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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 Subject's passport was revoked by the State Department.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

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DETAILS:

Residence

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

Employment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Activities

Confidential Informant [redacted], of known reliability, advised that a New York State Civil Rights Congress leadership meeting took place on [redacted] at [redacted] b7D

[redacted] He further advised that WILLIAM PATTERSON at this meeting stated that the Civil Rights Congress must widely use the statements, such as the statement of Judge DELLANEY, linking PAUL ROBESON with Communism. PATTERSON stated "DELLANEY is helping to merge Communism and the fight of the Negro people by linking ROBESON with the Communist Party and the struggle for peace."

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

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

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

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally. According to the Informant, ROBESON stated that we must fight for the Communist and for the Communist Party because it is the vanguard of the working class. It is part of a movement which is sweeping all over the world. We are ready for a determined onslaught against the Smith Act. b7D

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Restore Paul Robeson's Passport," located at 2206 7 Avenue, New York City. This throw-away listed MARGARET McCADEN, secretary of the above captioned committee and quoted her as follows:

"For more than one year PAUL ROBESON has been imprisoned within the geographical boundaries of the United States. In violation of our constitutional guarantees of freedom and speech and the right to secure and own property, the State Department has cancelled PAUL ROBESON's right to travel abroad to fill the numerous requests to hear him sing and speak.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

██████████ advised that the Council of Greek Americans is a new Greek Communist Organization.

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

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

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

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

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At 3:15 A.M., this date, [redacted]

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

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

Bureau files contain no record of [redacted]

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

Recommendation:

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

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Date: February 10, 1953

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

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

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

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

Report of Special [redacted] dated October 9, 1952, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 4, 1952, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 13, 1953, at New York, New York.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject a key figure of the New York Office.

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-11-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/5-9, 12-16/53	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. GILLY, JR. kpb
TITLE PAUL ROBESON		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: In 1948 informant felt ROBESON aligned himself with Communists for publicity purposes. The subject helped raise funds for the Abraham Lincoln School in 1943; attended American Peace Crusade functions in 1951 and was active in the Civil Rights Congress in 1948-1949. ROBESON assisted the National Negro Labor Council in 1951; attended IWO functions in 1945 and 1950; and took part in Progressive Party meetings in 1948 and 1950 and 1952. Subject participated in the South Side Negro Labor Council in 1951 and sang at the Washington Park Forum in 1952.			
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DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</u>			
<u>CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY</u>			
The Communist Party, USA has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835 as a subversive organization which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by un-constitutional means.			
History of Activity in the Communist Party		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.	
[redacted] of known reliability [redacted] on [redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON had recently			
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refused to testify before a Congressional Committee as to whether or not he was a Communist. The informant said that this was stupid because ROBESON had previously stated on one occasion that he was a Communist, and that what ROBESON did in refusing to testify was a detriment to the Negro race. The informant feels that ROBESON has aligned himself with the Communists for publicity purposes only, and that he, ROBESON, does not actually feel that Communism is desirable.

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

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Abraham Lincoln School

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

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

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

The American Peace Crusade

The American Peace Crusade has been cited as an organization

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

[redacted] of known reliability

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

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

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

The Civil Rights Congress

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

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

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

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

Saturday, 8:00 PM
9/24/49
Roso Powl
4724 S. Cottage Grove

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

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

██████████ advised on ██████████ that on September 24, 1949 the

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

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

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

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

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

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Chicago Negro Labor Council

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

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

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

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

International Workers Order

The International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 9835 as a Communist organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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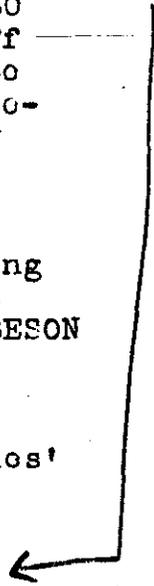
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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON sang at a Progressive Party convention held on July 5, 1952 at the Ashland Boulevard Auditorium.

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

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

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

Washington Park Forum

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

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

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

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Associates

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

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

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

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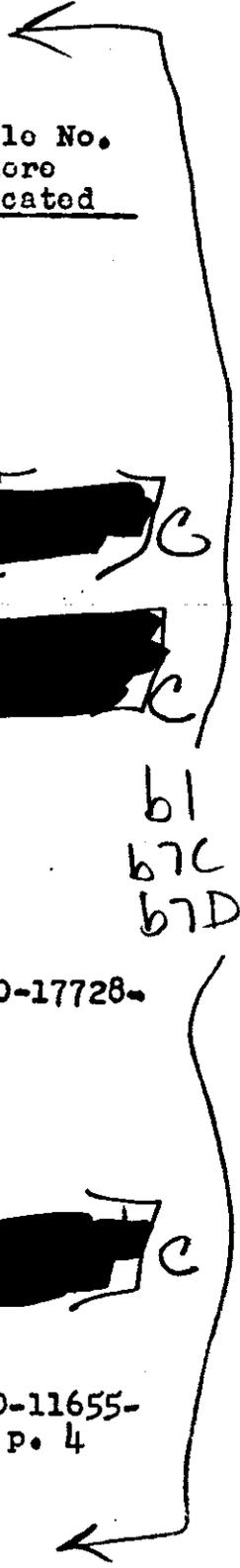
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ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT.			

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

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PAUL ROBESON, IS-C DAYLET.

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THAT PAUL ROBESON WOULD COME TO PH ON MAY SEVEN, NEXT, PROBABLY TO LAY
PLANS FOR SALE OF NEWSPAPER FREEDOM, HIS NEW RECORD ALBUM, AND/ OR HIS
BECOMING NAT-L TOUR DEALING WITH NEGRO IN AFRICA STARTING SOMETIME IN
NEXT. NY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE PH REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE
OF ROBESON-S VISIT TO PH.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5-29-53

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was.
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RE: Report of SA [REDACTED] at New Haven dated 5-29-53 and captioned as above.

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Referenced report was prepared in order to furnish all information in the New Haven Division to New York which has not been previously furnished to that office.

It may be noted that New York is Office of Origin in this case.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-29-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-22, 24; 5-11, 15, 19-53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
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Subject was chairman of the Civil Rights Congress in 1949. He gave a concert in Hartford, Conn. on 11-15-52 which was held to raise funds for the Peoples Party of Connecticut and the National Negro Labor Council. He attended the National Committee Meeting of the American Peace Crusade in 1953.

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DETAILS: All Confidential Informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

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I. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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

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

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

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that a special meeting was held on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The informant advised that this meeting was attended by Communist Party members only. [REDACTED]

he was traveling throughout Connecticut lining up men to act as a security guard for ROBESON at the Robeson concert which was to be held on 11-15-52.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. Civil Rights Congress

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

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

B. National Negro Labor Council

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

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

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

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

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

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█████ advised that the Hartford Negro Labor Council was a local branch of the National Negro Labor Council.

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

C. Peoples Party of Connecticut

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. Connecticut Peace Council

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

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

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

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

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

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REFERENCE: New Haven letter to New York dated 6-13-52.

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PAUL ROBESON, IS-C. DAYLET. [REDACTED]

THAT LOS ANGELES NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL AND THE HUGH GORDON BOOK SHOP WILL ^{BE} INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPORTING ROBESON'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LOS ANGELES. ROBESON WILL MAKE PRINCIPAL LOCAL APPEARANCE AT A CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE FOURTEEN NEXT EMBASSY AUDITORIUM. ~~THE~~ BREAKFAST IN ROBESON'S HONOR IS TO BE HELD THE SAME DAY ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISES THAT THERE IS TO BE A "MOBILIZATION" AT THE LOCAL NEGRO LABOR COUNCIL OFFICE ON JUNE SIX NEXT OF PERSONS TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE PUBLICATION "FREEDOM" AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE SUBSCRIPTIONS. A GOAL HAS BEEN SET TO SECURE ONE THOUSAND NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "FREEDOM" BY THE DATE OF ROBESON'S APPEARANCE.

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CHUSA, IS C. DAYLET. [REDACTED]

REPORTED JULY FOURTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Photostat of the subjects' testimony is attached for filing [redacted] Likewise, a copy of the executive session testimony of [redacted]

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

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PAUL ROBESON, IS - C, DAYLET.

ADVISED YESTERDAY THAT

BAUMGARDNER

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[REDACTED] HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM PAUL ROBESON IN WHICH ROBESON STATED HE WOULD GIVE CONCERT IN NK, N.J., AROUND 11/10/53 AND WOULD APPEAR IN PH FOR CONCERT AROUND 11/12/53. ACCORDING ROBESON'S LETTER, BISHOP CAMERON C. ALLEYNE, PASTOR, AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, 155 N. 52nd ST., WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROBESON'S PH APPEARANCE. ROBESON'S LETTER INSTRUCTED [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] IN OBTAINING PLACE FOR CONCERT AND MAKING OTHER NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. PH INDICES INDICATE [REDACTED] NEVER MEMBER OF CP: HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CONNECTED WITH NUMEROUS FRONT ORGANIZATIONS.

IN 1951, ALLEYNE WAS NATIONAL SPONSOR OF AMERICAN PEACE CRUSADE AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN OF PH COUNCIL OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

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