

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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<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 8/28/64

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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]

[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. (u)(u)

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On 8/26/64, SA [redacted] telephonically  
contacted MARILYN ROBESON, subject's daughter-in-law, under  
pretext of [redacted]

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Eslanda Goode Robeson  
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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.

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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

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were the sources of information concerning Paul and Eslanda Robeson's CP connections. (R)(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

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Eslanda Goode Robeson

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR MARXIST STUDIES

A source advised on [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] at a meeting [REDACTED] of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) [REDACTED] HERBERT APTHEKER stated he was developing an organization called American Institute For Marxist Studies (AIMS), which would eventually legalize the CP. He stated AIMS would publish literature on History, Science, Physics, Archeology, and other subjects which would be put out quarterly with various supplements.

A second source advised in [REDACTED] that HERBERT APTHEKER was elected to the National Committee, CP, USA, at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held in December, 1959.

A third source advised on [REDACTED] that on [REDACTED] HERBERT APTHEKER spoke at the CP, USA, [REDACTED] meeting concerning AIMS. APTHEKER stated that AIMS would unite and strengthen the CP although the CP would not be connected with it. He stated AIMS was being formed to operate within the scope of the MC CARRAN and SMITH Acts and would legally bring Marxist material and opinions to the attention of American scholars and the general public.

A fourth source advised on [REDACTED] that, [REDACTED] AIMS was located on the fifth floor west at 20 East 30th Street, New York City, New York.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 8/31/64

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FROM : Legat, London (100-1666) (P)

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Intelligence and Research, Department of State, 7/21/64. (u)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-364447)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (65-4773)

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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] (u)

The Bureau may wish to disseminate the enclosed information to interested agencies. (u)

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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 OF CASE <b>ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>kxb</b>
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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  
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In view of the highly sensitive position of [redacted] 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]

[redacted] (u)

INFORMANTS

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The following informants were contacted during November, 1964, and they were unable to furnish any additional pertinent information concerning the subject:

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1.  Subject's name is included in Security Index.
  2.  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.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
  5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
  6.  This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-22, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal the identities of these informants or confidential techniques of the FBI, thereby hampering their future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense.
  7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 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.  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.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

"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".

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."

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.

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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. (c)

On [REDACTED] corroborated the above information. (c)

[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. (c)

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. (c)

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. (S)

A characterization of "The National Guardian" is contained in the appendix hereto. (S)

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. (S)

A characterization of AIMS is contained in the appendix hereto. (S)

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. (S)

The following informants corroborated the above information:

Date Received

Source

[redacted]

[redacted] (S) (U)

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On [redacted] advised that the subject was the speaker at an All Nations Picnic sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), 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. (S)

The following informants corroborated the above information:

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Date Received

Source

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[REDACTED] (4)

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (b)

A characterization of Camp Midvale, New Jersey, is contained in the appendix hereto, under the title Metropolitan Recreation Association. (b)

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. (b)

A characterization of "Glos Ludowy" is contained in the appendix hereto. (b)

[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. (b)

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (b)

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. (b)

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. (b)

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A characterization of "Freedomways" is contained in the appendix hereto under the title Freedomways Associates, Incorporated.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

GUS HALL was the General Secretary of the CP, USA,

[REDACTED]

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METROPOLITAN RECREATION ASSOCIATION,  
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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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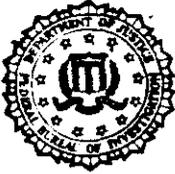
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The following Special Agents observed the subject at the May Day Rally on 5/1/64, at NYC:

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The following Special Agents observed the subject at the NCASF Rally, 11/12/64, at NYC:

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4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6.  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) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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.  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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- Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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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.

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"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.

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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.

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...

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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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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 CPECB 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.

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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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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404023)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-77925)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (c) b

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF [REDACTED]  
DATE 7-9-87

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a LHM in captioned matter. (u)

The source mentioned in the LHM is [REDACTED] (c)

The first informant mentioned is [REDACTED] the second informant mentioned is former [REDACTED] (u)

The NYO indices contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] (u)

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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]

[REDACTED] were the source of his  
information concerning Eslanda and her husband's  
CP connection. (u)

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Intourist, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York City, on June 23, 1959, in registering with the United States Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, listed its business as "travel" and its principal as "V. A. O. Intourist, Moscow, USSR." (u)

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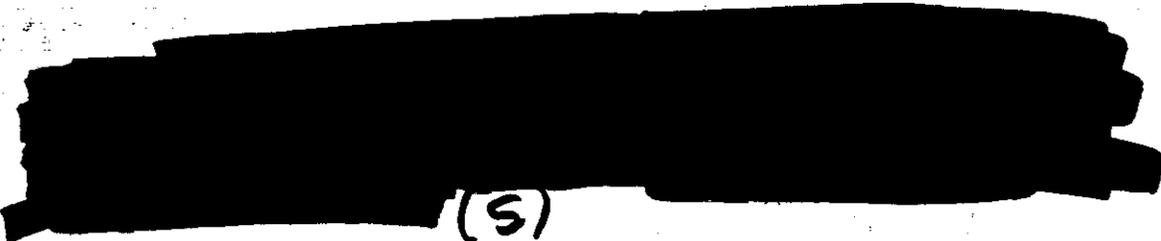
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No information has been obtained concerning possible attendance of ROBESON at this affair. (u)

ROBESON is believed to be the well-known Negro singer and communist sympathizer. (u)

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- 2 - New York (105-6247) (RM)
- (1 - PAUL ROBESON)
- 2 - WFO
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
July 2, 1965

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

BUfile 100-12304  
NYfile 100-56680

SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup>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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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304)

DATE: 7/2/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

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*[Signature]*

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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<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party		<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom		Race _____ Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Date of Birth _____		Place of Birth _____	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)			
Self employed writer and lecturer from residence <span style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">100-12304-</span>			
Key Facility Data		<b>NOT RECORDED</b> <b>14 JUL 7 1965</b>	
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:

<sup>0</sup>  
Eslanda Goode Robeson

BORN: December 15, 1896

PLACE: Washington, D. C.

RESIDENCE:

16 Jumel Terrace  
New York 32, New York  
100-12304

BUREAU FILE NUMBER:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

PASSPORT NUMBER:

Z162475 issued July 24, 1962;  
Renewed August 1965 at Washington, D. C.

ATTORNEY:

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 RECORDED

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 9/28/65

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680) (P)

SUBJECT: *ESL*  
ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON aka  
SM-C  
(OO: New York)

CLASS. & EXT. BY *sp-5 PLS/dw*  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW *9-28-85*

*1-30-81*

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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)

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Second source

[REDACTED]  
(conceal by request)

Third source

[REDACTED] (S)

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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)
- 2-Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1-New York

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date *10-6-65*  
by *RRE/can*

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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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In Reply, Please Refer to

New York, New York

File No. Bufile 100-12304 September 28, 1965  
NYfile 100-56680

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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. (u)

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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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."

[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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 11/4/65

FROM : *for file* SAC, WFO (100-14994) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *C-1*  
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]

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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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TITLE OF CASE  <b>PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>caa</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	<b>b7c</b>

REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/22/64 at NY. (u)

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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)

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>ltr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM-C</b>	<b>b7c</b>

REFERENCE

NYrep of SA [REDACTED] 12/21/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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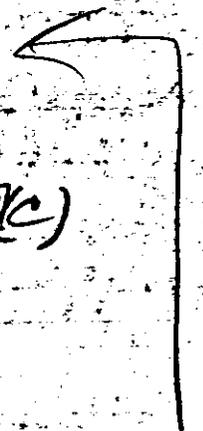
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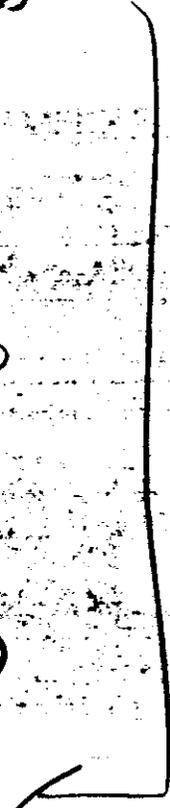
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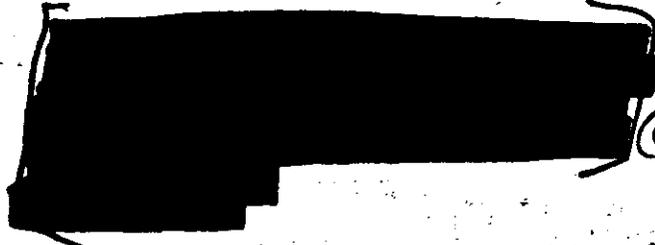
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3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6.  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) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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.  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.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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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  
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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]

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[REDACTED] that the CP in America should shapen 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

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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. b7D

[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 ←

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"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:

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"The Morning Freiheit" of May 27, 1965 on page five, column 2 - 5, continued on page 6, columns 1 - 2 contained an

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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 Freiheit" 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:

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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.

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The subject's attendance at the 40th anniversary of International Publishers and 80th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was verified by the following:

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5. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB)

ACFPB 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. b7D

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:

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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.

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[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:

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8. Miscellaneous Activities

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[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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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.

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] [redacted] advised that [redacted] JACK DEVINE, [redacted] was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life.

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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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APPENDIXINTERNATIONAL 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. 111.)
- "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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- "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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1.APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~"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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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]

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[redacted]; Director of Publicity CARL EDDENGER BLOICE  
[redacted]; Educational Director  
MATTHEW "DYNAMITE" HALLINAN  
[redacted]; Organizational  
Secretary TERENCE "KAYO" HALLINAN  
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and Treasurer SUSAN PHYLLIS BORENSTEIN  
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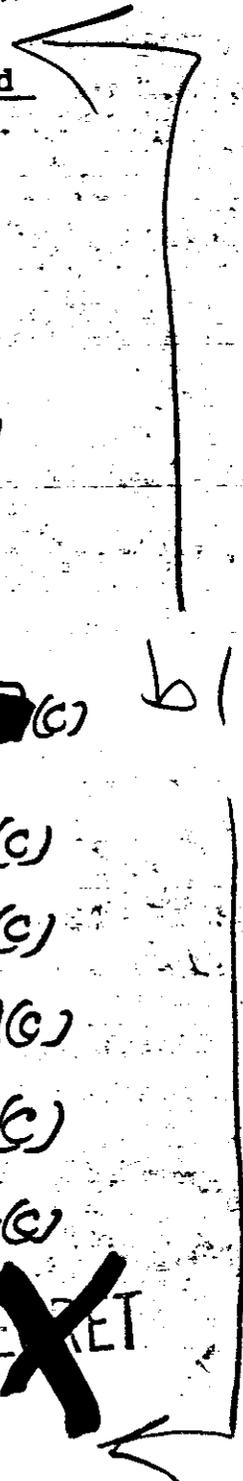
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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6.  This report is classified "~~Confidential~~" because (state reason)

it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-36, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal the identities of these informants or confidential techniques of the FBI, thereby hampering their future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense.

7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- 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.  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.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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Chief  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
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Re: Eslanda Goode 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

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: New York, New York

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Title: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

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Character: SECURITY MATTER-C

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. (ex)

[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. b7E

[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]

[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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(S)(u) [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.

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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:

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C. American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB)

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(S)(u) [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.

(S)(M) [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.

(S)(M) [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:

(u) [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.

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[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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J. "Peoples World" (PW)

The PW is a west coast Communist newspaper.

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[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:

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K. Miscellaneous Activities

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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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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.

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.)

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] 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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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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APPENDIXINTERNATIONAL 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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APPENDIXPHILADELPHIA 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. b7D

[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 Adelpia 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 Adelpia Hotel, Philadelphia.

[REDACTED] explained [REDACTED], that the main purpose of the PSSFC is to bring to Philadelphia as well known speakers as possible, especially 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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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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W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

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]

[redacted] ; Director of Publicity CARL ELLENGER BLOICE

[redacted] ; Educational Director

MATTHEW "DYNAMITE" HALLINAN

[redacted] ; Organizational

Secretary REFERENCE "KAYO" HALLINAN

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and Treasurer SUSAN PHYLLIS BORENSTEIN

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NYfile 100-56680

Title **Eslanda Goode 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) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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New York, New York  
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SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup>ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

REFERENCE: NEW YORK REPORT 12/9/65

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Residence: Subject Died

Employment:

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1/10/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680) (C)

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SUBJECT: *ESL*  
ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON  
SM-C  
(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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date 1-17-66  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
January 10, 1965

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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.

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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