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15 FEB 1955

ATTN : Chief, WH Division
Mr. [redacted]
Deputy Director of Security (Investigations and Support)

Corliss LAMONT
#66901

1. This will confirm a recent discussion between Mr. [redacted] of your Division and a representative of this Office relative to the Federal Bureau of Investigation request that this Agency interview Balnes HIDALGO concerning possible Communist Party membership of Corliss LAMONT, the internationally-known lecturer and author.
2. Forwarded herewith is a proposed dispatch, originated by this Office, which may be completed by your Division and forwarded to your appropriate field station.
3. This Office would appreciate being advised whenever the reply is received.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

Robert H. Cunningham

Attachment
2 copies of proposed dispatch

✓ cc: #65077

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1. THE FBI HAS REQUESTED THAT BALMES HIDALGO BE INTERVIEWED RELATIVE TO ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING POSSIBLE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF CORLISS LAMONT, THE INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN LECTURER AND AUTHOR. LAMONT IS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP.
2. IF HIDALGO HAS NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF LAMONT'S COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP, THE FBI HAS REQUESTED THAT HE BE ASKED FOR THE NAMES OF ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HE MIGHT THINK WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE.
3. THE FBI HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS INQUIRY OF THEIR'S BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.
4. YOU ARE, THEREFORE, REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BALMES HIDALGO AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING CORLISS LAMONT'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND/OR WHETHER HE COULD FURNISH THE NAMES AND OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION.
5. AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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