacted] (S)

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Informants of the New York Office, who are familiar with CP activities in the New York area were contacted and could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
November 13, 1962

Bureau 100-12304
New York 100-56680

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Title Eslanda Cordozo Robeson

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: DEC 28 1962

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(OO: New York)

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
(OO: New York)

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DATE OF REVIEW 12-28-92

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 11/9/62 at NY and NYlet to Bureau dated 8/10/62. (U)

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In passport application dated May 26, 1962, in London, England, both PAUL ROBESON and ESLANDA ROBESON stated they were currently residing at 45 Connaught Square, London W2, England. They resided at this address when not traveling abroad. Above subjects have not resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC since 1958. They indicated in their last passport application that they intended to remain abroad indefinitely. FD 122's accordingly are being forwarded to the Bureau changing residence for above subjects to the London address. (U)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON is being deleted from the key figure list NYO for the following reasons: (U)

1. Status of Health

[redacted] (S)

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(4) - Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
1 - New York (100-56680) (ESLANDA ROBESON) (412)
1 - New York (100-25857)

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2. Activity

There is no information in PAUL ROBESON's file which indicates any present membership or continuous past membership in the CP. In his passport application dated May 25, 1962, PAUL ROBESON submitted a sworn affidavit in which he declared he was not then or had not been a member of the CP at any time during the preceding 12 months. There is no information to indicate that PAUL ROBESON has engaged in activity on behalf of the CP since early in 1961. (u)

The NY file on PAUL ROBESON is being placed in a closed status. Consideration will be given to reinstating him on the key figure list if and when he resumes activity on behalf of the CP. Both PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON are on the SI, NYO. ESLANDA ROBESON's file is currently maintained in a closed status. (u)

SEE ALSO 100-428091-2403
re ROBESON's DENOUNCIATION
OF CP BR.

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January 3, 1963

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1 - Mr. Rachner
1 - Mr. Rosack

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To: SAC, Chicago (100-32864)

From: Director, FBI (100-3-104-9)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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ReCGlet 12/21/62 captioned [redacted] (C) IS - C; ISA of 1950" wherein information is set forth in paragraph 2, page 2, that an article had appeared "in a scandal sheet type paper called the 'National Insider,'"purportedly written by Paul Robeson concerning Robeson's breaking with the Communist Party. This information was furnished by [redacted] (C)

Chicago immediately attempt to obtain a copy of this article for submission to the Bureau for possible use under the Counterintelligence Program. Chicago also advise whether additional copies can be obtained. Include any recommendations concerning the use of this article. Handle expeditiously.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Paul Robeson is an internationally known apologist for the CP. He is hospitalized in London, England [redacted]

The use of this article in a Counterintelligence Program could have a devastating effect upon CP members of the Negro race. Upon receipt, the article will be reviewed and, if appropriate, suitable recommendations will be made. Referenced Chicago letter is filed 100-108-1045.

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1 - 100-12304 (Robeson)

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Legal Attache, London

January 7, 1963

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Director, FBI (100-3-104-9)

1 - Mr. Rachner
1 - Mr. Ware
1 - Mr. Rosack

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Information has been received by the Bureau indicating that a story had appeared in "the scandal sheet type paper called the 'National Insider'" purportedly written by Paul Robeson indicating how Robeson had broken with the Communist Party (CP). Efforts are currently being made to obtain a copy of this article.

You should advise the Bureau by return mail whether any information has come to your attention indicating that Robeson has made public or private statements indicating that he was breaking with the CP. You should also advise whether any articles have appeared in London publications concerning this matter. In the event such articles have appeared, copies should be furnished to the Bureau.

This matter should be handled expeditiously.

1 - London (100-1182) (Paul Robeson)

(1) - 100-12304 (Paul Robeson)

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Paul Leroy Robeson is an internationally known apologist for the CP who is hospitalized in London, England. [redacted] Information concerning Robeson's breaking with the CP could have a devastating effect upon CP members of the Negro race and the public source information concerning this matter is being sought for utilization under this program. Information set forth concerning the "National Insider" article is filed in 100-108-1045 and was furnished by [redacted] (C) b1

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

PAUL LE ROY ROBESON, aka "UNAVAILABLE SECTION"
IS-C
OO:NY

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Aliases		
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☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility 100-12304
Interested Agencies		
Residence Address	45 Connaught Square London W.2, England	

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TO : Director, FBI (Buffle- 100-12304) DATE: 1/8/63

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka "UNAVAILABLE SECTION"
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OO:NY

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Residence Address 45 Connaught Square
London W.2, England

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January 15, 1963

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[redacted] Bureau will be further advised.

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3 - Bureau
1 - Liaison Section (sent direct)
1 - 100-1555
1 - 100-1182
1 - 100-1666

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 3/8/63

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
(OO:NY)

ReBulet dated January 31, 1963, and Chicago letter dated February 13, 1963. (U)

[redacted] (S)

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The source could not furnish any additional information in connection with the ROBESON matter but will remain alert for further developments and the Bureau and New York will be kept advised. (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: MAR 29 1963

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 2/13/63. (U)

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[redacted] (C)

NY files on [redacted] in the NY area, who are of security interest to the NYO, were reviewed to determine whether any information pertaining to this matter was reflected therein. None of the files reviewed reflected any information concerning the identity of [redacted] involved. (U) b7C b7D 7-81

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 4/12/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet 2/13/63, requesting WFO to review passpo[redacted] file concerning [redacted] b7C b7D

In connection with this matter, it is pointed out that under current passport regulations, a person in possession of a valid passport need not advise the U. S. Department of State (USDS) concerning proposed travel [redacted]

Re [redacted]

IC [redacted] determined at the USDS Passport Office on 2/27/63, [redacted]

SA [redacted] determined at the USDS Office of Security, on 3/19/63, that the file concerning [redacted] contained no additional information other than data furnished by the Bureau.

Re [redacted]

IC [redacted] determined at the USDS Passport Office, on 2/28/63, [redacted]

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[redacted] No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

SA [redacted] determined at USDS, Office of Security, on 4/3/63, that [redacted] contained no additional information concerning this matter.

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Date 7/25/63

RE: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM-C

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☐ For information ☑ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by [illegible]

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☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA [illegible] dated [illegible].

Remarks: Reurlets 4/15/63 and 4/19/63 re [redacted] your file 100-22692, Buffile [redacted] 100-1V304.

Appears informant intended reference to Paul Leroy Robeson, father of Paul Robeson, Jr. Clarify and advise by RUC if not previously done.

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To

☑ Director

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Title Paul Leroy Robeson

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☐ Bring file	☐ Prepare tickler
☐ Call me	☐ Recharge serials
☐ Correct	☐ Return assignment card
☐ Deadline.....	☐ Return file
☐ Deadline passed	☐ Return serials
☐ Delinquent	☐ Search and return
☐ Discontinue	☐ See me
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: April 19, 1963

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692)(RUC)

SUBJECT: ~~PAUL ROBESON Jr.~~ PAUL LEROY ROBESON YES PAUL LEROY ROBSON
SM - C

OO: NEW YORK

1-31-63

Re Bureau letter dated 3/31/63, and Chicago letters dated 2/13/63, and 3/8/63, all captioned as above.

Chicago has followed instant matter [redacted] as suggested in referenced Bureau letter. Since submission of Chicago letter of March 8, 1963, no additional pertinent information in this matter has been received and accordingly, it is felt this case should be considered RUC. However, Chicago will continue to follow this matte[redacted] (C)

0-7 CHICAGO 4/28/63 - APPEARS INTENDED TITLE REFERENCE TO PAUL LEROY ROBESON, FATHER OF PAUL ROBESON, JR. - ALSO SHOULD BULET REFERENCE BE 1/31/63. ADVISE BY RLS PROMPTLY

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE:

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 3/29/63 and WFOlet to Bureau 4/12/63. (U)

Review of passport files at Washington, DC on [redacted] and [redacted] reflects that both of these individuals are in possession of valid US passports. (U)

[redacted] (U)

Current review has been made of [redacted] NYO file, but no information has been received shedding any light upon [redacted] This information is reflected in WFOlet to Bureau dated 4/12/63. (U)

[redacted] (S)

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It is noted from CGlet to Bureau dated 3/8/63 that [redacted] has been alerted to report any additional information in the above regard coming to his attention, if and when it is received [redacted] (S)

NYO is closing its file in this matter and it is suggested that Chicago do likewise until any additional information is received from [redacted] specifically, identifying the parties involved. (U)

The following confidential sources, NYO, were contacted negatively in this matter during March and April, 1963: (U)

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Date: May 9, 1963

To: Director, FBI (100-12304)

From: Legat, Paris (100-715)(P)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C

Set forth below is a text of an unclassified airgram dated May 4, 1963 to the Department of State, (information London), furnished the Paris Office on May 7, 1963 from the American Embassy, Paris, captioned "Whereabouts of Paul Robeson and His Present Attitude Toward USSR and Communism Disputed Between Le Figaro and L'Humanite."

"The present whereabouts of Paul Robeson, the American colored actor and singer, and his current attitude toward the Soviet Union and Communism were subjects of dispute between Le Figaro and L'Humanite on May 2 and 3.

"Le Figaro in an article by its authority on Communist affairs, who identifies himself with the sign XXX, reported on May 2 that Robeson had returned to the U.S. after having broken with the Soviet Union because of its cultural oppression of minorities. Mistakenly claiming that the American singer had resided in the USSR during the period 1948-1963 (in the earlier part of this period Robeson was unable to leave the U.S. because he had been denied a passport due to his identification with Communist causes), Le Figaro reported that Robeson 'had just returned to the United States completely disillusioned, aged, ruined and alone.' Le Figaro said the singer had explained his

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action as stemming from his disillusionment in the Soviet claim that all minorities in the USSR lived without the 'least restrictions' placed upon them. He supposedly said that in fact in the Soviet Union one tells the minorities that 'their culture is inferior to the new culture inspired by the Soviet state,' that 'the only great writers' are Soviets, and that western art is 'decadent.' Robeson supposedly reported that he was disabused because in the USSR he had found 'another form of oppression all the more dangerous because it was exercised in the name of a pretended liberation.'

"On May 3 L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's story, claiming that it had gotten information from its London correspondent that Robeson was in fact undergoing medical treatment in a clinic near the British capital. The wife of Robeson was reported to have said that 'my husband has not broken and has no intention of breaking with Communism.' Associates of Robeson were quoted to have said that he has no intention to visit the U.S. They allegedly asserted that if he does make a trip he would ooner go to Moscow, but that his state of health prevents im from undertaking any voyages."

"COMMENT: The rapidity with which L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's XXX account is noteworthy. Actually L'Humanite rarely refutes the claims in articles by XXX. The haste with which L'Humanite responded suggests that this time it may feel itself certain of its facts."

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ans 1, 7/29/63

Date: June 7, 1963

To: Director, FBI

From: Legat, Paris (100-715)(RUC)

Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C
Bufile 100-12304

ESLANDA ROBESON
SM - C
Bufile 100-399388

Re London letter to Bureau 5/22/63.

In view of the information set forth in re London letter and that it is highly unlikely that the subjects will be visiting France in the near future no further action is being taken in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 7-30-63

FROM : Legat, Bonn (105-720) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C

Re Bonnlet dated 2-20-63.

MRS. PAUL LEROY ROBESON

"Neues Deutschland," published in East Berlin, reported on 7-9-63, that Eslanda Robeson, the well-known freedom fighter and wife of the popular Negro singer, Paul Robeson, had been awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic for her service to peace and international understanding. Mrs. Robeson expressed heartfelt thanks for this award and recognition.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
(100-399388)

DATE: 8/30/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)
(100-56680)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka
IS-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

ESLANDA ROBESON aka
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Legat letter dated 5/22/63.

The NY Times, a daily NY newspaper, in an article published on 8/26/63, captioned "ROBESON TO REST IN EAST GERMANY" reflects that PAUL ROBESON with his wife and a friend, boarded a Polish airline flight today, and flew to East Berlin. The article recorded that HARRY FRANCIS, a friend of ROBESON, stated that ROBESON made the journey to the German Democratic Republic where he will have a general medical checkup followed by a holiday in one of East Germanys beautiful spas. The flight came after information had been reported by the "Sunday Telegraph" concerning an attempt which was to be made to "smuggle" the 65 year old singer to a Soviet-bloc capital "to keep him quiet" because he had "broken with Moscow". HARRY FRANCIS, who accompanied ROBESON to the London airport, where he boarded the plane for East Berlin, stated that reports of "smuggling" and ROBESON disillusion with Moscow, were "sheer nonsense".

The NY Post, a daily NY newspaper, dated 8/26/63, contains an article captioned "ROBESON IN E. BERLIN" which reflects that PAUL ROBESON was in East Berlin today for rest and medical treatment. The article mentioned that his agent HAROLD DAVISON said that charges that ROBESON was "smuggled" behind the Iron Curtain were ridiculous and that he will return in four or five weeks.

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 10/7/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka
SM - C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 10/7/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON aka
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To: SACs, New York (Enclosures-2)
Washington Field (Enclosures-2)

From: Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C

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According to an article in the 12/19/63 edition of the "Washington Post" under the date line "Berlin, December 18," Robeson and his wife, Eslanda, have left Germany en route to the United States for the Christmas holidays. In this connection there are enclosed for New York and Washington Field Office two copies of the above article.

New York immediately endeavor to determine details of subject's arrival in this country and ascertain the extent of his activities while in the United States, including the expected duration of his stay in this country. Washington Field Office check passport records for any additional details available concerning Robeson and his wife.

New York and Washington Field Office afford this matter immediate attention and furnish results to the Bureau suitable for dissemination. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of developments.

NOTE:

Subject, a well-known Negro singer, and his wife are on the Security Index. He resided in England for several years since 1958 before going to East Berlin several months ago. Prior to leaving this country he was actively engaged in communist activities in this country.

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Robeson, Abroad Since '58, and Wife Leave Berlin for Christmas in U.S.

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP) American Negro singer Paul Robeson and his wife Eslanda are on their way back to the United States to spend Christmas with their family, the official East German news agency ADN reported today.

The agency said they left by air from the Schoenefeld Airport, outside East Berlin. His route was unspecified.

The Robesons were in Communist East Germany while Robeson was undergoing treatment in an East Berlin clinic, ADN said.

The agency described Robeson as "leading representative of the colored population of the U.S.A. fighting for their civil rights."

Robeson, 66, went to East Berlin at the end of August for medical treatment at the invitation of the East German Peace Council, ADN said, and improvement in his health has permitted him to leave.

Robeson, accused in 1947 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities of supporting Communist-front organizations, has been abroad since July 11, 1958. He made his home in England before going to East Berlin.

[Robeson has had an 8-year battle to get his passport. He was finally issued one after the Supreme Court ruled that the State Department lacked statutory authority to deny him a passport for failure to sign a non-Communist affidavit. The law has since been amended to give the State Department that right.

[As an American citizen, Robeson will have no problem entering the United States, a State Department spokesman said.

[When the singer tries to leave, however, he will probably have to apply for a new passport, since his old one presumably has expired. He would then be required to certify in the passport application that he is not and has not been a member of the Communist Party for the preceding 12 months.]

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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

~~SM DASH C~~. SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

[redacted], IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, ~~INS~~, NYC, JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT, NYC, ADVISED TODAY THAT PAUL ROBESON AND WIFE, ESLANDA ROBESON ARRIVED NYC VIA BOAC FLIGHT FIVE ZERO FIVE AT THREE FORTY PM THIS DATE. DESTINATION GIVEN WAS ONE SIX JUMEL TERRACE, NEW YORK THIRTY TWO, NEW YORK. THIS IS FORMER RESIDENCE OF SUBJECT IN NYC. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Date: 12/18/63

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On [redacted] advised Supv. [redacted] NYO, [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON and ROBESON's wife were returning to the US, having left Germany this morning and stopped in London. [redacted] the ROBESONS are due in NY on Friday.

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Although information has been received in the past that ROBESON is disenchanted with communism, the NYO, not being certain of his attitude, is not making any recommendation for an interview by newsmen upon his arrival back in the US.

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Press already knows he is returning

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	12/19/63	11/1/63-12/12/63

TITLE OF CASE
CHANGED
ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON aka Eslanda Cardoza Goode, Eslanda Cardoza Robeson, Essie Robeson, Mrs. Paul Leo Robeson, Mrs Paul Leroy Robeson

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] | TYPED BY far

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The title is marked "Changed" to reflect subject's true name as ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON which is the name she most commonly used based upon current file review. The current spelling of CARDOZA is set forth based on available records from subject's passport file and from subject's birth record as set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated 6/26/52 at New Haven. The complete title is set forth in this report for current reference purposes. (U)

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 11/13/62 at New York. (U)

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No employment change is being made in subject's Security Index card from her customary occupation of writer, for the reason that the occupation shown herein namely roving correspondent for "New World Review" is not considered to be an exclusive employment. (U)

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2. [ ] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [X] 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. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) [redacted] (C)

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7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) **Resides abroad**

8. [ ] 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.
9. [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) **No evidence has been received indicating that subject has abandoned her CP sympathies or associates. In a recent newspaper article, subject denied that her husband PAUL ROBESON had broken with the CP and she identified herself with "Our Soviet and Socialist Friends". She traveled to East Berlin in August 1963 and continues to be identified with CP front groups.**

10. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [X] Subject's activities [ ] do [X] do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York
Date: 12/19/63

Field Office File #: 100-56680 Bureau File #: 100-12304

Title: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: [redacted]

Subject listed among Board of Directors, National Council of American Soviet Friendship as of April 1963. Subject included in staff of "New World Review", as a "roving correspondent" as of August 1963. On 7/9/63, subject reportedly was awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic.

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I BACKGROUND

A- Foreign Travel

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The New York "Daily News" issue of August 30, 1963, page forty-four set forth comments of a newspaper reporter concerning the flight of PAUL ROBESON and ESLANDA ROBESON to East Germany in August 1963. The following is excerpted from the newspaper article:

"Despite subsequent reports from East Berlin, London newspapermen found the circumstances of his departure from London to be suspicious. They pointed out that his fiery 65-year-old wife joined with Red Poland's ambassador to England, Dr. Rodzinski, to smuggle Robeson from a London hospital for nervous diseases to a Polish Ilyushin plane that sped him across the Iron Curtain to East Berlin.

"If, as some of us suspect, Paul Robeson never again will emerge from behind the Iron Curtain, this is a description by veteran British newsman John Osman of Robeson aboard the Ilyushin plane. 'He sat like an effigy in his seat next to a plane window. In flight, I introduced myself to Mr. Robeson, who smiled charmingly and seemed about to talk to me. Angrily, his wife, who told me that she knew judo and would happily use it to keep people away from her "completely exhausted" husband, demanded I leave Paul and return to my own seat. Paul looked on stolidly, sat silently as his wife gave orders.' Osman had wangled passage aboard the plane. He saw that the Robesons were met at East Berlin's Schoenfeld Airport by uniformed officials and whisked away in a dark car."

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Referred to the Dept of the Army for their review and return to the FBI

B - Foreign Residence

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C - Occupation

According to the August 1963 issue of "New World Review", ESLANDA ROBESON is a "roving correspondent" for this publication.

The "New World Review" is characterized in the appendix.

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

A - National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A letter head of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) [redacted] listed as among the Board of Directors of the NCASF the subject, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. b7D

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A rally of the NCASF was held on November 26, 1962 at Carnegie Hall, New York City attended by approximately fifteen hundred persons. During the program an announcement

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was read that PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON had sent greetings to the rally.

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The same information concerning sending of greetings to the NCASF rally was reported by [redacted] on [redacted]

B - "New World Review"

The August 1963 issue of the "New World Review" identified the staff of this publication and set forth the following pertaining to subject:

"ESLANDA ROBESON, our roving correspondent"

C - Miscellaneous

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"The Worker" an east coast Communist newspaper issue of November 26, 1961, page one, carried an article entitled, "Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS joins the Communist Party. The article related that Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS had joined the Communist Party, United States of America about November 1961.

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"The National Guardian", issue of June 6, 1963, page two carried an article datelined London, England concerning PAUL ROBESON and signed by ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. The following is excerpted from the article:

"Several people, among them some news reporters, have been inquiring about articles alleged to have been written by my husband, Paul Robeson. The articles appeared last January in an American newspaper. They are pure fabrication.

"He has not, 'changed his political views' in any way, as has been alleged in the articles. On the contrary, there has been no interruption of his warm friendship and close contact with our Soviet and socialist friends. That this friendship is mutual was shown recently on his 65th birthday, April 9, by the heart-warming avalanche of cables, telegrams, letters, cards, gifts and overseas telephone calls of congratulations and good wishes from friends, organizations, trade unions, artists, musicians, government leaders and civic leaders in the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, Cuba and other socialist countries.

"The only people who sometimes wishfully think that he will change his mind are some Americans who are deeply sunk in their anti-communist hysteria."

"The National Guardian" is characterized in the appendix.

"Neues Deutschland", newspaper published in East Berlin, Germany reported on July 9, 1963 that ESLANDA ROBESON had been awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic. Mrs. ROBESON allegedly expressed heart-felt thanks for this award and recognition.

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1. APPENDIX

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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III MISCELLANEOUS

Security informants familiar generally with Communist Party activities in the metropolitan area of New York City, advised in December 1963 that they had no additional information to furnish concerning ESLANDA ROBESON.

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"NEW WORLD REVIEW"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "New World Review":

" New World Review

"1. 'Soviet Russia Today commenced as the official organ of Friends of the Soviet Union. * * * It and its successor (New World Review) have a continuous record of over 22 years of uninterrupted publication and admittedly have operated in respondent's (the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.) interest and are used as educational media by respondent.' Soviet Russia Today was 'succeeded in the early 1950's by New World Review.' Jessica Smith, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 'was also shown to be long-time member and functionary in the (Communist) Party, as well as in the Party-controlled Friends of the Soviet Union. She has been continuously the editor of Soviet Russia Today and its successor New World Review for years.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 104-53, Report and Order with respect to the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., February 7, 1956, pp. 20 and 22.)

"2. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out' the New World Review, which is a 'monthly propaganda organ on the Soviet Union, Red China, and the Communist satellites, published in New York.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)

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"NEW WORLD REVIEW" (CONT'D)

"3. 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. 90.)"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-100-12304) DATE: 7/29/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK(100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON aka
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-123o4) DATE: 8/28/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680) - C -

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON
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ReBulet to Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State, 7/21/64. (u)

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting subject's travel to England in June, 1964. (u)

The enclosed memorandum is classified "confidential" since it contains information furnished by [redacted] the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal the identity of an informant or a confidential FBI technique, which would hamper their future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense. (X)(U)

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On 8/26/64, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted MARILYN ROBESON, subject's daughter-in-law, under pretext of [redacted] (U)

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New York 100-56680
Bureau 100-12304

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Eslanda Goode Robeson
Security Matter - C

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On August 26, 1964, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ascertained by means of a pretext that the subject is currently residing at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York. (U)

[redacted] Eslanda Robeson was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945, but that she did not hold herself out as a Communist and denies membership in the Party. This source stated that Robeson was a devoted member of the CP along with her husband, Paul Robeson. This source stated that [redacted] were the sources of information concerning Paul and Eslanda Robeson's CP connections. (S)(U)

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Eslanda Goode Robeson

The April 7, 1964, issue of "The Worker", Page 5, reflected that Mrs. Eslanda G. Robeson was scheduled to present a paper at the First Symposium of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) on April 23, 1964, at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel in New York City.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

AIMS is characterized in the Appendix hereto.

Eslanda Goode Robeson is described as follows:

Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Date and Place of Birth	December 15, 1896, Washington, D. C.
Height	5' 5"
Weight	120 pounds
Build	Slight
Hair	Black - gray
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Tip of first finger of left hand is disfigured
Residence	16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York
Occupation	Self-employed writer from residence

Eslanda Goode Robeson

1. APPENDIX

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

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DATE: 8/31/64

FROM : Legat, London (100-1666) (P)

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA ROBESON
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

DATE 10/23/64

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-4773)

SUBJECT: [redacted] (C) b1

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Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "CHINESE COMMUNIST NATIONAL HOLIDAY." Also enclosed are information copies for New York, Los Angeles and Atlanta. (U)

The source used in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] and the letterhead memorandum has been classified "Confidential" in order to protect the identity of this highly confidential source who furnishes valuable information [redacted] (C)(X)(S) b1 b7D

The Bureau may wish to disseminate the enclosed information to interested agencies. (U)

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CHINESE COMMUNIST NATIONAL HOLIDAY

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The Spring 1964 issue of "Freedom Ways" is self-described as "A quarterly review of the Negro Freedom Movement", published by Freedom Ways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. (U)

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Title: CHINESE COMMUNIST NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Reference: Letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at Washington, D. C.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY kxb

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted], dated 12/19/63, at NY. (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, the husband of the subject, is on the Security Index of the NYO (Bufile 100-12304; NYfile 100-25857). THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS OBTAINED THROUGH A SOURCE OTHER THAN [redacted] (U)

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In view of the highly sensitive position of [redacted] (C) the following information was not included in the details of instant report: (U)

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INFORMANT SA [redacted] telephonically contacted MARILYN ROBESON, daughter-in-law of the subject, on 11/30/64, under pretext [redacted] (U)

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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. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
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7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

of her prestige position and that of her husband in the Communist movement. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing the subject, and considerable embarrassment to the Bureau could result if she were interviewed.

8. [ ] 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.
9. [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)
of her considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement and her position as member of the Board of Directors, NCASF, as of April, 1964.

10. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
[ ] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York b7C

Date: 12/21/64

Field Office File No.: 100-56680 Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

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Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NY, NY, and is self-employed as a writer from her residence. Subject's travel during December, 1963 and the summer of 1964, set forth. Subject attended affair sponsored by "American Dialog" magazine, November, 1964, at NY; spoke at "National Guardian" luncheon and at AIMS symposium at NY, April, 1964; spoke at ACPFB picnic, Camp Midvale, NJ, June, 1964; subject listed as member of Board of Directors, NCASF, April, 1964; attended NCASF Rally, November, 1964, at NY; in contact with JANET JAGAN at UN, NYC, May, 1964. Informants contacted during November, 1964 were unable to furnish any additional pertinent information concerning the subject.(U)

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On November 30, 1964, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained, by means of a pretext, that the subject currently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace,

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New York, New York, with her husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, and is self-employed as a writer from her residence. (S)

"The New York Times" late city edition, dated December 23, 1963, in an article on PAUL ROBESON, on page 26, stated that "for eight years, from 1950 to 1958, his refusal to sign an affidavit stating whether he was or had been a Communist Party (CP) member, caused the United States (US) to deny him a passport. A Supreme Court decision in 1958 temporarily killed the affidavit requirement and a passport was issued". (S)

In another article in "The New York Times" late city edition, dated December 23, 1963, page one, it was stated that PAUL ROBESON left the US on July 10, 1958, for London, sang in the Soviet Union off and on, and acted in England before becoming ill in April, 1961. On August 25, 1963, he arrived in East Berlin for treatment for what his wife called circulatory trouble and returned to London "last Wednesday" and arrived back in New York on December 22, 1963. Queried about his reported disillusionment with Communism, his wife, ESLANDA, stated "he never was (disillusioned), and he thinks it's terrific." (S)

B. Foreign Travel

On December 22, 1963, [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, advised that PAUL ROBESON and his wife, ESLANDA ROBESON, arrived in New York City that date via British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) flight number 505, giving their destination as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City. (S)

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. CP Associates

On [redacted] advised that the subject and her husband, PAUL ROBESON, had attended the funeral services for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, held at Unity Funeral Home, 2352 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York.

On [redacted] corroborated the above information.

[redacted] (C)

The August 25, 1964 issue of "The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, page one, reflected that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS died on August 22, 1964, at New York City.

B. CP Sympathies

On [redacted] advised that the subject and her husband had attended an affair sponsored by "American Dialog" magazine at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York City, on November 10, 1964.

A characterization of "American Dialog" is contained in the appendix hereto.

C. Evidence of Membership in and/or Sympathy with Communist Front Organizations

On [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at the second annual luncheon of "The National Guardian"

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which was held at the Essex House, New York City, on April 14, 1964. The informant advised that the subject spoke of the Negro struggle throughout the world and stated that now was the time to win the fight for equality.

A characterization of "The National Guardian" is contained in the appendix hereto.

The April 7, 1964 issue of "The Worker", page five, columns one and two, stated that the first symposium of the newly-formed American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) will be held at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, New York City, on April 23, 1964, with the subject "Marxism and Democracy" under discussion. According to the article, the subject would present a paper at this symposium.

A characterization of AIMS is contained in the appendix hereto.

On [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at the symposium sponsored by AIMS at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, New York City, on April 23, 1964, relating anecdotes about the Negro situation in the US today.

The following informants corroborated the above information:

Date Received	Source
[redacted]	[redacted]

On [redacted] advised that the subject was the speaker at an All Nations Picnic sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB), held at Camp Midvale, New Jersey, on June 21, 1964. According to the informant, the subject spoke on the Soviet Union and also on civil rights.

The following informants corroborated the above information:

Date Received [redacted] Source [redacted]

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of Camp Midvale, New Jersey, is contained in the appendix hereto, under the title Metropolitan Recreation Association.

The July 11, 1964 issue of "Glos Ludowy", the Polish language newspaper, on page 12, columns two and three, of the English section, contained an article which reflected that the subject was the speaker at the Tenth Annual All Nations Picnic sponsored by the ACPFB on June 21, 1964.

A characterization of "Glos Ludowy" is contained in the appendix hereto.

[redacted] the subject was listed on the letterhead paper of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) as a member of the Board of Directors.

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] advised that the subject and her husband attended the "Rally for Peace and Friendship" sponsored by the NCASF on November 12, 1964, at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

D. Miscellaneous Activities

On January 14, 1964, [redacted] advised that on that date, the subject stated she was then at the United Nations (UN) Newsstand and thought that she would try to put "Freedomways" on the newsstand by approaching the most sympathetic individual at the UN.

A characterization of "Freedomways" is contained in the appendix hereto under the title Freedomways Associates, Incorporated.

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[redacted] GUS HALL was the General Secretary of the CP, USA,

[redacted]

On May 12, 1964, [redacted] advised that on that date, Mrs. the subject was in the Delegates' Lounge of the UN Headquarters, New York City, in the company of JANET JAGAN, First Minister for Home Affairs of British Guiana, and wife of Premier CHEDDI JAGAN of British Guiana, and FELIX CUMMINGS, British Guiana Public Relations Representative at New York City.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants aware of certain phases of CP activity in the New York area were contacted during November, 1964, and they were unable to furnish any additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

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"AMERICAN DIALOG", "AMERICAN DIALOGUE", "DIALOGUE"

[redacted] "Mainstream" had ceased publication with its August, 1963, issue and had been replaced by a new bimonthly publication entitled "American Dialogue" with JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

It is to be noted that the July-August, 1964, issue of "American Dialog", Volume 1, Number 1, lists JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

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A second source advised [redacted] that on December 13, 1959, JOSEPH FELSHIN attended the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held from December 10, through December 13, 1959, in New York City.

[redacted]

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Mainstream":

"Mainstream*

"1. The Communist Party is regularly putting out *** Mainstream -- monthly cultural and literary organ published in New York.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)"

* Beginning with the September 1956 issue, the name of this publication was changed from Masses and Mainstream to Mainstream.

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1. APPENDIX

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

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A fourth source advised on May 15, 1964, that, as of that date, AIMS was located on the fifth floor west at 20 East 30th Street, New York City, New York.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

[redacted] b7D original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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"GLOS LUDOWY"

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GLOS LUDOWY (People's Voice, Polish)

1. Cited as a publication, published in Detroit, Michigan, which "has never faltered in this program of active cooperation with the Soviet regime. * * * Two men who have been responsible for directing the policy of Glos Ludowy are avowed members of the Communist Party, U.S.A. * * * Glos Ludowy stops at nothing in its frantic efforts to glorify the Soviet Union * * *."
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1951 on the American Slav Congress, April 26, 1950, originally released June 26, 1949, pp. 68, 70 and 71.)

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METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION, FORMERLY KNOWN AS NATURE FRIENDS OF AMERICA, INC., OPERATOR OF CAMP MIDVALE

Nature Friends of America, Inc., (NFA) has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, Supreme Court Building, New York City, reflect that a certificate of dissolution for NFA was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on February 23, 1954.

A source advised on March 12, 1954, that at a meeting of the former New York Local of NFA held on February 25, 1954, in New York City, a successor organization known as the Metropolitan Recreation Association (MRA) was set up and all assets and real property formerly belonging to the New York Local of NFA were transferred to the MRA.

On November 4, 1957, a second source made available a copy of the constitution of the MRA, which was adopted in 1957, and which, under Article II, set forth the aims of the organization as follows:

"The purpose of the association is to bring together people without regard to race, color, national origin, religion or beliefs, having a common interest in outdoor sports, recreational and cultural activities, and the fullest use of leisure time for the furtherance of the welfare and well being of the members; to encourage the study of nature and of the natural sciences, and of the modes of living and customs and cultures of the people of the United States, past and present....."

On [redacted] a third source made available a copy of the March, 1954, issue of the "Camp Midvale News," official organ of Camp Midvale, Midvale, New Jersey, which on page 1 states that the recently formed MRA is the organization which owns and operates Camp Midvale. b7D

The MRA, as of May 8, 1964, continues to utilize General Post Office Box 634, New York City, as its mailing address.

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

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New York, New York
December 21, 1964

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Title Eslanda Goode Robeson

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TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/12/64, at NY. (U)

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ESLANDA ROBESON, subject's wife, is on the Security Index of the NYO (Bufile 100-12304; NYfile 100-56680). (U)

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SA [redacted] telephonically contacted MARILYN ROBESON, daughter-in-law of the subject, on 11/30/64, under pretext [redacted] (u) b7C b7E

The following Special Agents observed the subject at the May Day Rally on 5/1/64, at NYC:

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The following Special Agents observed the subject at the NCASF Rally, 11/12/64, at NYC:

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The St. Louis, Missouri, Office is being requested, by separate communication, to review records at MPRC, St. Louis, per reBulet. (u)

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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. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason)

it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-24, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal the identities of these informants or the existence of a confidential technique of the FBI which would hamper their future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense.

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

subject has been described as mentally ill and is also in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him and the risk of great embarrassment to the Bureau is considerable.

8. [ ] 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.
9. [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)

of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He has been visited by CP leaders since his return to the US and has been described by his wife as not changing "his political views in any way".

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York 67C

Date: 12/22/64

Field Office File No.: 100-25857 Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

Synopsis: Subject resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NY, NY, and is retired. Subject delivered eulogy at funeral services of BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, 8/26/64, NY; attended May Day Rally, May, 1964, at NY; was subscriber to "Freedomways", 1964; spoke at affairs sponsored by "American Dialog" and NCASF Rally at NY, November, 1964. Informants contacted during November, 1964, were unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning the subject.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On November, 30, 1964, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained, by means of a pretext, that the subject currently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York, with his wife, ESLANDA ROBESON, and is retired.

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ESLANDA ROBESON made application for a passport at the American Embassy, London, England, on May 15, 1962. Mrs. ROBESON furnished a sworn affidavit in which she declared, "I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the CP, United States of America, or any other country.

B. Status of Health

On [redacted] advised that on [redacted] it was announced at a CP meeting that PAUL ROBESON was seriously ill and confined to his home and not participating in any of the current activities.

On [redacted] and [redacted] advised that on [redacted] ARNOLD JOHNSON stated that PAUL ROBESON's health was much better.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of September 22, 1964, contains an announcement that refers to ARNOLD JOHNSON as Public Relations Director for the CP.

On [redacted] and [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON did not attend the annual "The Worker" dinner held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York City, on October 18, 1964, due to serious illness.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. CP Associates

On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON delivered a eulogy at the funeral services for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS on August 26, 1964, at New York City. b7D

This information was corroborated by the following informants:

Date Received	Source
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The August 25, 1964, issue of "The Worker", page one, reflected that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS died at New York City on August 22, 1964.

B. CP Sympathies

"The National Guardian" issue of June 6, 1963, page two, carried an article datelined London, England, concerning PAUL ROBESON and signed by ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. The following is excerpted from this article:

"Several people, among them some news reporters, have been inquiring about articles alleged to have been written by my husband, PAUL ROBESON. The articles appeared last January in an American newspaper. They are pure fabrication.

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"He has not 'changed his political views' in any way, as has been alleged in the articles. On the contrary, there has been no interruption of his warm friendship and close contact with our Soviet and socialist friends...

"The only people who sometimes wishfully think that he will change his mind are some Americans who are deeply sunk in their anti-communist hysteria."

"The National Guardian" is characterized in the appendix hereto.

On May 1, 1964, Special Agents of the FBI observed the subject at the May Day Rally sponsored by the Greater New York Labor Press Club (GNYLPC) held at Union Square, New York, New York.

A characterization of the GNYLPC is contained in the appendix hereto.

On [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated that on October 5, 1964, PAUL ROBESON would entertain at the annual "The Worker" dinner on October 18, 1964.

On [redacted] and [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON did not attend the annual "The Worker" dinner on October 18, 1964, due to serious illness.

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A characterization of "Freedomways" under the title of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, is contained in the appendix hereto.

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On [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at an affair sponsored by "American Dialog" magazine at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York City, on November 10, 1964.

On [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the subject and his wife attended the affair sponsored by "American Dialog" magazine at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York City, on November 10, 1964.

A characterization of "American Dialog" is contained in the appendix hereto.

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C. Evidence of Membership in and/or Sympathy with CP Front Organizations

On [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON attended the "Rally for Peace and Friendship" sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) on November 12, 1964, at Carnegie Hall, New York City. He gave a short speech, according to the informant, stating that the world would benefit from friendly relations between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and the United States (US) and stated he was very proud of his affiliation with the NCASF.

On [redacted] advised that the subject and his wife attended the NCASF Rally at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on November 12, 1964.

On November 12, 1964, Special Agents of the FBI observed the proceedings of the NCASF "Rally for Peace and Friendship" held at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, and observed PAUL ROBESON, Senior, speaking of his five years abroad. He said he has spent a great deal of time "with our friends in the Soviet Union". He stated the world would benefit by friendly relations between the USA and the USSR, remarking that he was very proud of his affiliation with the NCASF.

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D. Miscellaneous Activities

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On [redacted] advised that on February 9, 1964, DANNY RUBEL spoke on the history of the CP at a Kings County CP Conference held at the Bensonhurst Fraternal Center, 2018 86th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and he stated that PAUL ROBESON was back in town and would become very active in the future.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants aware of certain phases of CP activity in the New York area were contacted during November, 1964, and they were unable to furnish any additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

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1. APPENDIX

"AMERICAN DIALOG", "AMERICAN DIALOGUE", "DIALOGUE"

[redacted] "Mainstream" had ceased publication with its August, 1963, issue and had been replaced by a new bimonthly publication entitled "American Dialogue" with JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

It is to be noted that the July-August, 1964, issue of "American Dialog", Volume 1, Number 1, lists JOSEPH NORTH as editor.

A second source advised durin[redacted] that on December 13, 1959, JOSEPH FELSHIN attended the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held from December 10, through December 13, 1959, in New York City.

[redacted]

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Mainstream":

"Mainstream*

"1. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out *** Mainstream -- monthly cultural and literary organ published in New York.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)"

* Beginning with the September 1956 issue, the name of this publication was changed from Masses and Mainstream to Mainstream.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

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[redacted] original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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1. APPENDIX

GREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

A source advised on December 6, 1962, that the Greater New York Press Club (GNYPC) was formed during February, 1961, by LOUIS WEINSTOCK when he was the General Manager of "The Worker" by obtaining members who would contribute funds, subscribe to and work for "The Worker," and also to hold social and cultural affairs.

The source stated that in the spring of 1962, JAMES LUSTIG was the Business Manager of "The Worker." LUSTIG announced at a press club meeting at Adelphi Hall, New York City, held on April 26, 1962, the formation of a new press club known as the "City Press Club Executive Board" (CPECB). The purpose of this new club was to coordinate the work of all the borough press clubs in the New York City area; to strengthen the work of the press clubs; to organize new press clubs; and to draw in people who were not members of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). The source stated that the basic purpose was to raise funds for "The Worker" and increase the circulation of that publication. Persons not members of the CPUSA could be members of the new club, but leadership in the club was limited to members of the CPUSA. The name of the CPCEB was later changed to "Greater City Press Club" (GCPC) which club became the successor of the GNYPC.

The source continued that in July, 1962, LOUIS WEINSTOCK again became General Manager of "The Worker" and the GCPC again became known as the Greater New York Readers' Club, Greater New York Readers' Clubs, Greater New York Readers' Conference, Greater City Press Club and the City Press Club, by personnel responsible for preparation of notices and literature regarding meetings and activities of the clubs. The source advised at that time the GNYPC had no office or headquarters and used the mailing address of "The Worker," 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The second source advised on August 15, 1962, that the Greater New York Readers' Club was formerly known as the "Three Boro Readers' Club."

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GREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

The first source advised on May 28, 1963, that the GNYPC holds no membership meetings and that the officers had ceased to function for the GNYPC. The source advised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was responsible for using the name of the GNYPC in conjunction with the activities of the Readers Conferences at "Worker" functions. The organization of the GNYPC no longer functions.

The first source advised on April 21, 1964, that, on March 31, 1964, about 50 members of the CPUSA met at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City. At this meeting, JOE BRANDT, the Business Manager of "The Worker," advised that, after consultation with the Editorial Board and other officials of "The Worker," it was decided to rebuild the GNYPC and to rename it the Greater New York Labor Press Club (GNYLPC). Those present at the meeting, without a dissenting vote, approved this decision.

A third source advised on April 29, 1964, that on the same date ERIC BERT, Managing Editor of "The Worker" said that the GNYLPC is a group of individuals who, as volunteers, help support "The Worker" and aid in its distribution and circulation.

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On [redacted] a confidential informant, [redacted] advised that Eslanda 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. The informant stated that Eslanda was a devoted member of the CP along with her husband, Paul Robeson. The informant stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were the source of his information concerning Eslanda and her husband's CP connection. (U)

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No information has been obtained concerning possible attendance of ROBESON at this affair. (U)

ROBESON is believed to be the well-known Negro singer and communist sympathizer. (U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

July 2, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

BUfile 100-12304
NYfile 100-56680

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 5/21/64

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Self employed writer and lecturer from residence

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 7/2/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

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7/12/65

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows *(specify change only)*:

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Aliases

☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien

☐ Communist ☐ Socialist Workers Party ☐ Independent Socialist League

☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)* _____

☐ Tab for Detcom	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	

Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*

Self employed writer and lecturer from residence

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Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

Interested Agencies _____

Residence Address

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

SEP 14 1965

FBI LIAISON: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

RE: Eslanda Goode Robeson
BORN: December 15, 1896
PLACE: Washington, D. C.

RESIDENCE: 16 Jumel Terrace
New York 32, New York

BUREAU FILE NUMBER: 100-12304

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

PASSPORT NUMBER: Z162475 issued July 24, 1962;
Renewed August 1965 at Washington, D. C.

ATTORNEY:

E - Applied

TRAVEL PLANS

PORT OF DEPARTURE: New York

DATE OF DEPARTURE: Mid August

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION: Ship

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY: 3 - 4 weeks

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED: Britain

PURPOSE OF TRIP: To close out our flat in London where we lived for five years.

PASSPORT OFFICE 100-12304
PT/L - ROBERT D. JOHNSON

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 9/28/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680) (P)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON aka
SM-C
(OO: New York)

1-30-81
CLASS. & EXT. BY sp-5 RJ, dw
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 3
DATE OF REVIEW 9-28-85

Re Bureau routing slip to NY dated 8/16/65 with attached Department of State airgram dated 8/9/65, re travel of ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

Enclosed herewith are the original and 5 copies for the Bureau and 2 copies for WFO of a letterhead memorandum concerning contemplated travel by ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

The following are the sources used in the letterhead memorandum:

First source [redacted]
US Post Office,
Audubon Station,
515 West 165th Street
(by request)

Second source [redacted]
(Conceal by request)

Third source [redacted] (C)

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ESLANDA ROBESON is on the Security Index of the NYO and her activities come within the Security Index criteria.

Enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified "Confidential" since it contains information from sources which if revealed could reasonably result in the identification of these sources, compromise future effectiveness thereof and have an adverse effect upon the defense interests of the country.

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(2) Bureau (Encls. 6) (RM)
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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will review the records of the Passport Office, US Department of State, for any additional information regarding the subject's travel and submit appropriate letterhead memorandum.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. This case will be closed administratively upon receipt of information from WFO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bufile 100-12304
NYfile 100-56680

New York, New York
September 28, 1965

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Re: Eslanda Goode Robeson
Security Matter - C

The Department of State advised on August 9, 1965, that Eslanda Goode Robeson, born December 15, 1896, at Washington, D.C., was issued Passport Number Z162475 on July 24, 1962. This Passport was renewed on August 4, 1965. When applying for a Passport Robeson indicated she intended to depart from New York by ship in mid August for a three to four week trip to England. (C)(W)

Eslanda Robeson resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York, and is self-employed as a writer from her residence.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] the subject [redacted] advised him that she had just been discharged from the hospital after undergoing an operation. The source concluded by stating that he had not seen the subject around the neighborhood for a two week period prior to his talking to her.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that Eslanda Robeson was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945 but she did not hold herself out to be a Communist. He stated that the subject was a devoted member of the CP.

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ON 1-30-81

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Eslanda Goode Robeson

[redacted] advised that the subject is a member of the CP, United States of America(USA) (no date given).

The subject testified before the Committee of Government Operations of the United States Senate on July 7, 1953, at which time she was asked whether she was a Communist on that date. The subject refused to answer the question because "it might tend to incriminate me."

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[redacted] Robeson was listed on the letterhead paper of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship(NCASF) as a member of the Board of Directors.

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following is a description of Eslanda Goode Robeson:

Name	Eslanda Goode Robeson
Sex	Female
Race	Negro
Date of birth	December 15, 1896
Place of birth	Washington, D.C.
Height	5 feet 3 inches
Weight	120 pounds
Hair	Black, gray
Eyes	Brown
Scars and marks	The tip of the first finger on her left hand is disfigured

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11/4/65

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-14994) (RUC)

SUBJECT:
ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka
SM - C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet dated 9/28/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are eight and two copies, respectively, of an LHM with the results of the review of the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, by IC [redacted] b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

November 4, 1965

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 27, 1965, contained the following information:

Passport Z-162475 issued to Eslanda Goode Robeson on July 24, 1962, was renewed on or about August 4, 1965, at Washington, D. C. In her application for passport, dated in July, 1965, she stated that she intended to depart from New York in mid August, 1965, for a proposed three to four months trip to Britain for the purpose of "to close out our flat in London where we lived for five years". In the event of death or accident, she requested that Paul Robeson, her husband, be notified at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK	12/8/65	11/1/65 - 11/30/65

TITLE OF CASE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY caa

CHARACTER OF CASE

SM - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF [illegible] DATE [illegible]

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/22/64 at NY. (4)

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DATE OF REVIEW 12-8-85

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ESLANDA ROBESON, subject's wife, is on the Security Index of the NYO. (Bufile 100-12304; NYfile 100-56680). (U)

INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING SOURCES SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THE BUREAU UNLESS IT HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY OTHER MEANS.

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NEW YORK	NEW YORK SECRET	DEC 9 1965	11/2-11/30/65

TITLE OF CASE

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY ltr

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE

NYrep of SA [redacted] 12/21/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, the husband of the subject, is on the SI of the NYO (Bufile 100-12304; NYfile 100-25857). THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS OBTAINED THROUGH SOURCES OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED.

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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. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [X] This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason)
it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-41, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal the identities of these informants or the existence of a confidential technique of the FBI which would hamper their future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense.

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
subject has been described as mentally ill and is also in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him and the risk of great embarrassment to the Bureau is considerable.

8. [ ] 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.
9. [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)
of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He has been visited by CP leaders since his return to the US and has been described by his wife as not changing "his political views in any way."

10. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
[ ] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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FD-376 (3-8-65)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. Bufile 100-12304
NYfile 100-25857

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Paul Leroy Robeson

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2
U. S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

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Report of: [redacted] Office: New York, New York

Date: DEC 8 1965

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Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Synopsis: Subject resides 16 Jumel Terrace, NY, NY and is retired. On [redacted] CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT advised [redacted] that the CP in America should sharpen up its approach to support some African countries. Therefore, he proposed the possible formation of a new council on Afro-American affairs with the possibility of PAUL ROBESON heading such an organization. Subject attended a reception for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT in March, 1965, at NYC; subject was to be present at a reception in 5/65 at Los Angeles, California, that was being arranged by the Professional and Cultural Section of the CP. Subject attended two functions sponsored by Freedomways in March and April, 1965; attended a party held at the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, California in May, 1965; attended a reception in his honor in LA, California in May, 1965 sponsored by the People's World Committee; attended the 40th Anniversary of International Publishers and 80th Birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG in January, 1965 at NYC; attended a reception in May, 1965 at Hollywood California sponsored by the ACPFD; attended a Rally for Peace and Friendship in November, 1964 at NYC sponsored by the NCASF; attended a reception in NYC in February, 1965 that was sponsored by the Upper West Side DuBois Club. Subj. seen in May, 1965 at a reception at the SMUN, NYC.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

[redacted] advised on November 22, 1965 that the subject, who is retired, currently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York with his wife, ESLANDA ROBESON.

On [redacted] advised that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945. She did not hold herself out as a CP member and furthermore denied CP membership.

ESLANDA ROBESON made application for a passport at the American Embassy, London, England, on May 15, 1962. Mrs. ROBESON furnished a sworn affidavit in which she declared "I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the CP, United States of America, or any other country."

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B. Status of Health

[redacted] advised on November 22, 1965 that ESLANDA ROBESON had recently stated that PAUL ROBESON was in poor health.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party Sympathies

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT gave a brief summary on his trip overseas. In discussing America, LIGHTFOOT indicated it would be necessary for the CP in America to sharpen up its approach to

support some African countries. Therefore, LIGHTFOOT proposed the possibility of the formation of a new council on Afro-American affairs, and also indicated it was possible that PAUL ROBESON, who may be returning to political activity soon, may head such an organization.

On [redacted] verified the mention of PAUL ROBESON [redacted] above mentioned [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is Vice Chairman and a member of the National Committee of the CP, United States of America and Chairman of the Illinois CP District.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a reception for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on March 21, 1965 at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York, New York.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at a meeting of [redacted] the CP of Southern California held on [redacted] at [redacted] it was mentioned that on May 19, 1965 the subject would be present at a reception in Los Angeles that was being arranged by the Professional and Cultural Section of the CP.

B. Communist Party Front Group Organizations

1. Freedomways Associates, Incorporated

A characterization of the Freedomways Associates, Incorporated appears in the appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] advised on March 26, 1965 that the subject was a speaker at a book party sponsored by Freedomways on March 21, 1965 at 309 West 125th Street, New York City.

"The Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of May 2, 1965, page three, contained an article

"2,000 Hail Paul Robeson at Freedomways Tribute." The article stated that "An overflow audience of 2,000 friends and admirers" of PAUL ROBESON greeted him at the Hotel Americana the previous week (April 22, 1965) on the occasion of the salute by Freedomways to ROBESON on his 66th birthday.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that "Freedomways" magazine sponsored on April 22, 1965 a cocktail party and testimonial entertainment in honor of PAUL ROBESON at the Americana Hotel, 7th Avenue and 52nd Street, New York City. ROBESON was one of the speakers at this affair.

The subject's attendance at the above mentioned testimonial in his honor on April 22, 1965 was verified by the following:

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2. The First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles

A characterization of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles is contained in the appendix hereto attached.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject and his wife were in attendance at a "welcome home" party for them held at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, 2936 West 8th Street, Los Angeles, California on May 14, 1965.

The subject's attendance at the above mentioned "welcome home" party on May 14, 1965 at Los Angeles, California was verified by the following:

[redacted]

"The Morning Freiheit" of May 27, 1965 on page five, column 2 - 5, continued on page 6, columns 1 - 2 contained an

article on the reception given PAUL ROBESON on May 15, 1965 at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles in Los Angeles, California.

A characterization of the "Morning Freheit" is contained in the appendix hereto attached.

3. "People's World" (PW)

The "People's World" is a west coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a reception in his honor sponsored by the Southern California People's World Committee on May 18, 1965 at 118 North Larchmont Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

The subject's attendance at the reception sponsored by the Southern California People's World Committee on May 18, 1965 was verified by the following:

(4) [redacted]

4. International Publishers

A characterization of the International Publishers appears in the appendix hereto attached.

[redacted] the subject was one of the speakers at the 40th anniversary of International Publishers and 80th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City, on January 15, 1965.

[redacted]

The subject's attendance at the 40th anniversary of International Publishers and 80th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was verified by the following:

[redacted]

5. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB)

ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a reception in his honor on May 22, 1965 at 7279 Mulholland Drive, Hollywood, California.

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6. National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a "Rally for Peace and Friendship" sponsored by the NCASF on November 12, 1964 at Carnegie Hall, New York City, at which he gave a short talk on his travels and friendship with the Soviet Union.

The subject's attendance at the NCASF sponsored affair on November 12, 1964 was verified by the following:

[redacted]

7. W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America

A characterization of the W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America is contained in the appendix hereto attached.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a cocktail party sponsored by the Upper West Side DuBois Club on February 28, 1965 at 205 West End Avenue, New York City.

The subject's attendance at the Upper West Side DuBois Club party was verified by the following:

[redacted]

8. Miscellaneous Activities

[redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was seen on May 10, 1965 at a reception at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants aware of certain phases of CP activity in the New York area were contacted during November, 1965, and they were unable to furnish any additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

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APPENDIX

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

A source advised on April 29, 1964, that the premises of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles have been utilized for meetings by Communist Party members and sympathizers over a period of years. Speakers and lecturers at the church frequently espouse Communist causes or follow the Communist Party line. Communist Front group literature is distributed at the church. The church is used by some Communist Party members for "mass concentration" work.

This same infiltration extends to adjuncts of the church such as the Unitarian Public Forum and the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice.

STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN has been minister of the church since 1948.

Reverend STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN is described in the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities Committee in California, 1948, page 115, as a very active "Communist fronter" and connected with numerous "Communist front organizations and activities."

Membership in the First Unitarian Church does not of itself connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

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1. APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Winter, 1965, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. This issue lists JOHN HENRIK CLARE as Associate Editor, ESTHER JACKSON as Managing Editor, and JOHN L. DEVINE as Art Editor of the publication.

A confidential source made available information on [redacted] reflecting that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on [redacted] reflecting that CLARKE is an "associate" of AIMS.

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The Winter, 1963, issue of "Freedomways," page 44, states that ESTHER JACKSON became one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949.

The SNYC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to a confidential source, ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON, whom the source identified on [redacted] as being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA.)

On [redacted] advised that JACK DEVINE, [redacted] was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

On [redacted] a confidential source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

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the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On [redacted] a source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON.

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning International Publishers:

"International Publishers

"1. 'Also pertinent to the matters under inquiry are the Communist Party's publications and publishing houses. International Publishers, headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, is established in the record to be a publishing house in this country for the Marxist-Leninist Classics, among other literature. TRACHTENBERG reports to the "Politburo" and the National Committee of the Party concerning its operation.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 107-53, Report and Order with respect to the Jefferson School of Social Science, June 30, 1955, Appendix A, p. iii.)

"2. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG.
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"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, Annual Reports, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee March 29, 1944, p. 76.)

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS (CONT'D)

"4. 'Official American Communist Party publishing house.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, May 11, 1948, p. 80.)"

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

"1. The Communist International 'subsidized * * * the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)

"2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"3. '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, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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1. APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

[redacted] has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

[redacted] has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternative."

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The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

As of October, 1965, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 954 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

Over the Labor Day week end, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois. According to [redacted] a new slate of national officers was elected at this conference, which included Chairman HUGH STERLING FOWLER, II, [redacted]; Director of Publicity CARL [redacted] BLOICE [redacted]; Educational Director [redacted] MAGUIRE "DYNAMITE" HALLINAN [redacted]; Organizational Secretary TERENCE "KAYO" HALLINAN [redacted] and Treasurer SUSAN PHYLLIS BORENSTEIN [redacted]

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[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

of her prestige position and that of her husband in the Communist movement. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing the subject, and considerable embarrassment to the Bureau could result if she were interviewed.

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of her considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement and her position as member of the Board of Directors, NCASF, as of April, 1964.

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Chief
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Synopsis: Subject resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, NY, NY, and is self-employed as a writer from her residence. Subject renewed her US passport in August, 1965. Subject attended a reception for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT in March, 1965, in NYC. Subject was to be present at a reception in May, ., 1965, at LA, California, that was being arranged by the Professional and Cultural Section of the CP; attended the 40th Anniversary of the International Publishers and the 80th birthday celebration of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG in January, 1965, at NYC; attended a reception sponsored by the ACPFB in Hollywood, California, in May, 1965; attended a reception in NYC, in February, 1965, that was sponsored by the Upper West Side Du Bois Club, NYC; attended a rally for peace and friendship in November, 1964, at NYC, that was sponsored by NCASF; as of May, 1965, subject held a subscription to "The Worker"; attended a party held at the First Unitarian Church, LA, California, in May, 1965; attended a cocktail party in April, 1965, at NYC, sponsored by "Freedomways" magazine; attended a PSSFC meeting in April, 1965, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended a reception for her husband in May, 1965, at LA, California, that was sponsored by the Peoples World Committee.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

[redacted] advised on November 22, 1965, that the subject currently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York, with her husband, PAUL LEROY ROBESON, and is self-employed as a writer from her residence.

[redacted] advised in [redacted] that PAUL LEROY ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945, as a concealed member of the Communist Party.

"The New York Times" Late City Edition, dated December 23, 1963, Page one, stated that PAUL ROBESON left the United States on July 10, 1958, for London, sang in the Soviet Union off and on, and acted in England before becoming ill in April, 1961. On August 25, 1963, he arrived in East Berlin for treatment for what his wife called circulatory trouble, returned to London "last Wednesday" and arrived back in New York on December 22, 1963. Queried about his reported disillusionment with Communism, his wife, ESLANDA ROBESON, stated "he never was disillusioned, and he thinks it's terrific."

B. Foreign Travel

On September 14, 1965, the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised that their files revealed that Passport Z-162475 was issued to ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON on July 24, 1962, and was renewed on or about August 4, 1965, at Washington, D. C. In her application for a passport dated in July, 1965, she stated that she intended to depart from New York in mid August, 1965, for a proposed three to four month trip to Britain.

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for the purpose of "to close out our flat in London, where we lived for five years." In the event of death or accident, she requested that PAUL ROBESON, her husband, be notified at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York. (X)

[redacted] advised on September 15, 1965, that he had been talking to ESLANDA ROBESON about one week prior, and she advised that she had just been discharged from the hospital after undergoing an operation. The source concluded by stating that he had not seen the subject around the neighborhood for a two week period prior to his talking to her.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party Sympathies (CP)

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a reception for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on March 21, 1965, at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT is Vice Chairman and member of the National Committee of the CP, United States of America, and Chairman of the Illinois CP District.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that at a meeting of [redacted] the CP of Southern California, held on [redacted] at [redacted] it was mentioned that on May 19, 1965, the subject would be present at a reception in Los Angeles, California. This reception was being arranged by the Professional and Cultural Section of the CP.

B. International Publishers (IP)

A characterization of the IP is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at the 40th Anniversary of the International Publishers and an 80th birthday celebration of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City, on January 15, 1965.

[redacted]

The subject's attendance at the 40th Anniversary of the International Publishers and the 80th birthday celebration of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG on January 15, 1965, was verified by the following:

[redacted]

C. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB)

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a reception in honor of her and her husband on May 22, 1965, at 7279 Mulholland Drive, Hollywood, California, which was sponsored by the ACPFB.

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D. W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America

A characterization of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a reception would be held for Mr. and Mrs. PAUL LEROY ROBESON at 205 West End Avenue, Apartment 15U, New York City, on February 28, 1965. According to the printed invitation, this reception would be given by friends, parents, and supporters of the Upper West Side Du Bois Club.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at a reception for her and her husband on February 28, 1965, at 205 West End Avenue, New York, New York. This affair was sponsored by the Upper West Side Du Bois Club.

The subject's attendance at the reception for her and her husband on February 28, 1965, was verified by the following:

[redacted]

E. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at the annual rally for peace and friendship at New York City that was sponsored by the NCASF. During the rally, the subject spoke about how well she had been treated and received in the Soviet Union. She also spoke of the desire of the Russian people for friendship with the people of the United States.

The annual rally was held on November 12, 1964.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that "Freedomways" magazine on April 22, 1965, sponsored a cocktail party and testimonial entertainment in honor of PAUL ROBESON at the Americana Hotel, 7th Avenue and 52nd Street, New York City, at which time the subject was in attendance.

The subject's attendance at the above-mentioned testimonial in honor of her husband on April 22, 1965, was verified by the following:

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I. Philadelphia Social Science Forum Committee (PSSFC)

A characterization of the PSSFC is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance and spoke on "The New Africa" on April 23, 1965, at the PSSFC meeting at 249 South 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The subject's attendance at the PSSFC sponsored meeting on April 23, 1965, was verified by the following:

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[redacted]

J. "Peoples World" (PW)

The PW is a west coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was in attendance at the reception for her husband sponsored by the Southern California Peoples World Committee on May 18, 1965, at 118 North Larchmont Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

The subject's attendance at the above-mentioned reception sponsored by the Peoples World Committee on May 18, 1965, was verified by the following:

[redacted]

K. Miscellaneous Activities

[redacted]

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants, aware of certain phases of CP activities in the New York City area, were contacted during November, 1965, and they were unable to furnish any additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

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1. APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Winter, 1965, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. This issue lists JOHN HENRIK CLARE as Associate Editor, ESTHER JACKSON as Managing Editor, and JOHN L. DEVINE as Art Editor of the publication.

A confidential source made available information on [redacted] reflecting that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on [redacted] reflecting that CLARKE is an "associate" of AIMS. b7D

The Winter, 1963, issue of "Freedomways," page 44, states that ESTHER JACKSON became one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949.

The SNYC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to a confidential source, ESTHER JACKSON is the wife of JAMES JACKSON, whom the source identified on [redacted] as being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP,USA.)

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[redacted] advised that JACK DEVINE, [redacted] was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life. b7D

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

On [redacted] a confidential source described JOHN DEVINE as a CP member.

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the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On [redacted] a source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON.

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APPENDIX

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

A source advised on April 29, 1964, that the premises of the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles have been utilized for meetings by Communist Party members and sympathizers over a period of years. Speakers and lecturers at the church frequently espouse Communist causes or follow the Communist Party line. Communist front group literature is distributed at the church. The church is used by some Communist Party members for " mass concentration " work.

This same infiltration extends to adjuncts of the church such as the Unitarian Public Forum and the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice.

STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN has been minister of the church since 1948.

Reverend STEPHEN H. FRITCHMAN is described in the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities Committee in California, 1948, Page 115, as a very active "Communist fronter" and connected with numerous "Communist front organizations and activities."

Membership in the First Unitarian Church does not of itself connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning International Publishers:

"International Publishers

"1. 'Also pertinent to the matters under inquiry are the Communist Party's publications and publishing houses. International Publishers, headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, is established in the record to be a publishing house in this country for the Marxist-Leninist Classics, among other literature. TRACHTENBERG reports to the "Politburo" and the National Committee of the Party concerning its operation.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 107-53, Report and Order with respect to the Jefferson School of Social Science, June 30, 1955, Appendix A, p. iii.)

"2. 'The (Communist) Party's publishing house,' headed by ALEXAN ER TRACHTENBERG.
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"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, Annual Reports, House Report 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8, and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, p. 18; also cited in House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee March 29, 1944, p. 76.)

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"4. 'Official American Communist Party publishing house.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1920 on the Communist Party of the United States as an Advocate of Overthrow of Government by Force and Violence, May 11, 1948, p. 80.)"

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PHILADELPHIA SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM COMMITTEE (PSSFC)

A source advised on [redacted] that a meeting of the District Education Commission (CPEPD) was held [redacted], at [redacted] At this meeting DANIEL RUBIN, the District Education Director, presented a proposal for a series of forums under the nominal sponsorship of the Philadelphia Social Science Forum Committee (PSSFC). The source stated that PSSFC was merely a paper organization, and this series of forums was organized by the District Education Commission (CPEPD) and had to be approved by the District Committee, CPEPD, before being put into effect.

[redacted] stated [redacted] that the PSSFC remained under the control of the District Education commission, CPEPD. It was planned by RUBIN that a new series of forums would be conducted in the fall of 1959.

[redacted] related in [redacted] that a new series of PSSFC forums would be held on the second Friday of each month, beginning November 13, 1959, and running through May, 1960, at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia. This was announced at a meeting of the District Education Commission (CPEPD) on October 29, 1959.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting of the District Education Committee (CPEPD) was held [redacted], during which it was decided that there would be a series of forums of the PSSFC during the 1960-61 season, the first being scheduled for November 18, 1960, at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia.

[redacted] explained [redacted], that the main purpose of the PSSFC is to bring to Philadelphia as well known speakers as possible, espedally speakers who have a progressive or Communist point of view and background, and to attract as large an audience as possible to acquaint those in the audience with the views of the Communists on current

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issues. In this manner the Communist Party seeks to spread its influence among a broader section of the people.

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1. APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

[redacted] has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

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A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

[redacted] has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternative."

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The constitution further states that this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals, or if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

As of October, 1965, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 954 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

Over the Labor Day week end, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois. According to [redacted] a new slate of national officers was elected at this conference, which included Chairman HUGH STERLING FOWLER, II, [redacted]

[redacted]; Director of Publicity CARL ELLENGER BLOICE [redacted] HALLINAN [redacted]; Organizational Secretary [redacted] and Treasurer SUSAN PHYLLIS BORENSTEIN [redacted]

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted], dated and captioned as above at New York.

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January 14, 1966

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

REFERENCE: NEW YORK REPORT 12/9/65

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(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed find the original and two copies of an LHM containing information on the death of ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

The Secret Service at New York has been notified of the subject's death.

The subject's Security Index cards in the NYO have been cancelled.

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Eslanda Goode Robeson
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"The New York Times," Late City Edition, December 14, 1965, page 43, revealed that Eslanda Goode Robeson, died on December 13, 1965, at the Beth Israel Hospital, New York, New York.

On December 12, 1965, [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised Special Agent [redacted] that Eslanda Robeson was cremated on December 15, 1965, at Ferncliffe Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York.

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On December 20, 1965, Investigative Clerk [redacted] advised that the records for the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough of Manhattan, revealed that Eslanda Goode Robeson died at the Beth Israel Hospital, Manhattan, on December 13, 1965. The cause of death was listed as generalized carcinoma.

The records revealed that she resided at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York, New York, and that she was an author.

These records also revealed that she was cremated December 15, 1965, at Ferncliff Cemetery, Westchester County, New York.

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[X] Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
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of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He has been visited by CP leaders since his return to the US and has been described by his wife as not changing "his political views in any way".

10. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Paul Leroy Robeson

Director
United States Secret Service
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Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Synopsis: Subject resides Apartment 6A, 161 West 86th Street and is retired. Subject is presently in poor health. Subject listed as a sponsor of a dinner tribute to the executive director of the NCASF that was held on 1/26/66 at NYC.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

b7D [redacted] advised on November 22, 1966, that the subject, who was retired, moved from 11 Jumel Terrace, New York City on September 8, 1966 to 161 West 86th Street, Apartment 6A, where he is living with his son and daughter-in-law.

On November 23, 1966 [redacted]
b7C/b7D 161 West 86th Street, New York City, advised that the subject, is presently living with his son and daughter-in-law in Apartment 6A at that address.

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B. Status of Health

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On November 23, 1966, [redacted] 161 West 86th Street, New York City, advised that the subject, who is in very poor health, is confined to bed in Apartment 6A at that address.

[redacted] advised on [redacted], that he had received information on [redacted] that the subject was seriously ill.

b7D

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party Front Group Organizations

1. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 26, 1966, [redacted] furnished a copy of an announcement of a dinner to be held on that date in the Grand Ballroom, Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York City, in tribute to the executive director of the NCASF. The announcement contained the name PAUL ROBESON among the list of sponsors of the dinner tribute.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants aware of certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted during November, 1966 and they were unable to furnish any additional information concerning the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. Bufile 100-12304
NYfile 100-25857

New York, New York
December 8, 1966

Title Paul Leroy Robeson

Character Security Matter -C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, b7C at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
December 7, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BUfile 100-12304
NYfile 100-25857

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 2-29-64

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: ~~Apt. 6A~~
181 West 86th Street
New York, New York

Employment:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 12-7-66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re: _____

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

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Name			
Aliases			
☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien			
☐ Communist ☐ Socialist Workers Party ☐ Miscellaneous *(specify)* _____			
☐ Tab for Detcom	Date of birth	Place of birth	Race / Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*

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Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____

Interested Agencies _____

Residence Address

Apt. 6A, 161 West 86th Street
New York, New York

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b7D [redacted]

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
EM - C

The Bureau is in receipt of a publication captioned "Directory of Soviet International Front Organizations" dated May, 1966, [redacted] b7D

b7C [redacted] listed in the above Directory as a member of the World Council of Peace under the name [redacted] and Robeson are also listed as members of the same organization.

If this information is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be attributed to a confidential source abroad.

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NOTE:

b7C [redacted] and Robeson are both current SI subjects.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 12/8/67

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)(P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(00:NY)

ADVISE OTHER AGENCIES
SLIP(S) OF CLASS. FILE
DATE 8/3/81

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ReNYrep of SA FRANCIS X. TANTLEY, 12/8/66.

This letter is submitted in lieu of a report as the Bureau is in possession of all pertinent subversive information concerning the subject.

Residence and Employment

On 10/11/67, [redacted] (C) furnished information that PAUL ROBESON "had been very ill and has been inaccessible to anyone for the last couple of months." b1

The 10/17/67, issue of "The Worker", page 3, carried a 4 column article concerning the subject and stated in the last paragraph, "PAUL ROBESON, now 69, suffered serious injuries in a fall in 1965 and currently resides in a rest home in Connecticut."

On 11/27/67, the U.S. Postal Inspector, Manhattan, NY, furnished information that PAUL ROBESON, SR. was still receiving mail at Apartment 6A, 161 West 86th Street, NY, NY.

On 12/5/67, [redacted] 161 W. 86th St., NYC, advised SA [redacted] that he had last seen the subject at that address in early November, 1967; that he did not often see the subject before that because the subject is in poor health and seldom left his son's apartment and that it is possible that the subject could be in a rest home because of his health. b7C/b1

Administrative

Review of subject's case file and the indices of the NYO reflect no unreported subversive information concerning the subject.

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2 - Bureau (RM)
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The following informants were contacted in November and December, 1967, and were shown a photograph of the subject with negative results:

[redacted] (C) b1

On 12/8/67, [redacted] (C) and [redacted] (C) advised that they had no information as to subject's current residence and/or location but would be alert for any information re ROBESON'S status of health and current location.

LEAD

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Will continue investigation to determine subject's whereabouts. If it is determined that subject is at a specific location and/or rest home in Connecticut appropriate leads will then be sent to the NEW HAVEN DIVISION to verify subject's presence in that State.

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. [ ] The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. [X] 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.
   Date photograph was taken 4/22/65.
5. [ ] Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. [ ] This report is classified _____ because *(state reason)*

7. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____.
   [X] Subject was not interviewed because *(state reason)*
   subject has been described as mentally ill and is also in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him and the risk of great embarrassment to the Bureau is considerdie.

8. [ ] 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.
9. [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)*
   of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He has been visited by CP leaders since his return to the U.S. and has been described by his wife as not changing "his political views in any way."

10. [X] Subject's SI card [ ] is [X] is not tabbed Detcom.
    [ ] Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because *(state reasons)*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 12/8/67

FROM: SAC, New York (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
SM-C
(OO:NY)

Re: _____

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Business Address *(show name of employing concern and address)*				
Key Facility Data: Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____ Interested Agencies _____				
Residence Address: Unknown				

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FD-366 (5-6-64)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
December 8, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BUfile 100-12304
NYfile 100-25857

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
SM - C

REFERENCE: NY REPORT 12/8/66

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Unknown

Employment:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-123044) DATE: 1/8/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)(P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM-C
(CC:NY)

ReNYlet 12/8/67, indicating that subject was possibly in a rest home in Connecticut.

The "New York Post" of 12/23/67, contained a short article stating that the subject "who has been ill much of the time since he collapsed near his Manhattan home two years ago, has been hospitalized in Philadelphia. -- Doctors in University Hospital said ROBESON was admitted Tuesday (12/19/67) suffering from dermatitis, a skin inflammation. He is expected to be released shortly."

The article goes on to state that the subject has been living in Philadelphia with his sister, Mrs. MARION FORSYTHE, "a retired teacher."

Review of subject's file reflects that in Philadelphia letter to the Director, 8/16/66, captioned, "Visitors to Iron Curtain Countries - USSR; IS-R" MARIAN R. FORSYTHE resided at 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1965.

The Philadelphia Division is requested to verify subject's presence at University Hospital or at his sister's residence in that city; and to determine, if possible, through logical sources and contacts subject's plans, and length, of staying in Philadelphia.

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2 - Philadelphia (100-38128)(RM)
1 - New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/20/68

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-38128) (RUC)

SUBJECT:
PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(OO:NEW YORK)

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Re New York letter to Director, 1/8/68.

On 12/21/67, [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] and advised that he ascertained from an unknown source at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital that PAUL ROBESON had been admitted on 12/20/67, to be treated for Neurological Dermatitis. He was admitted by Dr. WALTER B. SHELLEY.

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On 1/18/68, [redacted] University of Pennsylvania Hospital, an established source whose identity should be concealed, advised SA EDWARD A. SMITH that PAUL L. ROBESON was admitted to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital on 12/19/67, for treatment of a Dermatitis infection. ROBESON indicated that his Philadelphia address would be 4951 Walnut Street, the residence of his sister, Mrs. MARIE FORSYTHE. His religious preference was given as Methodist and a notation [redacted] indicates that the hospital bill should be forwarded to H. LEE LURIE, Attorney, 10 East 40th Street, New York City, 10016.

b7C b7D

On 2/19/68, [redacted] advised that ROBESON was discharged 12/29/67, is not an outpatient and presumably returned to New York upon his release from the hospital. He noted that ROBESON had occupied a $45.00 a day room at the hospital.

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No other Philadelphia sources have any knowledge of the subject's presence in Philadelphia.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 4/1/68

FROM : SAC, NEWYORK (100-25857)(P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM-C
(OD:NY)

ReNYlet to the Bureau, 1/8/68, copy to Philadelphia; NYlet to Philadelphia, 2/28/68 (Inter-office).

New York is awaiting results of Philadelphia investigation requested in relet, 1/8/68.

2 - Bureau (RM)
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1 - New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) CONFIDENTIAL DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM-C
(OO:NY)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF CLASS. FILE
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ReNYlet to the Bureau, 4/1/68, copy to Philadelphia; PHlet to the Bureau, 2/20/68, no copy to New York. (u)

"The Worker" issue of Sunday, 4/7/68, page 4, column 2, in a five column spread setting forth plans in London, Berlin and Moscow to celebrate the 70th birthday of the subject on 4/9/68, it is indicated that the subject is living in Philadelphia as "a cable of greeting will be sent to ROBESON in Philadelphia from all his friends in Britain." (u)

New York radio station WBAI-FM in a two hour tribute to the subject, 7 to 9 p.m., 4/9/68, referred to the subject as living quietly in Philadelphia with his sister. (u)

b1 [redacted] (c)

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING THIS INFORMATION AND MUST BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ANY COMMUNICATION. IT SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS ABOVE WHEN DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

Philadelphia is requested to verify subject's residence at his sister's address, 4951 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa, so New York can execute FD 128. (u)

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2 - Philadelphia (100-38128)(RM)
1 - New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
June 12,1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BUfile 100-12304
NYfile 100-25857

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM-C

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 12/8/67.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 4951 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Employment:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 5/29/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)(P)

CI NY 5-28-68
Let WBS 5-29-68

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet, 4/10/68, copy to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia has advised that the subject is residing at the home of his sister, 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and that he is not employed.

New York is preparing submission of FD 128 changing origin to Philadelphia pending completion of review of subject's voluminous file.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304)

DATE: 6/12/68

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka
SM-C

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

Residence Address

4951 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.

Unemployed

Check the following applicable statements:

- [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 Philadelphia Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- [ ] This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- [ ] This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- [ ] Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- [X] A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- [X] A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- [X] Security Index Cards
- [X] Serials (specify) (see attached list)
- [X] Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
  - [X] ~~Negative and~~ three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
  - [ ] None available.
  - [ ] Previously furnished.

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(3) Bureau (Req.) (1- Identification Division)(RM)
2 - Philadelphia (100-38128) (Encls. 31)(RM)
1 - New York

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" " " " " SA [redacted] 4/17/56.
Miami report of SA [redacted] 6/22/56
New York report of SA [redacted] 10/19/56
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" " " " SA [redacted] 3/12/64
New York LHM to Secret Service, New York City, 5/18/64.
" " report of SA [redacted] 12/22/64.
" " " " SA [redacted] 12/8/65.
" " " " " " " " " " 12/8/66.
New York letter to the Bureau, 12/8/67.

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As the Philadelphia Division is in possession of all pertinent information concerning the subject no report is being submitted by the New York Division in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	MAR 31 1971	1/27 - 3/5/71

TITLE OF CASE
PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY mlb

CHARACTER OF CASE
SM - C

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REFERENCES

New York report of SA [redacted] dated 1-30-81 12/8/66.

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DATE OF REVIEW 3-31-97

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY LETTING SLIP(S) DATE 8/3/61

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY LETTING SLIP(S) DATE 4-7-71

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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100-12304-723 REC-7

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NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

The following confidential informants who are familiar with CP and/or CP front-group activities in the Philadelphia area were unable to furnish any information regarding subject's activities:

[redacted] (C)

[redacted]

SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

PH T-1 is [redacted] (C)
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[redacted] (C)

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1. [X] Subject's name is included in the [X] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index [ ] Reserve Index.
2. [X] The data appearing on the [X] Security Index Card [ ] Agitator Index Card are current.
3. [ ] The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card [ ] A [ ] B [ ] are current [ ] have been changed.
4. [ ] Changes on the [ ] Security Index Card [ ] Agitator Index Card are necessary and [ ] Form FD-122 [ ] FD-397 submitted to the Bureau.
5. [X] A suitable photograph [X] is [ ] is not available.
   Date photograph was taken 1965.
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)* information provided by confidential informants of continuing value could result in their identification and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.
8. [ ] Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____.
   [X] Subject was not reinterviewed because *(state reason)*
   subject has been described as mentally ill and is also in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him.
9. [ ] This case no longer meets the [ ] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
10. [X] This case has been reevaluated in the light of the [X] Security Index [ ] Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because *(state reason)*
    of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He is now nearly 73 years old and evidently not personally dangerous. As recently as 1969, however, he was used by the CP as an honoree. His own attitude toward this CP function is not known, except that he did not attend for reasons of health.
11. [X] Subject's SI card is tabbed [ ] Priority I [ ] Priority II [X] Priority III.
    [X] Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because *(state reasons)*
    of his past activities.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, Philadelphia

Report of: J. [redacted] Office: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA b7C

Date: MAR 31 1971

Field Office File #: 100-38128 Bureau File #: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Synopsis: Subject resides at 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and is not employed. His activities have been curtailed since 1966 by poor health.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] advised on March 5, 1971, that subject resides at 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., with his sister, MARIAN FORSYTHE, and is employed.

CP ACTIVITIES

[redacted] furnished information on October 11, 1967, that ROBESON had been very ill and has been inaccessible to anyone for several months. b7D

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-30-81 BY SP-5 RJS/HW

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
SI[illegible] Classified
DATE 8/3/81

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The October 17, 1967, issue of "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, which has since gone out of business, page 3, carried a four column article concerning the subject and stated in the last paragraph, "PAUL ROBESON, now 69, suffered serious injuries in a fall in 1965..."

[redacted] an announcement was made that on April 13, 1969, there would be a cultural program celebrating the 71st birthday of PAUL ROBESON at the Joe Louis Theater, 35th Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

On [redacted] advised a meeting of the [redacted] CP was held on [redacted] and an announcement was made of a birthday celebration on April 13, 1969, for PAUL ROBESON, sponsored by the African-American Heritage Association (AAHA). The event was to be held at the Joe Louis Theater, Chicago, Ill. b7D

On [redacted] furnished information that an anniversary celebration, sponsored by the AAHA, was held on April 13, 1969, in honor of PAUL ROBESON. The affair was held at the Joe Louis Theater, Chicago, Ill., and WILLIAM PATTERSON, described as a CP leader from New York, was the main speaker.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that ROBESON was very ill and could not attend the celebration in his honor held April 13, 1969.

An article in the "Philadelphia Tribune," a daily Philadelphia newspaper, on August 9, 1969, stated that 71 year old Negro actor and singer, PAUL ROBESON, was confined to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital suffering from a heart condition. The article further stated that ROBESON had been "ailing" since 1961, when he suffered a physical breakdown while touring Europe.

[redacted] University of Pennsylvania Hospital, advised on December 12, 1969, that ROBESON was a patient at the hospital from August 25, 1969 to September 26, 1969, and was under psychiatric care because of "depression." b7C/b7

Sources who are familiar with CP and/or CP front group activities in the Philadelphia area have been contacted and were unable to furnish any information of recent activity by ROBESON.

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FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Title PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Reference Philadelphia report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FD-122 (Rev. 8-12-71)
OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 12/15/71

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-38128)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM-C

CATEGORY REMOVED
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Posted SFD 2/4/72

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Re: _____

Recommend: ☐ SI Card ☒ Adex SI Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name		
Aliases	☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien	Tab ~~Priority I~~ ~~Priority II~~ Category ☒ ~~Priority~~ III

☐ AWC ☐ COMMUNIST ☐ NL ☐ PLP ☐ PRN ☐ SNC ☐ SWP
☐ BNT ☐ JFG ☐ NOI ☐ PPA ☐ SDS ☐ SPL ☐ WWP
☐ BPP ☐ MIN ☐ Miscellaneous (Specify) _____

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex
			☐ Male ☐ Female

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.	Residence Address
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PAUL LEROY ROBESON

This case has been reevaluated in light of the Administrative Index criteria and it falls within such criteria.

Subject's activity continues to fall within CATEGORY III because of his long time close contact with CPUSA leaders. He was honored by the CP as recently as 1969.

The next report will be due 3/31/72.

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FD-122 (Rev. 11-22-71)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 3/7/72

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-38128)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
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Re: _____

Recommend: ☐ ADEX Card ☒ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name		
Aliases	☐ Native Born ☐ Naturalized ☐ Alien	Tab ☐ Category I ☐ Category II ☐ Category III ☐ Category IV

☐ AWC ☐ COMMUNIST ☐ NL ☐ PLP ☐ PRN ☐ SNC ☐ SWP
☐ BNT ☐ JFG ☐ NOI ☐ PPA ☐ SDS ☐ SPL ☐ WWP
☐ BPP ☐ MIN ☐ Miscellaneous *(Specify)* _____

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex
			☐ Male ☐ Female

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.	Residence Address
RETIRED	ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-30-81 BY SP-5R1 JW

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 7, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. PH 100-38128

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON

CHARACTER: SM-C

REFERENCE: New York communication dated 6/12/68

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment: Retired

Sent to SS
For ☐ action
Date 3/10/72
By

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 7/13/72

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-38128) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON
SM-C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) DATED 6-55-72

DATE 8/2/81

REFERENCE: Philadelphia report 3/31/72.

This letter is submitted in lieu of a report inasmuch as no pertinent data has been developed since date of referenced communication. FD-305 enclosed.

RESIDENCE:
EMPLOYMENT:

☒ Subject's employment ☒ residence ☐ remains the same.
Source: [redacted] (C)

☐ Subject's employment ☐ residence ☐ has changed to:

Source:

ACTIVITY: The following security informants and established sources were contacted on the indicated dates and were unable to furnish any pertinent information regarding subject:

Informant	Date Contacted
[redacted] (C)	[redacted]

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Established Source	Date Contacted

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1- Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
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FD-305 (Rev. 3-9-72)

1. XX Subject's name is included in the ADEX., Category ☐ I ☐ II XX III ☐ IV
2. XX The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. XX A suitable photograph [X] is ☐ is not available.
   Date photograph was taken 1965.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because *(state reason)*

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed *(dates)* _____.
   XX Subject was not [X] interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because *(state reason)*
   ROBESON has been described as mentally ill and in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. XX This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria of Category marked above because *(state reason)* of the subject's considerable and long involvement in the Communist Movement. ROBESON is now 74 and in poor health and does not appear to be personally dangerous. The CP still continues to use his name and as recently as 1969 he was used by the CP as an honoree.
10. [X] This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it should be tabbed Category ☐ I ☐ II [X] III ☐ IV because *(state reason)*

    See 9 above.

11. [X] Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:
    ☐ Submitted 6/13/68 *(date)* Placed [X] Yes ☐ No
12. ☐ Subject is Extremist in Category 1 of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.

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1 - J. P. Lee
1 - M. E. Triplett

SAC, Philadelphia SECRET August 3, 1972

Acting Director, FBI (105-151465)

[redacted] Paul Leroy Robeson

On 7-13-72, the U.S. Department of State submitted a Request for Biographic Data on [redacted]

According to information on this form, [redacted] (U)

[redacted] (S)

[redacted]

Paul Robeson is evidently connected with Paul Leroy Robeson, well-known pro-Soviet singer who has spent much time in the USSR and was last known to be residing in the Philadelphia area. [redacted] of Islands Corders [redacted] Robeson, nee Goode, and Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson. (U)

1 - Philadelphia (Paul Leroy Robeson)
New York
2 AUG 9 1972 Field (105-71951) 1 - 100-12304 (Paul Leroy Robeson)
(SEE NOTE ON PAGE TWO)

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Routing slip dated 6/8/72 advised file reviewed and subject does not meet ADEX criteria, SAC Memo 21-72 (Initials)

Classified by 2852 XGDS
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of classification indefinite

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DISPOSITION OF ATTACHED AGENCIES ADVISED BY LETTER DATED 8/7/81

DATE

Letter to SAC, Philadelphia
RE: [redacted] SECRET

This is furnished for your information and possible assistance since it is believed that subject may attempt to come to the U.S. as a B-2 visitor or for permanent residence. (4)

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For your information, checks conducted by Washington Field in 1956 at the Passport Office, Visa Office and Security Office of the Department of State and Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service failed to reveal any information regarding subject. (4)

NOTE: [redacted] ADEX subject Paul Robeson. (3)

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ROBERT F. DRINAN
4TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

224 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
PHONE: 202-225-5931

COMMITTEES:
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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January 29, 1975

Clarence Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I attach herewith a copy of a letter from a constituent, [redacted] of Boston College.

You will note that [redacted] is a distinguished author of two volumes on American history.

He makes the request to be able to inspect the documents in the possession of the FBI with regard to Paul Robeson about whose career [redacted] is seeking to write a comprehensive biography.

I would appreciate it if you would inform me and [redacted] as to the appropriate methods to follow so that this able historian of the Black people in America might obtain access to those documents which are essential to his comprehensive research on the life of Paul Robeson.

I send to you my appreciation for your attention to this matter.

Cordially yours,

Robert F. Drinan
Member of Congress

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LEGAL COUNSEL

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Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02167 Telephone (617) 969-0100

January 15, 1975

Department of History

Representative Robert F. Drinan, S.J.
Room 224
House of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Father Drinan:

For the past year I have been researching the life of Paul Robeson. Last Thursday through Saturday I interviewed [redacted] During our talks, he mentioned that he had contacted you and asked that you attempt to gain his file from the House UnAmerican Activities Committee. [redacted] also stated that the process was underway, though it took some time to get his file. If, indeed, you are able to do this for him, is it also possible that this can be done for Paul Robeson's file? I am also interested in seeing the material on Robeson in both the State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Robeson had his passport taken from him in 1950 and he did not regain it until 1958 when Rockwell Kent won his decision. I read recently in the New York Times that material dating back over fifteen years ago is now open for research in the FBI. Is this accurate? Whatever help you may be able to offer in any of these areas would be much appreciated.

By way of introduction, I have [redacted] I believe with this as a background I can do justice to a Robeson biography and bring to light a man who has been all but forgotten in America.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Boston, Mass.

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ENCLOSURE

100-12304-7254

February 7, 1975

1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Legal Analysis Unit - Enc. (2)

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REC-37 100-123041-725

Honorable Robert F. Drinan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Drinan:

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 28th in behalf of a constituent, [redacted]

It is our opinion that to furnish [redacted] information from our files concerning Paul Robeson would constitute invasion of his personal privacy. However, if he can obtain a notarized authorization from Mr. Robeson, or from a family member who can legally act in his behalf, consideration will then be given to acceding to his request, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. [redacted] may forward any further communications concerning his request directly to our headquarters, attention Freedom of Information Act Unit.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

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Clarence M. Kelley
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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)
1 - 62-115530 (FOI REPLIES)

NOTE: Buindices contain no reference to [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FOIA Unit
FBI

DATE: May 6, 1975

FROM : Susan M. Hauser
Staff Assistant to the
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST - [redacted] b7C

Enclosed herewith is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, for access to files relating to Paul Robeson. This request has also been referred to the Criminal Division.

Pursuant to 28 CFR §16.5 which took effect on February 19, 1975, the responsible division shall, within ten working days, either comply with or deny a request for records unless unusual circumstances warrant an extension of time.

In cases where additional time is required, extensions shall be granted by the head of the division in increments of five days or less. The requester should be notified of the reasons for the time extension and the date on which a determination is expected.

If the request is denied, the requester should be informed by the head of the responsible division of 1) the exemption(s) authorizing the withholding of the records, 2) how the exemption applies to the record withheld and, where relevant, a brief explanation of why discretionary release is not appropriate, 3) the name and title of the person(s) responsible for the denial, and 4) his right of administrative appeal within 30 days to the Attorney General and the availability of judicial review thereafter.

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Copies of all acknowledgements, extension notices, and responses should be forwarded to my office, Room 4212.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORD UNDER 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 28 CFR PART 16

RECEIVED OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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See instructions for payment and delivery of this form at bottom of page

NAME OF REQUESTER	ADDRESS (street, city, state and zip code)
[redacted]	[redacted]
DATE: May 6, 1975	

DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE COPIES? ☒ YES ☐ NO IF YES, SO INDICATE (no more than 10 copies of any document will be furnished).	NUMBER OF COPIES REQUESTED: 1 per	OFFICE AND CITY WHERE RECORD IS LOCATED (if known)

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Paul Robeson File

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LITIGATION: DOES THIS REQUEST RELATE TO A MATTER IN PENDING OR PROSPECTIVE LITIGATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO

FILL IN IF IN PENDING LITIGATION →	COURT (check one) ☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE	DISTRICT	NAME OF CASE	DOCKET NUMBER

[redacted]

SIGNATURE

FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ONLY

THIS REQUEST IS:

☐ GRANTED

☐ DENIED

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This form may be delivered to any of the offices listed in 28 C. F. R. 16.2 or mailed to: Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530

1 ENCLOSURE 100-123041-726

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[redacted]

May 5, 1975

Ms. Susan Hauser
Freedom of Information Office
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20010

Dear Ms. Hauser:

The enclosed information advance from Praeger Publishers, Inc. identifies me, and this letter is to present a researcher in my employ, [redacted]

b7C

With the exception of the publication date, which now has been changed to early 1976, all information about the scope, nature and contents of the book are accurate and up to date.

I am so appreciative of the willingness to assist that [redacted] has thus far encountered in your office and I will appreciate any further assistance you render.

I can be reached by telephone at either my home or office if further clarification is needed. [redacted] can supply those numbers upon request.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

encl: Advance Information from Praeger Publishers, Inc.

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111 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York 10003 • Telephone: (212) 254-4100

Title: [redacted]

Author: [redacted]

Publication date: Fall, 1975

Format: 6" x 9"

Pages: 288

Illus. two 8-p. inserts or more

Price: ca $8.95

SCOPE, NATURE, AND CONTENTS:

This popular biography of Paul Robeson, the great black athlete, singer, actor, linguist, and political activist who in the McCarthy period in the United States plummeted from a peak of fame and popularity to what can only be described as enforced obscurity, will recreate the man and his legend in a warm, readable, but serious book. [redacted] is interviewing lifelong friends and co-workers of Robeson's, admirers, detractors, and son Paul, Jr., who is making available to her letters and other materials from the Robeson archives as the official biographer, Lloyd L. Brown, finishes with them. Her book will be published well in advance of the Brown book and will have the advantage of being written by a young black woman with a fresh point of view. She came to this biography as the result of covering the Robeson 75th birthday celebration for [redacted] and realizing with a shock how little she knew of the epic figure -- once widly acclaimed, later so shunned that his name disappeared from bibliographies and prints of his famous movie performance in Eugene O'Neill's "The Emperor Jones" were destroyed (a patched-together version is now playing in U.S. theaters), then left to oblivion.

Today there is a new surge of interest in Robeson. A generation of whom [redacted] is a spokesman is collecting his old recordings (78s mostly) at premium prices and re-evaluating the significance of his experience. Covering the dramatic span of his life as football hero, artist, passionate humanitarian, Communist sympathizer, outcast, and forgotten man, she begins her book with his childhood in Princeton, N.J., where his clergyman father, born a slave, raised him after his mother, the descendant of a free black of Revolutionary days, died in a fire when young Paul was six. Her book then explores his feats at Rutgers (Phi Betta Kappa as well as the first black named All-American); his switch from law school to the concert stage and his triumph as an actor in Othello; his development as performer, translator, and popularizer of the folk songs of many nations; his evolution into a "political" artist; his tours of Europe, residence in England and Russia; his marriage and the other women in his life. The final chapter will take him to the present or to his possible death.

THE AUTHOR: [redacted]

1 - Mr. Wannall
Attn: Mr. Deegen

June 19, 1975

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REC-2 100-12304-726

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated May 5th to Miss Susan Hauser was referred to the FBI for response.

In response to your request, please be advised that in order to preserve the privacy of all individuals who may be the subject of similar inquiries, it has been necessary for the FBI to maintain the practice of not indicating whether we do or do not have information in our files pertaining to the subject of your inquiry.

In the event you are able to obtain notarized authorization from Mr. Paul Robeson directing us to release to you any information our files may contain concerning him, we shall thereafter search our files and advise you accordingly.

Since we have not conducted a search of our files, please to not infer that we do or do not have the information you requested.

MAILED 7
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FBI

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

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Mr. Rother C. Owen

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/12/77

FROM : LEGAT, OTTAWA (105-5709) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
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Please note request in paragraph 4, and dissemination restrictions.

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1 - Mr. D. J. Fischer

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2/17/77

To: ADIC, New York (100-25857)
SAC, Philadelphia (100-38128)

From: Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
IS - R (CPUSA)

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Enclosed for New York and Philadelphia is one copy of a self-explanatory [redacted] dated [redacted] classified "Secret." b1 b7D

FBIHQ files contain no information identifiable with subject.

New York and Philadelphia conduct indices search regarding subject. Submit results in form suitable for dissemination abroad. It is requested this matter be handled expeditiously.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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Date: 3/1/77

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Via AIRTEL (Precedence)

APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES AND FILE CLASSIFICATIONS ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 3/2/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-25444) (SQ12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
IS-R (CPUSA)
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Re Bureau airtel dated 2/17/77.

Philadelphia indices fail to reflect any references for subject matter, "Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee."

It is assumed [redacted] (C) is cognizant of the history of PAUL ROBESON. b1

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(2) Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
(ATTN: CI-1 SECTION, INTD)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (105-157573) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
IS-R (CPUSA)

(OO: New York)

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DATE OF REVIEW 3-25-97

Re FBIHQ airtel to New York and Philadelphia, dated 2/17/77, which enclosed a self-explanatory [redacted] (C) dated [redacted] and Philadelphia airtel to FBIHQ, dated 3/1/77. b1 b7D

Enclosed herewith for FBIHQ are eight (8) copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above. Two copies of this airtel and enclosed LHM are intended for transmittal to Legat, Ottawa. Also, two copies of this airtel and LHM are being designated for the Philadelphia Office.

The New York Office (NYO) has no further information concerning the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee (PRCC) in addition to that set forth in enclosed LHM.

In view of the fact that the PRCC is apparently a Canadian-based organization, no investigation will be conducted concerning it. However, should future information concerning the PRCC come to the attention of the NYO, it will be furnished to FBIHQ in form suitable for dissemination abroad, so it can be transmitted to Legat, Ottawa.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York

MAR 25 1977

Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee

The Wednesday, July 21, 1976 issue of the "Daily World", on page 6, contained an article entitled "To the UN: Declare Paul Robeson birth date Day of International Peace and Friendship". The article, datelined "Toronto", reflected, in part, that the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee (PRCC), recently formed in Toronto, has called upon the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, to place before the United Nations the proposal that the birthdate of Paul Robeson (April 9), be officially proclaimed as "the Paul Robeson day of International Peace and Friendship".

The "Daily World" is an east coast communist newspaper.

The late city edition of "The New York Times", dated December 23, 1963, reported that Paul Robeson left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight-year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport.

According to the article, Paul Robeson once said he loved "the Soviet people more than any other nation because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future in this world".

Most of the questions directed at Robeson upon his arrival in New York, New York on December 22, 1963, were answered by his wife who told reporters her husband still thinks Communism is "terrific".

The January 24, 1976 issue of the "Daily World", on page 1, contained information reflecting that Paul Robeson died January 23, 1976 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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ENCLOSURE

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee

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The article appearing in the July 21, 1976 issue of the "Daily World" also reflected that the PRCC is headed by Harvey Murphy, a retired trade unionist, who is Chairman of the PRCC.

The letter sent by the PRCC to Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations, also appears in the July 21, 1976 "Daily World" article.

At the end of the July 21, 1976 "Daily World" article appears a note entitled "To our readers:", written by "A.B.", not further identified, which note solicits support from "Daily World" readers for the PRCC's proposal to the United Nations. This note indicates the address of the PRCC to be 214 Beverly Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M 5T 123.

Attached hereto is a copy of the above-referred-to article which appeared in the July 21, 1976 issue of the "Daily World".

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To the UN: Declare Paul Robeson birth date Day of International Peace and Friendship

TORONTO—The Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee, recently formed in Toronto, has called upon the General Secretary of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, to place before the United Nations the proposal that the birthdate of Paul Robeson be officially proclaimed as "the Paul Robeson day of International Peace and Friendship."

Robeson's life and work was the subject of a concert tribute recently in Toronto, which drew wide recognition and acclaim. At the concert the packed audience heard messages of tribute from the four corners of the globe, many of whom subscribed to the idea of setting aside April 9 as an international day.

The Committee, headed by Harvey Murphy, a retired trade unionist who led the fight in Canada to free Robeson from the U.S.-imposed ban on his travel during the 1950's, has sent the following letter to Waldheim with copies to the States Members (U.N. delegations) as well as to all Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations. A special appeal will be made to the Canadian Government to support and carry the proposal to the U.N. General Assembly.

Honorable Kurt Waldheim
Secretary General United Nations
United Nations, New York, N.Y.

Honorable Sir:

We are addressing a request to you for consideration of the proposal that the United Nations Organization proclaim the birthday of Paul Robeson, April 9, deceased in January this year, as the world day of peace and friendship among all peoples.

We respectfully suggest that it should be proclaimed officially on April 9th, in perpetuity, as the PAUL ROBESON DAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

Our purpose in setting forth this suggestion is to provide for the peoples of all lands and countries a day in which all may celebrate their oneness and commonality as a means of strengthening the cause of peace to which the UNO is dedicated and to which Paul Robeson devoted his life.

Such an action would be in harmony with the universal aims and activities of this extraordinary man who was known and loved for his ceaseless efforts in the cause of peace and friendship in the world, as well as for his creative genius as a concert singer and actor.

His life and work were perhaps best symbolized when in the front lines of Spain in 1938, singing to the Loyalist troops and to the troops of the International Brigades, the guns were stilled on both sides of the fighting front.

His studies of the languages of many nations and people became a life-long effort to seek universal communication of the message of peace and friendship. It is true to say that his songs and his words rang like the bell of freedom around the world, to all continents and peoples.

No person can say that his unique abilities and gifts were used other than to heal and overcome obstacles and antagonisms among humankind. And in this noble work of love and brotherhood as he himself declared, "I will never retreat one thousandth part of one inch."

His courage and bravery, and in particular, his unrelenting struggle for the freedom and dignity of the colored and the oppressed peoples of all countries, has left a legacy which must not be forgotten.

He was a Black American, son of a slave who fought for and achieved his freedom. This heritage no doubt led Paul Robeson to the side of the working people, Black, white or brown, to struggle with them for the attainment of human dignity and freedom.

Recently in Toronto at a concert to honor Paul Robeson, greetings and tribute came from all parts of the world. The audience unanimously responded to the proposal of requesting the United Nations to proclaim his birthday as "THE PAUL ROBESON DAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP."

In view of the universal acclaim of Paul Robeson, we are also sending copies of this letter to all States Members of the United Nations Organization and to all Non-Government Organizations. We do so in order that Paul Robeson's contribution to understanding and peace be forever kept and acclaimed by the human family.

Respectfully yours,

PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE, TORONTO, CANADA.

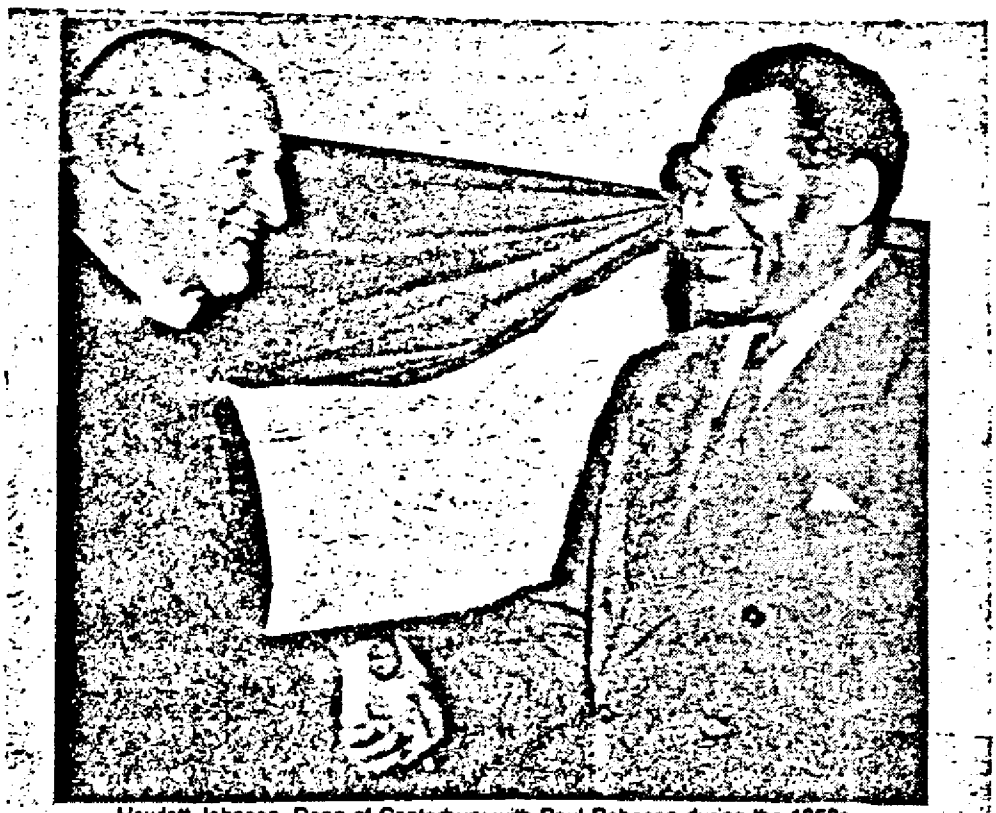
Harvey Murphy, Chairman

To our readers:

Surely, this proposal should and will receive the widest support from unions, churches and community organizations in Paul Robeson's homeland, the U.S.A.

We suggest that Daily World readers bring the request for a UN proclamation of April 9 as PAUL ROBESON DAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP to the attention of the membership of their organizations; and that copies of resolutions in support of the Canadian committee's initiative be forwarded to the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee, 214 Beverly Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M 5T 123, to the Honorable Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General, United Nations and to the Honorable William Scranton, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

A.B.



Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury with Paul Robeson during the 1950s.

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RE: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
IS - R (CPUSA)

ReBur airtel dated 2/17/77 and urtel dated 3/1/77,

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

Your communication dated 3/1/77 in its present form is unacceptable. Resubmit results suitable for dissemination abroad as originally requested in referenced BUairtel 2/17/77.

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FBI

Date: 3/29/77

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Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel (Precedence)

TO: Director, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (105-25444)(SQ12)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
IS-R (CPUSA)

Re FBIHQ airtel dated 2/17/77, which contained a self-explanatory [redacted] dated [redacted] Philadelphia airtel dated 3/1/77, and New York airtel and LHM dated 3/25/77. b1/b7D

Enclosed for FBIHQ are eight copies of a self-explanatory LHM, captioned as above.

Since the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee is a Canadian based organization, no investigation is being conducted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 29, 1977

PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

The files of the Philadelphia, Pa., Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail to reflect any information concerning the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee.

No information has been received indicating such an organization exists in the Philadelphia, Pa., area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 4/19/77

FROM : Legal Attache, Ottawa (105-5709) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE
IS - R (CPUSA)

Reference: New York LHM 3/25/77 and Philadelphia LHM 3/29/77

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated to foreign agencies listed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INV.

April 8, 1978

Outside Source

The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Carter:

It was mentioned on a radio interview of Paul Robeson, Jr. that information and tapes of his father singing and speaking are being held by the F.B.I. and C.I.A. Why should this be so and what could be done to secure the release of this information?

He was one great human being, superior in intellect and accomplishment. What a rare instrument was his voice. There are so few like his that it is a shame we squelched it. Truly, he was an early black leader and paid a heavy price for his convictions. Can we not now take off the lid and let his greatness rise?

His son says that he never suffered any bitterness or hatred about what happened to him because he was all about LOVE. And the velvet voice. What a shame his career was not allowed to flower so that we would have more of his music recorded.

Last year we entertained a man from Holland who was bent on finding some Robeson records when in New York City. I think he must have been more appreciated outside our country.

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When I heard Paul Robeson, Jr. being interviewed on WEXR (the New York Times station in New York) on the eve of his father's birthday, I was pleased to hear of an effort to give Paul Robeson the place he deserves even posthumously.

Yours truly,

MAY 9 1978

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Dear Mrs. Bergquist:

Your recent letter to President Carter was referred to the FBI and was received here on April 24th. In reply, previous requests have been made regarding information on Paul Robeson and over 2,000 pages of documents have been released under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552). If you are interested in seeking such documents, you should make a separate inquiry, clearly marking the envelope and the letter as a Freedom of Information Act request, and direct it to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. 20535. In the letter you must request documents regarding the specific topic of interest to you.

Other material concerning Mr. Robeson is exempt from disclosure pursuant to provisions of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. Since you also mentioned the Central Intelligence Agency in your inquiry, I am forwarding a copy of your letter and of this reply to that agency for any consideration it may give you.

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Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

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This correspondent's response may engender a future FOIA inquiry.
NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Response was coordinated with SA [redacted] Operations Section, FOIPA Branch, Records Management Division and with SA [redacted] Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division.

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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

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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. b7D

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. b7C b7D

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.

[redacted] N.J.

D. Miscellaneous Activities

In April, 1956, T-12, another governmental agency which conducts intelligence or personnel investigations, advised that the publication "Canadian Tribune," described R

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by T-12 as a Communist paper, for April 16, 1956, identifies one JOHN BOYD as the manager of Jerome Concerts and Artists, Ltd. of Montreal, Canada, the sponsoring agency for the subject's proposed Canadian concert tour. [redacted]

Also in April, 1956, T-12 [redacted] advised that Jerome Concerts and Artists Management Agency, 5719 Northmount Avenue, Montreal, Canada, was founded in late 1955 and is the personal venture of [redacted] a former resident of the United States. According to the information received by T-12, [redacted]

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!" bylined "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 weeksof freedom in Canada.

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T-10 [redacted]	[redacted]	100-25857-2793
T-11 [redacted]	[redacted]	
T-12 US Department of State, Foreign Service Dispatches, dated 4/16/56 and 4/10/56, from HERVE J. L'HEUREUX, American Consul General, American Embassy, Ottawa, Canada	April, 1956	100-25887-2668
T-13 [redacted] (By request)	[redacted]	100-25857-2725 b1 b7C b7D
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T-15 [redacted]	[redacted]	

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"more than a week after the birthday.

"Telephone calls and greetings came to our home from Accra, Armavir, Azerbaijan, Berlin, Bombay, Brooklyn, Bucharest, Budapest, Calcutta, Detroit, Kalinin, Kazan, Kiev, Kingston, Leningrad, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Moscow, New Delhi, New Haven, New York, Odesa, Peking, Paris, Port-au-Prince, Prague, Reykjavik (Iceland), Rostov, San Diego, Sofia, South Norwalk, Stalingrad, Stockholm, Sydney, Tashkent, Tiflis, Tokyo, Ulan Bator, ((Mongolia), Vienna, Vilnius, Warsaw, Washington, D.C., and many other places."

T-27, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised in May, 1958, that at the Societe Nationale d'Art Dramatique (SNAD) of Port-au-Prince, a meeting was held in honor of PAUL ROBESON on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The meeting represented the effort of ROBESON sympathizers in Haiti to join in the world-wide demonstration honoring the American Negro Singer. The more than 200 people who attended the meeting were about equally divided between negroes and mulattoes with a scattering of foreign nationals also present.

A well-organized program included the playing of recorded songs of PAUL ROBESON, the circulation of a petition demanding "Justice" for ROBESON, and a number of speeches by leading intellectuals and leftists including most prominently RENE DEPESTRE, (JEAN) BRIERRE, LUCIEN LIMOINE and ANTHONY LESPES. The speakers apparently attempted

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to outdo one another in attacks on the United States in general and, in particular, the Department of State, the Secretary of State, the President of the United States, ex-President TRUMAN and the United States Navy. America and Americans were accused of being imperialistic, uncultured and intolerant of the negro race. They all took the line that ROBESON was denied travel to the Soviet Union not solely because he was a Communist but because he was a negro and a Communist.

[redacted] advised on May 6, 1958, that a meeting of the Regional Council of the Industrial Division, New York State CP, was held on that date at the New York Palace Theatre, 111 East Houston Street, New York City. One of the topics of discussion at this meeting was a report on PAUL ROBESON's birthday celebration.

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"The Worker" of June 15, 1958, page six, column one, contains an article captioned, "Peking Letter." In this article it is stated:

"Paul Robeson's 60th birthday was celebrated in China as an event of major international significance. For two days preceding his birthday and on the day itself the national radio network played recordings of his songs. On April 9th, the entire cultural page of China's leading newspaper, the People's Daily, was devoted to articles about Paul - there were five of them - as well as a poem in his honor, plus a

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T-24 [redacted](C)				[redacted](C)
T-25 [redacted](C)				
T 26 [redacted](C)				
T-27 Foreign Service Dispatch, The Dept. of State, Washington, D.C.				100-25857-3594

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

10/17/58

FROM SAC, WFO ~~(100-24387)~~ (100-19021)

PAUL ROBESON, ~~SM~~
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Pursuant DATE

On 10/15/58, the Passport Office, Department of State, made available to SA [redacted] a "Thermo-fax" copy of a dispatch classified "confidential", dated 10/2/58, from the American Embassy, Prague, to the Department of State. The dispatch concerned PAUL ROBESON, and is as follows: (C)(U)

"With reference to reporting responsibilities described in the reference Instruction, the Department's attention is called to two recent items in Embassy despatches of an omnibus nature. These items, both on PAUL ROBESON and his activities last month in Prague, were sent to the Department in the Embassy's weekly information-cultural report, despatch No. 121 of September 17, page one; and the Embassy's Joint WEEKA No. 39 of September 26, page six. (C)(U)

"In general, Czechoslovak press and radio have given the expected large amount of attention to Mr. ROBESON's trip to the USSR and Czechoslovakia, to his expression of appreciation for the 'warm support' provided him by 'the Czechoslovak people' during the long years of his 'struggle for a passport,' and to Mr. ROBESON's announcement last week he intends for some time to make his headquarters in London." (C)(U)

The "Thermo-fax" copy is being forwarded to the New York Office. WFO is not conducting any further investigation at this RUC. (U)(U)

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Cablegram from the Director to the Legat London, dated 4/16/62 [redacted] advised U.S. Embassy at Ghana that President NKRUMAH was considering appointment of subject as Professor of Music. State Department of opinion that appointment of such a man who has espoused Communist cause and turned his back on his own country

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would have very unfavorable repercussions in the U.S. In view of this, State has requested clearance on expedite basis of the following information for passing [redacted] (C)

A copy of an Airgram to the Department of State from the American Embassy to Accra (Ghana) furnished to the FBI concerning ROBESON's appointment to the University of Accra reflected as follows:

"Appreciate info re Paul Robeson which I passed [redacted] He welcomed info which he said he could use discreetly. [redacted] agreed appointment undesirable, but said [redacted] would probably have little to say about decision." (X)(U)

As noted in instant report an article appeared in the London newspaper "Daily Sketch" of June 9, 1962, which indicated PAUL ROBESON was not going to accept the job offered to him at the University of Accra in Ghana. (U)

Concerning PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON's applications for renewals of their passports, [redacted] Passport Section, American Embassy, London, advised on May 18, 1962, that the subjects applications for passport facilities, by Department of State ruling, have to be referred to the Department for approval and she will advise further if and when this approval is received. (U)

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1 - Liaison (Bartlett)
1 - Mr. Rachner

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) — 651

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DATE OF REVIEW 4-16-92

PAUL LEROY ROBESON, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C.

REURLET AND MEMORANDUM DATED NOVEMBER THIRTY, ONE NINE SIX ONE.

[redacted] ADVISED U. S. EMBASSY AT GHANA THAT PRESIDENT NKRUMAH WAS CONSIDERING APPOINTMENT OF SUBJECT AS PROFESSOR OF MUSIC. STATE DEPARTMENT OF OPINION THAT APPOINTMENT OF SUCH A MAN WHO HAS ESPOUSED COMMUNIST CAUSE AND TURNED HIS BACK ON HIS OWN COUNTRY WOULD HAVE VERY UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS IN U. S. IN VIEW OF THIS, STATE HAS REQUESTED CLEARANCE ON EXPEDITE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR PASSING TO [redacted]

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through [redacted] review)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland

DATE: April 17, 1962

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rachner
1 - Mr. Glascock

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] (TS)

Robeson, internationally known concert singer and apologist for USSR who has an extensive history of participation, sponsorship, and influence in national and international communist affairs, left the United States in 1958 and has since maintained residence in London with substantial periods spent in the USSR. He is key figure of the New York Office and his name is in Security Index.

[redacted] (TS)

[redacted]

By routing slip 4-13-62, State furnished a copy of a telegram from U. S. Embassy, Accra, Ghana, advising that President Nkrumah of Ghana is considering appointment of Robeson as professor of music, University of Ghana. State feels such appointment would have unfavorable repercussions in United States in view of Robeson's communist background and requested clearance to advise [redacted] (TS)

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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
[redacted]			Instant memo.
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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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In September, 1957, ONI 10th Naval District advised that the Security Liaison Officer, Trinidad, British West Indies, had stated that ROBESON is presently banned from entering Trinidad. This officer stated that unless the Trinidad Government repealed the restriction now in affect, ROBESON would be wasting his money in buying a ticket to visit this colony.

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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I. BACKGROUND

A. Foreign Travel

[redacted] advised on March 15, 1958, that ESLANDA ROBESON stated she was planning to travel to the West Indies on April 15, 1958, and would be there for a week or two. She stated she would make the trip with a United Nations (UN) group.

On March 30, 1958, [redacted] advised that on that date, ROBESON stated she had secured her ticket and would leave New York on April 16, 1958, and planned to return on May 9, 1958.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that on approximately April 15, 1958, the UN was sponsoring reduced rate fares for travel to Trinidad, British West Indies, in connection with the celebration of the freedom of the British West Indies. Informant expressed the belief that ROBESON was travelling to Trinidad in her capacity as a correspondent for the "New World Review", a publication for which she was editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions, and also correspondent to the UN.

[redacted] advised on April 26, 1958, that ROBESON was then on a trip to the West Indies and was expected to return to New York on or about April 30, 1958.

On May 1, 1958, [redacted] advised that ESLANDA ROBESON returned to her residence, 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City, on that date.

[redacted] again advised on May 3, 1958, that ESLANDA ROBESON had visited Jamaica, Trinidad, and the city of Port-Au-Prince. Informant stated ROBESON indicated she enjoyed the trip very much and during the trip had appeared on radio several times.

T-3, a confidential source abroad, on May 26, 1958, furnished information that Mrs. PAUL ROBESON arrived in Trinidad

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by air on April 17, 1958, and left Trinidad, also by air, on April 30, 1958. On April 21, 1958, she gave a lecture at the Public Library on the subject, "The Negro in World Focus". She spoke generally of her travels in various countries and referred to racial discrimination in the Union of South Africa and Southern United States. She denounced segregation and urged unity, understanding, and cooperation among all races of the world. Among the audience were Doctor and Mrs. JAGAN of British Guiana.

ESLANDA ROBESON and her husband, PAUL ROBESON, have been in Europe since July 10, 1958.

ROBESON and his wife were able to obtain passports in view of a decision by the United States Supreme Court, on June 16, 1958, in the case involving ROCKWELL KENT, WALTER BRIEHL, and WELDON BRUCE DAYTON in which it was 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 (CP).

The "New York Times", Late City Edition, dated September 22, 1958, page 26, contains an article captioned: "Robeson Intends to Live in London - But singer says he is not deserting U.S. - Foresees concerts in New York."

This article is set forth as follows:

"Blackpool, England, Sept. 21 (Reuters) - Paul Robeson said here tonight that he would make his future home in London.

'I find the British people very warm and I have lived here before', the American singer declared. 'London will be my center, as Hollywood is the center for some British film stars.'

'I don't want any overtones of suggestion that I am deserting the country of my birth', Mr. Robeson added, 'If I have a concert in New York, I will go there and return to London.'"

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T-4 [redacted] (C) (By request)	[redacted]	100-56680-530
T-5 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]	b1 b7C b7D
T-6 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]	
T-7 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]	100-56680-542
T-8 [redacted] (C)	[redacted] (C)	
T-9 [redacted] (C)	[redacted] (C)	
T-10 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]	100-7518-1A2119 (C) CONFIDENTIAL 100-80641-B371
T-11 [redacted] (C)	[redacted]	

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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 (Robeson) and Howard (Taft?) to publicly join the Party. This will burn up the wires....."

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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NY T-2 G-2, US Army, Europe	(X)(4)

The following informants were contacted during August, 1962, and could furnish no information concerning subject:

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At New York, New York

1. Will remain alert for information concerning the return of ROBESON to the U.S.

2. Will continue to follow and report his activities while abroad and in the US upon his return. (4)

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New York T-2, a confidential source abroad, furnished information that PAUL ROBESON was present during and participated in the celebration of the so-called "Pressefest Neues Deutschland" in East Berlin in late July, 1960, or early August, 1960. (C)(U)

This information stated that he had made at least two appearances. On one occasion, he joined a number of German artists in the public festival, which took place in the open air on Stalinallee. During each appearance, he spoke to the audience in German prior to, and during the performance; explained that he "was working for his oppressed, black brothers in America". He announced his own songs and explained them prior to singing; they included such numbers as "Old Man River" - and others, which depict the misery and oppression of the colored people. (C)(U)

According to this information in July or August, 1960, ROBESON paid a visit to the FDJ Central HQ school located at Bogensee, near Bernau, Bezirk Potsdam, and was conducted on an inspection tour of the installation. During the inspection, the students were assembled in one of the large auditoriums and introduced to the singer. Informant did not know who sponsored the visit, but he stated that a representative of the school made the introductory speech. He described the difficulties ROBESON had encountered in obtaining a passport, spoke briefly on the singer's fame, and then turned the meeting over to the guest. ROBESON spoke for about ten minutes and explained that he was travelling on a mission; the mission of bridging the gap between nations by music. He told of his early trials in life, of his successes, and mentioned that these had brought him an income large enough so that he was able to contribute to the relief of his oppressed brother. He expressed his pleasure in

meeting the German youth and the gesture made by them in presenting him with the neckerchief of the FDJ. This concluded the meeting. (X)(4)

A few days later, ROBESON appeared at a celebration of the FDJ and the Youth Department (Jugendfunk des Berliner Rundfunk) of the East Berlin Radio; the entire student body of the FDJ Political Academy attended. He was introduced by the Director of the Youth Department, GUENTER, Sergo, who praised him for his generosity in supporting the oppressed negroes. GUENTER, in his introductory remarks, explained that "there are two Americas; one the peace-loving mass of citizens who desire nothing more than to live in peace with the peoples of all other countries in the world and who are striving to equalize conditions in America so that people of all races and color may live together in harmony. The second America, he stated, is the center of the world reactionaries and the center of imperialism and intimated simultaneously, that the US is the head and West Germany the satellite of militarism. ROBESON then announced his own musical selections, which were exclusively negro songs. (X)(4)

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"The Worker", dated April 24, 1962, page 2, column 2, contained an article captioned "Greetings to Robeson" as follows:

"April 9th marked the 64th birthday of one of the greatest sons our country ever produced, Paul Robeson, The Worker sends him its warmest, most heartfelt and comradely greeting.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Heidelberg, Germany

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S.I.R.S

VIA ARMY COURIER

Date: November 22, 1954

To: Director, FBI

From: Liaison Representative, Heidelberg (100-253)

Subject: PAUL ROBESON

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Date: December 2, 1954

To: Director, FBI

From: Liaison Representative, Heidelberg (100-253)

Subject: PAUL ROBESON

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TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 8/15/56

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FROM: Legat, Bonn (100- 253)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, aka Mrs. Paul Robeson
Jumel Terrace
New York 32, New York

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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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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. b7I

[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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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.

[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.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11/22/60

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FROM : LEGAT, BONN (105-720)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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The 10/14/60 edition of the East German English-language propaganda pamphlet "German Democratic Report" also carried an article on ROBESON's visit to East Berlin, referring to the honors afforded him and noted that he ended his visit there on 10/7/60 when he entertained the crowds gathered in East Berlin's Marx-Engels Square celebrating the 11th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic. (U)

Both the 66th Military Intelligence Group, U.S. Army, Europe and the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), U.S. Air Forces in Europe, were requested to furnish any information coming to their attention regarding the subject's activities during his most recent visit in Berlin. The 66th Military Intelligence Group furnished their reply by letter dated 10/13/60 and OSI replied by letter dated 10/24/60. Both agencies indicated that they had no information on ROBESON's latest visit to Berlin but set out in their communications a summary of information from their central files on ROBESON. It is probable that all of this information is available to the Bureau. However, one copy of each of these communications is being attached for the Bureau's information in the event they might contain some references not already in the Bureau's files.

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On 10/31/60, the 513th Military Intelligence Group, U.S. Army, Europe advised that it had no pertinent information on the subject. (4)

The "Bulletin des Weltfriedensrates" (Bulletin of the World Peace Council), Nr. 12 (Volume VII), dated October 1960, which is issued in conjunction with the communist organ "Stimmen Zur Zeit" (Voices of the Times), published monthly in Austria, carried an article regarding PAUL ROBESON. According to this article, ROBESON, a member of the World Peace Committee, was in Budapest, Hungary from September 10 to September 15, 1960 at the invitation of the Hungarian Peace Committee. It was also stated that he took part in numerous gatherings of peace adherents in Budapest, as well as other Hungarian cities. (4)

This case is being closed at this time but this office will remain alert for any information which may become available regarding the activities of the subject. (4)

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FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720)

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The information concerning the article in "Neues Deutschland" of 4/6/61, was furnished to the Director by Legat, Bonn by letter of 4/25/61. (4)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 2-20-62

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Enclosed are one copies of the following regarding subject:

Letterhead Memorandum dated

Communication dated 12-20-61

This information was received by Legal Attache 1-8-62 (date).

Source agency in letterhead memorandum or originator of communication is:

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☐ Office of Special Investigations (OSI), U. S. Air Force Europe

☐ 66th Military Intelligence Group

☐ 513th Military Intelligence Group

☒ Other: Intelligence Division, US Army Europe

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NY T-1 further states the nature of ROBESON's illness a closely kept secret and the only reference of an overt nature appears to have been a small newspaper article in the London "Daily Mail" of September 16, 1961, which stated that ROBESON was resting in a nursing home. The article is quoted "This is nothing serious." (S)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 11-15-63

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720) (P)

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According to the August 1963 issue of "New World Review", ESLANDA ROBESON is a "roving correspondent" for this publication.

The "New World Review" is characterized in the appendix.

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

A - National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A letter head of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) [redacted] listed as among the Board of Directors of the NCASF the subject, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

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A rally of the NCASF was held on November 26, 1962 at Carnegie Hall, New York City attended by approximately fifteen hundred persons. During the program an announcement

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The subject is not on the SI or the RI of the NY Division. The indices of the New York Division reflect no information of a subversive nature which has not previously been reported. The subject was interviewed on 2/28/55, at which time she was unfriendly, evasive and uncooperative. She refused to duscuss any matters relating to her membership or activities in any organization past or present. (u)

In view of the above no request for authority to interview the subject is being made and this matter is being placed in a closed status. (u)

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FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-4656) (RUC)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 2/3/64

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720) (RUC

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: 12-18-64

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720) (RUC)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304) DATE: July 9, 1965

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (105-720) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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TO : Director, FBI (100-359527)

DATE: February 8, 1967

FROM : Legal Attache, Bonn (100-288) (P)

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SUBJECT: STEPHEN WECHSLER, aka
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) DATE :12/8/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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