OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-422004)  DATE: March 2, 1957
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35594)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE AGAINST WATERFRONT SCREENING
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT - 1950


SF 1691-S is identical with T-1 in the report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56; T-3 in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-2 in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-1 in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

Former SF 1720-S, GEORGE PECK, is identical with T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

Former SF 1510-S, FRANK TOWNSEND, is identical with T-3 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

SF 813-S is identical with T-4 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

Former CSSF 2077-S is identical with T-5 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

SF 1780-S is identical with T-8 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

BENNY MAGDOFF, a source of information, is identical with T-1 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-3 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-2 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

FRANK MC GORMICK is identical with T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56.

MORRIS SHAW, former PSI, is identical with T-4 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56.

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c.c.'s: 24 - Bureau (3: 100-422004) (Encl - 24)
1, 100-12279 (ERNIE FOX)
1, 100-355910 (CHARLES COLLINS)
1, 100-364477 (HAL DIFFERING)
1, 100-376760 (TOM MC PHERSON)
1, 100-398781 (RAY STEWART)
1, 100-277191 (WALTER STICH)
1, 100-236416 (NILS LANNGE)
1, 100-300670 (JOHN PITTMAN)
1, 66-2542 (FORMER SF 1720-S)
1, 100-372192 (FORMER SF 1510-S)
1, 100-373513 (SF 413-S)
1, 100-338411 (FORMER CSSF 2077-S)
1, 100-376224 (SF 1780-S)
1, 100-254080 (FRANK MC CORMICK)
1, (MORRIS SHAW)
1, 100-370025 (SF 2292-S)
1, 100-359083 (SF 1861-S)
1, 100-362216 (LA 3930-S)
1, 100-373426 (FORMER SF 1787-S)
1, 100-363259 (SF 1773-S)
1, (CSPH 202-S)

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1, 100-10323 (ERNIE FOX)
1, 100-236668 (CHARLES COLLINS)
1, 100-22464 (HAL DIFFERING)
1, 134-54A (TOM MC PHERSON)
1, 100-10535 (RAY STEWART)
1, 100-20939 (WALTER STICH)
1, 100-15340 (NILS LANNGE)
1, 100-1465 (JOHN PITTMAN)
1, 134-537 (FORMER SF 1720-S)
1, 134-24 (FORMER SF 1510-S)
1, 134-8 (SF 413-S)
1, 134-605 (FORMER CSSF 2077-S)
1, 134-75 (SF 1780-S)
1, 134-219 (BENNIE MAGDOFF)
1, 100-8653 (FRANK MC CORMICK)
1, 134-1010 (MORRIS SHAW)
1, 134-1035 (SF 2292-S)
1, 134-48A (SF 1861-S)
1, 100-30150 (LA 3930-S)
1, 134-411 (FORMER SF 1787-S)
1, 134-44 (SF 1773-S)

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SF 2292-S is identical with T-5 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-4 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-3 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

Mr. FRANK MC CANN, Assistant Manager, Crocker-Anglo National Bank, Market and Jones Street Office, San Francisco, is identical with T-7 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56; T-11 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56; and T-4 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56.

SF 1861-S is identical with T-8 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56, and T-7 in report of LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56.


CSPH 202-S is identical with T-1 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56.

SF 1773-S is identical with T-8 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56.

Former 1787-S is identical with T-5 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56. This former informant is presently in Chicago and the information required from him would be concerning LA 3930-S, who is a current active informant, therefore, no lead has been sent to Chicago to contact 1787-S as to his availability in accordance with Bureau instructions as outlined in Bureau airtel to San Francisco, dated 3/18/57.

Attached herewith are twenty-four copies of memorandum regarding availability of informants to testify in administrative proceeding against Committee Against waterfront Screening.

San Francisco T-2, as reflected in the report of LEO F. TULLY, dated May 10, 1956, reported on April 26, 1956 that the following took place at a meeting of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party, San Francisco County, held April 25, 1956. The following were present: ERNIE FOX, identified by SF T-2 as organizer of the Waterfront Section who acted as chairman; CHARLES COLLINS, HAL DIFFERDING, TOM MC PHerson, RAY STEWART, WALTER STICH, NILS LANNGE, and JOHN PITTMAN.

Among the various items reported by SF T-2 concerning this meeting was the following:

"WALTER STICH then gave a report on the Screening of Seamen stating that the dance given by the CAWS had collected a good deal of money and enabled them to send literature and letters to the screened seamen. STICH stated that he had been in contact with lawyers and since Judge MURPHY is out of town until next month it will be two weeks after he hears arguments before he will issue an injunction against U. S. Coast Guard and in favor of screened seamen. Although the specific provisions of order are not known, attorneys feel certain of outcome. Judge MURPHY has not definitely stated so, but has indicated that J. S. Coast Guard has used law illegally and the Federal Bureau of Investigation has stated they will not turn over sources of information on which U. S. CG based the screening which leaves USCG cut on a limb."

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ENCLOSURE
WITNESS

T-2 in report of SA LEO
F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

DESCRIPTION

An individual who is presently serving a five year sentence which he received on 2/2/55 for conviction of conspiracy to sell and possess narcotics.

T-3 in report of SA LEO
F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

This witness is deceased.

T-4 in report of SA LEO
F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

Current active informant.

T-5 in report of SA LEO
F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

An individual who furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis who does not desire his identity be disclosed and who is unwilling to testify.

T-8 in report of SA LEO
F. TULLY, dated 2/14/56.

Current active informant.

T-1 in report of SA LEO
F. TULLY, dated 3/29/56;
T-3 in report of SA LEO
F. TULLY, dated 5/10/56;
and T-2 in report of SA LEO F. TULLY, dated 10/30/56 are identical.

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It is to be noted that Mr. MAGDOFF has a heart condition having had two heart attacks since 1948 and this is his reason for present unemployment.
Mr. MAGDOFF had never been a member of the Communist Party, however, he advised the San Francisco Office that in 1945 he attended two Seaman Branch meetings at 1402 Powell Street, San Francisco and that in 1946 he attended WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's meeting at the Coliseum Bowl, San Francisco.

MAGDOFF stated that at the time the attendance at the above meetings were made mandatory by the NUMCS and that if attendance were voluntary, he would not have gone.

MAGDOFF is willing to testify to the information furnished the FBI Office, however, he advised that he received the information from an acquaintance, as it is noted that he never attended a CAWS meeting.


An individual who furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis who does not desire his identity be disclosed and is unwilling to testify.


MORRIS LAMBERT SHAW
355 Victoria Street
San Francisco
Telephone: JU 6-4716.

SHAW is a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, San Francisco, from Spring, 1947 or 1948 to Spring of 1950 or 1951.

SHAW was born on 3/30/00 at Hamburg, Arkansas.

FBI Identification Division record reflects that SHAW was received at the State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Arkansas
on October 21, 1952 to serve
five years for Grand Larceny.
Mr. P. C. CROSBY, agent for
the Northern Pacific Railroad,
Hamburg, Arkansas, advised
on March 16, 1956 that he
knew SHAW for about eight
years from 1938-1945 and stated
that SHAW drank to excess,
that he was a person of no
responsibility, and he would
not recommend him for a
position of responsibility.
He further stated that SHAW
had written bad checks all
his life, and when he made
any money, he would write a
check in a surrounding town
and use the money to buy
whiskey. CROSBY stated that
sometime in the early 1930's
SHAW got in a knife fight with
another Negro in Hamburg,
Arkansas and was placed in
jail. CROSBY stated that it
was to his recollection that
the injured Negro died about
a year after the knifing,
however, he did not believe
that SHAW was charged with
the death of the other man.
Records of the Hamburg, Arkan-
sas Police Department failed
to reflect any record that
SHAW had been in jail in
Hamburg, Arkansas, however,
Mr. WILLIAM HADEN, Chief of
Police at Hamburg, Arkansas,
advised March 16, 1956 that
he remembered SHAW had been
in a fight and had seriously
wounded another man in Hamburg
in the 1930's. SHAW stated
that he is willing to testify
to the information that he
furnished to the FBI.