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CLAUDIA JONES

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED DATE: April 2, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: CLAUDIA JONES, with aliases
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This morning Edgar Ford of the Administrative Division of the Department called to advise that Andretta had told him to contact the Captain of the Guard in the Building to arrange for additional guards for Monday, April 4, in view of a delegation coming to visit the Attorney General or Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Ford asked if I had any information on this.

I told Mr. Ford that by memorandum dated March 23, 1955, to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins we advised that the Daily Worker published an article on March 18, to the effect that two Negro women publishers were attempting to work up a delegation to come to Washington to see the Attorney General to protest the imprisonment and "Jim Crow" prison conditions re Claudia Jones, convicted under the Smith Act. I told Mr. Ford that the question of additional guards was, of course, a matter for the Department to decide.

I talked to Attorney Kevin Maroney of the Department as Ford said he had further information. Maroney said that about ten days ago Halois M. Robinson, Secretary of the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership, had written to the Department asking for an appointment with the Attorney General or Tompkins. The Department replied on March 29, that the Claudia Jones matter was pending in court and it would be inappropriate to discuss it. This morning the Department received a telegram expressing indignation at the Department's reply and stating that the delegation was coming anyway.

ACTION:

This is for your information. A copy is directed to Mr. Nichols so that this situation can be considered relative to tours on Monday, April 4.

On March 23, we alerted the New York Office to the proposed delegation to the Attorney General and instructed that

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CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Nichols

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOARDMAN

New York advise us of any developments. Washington Field has been advised of the proposed delegation on April 4, and has been instructed to cover the arrival discreetly and inform the Bureau in order that the Director and the Department may be kept informed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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... U R G E N T ...

CLAUDIA JONES, WAS, IS DASH C. REBULET MARCH TWENTYTHIRD, FIFTYFIVE. RE DELEGATION ON BEHALF OF SUBJECT MR. [REDACTED] PRR PASSENGER REP. ADVISES THIS DATE HE CONTACTED A MR. FORD PAREN BELIEVED TO BE JAMES FORD UNPAREN AT NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND NEGRO LEADERSHIP. FORD ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS UNCERTAIN RE SIZE OF GROUP TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON APRIL FOUR, FIFTYFIVE. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR GROUP TO ASSEMBLE AT INFO BOOTH SEVEN A. M. APRIL FOUR, FIFTYFIVE, PENN STATION, SECURE COACH TICKETS AND TAKE TRAIN NO. ONE ONE ONE LEAVING NYC SEVEN THIRTY A. M. AND ARRIVING WASHINGTON AT ELEVEN FORTY A. M. BUFILE NO. ONE HUNDRED DASH SEVEN TWO THREE NINE ZERO. WFO WILL BE ADVISED BY PHONE RE DEPARTURE AND SIZE OF DELEGATION.

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AIR-TEL

NEW YORK, 4/1/55

BUREAU

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND NEGRO LEADERSHIP; IS-C.
 RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FROM ASAB MOORE, NYO, TO SAC
 LAUGHLIN, WFO, THIS A.M. AND WFO TELETYPE DATED 4/1/55. ON
 THIS DATE, SAS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] COVERED ^{b7c}
 THE DEPARTURE OF A DELEGATION, BELIEVED TO BE SPONSORED BY
 CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO CALL ON ATTORNEY
 GENERAL BROWNELL, ACCORDING TO "DAILY WORKER" OF 3/30/55, ON
 BEHALF OF CLAUDIA JONES, CONVICTED SMITH ACT SUBJECT.

A GROUP OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS WAS OBSERVED AT THE INFORMATION
 BOOTH AT THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD STATION 7:00 A. M. THIS DATE.
 THIS GROUP WAS COMPOSED OF 3 UNIDENTIFIED WHITE WOMEN, A COLORED

- 4 - BUREAU (100-398404) (REGULAR)
- (1 - 100-72390) (CLAUDIA JONES)
- 1 - WASHINGTON FIELD (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
 DEFEND NEGRO LEADERSHIP) (REGULAR)
- 3 - NEW YORK (100-10676) (CLAUDIA JONES) (#7-5)
- (1 - [REDACTED]) (#12-15)
- (1 - 100-86675) (CNC) (#7-2)

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WOMAN, AND A COLORED MAN, ALSO UNIDENTIFIED. AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 A. M., THIS GROUP WAS JOINED BY TWO MORE UNIDENTIFIED COLORED MEN. THE GROUP BOARDED THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TRAIN NUMBER 111, SCHEDULED TO DEPART PENN STATION, NY, AT 7:30 A. M. THE GROUP MADE THEIR WAY TO COACH CAR NUMBER 1696, WHERE THEY TOOK SEATS NEAR ANOTHER COLORED WOMAN WHO APPEARED TO BE PART OF THE DELEGATION. AT ABOUT 7:25 A. M., THE GROUP WAS JOINED BY A COLORED MAN BELIEVED TO BE WILLIAM PATTERSON, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE CMC. THE TRAIN DEPARTED ON SCHEDULE AT 7:30 A. M. TRAIN NUMBER 111 IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D. C. AT 11:40 A. M. THIS DATE. REFERENCED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ADVISED WFO OF THE ABOVE FACTS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: April 14, 1955

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-72390)
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-9070)
SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, wa.
Claudia Jones
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT, 1940

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Relet New York to Bureau, 2/23/55, Pittsburgh letter to Bureau, 3/2/55, and New York letter to Bureau, 3/22/55.

Captioned subject, a convicted Smith Act subject of the New York Office, is presently incarcerated at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va.

Parole Comm.

On March 3, 1955, [redacted] Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., advised SA [redacted] that she would advise the FBI of any change in the subject's status. b6, b7c per Parole Comm.

On March 29, 1955, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the following persons and organizations sent birthday greetings to the subject in February, 1955:

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NAME

Averill, Miss Mary
France, Clemens
Russo, Mr. and Mrs. Mike
Russo, Mike

BOSTON OFFICE

ADDRESS

196 Elm St., Biddeford, Maine
275 Adelaide Ave., Providence, R. I.
566 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston 2, Mass.

DETROIT OFFICE

3240 Blaine, Detroit 6, Michigan

NEW YORK OFFICE

23 West 26th St., N. Y. 10, N. Y.

American Committee for
Protection of Foreign

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NEW YORK OFFICE
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Shirley and Nancy Bitrebo, S.	2819 Barker Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y.
Garrett, Gedell	Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Guenther, Mrs. M.	1515 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hicks, Elihu	10307-109 Ave., Grove Park 17, L.I., N.Y.
Jackson, Artie	572 Greene Ave., Brooklyn 16, N. Y.
Johnson, Mrs. Lisa	421 North 162 St., N. Y., N. Y.
Johnson, Miss Martha	504 West 143 St., Apt. 3a, N.Y., N. Y.
Johnson, Wini	504 West 143 St., Apt. 3a, N.Y. 31, N.Y.
Johnson, W. K.	504 West 143 St., Apt. 3a, N.Y. 31, N.Y.
Karp, Miss Martha	504 West 143 St., Apt. 3a, N.Y. 31, N.Y.
Foster, Esther and Bill	3215 Holland Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y.
Lipkin, Philip	1040 Nelson Ave., Bronx 52, N. Y.
Minor, L. G.	2753 Barker Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y.
Morgan, Ned	Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.
Onda, Theresa and Andy	540 West 146 St., N. Y. 31, N. Y.
Patterson, Miss Louise	1318-55 St., Brooklyn 17, N. Y.
Robinson, H. and Phil	409 Edgecombe Ave., N. Y. 32, N. Y.
Roseman, Manuel	9 East 118 St., N. Y. 35, N. Y.
	Rockland State Hospital-Bldg. 19, Orangeburg, N. Y.
Snitkin, David	215 Chester St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Thompson, Miss Ellen	609 West 174 St., N. Y., N. Y.
Weintraub, Mr. and Mrs. Mark	92-16 Whitney Ave., Elmhurst 73, N. Y.
Williamson, Mrs. Mae	4500 Broadway, N. Y. 40, N. Y.
Winston, Mrs. Edna	2820 Bronx Park East, Bronx 67, N. Y.

_____ added that in her opinion _____ is insane because of statements he has made in cards to the subject and other inmates at the reformatory.

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On March 29, 1955, _____ also advised SA _____ that the subject's only authorized correspondent at the present time is her father, CHARLES B. CUMBERBATCH, 504 West 143 Street, Apartment 6A, New York 31, New York. _____ furnished SA _____ with b7c copies of two letters the subject's father had written to her. (FB) These letters are as follows:

All b7c + b6 per Parole Comm.

Parole Comm.

"Claudia Jones Box A
 "Federal Reformatory for Women
 "Alderson West Virginia

"Sunday 27th March
 "1955

"My dear daughter

"Claudia, I have received your letter dated March 19th but mailed March 23rd for Alderson. However I daresay letters must be read and determined as to whether they should be mailed etc which accounts for their delay in reaching the person to whom they are sent, of course, your communication was in part some of the information you had already given me on my visit to you. It was however a very interesting letter, which some of your friends asked to see. Since my return from my visit I delayed a prompt reply awaiting information concerning your case, and other news that would interest you. Well on Friday night March 25th I attended a familiar committee meeting in which Attorney Sachet was invited to tell the families what was going on in Court - re the Claudia Jones & Mendel motions, and other happenings such as a new trial for the 13 which is now pending court decision re the falsifying of Matusow. The first thing that was demanded by the chairman of this meeting, was to have me tell to the families, how you were getting on, your health did you get your 'Salt Free Diet'. Did you get your Birthday cards. Flowers and other tokens of Good will etc.. I told them how I found you, and you were now getting the 'salt Free Diet' but you were still complaining of occasional heart pains and headaches. Of course they were all elated that you are none the worse for your 8 hours daily task, and now living in your own cottage. In reference to birthday cards I have seen Leona, Martha and others who said they had received returned cards etc from Alderson, so you see they did not reach you. Attorney Sachet spoke at length concerning the motion for new trial for the 13 and thinks there is a possible chance Judge Dimock allowing it. In the matter of yourself & Mendel he said that the court had denied it at this juncture. I arose in the meeting and questioned whether all the medical reports to his knowledge were submitted. He

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said yes, and that a court physician was appointed to examine them. Sachet was again questioned by some of the family group as to his authenticity of the knowledge of all the medical reports as ordered by the court for examination by the appointed doctor. He again replied that the last one he saw was Dr. Elster's. Of course I was not quite satisfied with his report of your case nor was any - one of the Families Committee. First the the denial was not given in open court, he said he heard it from some attorney in the 'inner chamber. Secondly he was asked what can be done now. He said he didn't think the judge would change his mind. Be of good cheer & courage. Love from all.

"Yours truly,

"Daddy

"From her father - Charles B. Cumberbatch
504 W 143 Apt 6 A
New York 31 NY."

"Claudia Jones Box A
"Federal Reformatory for Women
"Alderson, West Virginia

"Sunday March 27th -
"155

"My dear daughter

"Claudia, continuing with Sachet's explanation he further thinks the judge is ok and would give the least doubt where involved to the prisoner. And furthermore he declares we must remember he was criticized two or three times in these cases by the Press for his leniency, and that did not make any difference with his manner of decisions. He further said that his only hope in the trial re- (retrial) of the 13 was a passage in Law which the judge himself quoted that gives him that hope. However the committee does not stop there. A delegation is being formed to ask your release. This delegation goes to Washington to the Parole Board. Of course the Negro delegation goes on April 4th to Washington in their pleas before attorney general Brownell.

Handwritten initials or mark on the left margin.

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Many affairs are being given for your release etc. Mary Kaufman is still away in Denver on some case there. If she were here I think perhaps I would have had a more fully explained account of the case. However I know you are not over suprised of such a decision. I gave your best regard to your many friends, who are almost confident that we all will see you before the actual date of your release. As to your request of my asking Ena to make out your Income Tax return, I was informed by Mary, Ena is away out of the city, and will not be returning before Ben is released. Mary says she will get some one to make it out. I also told her of your request re the extra allowance that was arranged before you left New York, she is looking after it. Fine enclosed check for twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) for commissary needs for April & May. I attended an affair last night (Sat. 26th) given by the Negro delegation committee in your behalf. Views from all over the world were read concerning your leadership etc. It was a grand affair. Now take care of yourself, hoping to have more assuring news when I next write to you. Family & friends send their love & best wishes to you.

"Yours truly

"Daddy

"From her Father - Charles B. Cumberbatch
504 West 143 Street Apt 6
New York 31, N. Y."

It is noted that [redacted] identity should be concealed by a T-symbol since the information furnished by her is confidential.

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b7c per Parole Comm.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-72390)

DATE: 4/18/55

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-18676)

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SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK
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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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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

May 5, 1955

Director, FBI

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The "Daily Worker" of May 2, 1955, states that a hearing on the application for parole of Claudia Jones, Communist leader and Smith Act defendant now confined in Alderson Women's Prison, West Virginia, will be held May 10, 1955. The subject is eligible for parole, according to the article, on May 11, 1955.

According to the article, the announcement of the hearing was sent to the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership by Thomas Grover, Executive Officer of the Parole Board who gave the Committee a tentative appointment for the May 10, 1955, date.

An article appeared in the "Daily Worker" on May 4, 1955, which states the parole hearing will be held in Room 402, NOLC Building, First and D Streets, N. Washington, D. C. This article reflects that the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership has urged the delegation going to Washington to attend this hearing to gather at the information booth of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York City at 12:00 p.m., on the night of May 9, 1955. The train leaves for Washington at 12:25 a.m., May 10, 1955. An editorial appeared in the "Daily Worker" on May 4, 1955, which stated in part "above all, we urge a big and immediate response to the committee's appeal for letters urging parole to the Federal Parole Board, 101 Indiana Avenue, Washington, D. C.

If any additional pertinent information is received in this connection, it will be furnished to you promptly.

2cc - Mr. James V. Bennett
Director
Bureau of Prisons

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CLAUDIA JONES' PAROLE

If Claudia Jones were not a courageous Negro woman and a Communist leader, and if her crime were something other than thinking, she would almost automatically be released when she becomes eligible next Wednesday for parole.

It is a shocking state of affairs not only that Claudia Jones is behind bars but that her friends and well-wishers find it necessary to campaign for her release.

In the case of Claudia Jones, who is loved and admired by so many thousands, her release is not only a matter of simple justice, but of life itself. The condition of her health is exceedingly grave—a condition further aggravated by discriminatory restrictions during visits by her family at the penitentiary, and by the fact that she is not allowed to correspond with personal life-long friends.

The committee for the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership has been given an appointment for next Tuesday with the parole board, to argue for parole. The delegation which the committee is planning for that date should get the widest support.

Above all, we urge a big and immediate response to the committee's appeal for letters urging parole to the Federal Parole Board, 101 Indiana Ave., Washington, D. C.

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Claudia Jones Parole Hearing Scheduled for Next Tuesday

A hearing on the application of Claudia Jones, young Negro woman Communist leader and Smith Act victim, has been definitely set with the U. S. Board of Parole, for 10 a.m. next Tuesday morning, Room 402 HOLC Bldg., 1st and D St., NW, Washington, it was announced yesterday by the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership.

Announcement of the hearing was sent to the Committee by Thomas O. Grover, executive parole officer.

Miss Jones has served one-third of her sentence and is eligible for

parole next Wednesday. She was sentenced to a year and one day on Jan. 11 and the government is morally bound to release her without delay. Her health is seriously endangered and the Committee urges that letters be sent to the Board asking for her immediate freedom.

The Committee also urges the delegation going to Washington to gather at the information booth of the Penn RR station at 12 a.m. next Monday night.

The train leaves for Washington at 12:25 a.m. The round trip railroad fare is \$16.68.

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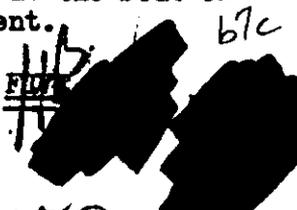
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**Hearing May 10 on
Claudia Jones' Parole**

A hearing on the application for parole of Claudia Jones, Communist leader and Smith Act defendant now confined in Alderson Women's Prison, W. Va., will be held May 10, according to the National Committee to Defend Negro Leaders.

Announcement of the hearing was sent to the National Committee by Thomas Grover, executive officer of the Parole Board, who gave the committee a tentative appointment for the May 10 date. The Committee intends to send a delegation in behalf of Miss Jones, whose health is seriously endangered by the prison diet.

Miss Jones is eligible for parole May 11, having entered prison on Jan. 11 under sentence of a year and a day.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MAY 6, 1955

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

BY COURIER SERVICE

CLAUDIA JONES, WAS.; IS-C.

The "Daily Worker" issues of May 2, 3 and 6, 1955, carry articles relating to the parole hearing to be held for the captioned individual in Room 402, NOLC Building, First and D Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., 10:00 a.m., May 10, 1955. According to the articles, a delegation sponsored by the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership will leave Pennsylvania Station, New York City, 12:25 a.m., and arrive in Washington 6:00 a.m., May 10, 1955. WFO instructed set up coverage of this delegation as in past and keep Bureau advised all pertinent developments so Department can be kept momentarily advised. Claudia Jones is now confined Alderson Women's Prison, West Virginia, following her conviction for violation of the Smith Act.

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NOTE: The above information relative to the delegation was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins with copies to Mr. James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, under date of May 5, 1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-72390)

DATE: 5/2/55 *9-1*

FF FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-9070)

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, wa, *Cumberbatch*
Claudia ~~Cones~~
IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940

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Re New York letter to the Director, 3/22/55.

Captioned subject, a convicted Smith Act subject of the New York Office, is presently incarcerated at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va.

2/2 parole Comm.

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On April 8, 1955, [redacted], Parole Officer, Federal Reformatory for Women, whose identity should not be disclosed, advised SA [redacted] that the subject's only approved correspondent is her father, CHARLES CUMBERBATCH, 504 West 143rd St., New York, New York, but that the subject has requested permission to correspond with the following:

b7c (FBI)

Friend - Mrs. MARY MORGAN, 542 West 146th St., New York, New York

Friend - Mr. CYRIL PHILLIPS, 125th St. and 8th Ave., New York, New York

Business - Mr. JAMES W. FORD, 21 East 109th St., New York, New York

Attorney - Mrs. MARY KAUFMAN, 201 West 85th St., New York, New York

Attorney - BLANCH FREEDMAN, 23 West 26th St., New York, New York

Dentist - Dr. ALAN FEINSTEIN, 342 Madison Ave., New York, New York

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[redacted] advised that the subject has written to KAUFMAN, FREEDMAN and FEINSTEIN on previous occasions after obtaining special permission from the Reformatory. She stated that these letters were written in connection with the subject's attempt to have her sentence reduced or set aside because of her health.

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cc: 2 - New York (100-18676) (RM)
2 - Minneapolis (RM)

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██████████ stated that one letter addressed to the subject was returned to HARRY A. OLSON, 1821 Fifth Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, but there was no record made of the contents of this letter.

██████████ advised that the subject received birthday greetings from ALFRED KNOTSON and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, no addresses given.

██████████ also stated that on April 8, 1955, Miss GLORIA AGRIN, attorney, 220 Broadway, New York, New York, visited the subject to discuss action to be taken regarding the subject's possible deportation.

Attempts are being made by the Pittsburgh Division to obtain the contents of the subject's correspondence when same is of a pertinent nature.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND NEGRO LEADERSHIP, INC.

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WFO file conducted this date by SA [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] revealed that PAUL ROBESON, SR., and JAMES FORD with accompanying group of eleven additional individuals departed Pennsylvania Railroad Coach #1658, Train #101, Washington, D. C. at 5:20 a.m., EDT. At 6:50 a.m., group departed Union Station and traveled by taxi to 930 F Street, N.W., where office of Progressive Party of the District of Columbia is maintained. At 7:50 a.m., WILLIAM L. PATTERSON observed arriving alone vicinity 930 F Street, N. W. by taxi and seen entering this building.

At 9:40 a.m., group of fifteen individuals, including ROBESON, FORD, and PATTERSON, observed leaving building 930 F St., N.W., and traveling by taxi to HOLD Building, First and D Streets, N. W. At 11:05 a.m., group observed leaving HOLD Building; ROBESON traveled by taxi to 930 F Street, N. W., remained in this building several minutes, and then traveled by taxi to Union Station, boarding Pennsylvania Railroad Train #176 departing Washington, D. C. at 12:00 noon, and arriving NYC 3:45 p.m., EDT.

Remainder of group observed walking to and entering Senate Office Building, Constitution Avenue, and Second Street, N. E. Nine individuals of this group re-appeared at Union Station at 11:20 a.m. and boarded Pennsylvania Railroad Train #142, Car #1662, departing Washington, D.C. 2:00 p.m., arriving NYC 5:45 p.m., EDT.

Role Mr. SCOVEL RICHARDSON, Chairman, Board of Parole Bureau, of Prisons, HOLD Building, on this date advised SA [redacted]

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[redacted] that by letter dated 4/26/55 JAMES W. FORD, Secretary of captioned organization, requested appointment with Mr. THOMAS D. GROVER, Federal Parole Board, for himself and Miss JEAN TAYLOR, identified as representing Women's Group with which subject organization has been cooperating; request for appointment in connection with application for parole by CLAUDIA JONES.

Mr. RICHARDSON stated FORD was given an appointment for 10:00 a.m. today but, by letter dated 4/28/55, FORD attempted to change appointment to 2:00 p.m. on the same date, explaining the travel connections would make it difficult to fulfill earlier appointment; request for change in appointment not allowed.

RICHARDSON stated he had believed that this appointment was to consist of interview by FORD and JEAN TAYLOR, and that only after WFO had advised his Department on 5/6/55 did he realize that this appointment was for a delegation from captioned organization. He explained he would not and did not undertake to make an appointment for the membership of subject organization to appear before the U.S. Board of Parole.

RICHARDSON stated that the following individuals appeared at his office at 10:05 a.m. this date at which time all except JAMES W. FORD and Miss BEATRICE GOODLOW were required to register with Dr. T. C. ESSELSTYN, Staff Director, Bureau of Prisons. Dr. ESSELSTYN stated that FORD identified all members of group as being either members of subject organization or friends of CLAUDIA JONES. Dr. ESSELSTYN stated he began preparing list of names of members of delegation, and after having written the first two names decided he would have the remainder of the group register in their own handwriting.

RICHARDSON stated that JAMES FORD was the spokesman for the group and introduced each member of the delegation by name. Members of the group and comments made by each individual follow, according to the information supplied by Mr. RICHARDSON:

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10. CHARLES CUMBERBATCH, Negro; described himself as the father of CLAUDIA JONES; stated he had seen his daughter on two occasions; that she still suffers from cardiac condition and urged her parole.

11. Mrs. SARY BROWN, apparently white, swarthy; stated she did not know CLAUDIA JONES personally, but wanted to protest an injustice, and "Jim Crow" in prisons.

12. Mrs. L. JOHNSON, Negro, neighbor of CLAUDIA JONES who first met JONES about five years ago; urged parole be granted JONES.

13. Miss MARTHA JOHNSON, light-complected Negro; stated she had known CLAUDIA JONES for 21 years; stated that CLAUDIA JONES was inspiration for many women because of articles JONES wrote on bad conditions in public schools - overcrowding, insufficient teaching, and segregation.

14. PAUL ROBESON, Negro; stated he had known CLAUDIA JONES for a number of years; described JONES as a fighter for human dignity and the rights of individuals; spoke in vague generalities and mentioned nothing further specific regarding CLAUDIA JONES.

15. Mrs. V. MULBERRY, white, made no comments during interview but took notes of proceedings.

RICHARDSON stated that the theme of discussion by group appeared to be that neighbors, friends, and relatives of CLAUDIA JONES desire that her parole be granted and that JONES, being a champion in the fight for nondiscrimination and the preservation of dignity of the individual, suffers more than the average person by her incarceration; moreover, her present poor health should be another factor why she should be paroled. RICHARDSON stated that FORD made available a 48-page booklet titled "Ben Davis - Fighter for Freedom" by CLAUDIA JONES, which FORD requested be made part of JONES' file.

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RICHARDSON stated that the only comment he made to the group was that he, too, was against segregation in U. S. prisons but that the Board of Parole was not the proper place to discuss this matter. RICHARDSON stated the interview terminated at 10:55 a.m. He stated that Miss JEAN TAYLOR, originally scheduled for an appointment, was not a member of the delegation.

RICHARDSON advised that a parole hearing regarding CLAUDIA JONES was held last week (exact date unknown) at Alderson Women's Prison, West Virginia, and that the results of the hearing are not yet known.

RICHARDSON stated interview with delegation of above-captioned organization this date will have no bearing on CLAUDIA JONES' application by this Board. List of signatures of members of delegation made available by RICHARDSON being retained WFO. EUC.

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Mr. [redacted] Domestic Intelligence Division, called and advised that the Washington Field Office ascertained through Mr. Schovel Richardson, Chairman of the Board of Parole, the identities of the 15 individuals who appeared at the Board of Parole at 10:00 A. M. this morning on behalf of Claudia Jones, convicted Smith Act subject presently confined in prison at Alderson, West Virginia. The spokesman for the group was James W. Ford, Secretary of the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership. They appealed for her parole because of the condition of her health; she was wanted back in her neighborhood by her friends and her father had a home for her. Mr. Richardson advised that this appearance of the delegation would have no effect on the parole hearing which was held last week in Alderson, West Virginia, the outcome of which is not known to Mr. Richardson.

There were no incidents in connection with the delegation and at least nine of them have proceeded to Union Station, presumable for return to New York City.

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 1--Mr. Boardman
 1--Mr. Belmont
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Reference is made to my memorandum of
May 5, 1955, captioned "Claudia Jones, with aliases,
Internal Security - C," which advised that a contemplated
delegation from the National Committee to Defend Negro
Leadership to the Federal Parole Board was scheduled to
take place at 10:00 A.M. May 10, 1955.

Parole Comm.

This will confirm telephonic communications
with Mr. Walter Yeagley of the Department and to
Mr. James V. Bennett, Director, Bureau of Prisons, on
the morning of May 10, 1955, advising the delegation
had arrived in Washington. It is believed you will be
interested in the following information concerning this
delegation.

The delegation from New York City arrived
Washington, D. C., via train at 5:20 A.M. They proceeded
to 930 F Street, Northwest, where the office of the
Progressive Party is maintained. At 9:40 A.M. the group
of fifteen individuals which included James W. Ford,
Secretary of the National Committee to Defend Negro
Leadership, Paul Robeson, well-known pro-Communist,
William L. Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Civil
Rights Congress, Charles Cumberbatch, father of Claudia
Jones and other friends of Claudia Jones proceeded to the
office of the Federal Parole Board in the HOLC Building.
The delegation remained in the HOLC Building, First and D
Streets, Northwest, until 11:05 A.M. at which time most of
the group proceeded to Union Station for return to New York
City.

The following information was obtained from
Mr. Scovel Richardson, Chairman of the Board of Parole,
Bureau of Prisons, HOLC Building, who received the
delegation.

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cc Bufile 100-72390 (Claudia Jones)
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Letter to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins
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Mr. Richardson said that by letter dated April 28, 1955, James W. Ford requested an appointment with Mr. Thomas D. Grover, Federal Parole Board, for himself and Miss Jean Taylor, identified as representing a women's group with which the subject organization had been cooperating. The appointment was to be in connection with an application for parole by Claudia Jones, Smith Act subject who is presently confined in Alderson Women's Prison, West Virginia. Mr. Richardson stated that the delegation appeared at his office at 10:00 A.M. at which time all except James W. Ford and Miss Beatrice Goodlow were required to register. Ford identified all members of the group as being either members of subject organization or friends of Claudia Jones.

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Mr. Richardson stated that the interview was terminated at 10:55 A.M. and that Miss Jean Taylor, originally scheduled for appointment, was not a member of the delegation. Mr. Richardson furnished the identities of the individuals who made up the delegation.

Mr. Richardson also advised that a parole hearing regarding Claudia Jones was held last week (exact date unknown) at Alderson Women's Prison, West Virginia, and that the results of the hearing are not yet known. Mr. Richardson also advised that the interview with the delegation from the above-captioned organization on May 10, 1955, will have no bearing on Claudia Jones' application by the Federal Parole Board.

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**Letter to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins
May 12, 1955**

The May 11, 1955, issue of the "Daily Worker" carries an article entitled "Claudia Jones' Neighbors Plead with Parole Board: Give Back Our Friend" which sets forth information concerning this delegation's visit to the Federal Parole Board.

2 cc Mr. James V. Bennett
Director, Bureau of Prisons

NOTE ON YELLOW: Mr. [REDACTED] in the Director's office, Mr. [REDACTED] in Mr. Nichols Office and Mr. F.J. Baumgardner, Chief, Internal Security Section, were kept advised of the activities of this delegation which were furnished to the Bureau by SA [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office who was in charge of the physical surveillance of this delegation.

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CLAUDIA JONES, WAS. IS - C. DO; NY. Dr. F. C. ESSELSTYN, Staff Director, Board of Parole, Bureau of Prisons, 1010 Building, First and D Sts., NW, advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] this date parole denied subject at Parole Board hearing held Alderson, W. Va., 5/4/55 by reason "Gravity of offense, lightness of sentence and pending detainer for deportation".

Dr. ESSELSTYN furnished info re individuals communicating with that Board urging subject's parole. This info will be supplied Bureau and appropriate offices. P

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May 17, 1955

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CLAUDIA JONES, with aliases
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated May 5, 1955, captioned as above, and to my memorandum of May 12, 1955, captioned "National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership" which furnished information concerning a delegation which visited the Federal Parole Board on May 10, 1955, on behalf of Claudia Jones, convicted Smith Act subject presently confined in Alderson Women's Prison, West Virginia.

For your additional information, data has been received from the Board of Parole on May 13, 1955, that on May 4, 1955, parole was denied Claudia Jones at a Parole Board hearing in Alderson, West Virginia. The reason for denying the parole was given as "Gravity of offense, lightness of sentence and pending detainer for deportation."

If any additional pertinent information is received concerning Claudia Jones, it will be furnished to you promptly.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-72390)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-18676)

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.
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DATE: 5/20/55

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AUSA GEORGE H. BAILEY, SDNY, furnished SA [redacted] on the following dates: March 29; April 1, 7, 8, 12, 15, 28; May 4, 1955, forty-three letters protesting the jailing of the subject, CLAUDIA JONES. The bulk of these letters are from various trade unions and schools in Germany and are addressed to either Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL or USA EDWARD LUMBARD, SDNY. The remainder of these letters are from individuals or unions in Australia.

Inasmuch as the content of the above-mentioned letters is similar, only a few of these letters were translated by the NYO.

Copies of the translations of these letters are being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures to this letter.

Set out below is a list of the senders of the above-mentioned communications:

Sender	Date	Place
Free German Youth, College for Finance Economics, German Democratic Republic per students: L. NEETZEL E. PROST G. EHRENSPERGER, etc.	4/5/55	Potsdam - Babelsberg
Wives and Mothers of the Democratic Women's Association of Germany per FALKNER	4/5/55	Karl-Marx-City

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<u>Sender</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
3. Teachers of the State Forestry Management in Kamenz Signed - Manager	3/26/55	Kamenz
4. Board of Directors of the Industrial Metallurgical Corporation (or: Metallurgical Trade Union) Signed GUNTHER, President of the Board	3/22/55	Berlin C 2 Littenstrasse 106/107
5. Helmut Robbenkamp (This is a private letter and is especially long and abusive)	3/22/55	Gubitzstrasse 26, Berlin NO 55
6. <u>Democratic Women's Association of Germany, Federal School</u> Signers - TRAUTE JAKOB GERDA STAUDE ERIKE STARKE, etc.	3/23/55	Neuer Garten, Potsdam
7. <u>Women of the Democratic Women's Association in Luckenwalde, Group 11.</u> Signed - M. WEIGELT J. BUFLICH M. SCHMUTZER, etc.	3/25/55	Luckenwalde
8. Peace Loving Women Signed - SACHS HILLEN LOTZ RABE, etc.	3/24/55	Potsdam
9. Wholesale Office for Textiles (This letter contains accusations not only about CLAUDIA JONES but in the Matusow affair as well) Signed - FOHLE	3/28/55	Kopenickerstrasse 126, Berlin O 17

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<u>Sender</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
10. Freshmen of the Seminar A 3 of the Faculty of Economic Sciences, Humboldt-University in Berlin Signed - G. PASKARBLIT , etc.	3/23/55	Spandauerstrasse 2 Berlin C 2
11. Inhabitants of the house 282 Stalinalle, Berlin Signed - M. ALBRECHT , E. SICHTER , etc.	3/22/55	Berlin
12. The Delegates, District Delegates Conference of the Industrial Trade Union of the Postal and Alarm Department Signed - R. SPRINGER	3/27/55	Ebertplatz 16 Dresden A 1
13. The Leadership of the Warfus Union in the City of Dresden Signed - I. A. HANGK	3/23/55	Dresden
14. Cultural Union for the Democratic Revival of Germany Signed - ERICA TAUT	3/24/55	Puschkinalle 9 a Berlin
15. Freshmen of the Vet.-Med. Faculty of the Humboldt University in Berlin Seminar 5: WOLF Seminar 6: HEIN	3/24/55	Berlin
16. Students of the Vet. - Medical Faculty of the Humboldt University in Berlin Seminar 1	3/28/55	Berlin

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<u>Sender</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
17. Education Section of the First Machinery Factory of Karl-Marx-City Per - HERBERGER	3/28/55	Karl-Marx-City
18. Institute for Agrarian Economics Potsdam	3/29/55	Heinrich-Mann-Allee 10 Potsdam
19. Members of the Song and Dance Ensemble "Ernst Hermann Meyer" of the Humboldt-University in Berlin Signed - <u>W. JACCB</u>	3/23/55	Berlin
20. The City Group of the German Democratic Peasant Party, Potsdam	3/22/55	Potsdam
21. Democratic Women's Union of Germany District Board of the City of Leipzig Signed - <u>F. SAUNER</u> District Secretary	3/25/55	Leipzig
22. Scientific Co-Workers of the Institute for Agrarian Economics in Potsdam Per - <u>LUDWIG BRUST</u>	3/23/55	Heinrich - Mann Allee Potsdam
23. District Party School of Sed (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) Per - <u>V. SOBEYAK</u> <u>LOBEYAK</u>	3/23/55	Heinrich Heine Strasse Eisenach
24. The Comrades (or Members) of the German Socialist Unity Party, Light Construction Faculty, Fourth-Semester Students, Technical College in Dresden Per - BURHAT (BURCHERT?)	3/26/55	Dresden

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<u>Sender</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
25. Students of the ABF (sic) in Halle on the Saale	3/22/55	Halle
26. Seminar A 5 Faculty of Agricultural Science, Humboldt- University, Berlin	3/22/55	Berlin
27. Members of the Dance Group of the "Berlin Student Ensemble" of the Humboldt University in Berlin Signed - ECKEHARDT UNGER	3/22/55	Berlin
28. The Personnel of the VEB "Famos" Dye (or: Stamp) Goods Factory Eilenburgerstr. 55 Leipzig	3/23/55	Leipzig
29. Students of Special Studies in History II Humboldt-University, Berlin Signed - INGRID SCHULZE INGEBORG BRACHMANN, etc.		Berlin
30. Women's Committee of the Council of the City of Nauen Signed - URSULA ROSLOWSKI INGRID EBBING (?) H. SCHWILL, etc.	3/23/55	Nauen
31. College of Foreign Trade AGL - Students	3/21/55	Berlin
32. Guild Instruction and Education in FDGB, School Guild Administration, Geschwister Scholl School (Highschool) Belzig	3/22/55	Belzig

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<u>Sender</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
33. The Participants of a Course of Instruction in Sports, in Biesenthal/Bernau	3/22/55	Biesenthal
34. Council of the City of Frankfurt-Oder Section of People's Education Per - WOYCKE MULLER	3/24/55	Frankfurt-Oder
35. German (Inner and Outer Garment) Textile Union Berlin W8, Behrenstr, 46	3/28/55	Behrenstr.
36. Educational Department County Butzow	3/22/55	Butzow
The following letters were received by AUSA LUMBARO from Australia:		
37. <u>D. C. WHITE</u>	3/21/55	Victoria, Australia
38. <u>JOHN S. JOHNSON</u>	3/24/55	Sydney, Australia
39. <u>JOAN de VROOM</u>		Queensland, Australia
40. <u>Seamens Union of Australia</u> Signed - W. BENNETT LES F. BRESNOS, etc.	4/9/55	Sydney, Australia
41. Signed - W. S. HANCOCK THOMAS E. TASHAM J. McMAHON, etc.	4/12/55	Melbourne, Australia

Letter to Director
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<u>Sender</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
42. Mrs. A. HARONS <i>Just</i>	4/13/55	Perth, Western Australia
43. Citizens of Swansea, New South Wales, Australia. Signed - Mrs. A. C'SULLIVAN Mrs. K. R. JONES Miss M. LONERGAN , etc.		New South Wales, Australia

The originals of these letters will be made exhibits in the subject's file.

In the event the Bureau desires to direct these letters to an interested agency, they are requested to so advise the NYC.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are copies of translations of letters Nos. 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

CULTURAL UNION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REVIVAL OF GERMANY

District Treptow

Puschkinallee 9 a
Berlin
March 24, 1955

Mr. Herbert Brownell,
U.S. Attorney-General,
Washington.

The District Administration of the Cultural Union (District Treptow) of the German Democratic Republic is deeply affected by the cry for help coming from the hell of Alderson.

Such a courageous patriot and unbending fighter as Claudia Jones languishes in jail, a very ill woman. What every man is entitled to - a doctor's care and the compliance with his orders - is denied to her. Is this the American "freedom", which does not even allow to give medical help to a sick person, or to follow the doctor's advice?

Why do people act in this manner against this American Negro? She is only a "Negro", only a "woman"!

Are the American nation and the American Government so weak that they are afraid of a woman? Is this woman so strong that she makes nation and government tremble with fear? If, through this fear and dread, her death is brought about too soon, then the American Government rightfully should be afraid because Claudia Jones' death will open the eyes not only of the citizens of the United States of America but also of the citizens of the whole world, and it will force them to ponder and act.

We German members of the Cultural Union call to all members of the cultural organizations of the U.S.A. to do everything in order to bring about a change in the treatment of Claudia Jones immediately. The cultural world of the 20th century must not tolerate such a cultural shame, and must not look on without acting.

For the Members of the Cultural Union

signed Erica T a u t

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Cultural Union for the
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District Command Treptow

Puschkin Allee 9 a
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Berlin, March 23, 1955.

Dear Mr. Lombard,

We members of the Song and Dance Ensemble, "Ernst Hermann Meyer", of the Humboldt University in Berlin, express the sharpest protest against the imprisonment of the American peace-fighter, Claudia Jones.

As a result of her fight against despotism and injustice, she became a victim of the Smith Act. Although she has fallen dangerously ill, she continues to be held imprisoned in the women's jail in Alderson, Virginia. With the death of Claudia Jones, American justice would become guilty of a crime against humanity.

In order to save the life of Claudia Jones, we demand the annulment of the sentence and her immediate return into her homeland, the British West Indies.

Members of the Song and Dance Ensemble
"Ernst Hermann Meyer"
of the Humboldt-University in Berlin

W. Jacob
(Administration of the Ensemble)

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To
Mr. Edward Lumbard,
United States Attorney,
Foley Square,
New York.

With great indignation, we have heard of a new crime of the American justice. Claudia Jones has been imprisoned, according to the notorious Smith Act, because of her consistent fight for citizens' rights of the colored and white populations. This fact alone, which mocks every democracy, fills us with disgust.

To this is added the fact that Claudia Jones finds herself in a situation which endangers her life. This was attested by her physician and confirmed after an examination in a New York hospital.

We protest energetically against this violation of the most elementary human rights, and we demand of you the immediate annulment of the sentence of terror against the Communist and Negro woman, Claudia Jones, and the issuance of a permission to emigrate to her homeland, the British West Indies.

Potsdam, March 22, 1955.

The City Group of the
German Democratic Peasant Party
Potsdam

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Democratic women's Union of Germany
District Board of the City of Leipzig

Leipzig, March 25, 1955.

To
U.S. Attorney-General
Herbert Brownell,

Washington, U.S.A.

We, the wives and mothers of the Democratic Women's Union of Germany, District Board of the City of Leipzig, who have convened for a Functionary Conference, are indignant and most deeply shaken by the cruel treatment of the illegally jailed patriot, Claudia Jones. We protest most sharply against this treatment, which mocks humanity, and we demand the repeal of the sentence as well as the immediate release of the defenseless, seriously ill prisoner. We assure you that we shall not rest until Claudia Jones has regained her freedom and may depart to her homeland, the British West Indies.

Democratic Women's Union of Germany
District Board of the City of Leipzig

F. Gruner [?]
District Secretary

Copy to:

Mr. Edward Lumbard
U.S. District Attorney
Foley Square
New York, U.S.A.

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INSTITUTE FOR
AGRARIAN ECONOMICS
Potsdam

Potsdam, March 23, 1955.

Heinrich-Mann-Allee 103

To the
Attorney-General of the
United States of America,
Mr. Herbert Brownell,
Washington.

Dear Mr. Herbert Brownell,

The United States of America is always praised as the land of humanitarianism, freedom, and democracy. The fact that the defenseless patriot, Claudia Jones, in spite of serious illness, remains in prison, makes one miss any humanity.

We are deeply shocked by this inhuman behaviour of the U.S. institutions of justice.

We protest most decidedly against the imprisonment of Claudia Jones, and we demand that you order the immediate release of the American patriot, Claudia Jones.

Scientific Co-workers of the
Institute for Agrarian Economics
in Potsdam

per Ludwig Brust [?]

Attention of:

Mr. Edward Lumbard
U.S. District Attorney,
Foley Square,
New York.

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DISTRICT PARTY SCHOOL OF THE SED [SOCIALIST FRONT]
PARTY OF GERMANY

"Georgij Dimitroff"

Heinrich Heine Strasse 1
Eisenach

To
US District Attorney Edward Lambard
Foley Square
New York

Eisenach, March 23, 1955.

Dear Mr. Lambard,

We have heard that the patriot, Claudia Jones, imprisoned for political reasons in the Federal Women's Jail in Alderson, has become seriously ill.

How can American justice simply look on when a woman who has done everything in the interests of the American people, who fights openly against racial discrimination and against Fascism in the U.S.A., is dying? It contradicts every sense of humaneness if the U.S. District of the U.S.A. permits that Claudia Jones, who is suffering from serious physical infirmities, is allowed to be kept in prison. Could this possibly be the expression of your much-praised democracy?

Claudia Jones must not remain imprisoned any longer.

Release Claudia Jones.

Should she die in jail, it would be a crime of American justice against the American people. All peace-loving people in the world remember very well the judicial murder of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. You, Mr. District Attorney, must not count on the forgetfulness of peace-loving people. Such a crime we do not forget.

In case the Supreme Court of the U.S.A. should not grant our request and demand, it would perpetrate a new revolting crime.

Then we should ask you: are you afraid of this courageous woman? But if you are afraid of this one patriot, how much more afraid should you be of the exactly 1 billion warriors for peace, who all stand behind

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Claudia Jones and who pledge themselves with us for her release.

We demand: Set Claudia Jones free, so that she can depart for her homeland, the British West Indies.

The teachers, students, and technical co-workers of the District Party School, "Georgij Dimitroff" Eisenach

per M. Sobeyak [? - Lobeyak ?]

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To
Mr. Edward Lumbard,
U.S. District Attorney,
Foley Square,
New York.

Remark: The original of this letter was sent by us to Mr. Herbert Brownell,
Attorney-General of the U.S.A. in Washington.

With great indignation we take into cognizance the disgusting
methods with which U.S.A. justice is striving to do away with all upright
people who stand in the way of the war goals of the American imperialists.

After Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, though innocent, were put to
death two years ago, patriot Claudia Jones, dangerously ill, is languish-
ing now behind prison walls.

American justice is attempting in vain to intimidate the American
people with such a terrorism against patriotic men and women and to divert
them from the fight for peace and against American Fascism. In answer to
this, peace-loving people in all parts of the world only intensify their
struggle for peace and against this "culture". They will never forget the
guilty ones who are responsible for these crimes.

We shall not permit that the courageous American patriot, Claudia
Jones, unprotected, die in prison, and we demand the immediate annulment
of the terror-sentence against her as well as her urgent release from prison.

If you, Mr. Attorney-General, permit this monstrous crime you
also will be made responsible for this.

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The Comrades [or: Members] of the
German Socialist Unity Party, Light
Construction Faculty, Fourth-Semester
Students, Technical College in Dresden

Dresden, March 26, 1955.

per Burhat [? - Burchert ?]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-72390)

DATE:

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FROM : SAC, WFO (100-11459)

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On 5/13/55, Dr. T. C. ESSELSTYN, Staff Director, Board of Parole, Bureau of Prisons, HOLC Building, First and D Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., made available to SAs [redacted] the file on subject maintained at that office. Dr. ESSELSTYN stated he did not desire his identity be protected.

Subject's file reveals that she was tried and convicted by the Southern District of New York of conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the U. S. Government and on 2/3/53, she was sentenced to serve one year and one day. The file reflects that subject is serving this time at the Women's Federal Prison located at Alderson, West Virginia, and that on 5/3/55, subject became eligible for parole. It is noted that reairtel reported that at a parole board hearing held at Alderson, West Virginia, on 5/4/55, the parole was denied subject by reason of "gravity of offense, lightness of sentence and pending detainer for deportation."

In this connection, subject's file contains numerous communications directed to either the Attorney General of the U. S. or the U. S. Board of Parole, urging the parole of subject

The contents of these communications are being set out below for the information of appropriate field offices.

For the information of the Bureau, subject's file contains communications emanating from Australia, Canada and Germany. The text of these communications is being set out at the end of instant letter in the event the Bureau desires dissemination.

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BOSTON DIVISION

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- 1. Type of Communication: Typewritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: 4/29/55, Stoughton, Massachusetts.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of sender: 760 Pleasant Street, Stoughton, Massachusetts.

5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I am writing to urge you as a matter of public policy to grant parole to Miss CLAUDIA JONES, now at Women's Prison, Alderson, West Virginia. If my health permitted, I would try to come to Washington to see you on this matter.

"Miss JONES's serious heart condition puts immediate urgency into her application for parole at the time she becomes eligible because of having served one third of her sentence.

"As I understand the policy in these matters, it is not to make imprisonment an act of vengence, or a cruel and unusual punishment under which a years sentence may cost a life, but rather to carry out the requirements of the law in a just and humane manner. I therefore urge your favorable consideration for parole.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/

BERTHA C. REYNOLDS" *Res*

CHICAGO DIVISION

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: 4/28/55, Chicago, Illinois.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of sender: 7411 Champlain Avenue, Chicago 19, Illinois.

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5. Text of Communication:

"I urge you to parole CLAUDIA JONES.

"Sincerely,

/s/ ELMER H. BERGSTROM

Res: 7411 Chicago Blvd Ave, Chicago, Ill
Typed postcard

1. Type of Communication:

2. Postmark on Envelope:

5/6/55, Chicago 15, Illinois

3. Directed to:

Federal Parole Board

4. Address of Sender:

2013 Washburne Avenue, Chicago 8, Illinois.

5. Text of Communication:

"Gentlemen: I urge you to take action to see that CLAUDIA JONES is released on parole. I urge you to read the book by the Protestant Minister, PAUL BLANSHARD 'American Freedom and Catholic Power.' As an ex-Roman Catholic, I know the book is true.

"Sincerely,

/s/ ~~ED CONNERS~~

It is noted that subject's file also contained an exact replica of the above typed postcard postmarked 4/30/55, Chicago, Illinois, and signed ED CONNERS.

1. Type of Communication:

Handwritten letter

2. Postmark on Envelope:

4/17/55, Chicago, Illinois.

3. Directed to:

Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL

4. Address of Sender:

4307 N. Troy Street, Chicago 18, Illinois.

5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Sir: I am writing this letter to ask that CLAUDIA JONES and Mr. MINDEL, recently imprisoned under the terms of the Smith Act, be released from prison in order to save their lives. As you know, they both have serious heart ailments.

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"Thanks for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

/s/ RHODA KLING

CLEVELAND DIVISION

4257 N. Troy St. Chicago, Ill.

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Date of letter: 5/3/55, Toledo 8, Ohio.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: 1008 1/2 Peck Street, Toledo 8, Ohio
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I urge you to formally consider the request for parole of Miss CLAUDIA JONES. She is ill and in all decency should be released.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ (Mrs.) S. WINTER (or MINTER)"

DETROIT DIVISION

- 1. Type of Communication: Typewritten postcard
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: Detroit, Michigan, 4/6/55.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Bureau of Prisons
- 4. Address of Sender: 538 Elmhurst, Detroit 6, Michigan
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: May I urge that Miss CLAUDIA JONES, now confined to Federal Prison in Alderson, West Virginia, be given adequate and proper treatment and diet for her serious heart condition; further, may I request that you give serious consideration to securing her release on a medical parole.

"Sincerely,

/s/ SAUL GROSSMAN"

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1. Type of Communication: Typewritten letter
2. Postmark on Envelope: 5/4/55, Flint 5, Michigan
3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
4. Address of Sender: 1705 Webster Road, Flint 5, Michigan
5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sirs: I am informed you will shortly consider the requests for parole of CLAUDIA JONES, sentenced to one year-one day in the recent New York Smith Act Trial.

"Because she has a serious heart condition, and because she is certainly not a 'hardened criminal', and because so many doubts have been cast on her conviction because of the admittedly false testimony upon two of her co-defendants, were convicted (and have since been freed)--I trust that you will see fit to grant her request.

"Yours truly,

/s/ HELEN L. TRAVIS"

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
2. Postmark on Envelope: (date not indicated)
3. Directed to: Attorney General BROWNELL
4. Address of Sender: 1009 Rosemont, Los Angeles, California.
5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I wish to urge you to show christian pity for CLAUDIA JONES and release her so she can return to her native land, British West Indies.

"Yours in Christian tolerance,

/s/ GERTRUDE BETTS"

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: 5/3/55, Willow Run, Minnesota.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: not indicated
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: We the members of the Progressive-Farmer-Labor Club, in meeting duly assembled are urging you to give immediate freedom to CLAUDIA JONES. Miss JONES is not well and prison is no place for a sick woman.

"Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. A. E. BORCHARDT,
Secretary,
Progressive-Farmer-Labor Club
Willow Run, Minnesota"

NEWARK DIVISION

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: envelope not present in file
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: 41 Ellis Avenue, Long Beach, New Jersey.
- 5. Text of Communication: "Gentlemen: As a Negro and as a believer in justice, I feel that CLAUDIA JONES should be paroled immediately. Her heart is too bad for her to have to stay in jail any longer.

"Respectively,

/s/ JOSEPH ~~HARRINGTON~~"

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1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
2. Postmark on Envelope: Neptune, New Jersey, 5/5/55.
3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
4. Address of Sender: 120 Taylor Avenue, Neptune, New Jersey.
5. Text of Communication: "Gentlemen: I have been reading the case of CLAUDIA JONES who came before you for parole Wednesday.

"I feel, she has suffered enough and in view of her serious health condition, I sincerely urge you grant her freedom.

"Sincerely,

/s/ ~~RUTH KAPLAN~~"

1. Type of Communication: Typewritten letter
2. Date of letter: 5/5/55
3. Directed to: Federal Board of Parole
4. Address of Sender: 138 Lincoln Street, Montclair, New Jersey.
5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I understand that Miss CLAUDIA JONES is to come before your board for parole on Tuesday, May 10.

"As a personal friend of Miss JONES and a long time admirer of the things this fine courageous woman has done, not only for her own people but for all Americans who want peace and true democracy, I urge you to release her.

"I am sure that you are aware of Miss JONES's health and will consider it most important that she be released.

"Sincerely yours,

~~DOLLY MASON~~
(typed)

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NEW YORK DIVISION

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
2. Postmark on Envelope: New York 17, New York, 5/5/55
3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
4. Address of sender: not indicated
5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I urge you to use your high office and grant a parole to the victim of the Smith Act, CLAUDIA JONES.

"This great fighter for the negro people is suffering with a heart ailment which might prove fatal if her confinement is continued.

"Hoping in the name of decency and humanity you will grant her a parole, I remain truly yours,

/s/ ~~A.C.I.O. Trade Unions~~ NY

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
2. Date of letter: 5/4/55
3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
4. Address of sender: 315 E. 143rd Street, New York 51, New York.
5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: The continued imprisonment of Miss CLAUDIA JONES is a disgrace for the United States in the eyes of the world.

"A woman with a serious heart ailment, is being kept in a Jimcrow prison and denied the necessary diet requirements and medicine, for the sole reason, that Miss JONES holds unpopular views at the present time.

"We protest this horrible justice committed against this courageous negro woman. We demand her immediately release.

/s/ Mr. and Mrs. S. BEGER

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- 1. Type of Communication: Typewritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: New York 1, New York, 5/9/55.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: Not indicated
- 5. Text of Communication: "Honorable Gentlemen: I have just read of the case of Miss CLAUDIA JONES, who is now eligible for parole and wish to urge you to grant her immediate release.

"I am not a Communist, but my appeal for her release is based merely on human consideration. I understand that she is a very sick woman, suffering from a serious heart condition. She has served a term in prison and according to the law, is now eligible to be paroled. She has paid her penalty and American fair play and sense of justice call for immediate release.

"I feel sure that the Board is composed of fine Americans with hearts that are moved by a plea for parole from a woman who is in grave danger of dying in prison unless she is released at once. I pray you give her immediate freedom.

"I am a native American who is interested in justice and fair play, and I am not interested in Miss JONES's politics.

"Very respectfully yours,

MONICA J. ~~BLAKELY~~
(typewritten)

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- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: No envelope; communication received by Federal Parole Board on 5/10/55.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: 350 West 18th Street, New York 11, New York.

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5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Sir: I am a member of a large union--most of the members are women--We often talk about Miss CLAUDIA JONES--It seems to me that it would be quite inhumane to keep her incarcerated.

Res: 350 W. 18th St.

New York 11, N.Y. /s/

~~"Yours truly,~~

ESTHER CARROLL"

1. Type of Communication:

Handwritten letter

2. Postmark on Envelope:

No envelope; letter dated 4/30/55.

3. Directed to:

Federal Parole Board

4. Address of Sender:

2006 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Sir: In view of the fact that Miss CLAUDIA JONES is due for parole in May, and that because of her heart condition, her life is endangered by further imprisonment, it would serve no purpose to keep her imprisoned any longer. I request that she be released on parole when eligible.

"Yours truly,

/s/ MADELINE CLARK" *Res:*

1. Type of Communication:

Handwritten letter

2. Postmark on Envelope:

5/2/55, New York 3, New York

3. Directed to:

Federal Parole Board

4. Address of Sender:

504 West 143rd Street, New York 3, New York.

5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Sirs: Permit me to address you in connection with an application made by my daughter, CLAUDIA JONES for parole. I am asking the board in its sympathy and humanitarian consideration to release CLAUDIA JONES who is very unwell at Alderson Women's reformatory. Dear Sirs, I am aware

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that you know of her serious cardiac, which is a recurrent ailment and release now can perpetuate her life a little longer less hazardous. Thanking you in anticipation,

Res: 54 W. 143rd St. NY
May 3, 1955

Yours truly,

/s/ CHARLES SUMBERBATCH
(father of CLAUDIA JONES)

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: 5/6/55, New York 26, New York
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: 204 West 111th Street, New York 26, New York.

5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: This is an appeal to your sympathy on behalf of CLAUDIA JONES whom I understand if applying for a parole on account of her ill health. I therefore do beg that your honor do try to see your on granting same. In my humble opinion, her continued confinement would also break her father's heart. I have known this family for many years, mother, father and the other children, they have been very law abiding.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ CHARLES A. GRIFFITH Res: 1

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: 5/4/55, New York City
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: 83 Horatio Street, New York 14, New York

5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I understand that the application for parole of CLAUDIA JONES, imprisoned under the Smith Act, will be before you shortly. May I urge that you grant parole in this case, especially since Miss JONES is seriously ill and her health is gravely jeopardized by continued imprisonment.

/s/ LOUIS HARAP Res: 1
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- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: Long Island City, New York, 5/8/55.
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: 21-50 33rd Road, Long Island City, New York.
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: Miss CLAUDIA JONES is eligible for parole on May 11. Grant that parole to her.

"Keeping this woman in jail, may cause her death. That could not be justice.

"Miss JONES can get proper medical care outside of prison walls.

"Grant her parole now.

"Respectfully,

/s/ ROSE ~~X~~ LIPSON" 165!

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: New York 7, New York
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: Not indicated
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I have heard that CLAUDIA JONES is suffering a serious heart condition and if she is imprisoned she may die. I know she is eligible for parole and if you are a decent human being you, Chairman of the parole board, will see that she is freed. Must an ill woman suffer unnecessarily.

"A pimp literally like JELKE received a two year term-- his crime should have gotten him at least ten years imprisonment. Here is a wonderful woman who has struggled for women's rights and the rights of her people and under the Smith Act, is sentenced to one and one-half years in prison. She must be freed.

"Respectfully,

/s/ HELEN ~~X~~ OBERKIRCH" 104

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1. Type of Communication: Typewritten letter
2. Postmark on Envelope: New York City, 5/1/55
3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
4. Address of Sender: Not indicated
5. Text of Communication: "Sir: I ask you as an American citizen to exercise your rights and grant parole to CLAUDIA JONES.

You are entrusted with the responsibility to carry out the democratic principles of this country which guarantees political freedom in this country. The discriminatory policy of our government towards colored people has gained us no friends and has lost us the friendship of millions of people.

"Millions of people in the United States know that CLAUDIA JONES was framed on the stool-pigeon testimony of FBI hired liars. They also know that keeping CLAUDIA JONES in jail in an attempt to murder her because not only her own doctor but also the Government's doctor has stated that her life is in danger in the Jim Crow prison in Alderson, West Virginia, because of a serious heart condition.

"You were born of a woman Mr. Chairman and I would like to call upon whatever human feeling you have toward the women of this country and humanity in particular, and ask you to allow yourself to make a decision in accord with the constitution of our country and its democratic principles and in the best interest of humanity, and that is to release this innocent woman, CLAUDIA JONES, from prison, and in the future grant parole to all victims of unconstitutional acts of representatives of our great Government.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ ESTHER ROBERTS" *ER*

1. Type of Communication: Special telegram
2. Postmark on Envelope: Date of Communication is 3/8/55, at New York City.
3. Directed to: Attorney General Brownell

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4. Address of Sender: New York City

5. Text of Communication: "Protest your barbaric treatment of CLAUDIA JONES at Jim Row Women's Prison, Alderson, West Virginia and demand that diet as prescribed by her physician be immediately given to her and that she be released on basis of time already served in view of her heart condition. In support of BEN DAVIS charge of prison, Jimcrow I demand that he discontinue this unconstitutional segregation of negroes prisoners and other discrimination and that BEN DAVIS be freed now.

ESTHER ROBERTS
New York City

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter on stationery "The Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Chestnut Street at 9th, Philadelphia 5,"

2. Postmark on Envelope: New York 17, New York, 4/28/55

3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board

4. Address of Sender: 43 West 10th Street, New York City.

5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: May I ask you to seriously consider the parole of Miss CLAUDIA JONES who is now at Alderson Women's Prison, West Virginia. She is very sick and could easily die with her heart ailment. The case warrants special attention as she comes up for parole this coming week.

"Sincerely,

/s/ F. SMITH"

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter dated 4/28/55.

2. Postmark on Envelope: Brooklyn, New York, 4/28/55.

3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board

4. Address of Sender: Not indicated.

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5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Sir: CLAUDIA JONES, now confined in Alderson Women's prison, West Virginia, is eligible for parole on May 11.

"Respectfully urge this parole be granted especially since Miss JONES is gravely ill.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ SARA STAMENIS" NY

1. Type of Communication:

Typed letter dated 5/6/55

2. Postmark on Envelope:

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3. Directed to:

U. S. Board of Parole

4. Address of Sender:

310 Windsor Place, Brooklyn 18, New York

5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Mr. RICHARDSON: May I earnestly request you render a favorable decision with respect to CLAUDIA JONES's application for parole, since she becomes eligible for this release on May 11.

"In so doing, justice will be seasoned with mercy, inasmuch as continued prison confinement seriously threatens her life. May I emphasize that a precarious condition of health long antedated her period of imprisonment.

"Respectfully and sincerely yours,

/s/ MURIEL I. SYMINGTON"

1. Type of Communication:

Handwritten letter received by Federal Parole Board on 5/6/55.

2. Postmark on Envelope:

No envelope contained in file.

3. Directed to:

Federal Parole Board

4. Address of Sender:

1479 College Avenue, Box 59, New York (presumably NYC)

JOS. XNACHS

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5. Text of Communication:

"Gentlemen: Miss CLAUDIA JONES will be eligible for parole next week.

"Miss JONES has served the necessary time for parole consideration, and I would urge you since she is seriously ill that you release her immediately.

"Respectfully,

/s/ JOS. WACHS"

1. Type of Communication:

Typed letter dated 5/9/55

2. Postmark on Envelope:

No envelope contained in file.

3. Directed to:

Chairman, Parole Board

4. Address of Sender:

152 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, New York.

5. Text of Communication:

"Sir: I am writing to you in reference to the application for parole of Miss CLAUDIA JONES, now in Federal Women's Prison at Alderson, West Virginia.

"I have been told that Miss JONES is now completing one third of her sentence under the Smith Act. Her health is said to be poor, as it was before her imprisonment, and it is believed that further imprisonment may seriously affect her chances of recovery. Since Miss JONES is eligible for parole, I urge that for humanitarian reasons her application for parole be granted at this time. Her health makes continued prison experience a threat to life.

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ (Mrs.) HELEN WORTIS"

1. Type of Communication:

Handwritten letter dated 4/29/55

2. Postmark on Envelope:

No envelope contained in file.

3. Directed to:

Chairman, Federal Parole Board

4. Address of Sender:

222 West 23rd Street, New York 11, N.Y.

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5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Sir: I should like to urge you that CLAUDIA JONES be granted a parole.

"According to medical authorities, a prolonged stay in jail will endanger her life because of a very serious illness from which she has been suffering.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ TENIA D. ZSDVIS"

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

Res: 222 W. 23rd St.

1. Type of Communication:

Handwritten letter dated 3/8/55.

2. Postmark on Envelope:

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3. Directed to:

Attorney General BROWNELL

4. Address of Sender:

1316 Kanawha Boulevard, Charleston, West Virginia.

5. Text of Communication:

"Dear Mr. BROWNELL: I hear from friends that the life of CLAUDIA JONES is being seriously threatened by the conditions of her imprisonment at Alderson. Please may I add my urgent request to you to do something about this right away.

"Miss JONES is a fine person and a good person, and it is a disgrace that she should be imprisoned at all. Everyone who met her even for a brief encounter knows that she is one of those who do their best to help people.

"Dear Mr. BROWNELL--in the interest of all that is decent in our land, will you do your best, first to see that she gets proper care--and second that she is freed to be with people and do good as she always has.

"Very truly yours,

/s/ VIRGINIA SHULE"

*1316 Kanawha
-19-Blod., Charleston, W. Va.*

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SEATTLE DIVISION

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten Postal Card
2. Postmark on Envelope: Seattle 4, Washington, 5/10/55.
3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
4. Address of Sender: 106-Cherry Street, Seattle, Washington.
5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: ~~Miss~~ CLAUDIA JONES is in the process of requesting a parole from her conviction under the Smith Act. I wish to strongly urge you to comply with her request. 'Justice' has more than rec'd the 'pound of flesh' and vengeance for the crime of holding ideas opposed to those held by McCARTHY et al.

"Sincerely,

/s/

PEARL CASTLE"

1. Type of Communication: Typewritten letter, with Heading, "Washington State Civil Rights Congress #501 Eitel Building, 2nd and Pike, Seattle, Washington; Main 4972", dated 5/3/55.
2. Postmark on Envelope: No envelope contained in file
3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
4. Address of Sender: Same as above.
5. Text of Communication: "Gentlemen: You will shortly be considering the application of Miss CLAUDIA JONES for parole.

"You will be granting a bearing on this matter, we understand, on May 10th.

"We wish to associate ourselves in support of this application. Miss JONES, we are told, is suffering from a serious heart ailment, which has been worsened by prison diet.

"The generally accepted views on justice and mercy indicate that you would be well-serving our country by granting the application.

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"Miss CLAUDIA JONES was convicted on the testimony of paid informer, one of whom has now recanted his testimony. Moreover, she was convicted of the heresy charge of having the intent to advocate something in the unknown future, a 'crime' which we believe is abhorrent to our American democratic system.

"While it may be true that you and Parole Board are not concerned with such questions--they being the province of other divisions of the government--we believe that the Parole Board should take into account that this is no ordinary case, and the distinctions should aid rather than hamper Miss JONES' release.

"With best regards,

/s/ JOHN DASHBACH
Director of Wash State Civil Rights Agency

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: Seattle, Washington, 5/10/55, with return address 501 Eitel Building, Seattle 1, Washington,
- 3. Directed to: Federal Parole Board
- 4. Address of Sender: Same as above
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: On Tuesday, 5/11, Miss CLAUDIA JONES will be eligible for parole.

"We call upon you to give favorable action to this application for parole.

"CLAUDIA JONES is suffering, as you know, from a severe heart condition, which has been aggravated by the prison diet. Moreover, Miss JONES is a political prisoner, jailed for her beliefs and not for any criminal act whatsoever.

"The most basic moral consideration calls for the granting of this parole. We are expecting that this is the news we will read.

"(Copy to Senator WARREN G. MAGNUSON).

/s/ F. C. LARNOR (not entirely legible)
BERNARD FREYD

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~~H. VILLAVAN~~
~~FORD WARNER~~
~~GEORGE SROWLEY~~
~~H. L. CONRAD~~
~~MARKEL CONRAD~~
~~GREG DAVIS~~
~~MARY SUTHERLAND~~
~~VERLE F. HEMEKE~~
~~GUSTAF CARLSON~~
~~IRENE MENSOLONS (not entirely legible)~~
~~SARAH PARKER~~
~~NELL ANDERSON~~
~~ROBERT E. PATRICK~~
~~W. WHITE~~
~~EDNA MAE NIELSEN~~
~~A. G. S. ALMQUIST~~
~~ARTHUR ALMQUIST, JR.~~
~~A. A. FISHER~~
~~J. CRANE~~
~~JOE E. ALMQUIST~~
~~TERRY PETERS~~
~~BERTHA PETERS~~
~~GLORIA WARNER~~
~~PEGGY DASCHBACH~~
~~JOHN BOAN~~
~~JOHN DASCHBACH~~
~~WILLIAM SCALES~~
~~JERRY MARKEY~~
~~NELL HILLEARY~~
~~JOSEPH BRITTEMONS (not entirely legible)~~
~~HENRY HUFF~~
~~WILL FARRY~~
~~M. DOWNEY~~
~~J. H. HONEY~~
~~THEAN MALSON~~
~~HARRIET PIERCE~~
~~SUSIANE HERTZ~~
~~CHARLES REYNOLDS"~~

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- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter dated "15-4-55"
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: No envelope contained in file.

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- 3. Directed to: Attorney General BROWNELL
- 4. Address of Sender: 340 Little Collins Street, Melbourne (Australia)
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: This letter is to request that you release CLAUDIA JONES, a negro who has been jailed because of her political beliefs.

"Her health has not been the best and in the interests of democracy which your Government claims to represent, please act now to release her and allow her to return to her home in the West Indies.

"Many of my friends have also asked me to fully support her release now and also request the people jailed under Smith Act in America be freed now.

"Yours faithfully,

/s/ R. SANDERS
Guardian Dispatch 340
Little Collins Street, Melbourne
(Australia)

- 1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter dated "13/4/55"
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: No envelope contained in file.
- 3. Directed to: Attorney General BROWNELL.
- 4. Address of Sender: 186 Stirling Street, Perth, Western Australia.
- 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: Enclosed is a copy of a letter written from here to CLAUDIA JONES.

"I might add that this expressed the opinion of many women here that I have spoken to on this matter.

"Yours faithfully,

/s/ (Mrs.) A. AARONS"

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Parde
"CLAUDIA JONES
Federal Reformatory for Women
Alderson, Virginia, USA

"Dear Friend:

"Many of us women here in Western Australia were very upset to hear of you, that in this time you should be persecuted and martyred for your beliefs.

"Some people--or groups of people--do this as if we were in the days of Joan of Arc.

"It is people like you who can stand up to this persecution and lead the fight for everyone's rights and freedom who ensures victory for everything that is right and honest in the world.

"Your ideas will live on and be taken up by millions after those who imprison you are gone and forgotten.

"I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. LUMBAR, District Attorney, telling him these are the ideas of many women here, and that it is doing the reputation of the USA no good.

"Yours in admiration,

/s/ (Mrs.) A. AARONS"

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter dated "9/4/55"
2. Postmark on Envelope: No envelope contained in file.
3. Directed to: Attorney General of the USA
4. Address of Sender: "M/V EDENHOPE
c/o Seaman's Union of Australia,
Sydney
5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: After reading in our Australia press of the imprisonment of negress 'CLAUDIA JONES' on account of her working class activities, and also of the precarious state of her health, of which she cannot possibly remain whilst in prison, the undersigned urge you in the name of human justice, to ask clemency of your government for her speedy release.

"Yours faithfully,

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~~W. BENNETT~~
~~LEO F. ABRESMAN~~
~~W. DUNNE~~
~~E. MCGINTY~~
~~WILLIAM FLAYER~~
 (name not legible)
~~H. KREINGE~~
~~L. GREY~~
 (name not legible)
~~G. FERNDAL~~"

Australia

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter dated 4/12/55
 2. Postmark on Envelope: No envelope contained in file.
 3. Directed to: Attorney General BROWNELL.
 4. Address of Sender: Building L. J. NORRIS, Cres.
 Mimico, Ontario, Canada.
 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: This is to register my protest against the holding of CLAUDIA JONES, who is a sick woman, in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia. It is wrong to endanger her life like that. You should see to it she is let out."

"Yours sincerely,

/s/ HAZEL WIGDOR"

1. Type of Communication: Handwritten letter dated "12/4/55"
 2. Postmark on Envelope: Melban, Australia, 4/14/55.
 3. Directed to: Attorney General BROWNELL
 4. Address of Sender: "374 Mal-Rn, Road, Prahran, S.I.
 Melban, Australia.
 5. Text of Communication: "Dear Sir: I wish to add my voice to those of others protesting against the treatment of CLAUDIA JONES, dying congestive heart attacks, asthma, high blood pressure and

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severe headaches, she would deserve a little human sympathy even if she were an undoubted criminal.

"Yet she is merely imprisoned for political views which may be held honestly and have often inspired self-sacrifice even though the American Government may disagree with them.

"This kind of thing is becoming widely known, and is blackening America's name all over the world. It would be better for the honor of America if her sentence was suspended, enabling her to return to her birthplace, the British West Indies. This by its affect on her mind, might aid her recovery, but in any case, it would be more humane to deport her than to sentence her to slow death.

"Yours very truly,

/s/

~~W. T. HANCOCK~~
~~THOMAS G. TALHAM~~
~~J. M. MAHON~~
~~G. M. REVINON (partly illegible)~~
~~M. E. WILLIAMS~~
~~S. E. GALLAGHER~~
~~E. A. ELLINGER (partly illegible)~~

374 Mel-Rw, Road, Perth, W.A., S. A.
Melburn, Aus.

- 1. Type of Communication: Translation of German letter dated 3/25/55
- 2. Postmark on Envelope: No envelope contained in file.
- 3. Directed to: Attorney General BROWNELL
- 4. Address of Sender: Democratic Women's League, Division 11, Luckenwalde, Germany
- 5. Text of Communication: "(Translation of German letter)
"We are deeply shocked to hear that CLAUDIA JONES, a very sick person had been imprisoned in the Federal Reformatory for Women in Alderson, Virginia.

"For years patriot CLAUDIA JONES has fought against injustice to white and colored people in the United States.

"We, the women of the Democratic Women's League, in Luckenwalde, Division 11, violently protest against that terroristic sentence imposed upon a sincere fighting negress. We request the

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Immediate cancellation of the infamous sentence and her release.

/s/

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J. ABUBBICH
M. SCHMUTZER
M. WEIGELT

GERMAN

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum

TO

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-72390)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-18676)
SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was
IS - C;
SMITH ACT 1940

DATE: 6/8/55

*Return SI & Detcom
File reviewed
6/24/55*

REFERENCE

SAC Letter No. 55-30, 4/12/55.

Card U.S.

7/13/55

*Return SI & Detcom
6/29/55
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SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

Subject was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, who was convicted on 1/21/53, in USDC, SDNY for violation of the Smith Act and sentenced to one year and a day in prison. ~~She~~ was remanded to jail on 1/11/55, and is presently serving her sentence at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended subject be retained on the Security Index of the NYO and be placed in the "Unavailable Section; Misc. Imprisoned."

Zaguer

Recommendation is made in view of subject's high position in the CP, USA and the fact that prior to her incarceration, she was a full time paid employee of the CP, USA.

DETCOM TABBING

OK. DETCOM

1. Subject is presently tabbed Detcom.
2. Subject has not been tabbed Detcom under the new criteria as set out in SAC Letter No. 55-12,(A) of 2/10/55; no Security Index card has been received from Bureau bearing stamp "Detcom" in large red letters.
3. It is recommended subject be approved for Detcom Tabbing under the new criteria inasmuch as subject has been convicted for conspiracy to teach or advocate the overthrow of the Government of the US by force and violence.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-72390)

DATE: 8/22/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-18676)

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK
IS - B; SMITH ACT, 1940

Pittsburgh Office is no longer requested to obtain copies of correspondence to the subject, UACB. Subject's approved correspondents are known to the NYO and to the Bureau. From a review of subject's correspondence, to date, it is apparent that the correspondents are aware of prison censorship and are quite circumspect in regards to what they write; therefore, it is felt that obtaining copies of these correspondences are no longer justified.

Pittsburgh is requested to advise the NYO of the date of contemplated release of subject from Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

2 - Pittsburgh (100-9070)(RM)

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September 14, 1955

Re: **CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK**, also known as
Claudia Jones, Mrs. Nick Scholnick,
Mrs. Abraham Scholnick, Claudia Vera
Cumberbatch, Claude Cumberbatch

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Following her conviction on charges of conspiring to teach and advocate overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence, subject was sentenced on February 3, 1953, to serve a prison sentence of one year and one day and to pay a fine of \$2,000. She began serving her sentence on January 11, 1955, at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia. She became eligible for parole on May 2, 1955, but parole was denied on May 4, 1955, by reason of the gravity of the offense; the lightness of the sentence imposed, and because of the deportation warrant outstanding against her.

In the event subject serves her full sentence, she will be eligible for release on January 12, 1956, and, according to the latest information available from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, will be deported to Trinidad, British West Indies, as soon as possible thereafter.

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cc - London
cc: Foreign Liaison Unit
Bufile 100-72390
cc: Bufile [REDACTED]

SECRET - AIR COURIER

cc: Mr. Boardman
cc: Mr. Belmont

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You will be advised of future developments relative to the release and deportation of Claudia Scholnick.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-72390)

DATE: September 23, 1955

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-9070)

SUBJECT: CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.
IS-C, SA of 1940
OO: New York

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DATE 12-15-83 BY SP2/BJ

Parole Comm

Relet, New York to Bureau, 8/22/55.

On 8/30/55 [redacted] Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, was advised by SA [redacted] that it would no longer be necessary to obtain copies of correspondence to the subject. [redacted] stated that she would discontinue making copies of subject's correspondence available to this office as requested but that in the event she discovered any information which she believed to be of value to the FBI in censoring subject's letters, she would make same available.

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Comm.

As set out in my let to New York, 8/25/55, a review of the records of the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., on 8/3/55 by SA [redacted] disclosed that subject was sentenced on 2/3/53 to serve a term of one year and one day and fined \$2,000 for conspiracy to teach and advocate overthrow of the United States Government. Her sentence began on 1/11/55 and she was committed to the Reformatory on 1/25/55. She was eligible for parole on 5/3/55 but parole was denied. She can earn a total of 72 days good time and her full term expires, with good time, on 10/23/55. Her full term expires on 1/3/56. The records contain no information regarding payment of the fine and if the fine is not paid she will be held an additional 30 days beyond 10/23/55. A detainer has been filed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the subject will be released to the custody of INS when she is released. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 8/3/55 that it is believed that subject will be released to INS on 10/23/55 because in the past the CP has paid similar fines.

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It is noted that a [redacted] was placed with [redacted] on 3/3/55 by SA [redacted] at which time [redacted] stated she would advise the FBI of any change in subject's status.

The Bureau and New York will be appropriately advised of any further information received from the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson with regard to subject's status. 100-72390-169

REGISTERED MAIL

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(4) [redacted]
cc: 1 - New York (100-18676) (RM)

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/30/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/1,3,5,15,16, 23-25; 9/12-14/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was Claudia Jones		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; SMITH ACT, 1940	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject presently incarcerated at Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia. Contemplated date of release, 10/23/55. Legal proceedings affecting subject set out. Subject denied parole on 5/4/55, by reason of "gravity of offense and lightness of sentence and pending detainer for deportation." Appeal from the denial of motions for reargument of FLYNN Case, defendant's motions for new trial remains pending. A.J. SALTURELLI, INS, advised detainer placed against subject by INS at Federal Reformatory.

Subject was paid employee of the CP, USA during 1954. Associates of subject and activities in her behalf set out. Subject's health reportedly good enough to withstand rigors of prison life.

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AGENCY **RAB**
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. **10-13-55**
HOW FORW. **R/S - 0-6**
BY **UOB: mtc**

RESIDENCE

[REDACTED] Correctional Officer, Federal House

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of Detention, 427 West Street, New York City, advised on February 2, 1955, that subject, on January 24, 1955, was transferred to the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

Referred
to
Parole
Commission

A review of the records of the Federal Reformatory (FOI) for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, on August 3, 1955, by SA [redacted] b7c disclosed that the subject was sentenced on February 3, 1953, to serve a term of one year and one day and fined \$2,000 for conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the United States Government. Her sentence began January 11, 1955, and she was committed to the reformatory on January 25, 1955. She was eligible for parole on May 3, 1955, but parole was denied. She can earn a total of 72 days good time and her full term expires with good time on October 23, 1955. Her full time expires on January 3, 1956. The records contain no information regarding the payment of the fine and if the fine is not paid, she will be held an additional 30 days beyond October 23, 1955.

JUDICIAL ACTION

Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE BAILEY advised on January 27, 1955, that a motion filed this date for the reduction or suspension of sentence imposed on the subject seeks additional relief in that subject, because of outstanding order of deportation, is willing, should court grant motion on condition she depart from the United States, to take all steps necessary to facilitate her departure.

On January 31, 1955, a motion to reduce or suspend sentence of subject was heard before United States District Judge EDWARD DIMOCK, Southern District of New York. A decision was reserved at this time pending receipt of medical reports prepared by United States Public Health Service at Alderson, West Virginia. Attorney MARY KAUFMAN, representing subject, argued for reduction or suspension of subject's sentence on the basis that her physical condition indicated "her days are numbered," and incarceration would be in effect, "her death sentence."

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Also on January 31, 1955, AUSA BAILEY advised an order to show cause why a new trial should not be granted in the case of "UNITED STATES vs. E. G. FLYNN ET AL" (subject a defendant in this case) was filed in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. An order to show cause was returnable in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on February 2, 1955, and was based on affidavits of defendants' Attorney MARY KAUFMAN and former government witness HARVEY MATUSOW, who alleged that certain matters to which he testified were either false or not entirely true.

On February 2, 1955, Judge DIMOCK set hearing on motion for new trial for March 10, 1955; on February 8, 1955, Judge DIMOCK reset the hearing for February 10, 1955. The hearing commenced on February 10, 1955, with defendants represented by Attorneys HARRY SACHER and MARY KAUFMAN. m4

On April 22, 1955, AUSA BAILEY advised Judge DIMOCK had filed an opinion denying the motion for a new trial as to all defendants with the exception of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. m4

The United States Supreme Court Clerk's records reflect that the defendants - appellants in the "UNITED STATES vs. E. G. FLYNN, ET AL," including the subject, filed a petition for rehearing in the United States Supreme Court on February 4, 1955.

AUSA BAILEY advised on April 1, 1955, that United States District Judge DIMOCK filed a short memorandum opinion that day, denying motion to reduce or suspend sentence of subject; DIMOCK conditioned denial of subject's motion on previous statement to Bureau of Prisons that it would provide salt-free diet for subject.

AUSA BAILEY advised on May 6, 1955, that defendants' attorney had filed a motion for reargument on the motion for a new trial in the UNITED STATES vs. FLYNN case. This notice was returnable on May 16, 1955, at which time there

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would be argument as to whether a reargument would be granted for the eleven defendants.

AUSA LEON SILVERMAN applied on May 16, 1955, for adjournment of date for government filing answering papers to motion of the eleven incarcerated defendants for reargument of their motion for a new trial. Judge DIMOCK granted government's delay on reargument until May 19, 1955.

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On May 13, 1955, Dr. T. C. ESSELSTYN, Staff Director, Board of Parole, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C., advised SAS [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] b7c (FBI) parole had been denied subject at parole board hearing held at Alderson, West Virginia, on May 4, 1955, by reason of "Gravity of offense, lightness of sentence and pending detainer for deportation."

AUSA SILVERMAN, Southern District of New York, advised on May 26, 1955, that United States District Judge DIMOCK filed an opinion this date denying motion for reargument of defendants' motion for a new trial in the case entitled "UNITED STATES vs. E. G. FLYNN." The subject is one of the defendants in the above case.

AUSA BAILEY advised on June 6, 1955, that Attorney MARY KAUFMAN filed an appeal by subject, CLAUDIA JONES, and others in the UNITED STATES vs. FLYNN case from the order of April 22, 1955, denying their motion for a new trial, and from Judge DIMOCK's order of May 26, 1955, denying their motion for reargument on motion for a new trial.

AUSA BAILEY on July 5, 1955, advised that the appeal of the UNITED STATES vs. FLYNN defendants' from denial of motions for reargument of their motions for a new trial remains pending. He further advised he expects defendants' attorney to file written brief on this matter during August, 1955, with possible argument in the Fall of 1955.

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IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE ACTION

67c On April 28, 1955, A. J. SALTURELLI, Chief of Deportation and Parole Section of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, advised SA [REDACTED] that a detainer had been filed against the subject through the United States Marshal, Charleston, West Virginia, for service on Warden of Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, in connection with deportation warrant outstanding against her.

SALTURELLI related that inasmuch as subject was placed under supervisonal parole, the Immigration Bond was cancelled on February 21, 1955, in accordance with a court ruling recently handed down in Chicago.

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITY

LOUIS ROSSER of Los Angeles, California, a self-admitted former CP member, advised on July 26, 1955, that in either 1937 or 1939, he visited the Harlem Headquarters of the CP to talk with CP leaders. The occasion of his visit was for some sort of conference on the Negro Question and the United Front Movement. ROSSER stated that he does not recall the address of the place where the conference was held and could not describe its location. He stated that it was held in a small conference hall in the Harlem Headquarters and may have been in the vicinity of 7th Avenue and 125th Street, New York City. He stated that the subject was among those present at this conference.

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The "Daily Worker" of June 19, 1953, page 2, column 1, in an article entitled "Foster Writes Clemency Plea to Eisenhower", WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is described as Chairman of CP.

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CP ASSOCIATES

According to [REDACTED] who was in a position to furnish reliable information, C. JONES directed Christmas greetings to BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR. in 1953 from Briehl's, Walkill, New York.

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. was one of the 11 members of the National Committee of the CP who was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

Briehl's Farm is located near Tillson Lake in the Town of Gardiner, Ulster County, New York, approximately 85 miles from Times Square, New York City.

In 1952 [REDACTED] Tax Collector, Gardiner, New York, advised that Briehl's Farm was owned by EDNA BRIEHL but had been operated by her husband, FRED BRIEHL for the past 25 years.

cp member

GEORGE HEWITT, a self-admitted member of the CP, from 1928 to 1942, who is now deceased, advised in April, 1946, that when he had visited Briehl's Farm approximately 10 years previously, the farm had been used as a secret training school for CP members drawn from all over the United States.

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On August 17, 1945, JOHN J. HUBER, who was a member of the CP from March, 1940, to December, 1946, advised that FRED BRIEHL operated a farm at Wallkill, New York. According to HUBER, BRIEHL's farm was used as a resort for CP members

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 31, 1942, contained an article which reflected that FRED BRIEHL was elected to the New York State Committee of CP in 1942.

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ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF SUBJECT, CLAUDIA JONES

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In a printed leaflet furnished by Professor [REDACTED] Howard University, Washington, D. C., in October, 1952, the NDCNL stated that its aims included pressing for amnesty for HENRY WINSTON and associates (WINSTON and associates convicted for violation of Smith Act); stopping prosecution

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for political teachings and advocacy under the Smith Act; repealing also other repressive legislative acts, especially the severe restrictions of immigration from the West Indies in the Mc Carran-Walter Act; the anti-labor, Taft-Hartley Act; and the "thought control" and "concentration camp" Mc Carran Act.

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"The Worker" issue of April 3, 1955, page 13, column 2, the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist daily newspaper, reflects the NCDNL continues in existence and is located at 1660 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 18, 1955, page 3, column 3, reflects an article captioned "Two Prominent Negro Women Act to Free Claudia Jones," advising of a delegation to call on Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL on April 4, 1955, at 2:00 p.m. in Washington, D. C., on behalf of the subject.

Special Agents of the FBI observed a delegation of approximately nine individuals, believed sponsored by the NCDNL,

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depart for Washington, D. C., on April 4, 1955, from the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, New York City. WILLIAM PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) was among the individuals comprising this delegation.

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

The "Daily Worker" of April 6, 1955, page 3, column 3, in an article entitled, "17 in Visit Ask Justice Dept. Free Claudia Jones to Save Life" advises that a delegation of 17 sponsored by the NCDNL, vigorously demanded that the Department of Justice on April 4, 1955, that CLAUDIA JONES' prison sentence now being served in West Virginia, be suspended on the ground that her life was at stake. Also in this article, the subject's father, CHARLES COMBERBATCH, told of the visit and talk with his daughter, and described, with emotion, his deep concern over her health. He stated that his daughter, out of concern for him, tried to conceal her real condition. "But I can tell she was suffering," he said.

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AUSA GEORGE BAILEY, during the Spring of 1955, furnished SA [redacted] with seven petitions which urged the United States Attorney J. EDWARD LUMBARD to agree to suspend sentence for CLAUDIA JONES. These petitions based their appeals on the premise that the subject suffers from a severe heart condition.

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AUSA BAILEY furnished SA [redacted], during the months of March, April and May, 1955, 13 letters protesting the jailing of the subject, CLAUDIA JONES. The bulk of these letters were from various trade unions and schools in Germany, and were addressed to either Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL or the United States Attorney J. EDWARD LUMBARD, Southern District of New York. The remainder of these letters were from individuals or unions in Australia.

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The Families of the Smith Act Victims Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" of June 28, 1955, page 3, column 1, and June 30, 1955, page 3, column 1, contain articles wherein the NCDNL urged that letters be sent requesting CLAUDIA JONES' release, to SCOVEL RICHARDSON, Chairman, United States Board of Parole, Room 402, HOLC Building, Washington, D. C.

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On January 31, 1955, AUSA BAILEY made available a Photostat of a letter dated January 28, 1955, concerning the subject's physical condition received by him from KATHERINE M. HERROLD, Senior Surgeon, United States Public Health Service, Chief Medical Officer, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia. This letter reads in part: "The patient has moderate hypertension and is being maintained on anti-hypertensive

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medications. There are no objective findings at the present time to indicate cardiac decompensation. The work assigned to this patient following hospitalization will be compatible and consistent with her cardiovascular status as established by thorough evaluation.

"It is the opinion of the medical staff here that incarceration in this institution for a period of one year and one day will in no way endanger the health of this individual."

On February 17, 1955, AUSTIN BAILEY made available a Photostat of another letter from KATHERINE HERROLD, Senior Surgeon, United States Public Health Service, dated February 15, 1955, wherein she sets out the results of the completed medical report on subject. The following are the remarks of KATHERINE HERROLD in regard to the subject's condition:

"The patient's blood pressure has been stabilized on anti-hypertensive medication and ranges from 180/120 to 180/110. After ~~some~~ evaluation, we did not feel that it was indicated that she be maintained on digitalis. However, the patient has been maintained on this medication since 1953 and because of her subjective reactions, including marked anxiety and over magnification of all her symptoms, without objective findings, she was digitalized.

"The patient has been discharged from the hospital and it has been recommended that she be given a light duty assignment. There is no indication that incarceration will in any way be detrimental to the health of this individual."

The "Daily Worker" of March 7, 1955, page 6, column 2, contained an article entitled "CLAUDIA JONES Denied Diet Prescribed for Her Illness." This article reflects in part as follows:

"Claudia Jones has written her father from the Women's Prison at Alderson, West Virginia, that she is unable to obtain the salt-free diet prescribed for her by her New York physician, it was learned yesterday. Because of Miss JONES' severe heart ailment, she is seeking to have her sentence reduced to time already served."

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The "Daily Worker" of February 21, 1955, page 7, column 4, in an article captioned "Smith Act Families Greet Claudia Jones," stated that this date was CLAUDIA JONES' birthday and further stated that it was not too late to send her greetings.

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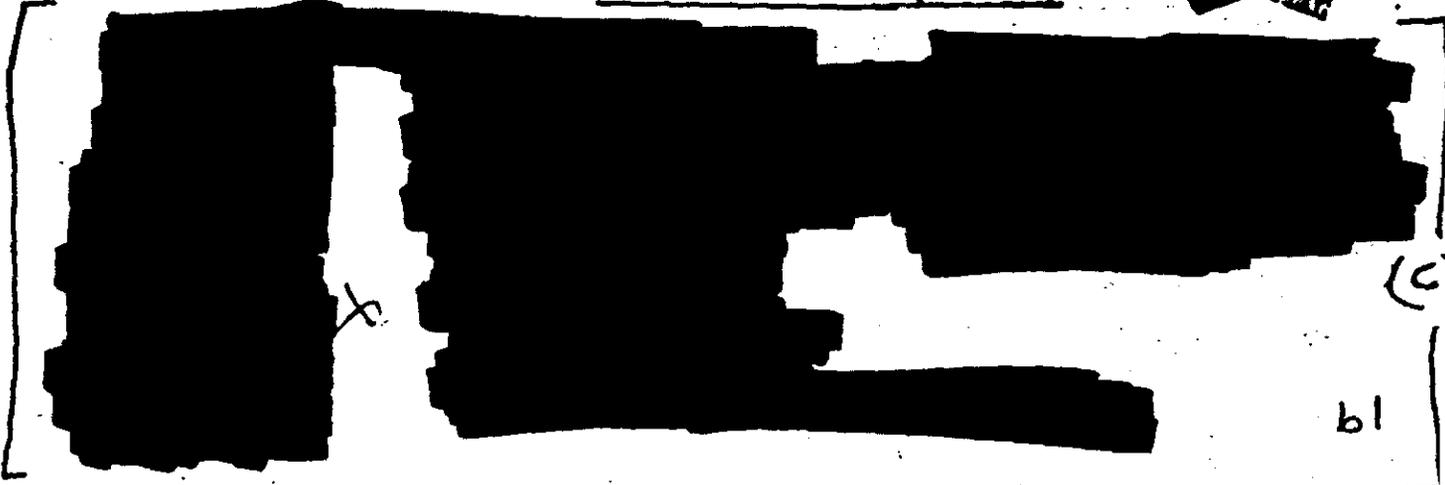
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The subject's SI card has been reviewed and it is current and correct.

b7E A [redacted] has been placed with the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, and the NYO will be notified upon the release of the subject.

Fisur of delegation of the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership was conducted by SAS [redacted] b7c and [redacted] on 4/4/55.

Correspondence to the subject while incarcerated at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, has been made available to the Pittsburgh Office by [redacted] at that institution. This correspondence is from individuals approved by the reformatory, namely, CHARLES CUMBERBATCH, 504 West 143rd St., NYC, subject's father; MARY MORGAN, 542 West 146th St., NYC, a friend; CYRIL PHILLIPS, 125th St. and 8th Ave., NYC, a friend; and

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NY, 10/6/55

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CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was.; IS-C; SA-40

Rerep SA [redacted] 9/30/55, NY, captioned as above.

SA [redacted] was on leave and not available to proofread the report on date submitted to Bureau. Upon proofreading report SA [redacted] has noted [redacted] should have been deleted from report but was not.

Bureau is requested to delete this portion of page 13 on Bureau copies. NY has corrected its copies of rerep.

Inasmuch as SA [redacted] detected this error on his first opportunity to read this report, no further administrative action is being taken by the NYO in this matter.

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GLORIA AGRIN, 220 Broadway, NYC, one of subject's attorneys. Letters from all of above individuals have been disseminated to their individual files. The only information pertinent to subject contained in these letters have been comments by the writers in regards to the subject's health. All have stated they are happy to know she is in good health.

The fact that an individual was a signer of one of the petitions directed to USA J. EDWARD LUMBARD, on behalf of the subject, has been noted and this fact has been disseminated to the appropriate files of the individual signers.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

A correlation memo on the subject has been prepared. NY will review and include in the next report all pertinent information subsequent to subject's indictment, charges of violating the Smith Act of 1940.

REFERENCE Report of SA [REDACTED] 1/13/55, NY. 67c

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-72390)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-18676)
SUBJECT: ⁰CLAUDIA JONES
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Re Bureau letter to NY, 5/4/55.

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[REDACTED] Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., advised on 10/14/55 that subject scheduled to be released after completion of sentence for conviction under Smith Act of 1940 to custody of INS on 10/23/55 for immediate deportation. INS, Pittsburgh, advised on 10/17/55 that a detainer in the form of a deportation warrant filed with Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., against subject on 2/18/55 by INS New York; that subject had paid her \$2,000 fine in connection with her conviction under Smith Act of 1940; that she was scheduled to be released from Federal Reformatory for Women on 10/23/55; that subject's request to INS for an administrative stay of deportation for period of six months subsequent to her release from Federal Reformatory for Women was denied by District Director of INS Philadelphia, Pa., on 10/11/55; and that tentative plans of INS are to proceed with immediate deportation of subject at time of her release on 10/23/55 at which time she will be taken into custody by INS, transported to New York City, and flown to Trinidad, British West Indies on/about 10/24/55 via Pan-American Airways. Report follows.

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Information has been received by our Pittsburgh Office from [redacted] Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, that the subject, better known as Claudia Jones, is scheduled to be released after completion of her sentence for conviction under the Smith Act of 1940 to the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) on October 23, 1955, for immediate deportation. b6, b7c per Parole Comm

Information has been ascertained from INS at Pittsburgh on October 17, 1955, that a detainer in the form of a deportation warrant was filed with the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, against the subject on February 18, 1955; that the subject had paid her \$2,000 fine in connection with her conviction under the Smith Act of 1940; that she was scheduled to be released from the Federal Reformatory for Women on October 23, 1955; that subject's request to INS for an administrative stay of deportation for a period of six months subsequent to her release from the Federal Reformatory for Women was denied by District Director of INS at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1955; and that tentative plans of INS are to proceed with immediate deportation of the subject at the time of her release on October 23, 1955, at which time she will be taken into custody by INS, transported to New York City and flown to Trinidad, British West Indies, on or about October 24, 1955, via Pan American Airways.

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**Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins**

The October 21, 1955, issue of the "Daily Worker," however, carries an article on the first page reflecting that Claudia Jones, on October 20, 1955, won a stay of deportation pending determination of the status of her health. According to the article, a United States District Court Judge in Washington signed a temporary restraining order which prevents the Justice Department from carrying out the scheduled deportation of Claudia Jones on Sunday (October 23, 1955) when she will be released from Alderson Prison. According to the article, a hearing to determine the precise status of her health has been set for October 27, 1955. Claudia Jones is scheduled to arrive in Pennsylvania Station, New York City at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 24, 1955. It is expected that many of her friends will be on hand to greet her.

If additional pertinent information is received concerning the captioned subject, it will be furnished to you promptly.

2cc - Mr. James V. Bennett
Director
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A notice appearing in the "Daily Worker" for Friday, October 21, indicated that CLAUDIA JONES was to arrive at Penn Station New York at approximately 10:00 am and many friends were expected to be on hand to greet her.

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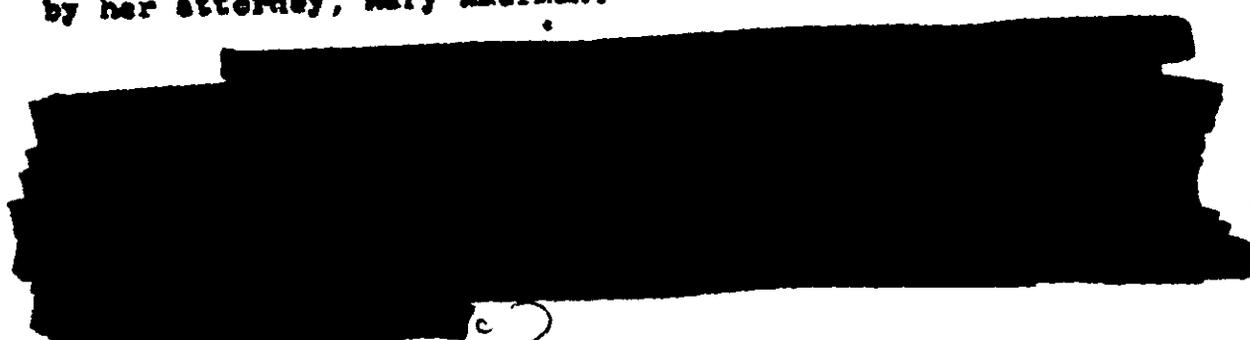
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Reference is made to my memorandum of October 21, 1955, which furnished information reflecting that the captioned subject, better known as Claudia Jones, was scheduled to be released from the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, on October 23, 1955.

For your additional information, information has been furnished by our Pittsburgh Office reflecting that on October 22, 1955, the Immigration and Naturalization Service withdrew its deportation warrant and at 7:00 A.M. on October 23, 1955, Claudia Jones was released from prison. She departed Alderson, West Virginia, on the morning of October 23, 1955, en-route to New York City accompanied by her attorney, Mary Kaufman.



As additional pertinent information is received concerning the captioned subject, it will be furnished to you promptly.

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On 10/27/55, MR. GEORGE S. GERMAN, Central Office, INS, advised SA [redacted] he is assigned INS case on subject and that hearing was originally scheduled for subject on 10/27/55 before Judge EDWARD A. TAMM, U. S. District Court, Washington, D. C.; he stated hearing has been postponed to 10:00 A.M. Monday, October 31, 1955, at U. S. D.C., Washington, D. C.; Judge presiding unknown.

Developments re subject hearing on 10/31/55 will be supplied Bureau and New York. P.

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On 11/2/55 MR. GEORGE S. GERMAN, Central Office, INS, advised SA [redacted] that subject's hearing was held this date at USDC WDC, Judge EDWARD A. TAMM presiding; subject was represented by two attorneys, DAVID REIN of WDC and BLANCHE FREEDMAN of New York City.

Subject's medical doctor, SAMUEL K. ELSTER, testified at hearing that subject is currently a patient at Mt. Sinai Hospital, NYC. At his direction and stated subject's present heart condition would allow her to travel.

MR. GERMAN stated INS doctors who have examined subject concurred with DR. ELSTER'S opinion re subject's present heart condition allowing her to travel; doctors also agreed there is a question re proper treatment for subject's heart condition which should be decided upon before subject is deported.

MR. GERMAN stated Judge TAMM agreed that the current restraining order prohibiting INS from taking action re deportation of subject should be extended to no later than 11/9/55 with the provision that subject remain at Mt. Sinai Hospital for examination re proper treatment.

MR. GERMAN stated that presumably another hearing re subject would be held on or before 11/9/55 at USDC, WDC.

WFO will advise Bureau and New York re developments. P.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

CLAUDIA VERA SCHOLNICK, was; IS-C. Smith Act of 1940.
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The "Daily Worker" of 10/25/55, reflects a temporary injunction granted by a Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., prevents subject (better known as CLAUDIA JONES) deportation pending a hearing to determine whether travel to the West Indies would jeopardize her health and life.

The CRC stated in this article the hearing would be held October 27, 1955 or October 31, 1955.

WFO is requested to determine where hearing will take place and advise the Bureau and the NYO of developments.

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USA, SDNY, THOMAS B. WAT advised this date by consent of subject's (CLAUDIA JONES) attorney's, MARY M. KAUFMAN and NEWMAN L. VY, the motion on order to show cause why an order should not be granted restraining deportation of JONES was adjourned till 11/9/55.

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Re US vs. TRACHTENBERG, et al.

Order to show cause why order should not be granted, restraining District Director, INS, from deporting CLAUDIA JONES, signed by USDJ SIDNEY SUGARMAN, SBNY, 10/31/55. Order returnable USDC, SDNY, 11/2/55. Order to show cause submitted by NEWMAN LEVY, attorney for GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, is for order restraining deportation of CLAUDIA JONES for such period as would make it possible for TRACHTENBERG and CHARNEY to consult with CLAUDIA JONES in connection with TRACHTENBERG's and CHARNEY's preparation for their trial and if necessary for CLAUDIA JONES to be a witness for TRACHTENBERG and CHARNEY in their trial.

Photostat of this order to show cause and the sworn affidavit of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY forwarded herewith.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

- vs -

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, ALEXANDER
FRANKLIN, et al.,

Defendants.

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ORDER TO SHOW
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Upon the annexed affidavit of George Blake Charney and upon all of the proceedings heretofore had herein, let the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and Edward J. Shaughnessy, District Director of the Third District of Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York show cause before me or one of the Judges of this Court, sitting at a term thereof, to be held at the United States Court-house, Foley Square, in the Borough of Manhattan, City and State of New York, in Room 318 thereof, on the *2nd* day of November, 1935, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an order should not be granted restraining and enjoining Edward J. Shaughnessy from deporting or otherwise executing any warrant of deportation against Claudia Jones for such reasonable period of time as would make it possible for the above named defendants to consult with said Claudia Jones in connection with such defendants' preparation for the trial of the above entitled cause, and if necessary, to be a witness for said defendants in said trial, on the ground that such consultation and availability as a witness are essential

to their proper and adequate defense, and for such other, further and different relief as to the Court may seem just and proper.

Sufficient reason appearing therefor, upon the hearing and determination of the within order to show cause, it is hereby ordered that Edward J. Shaughnessy, District Director of the Third District of Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York, and all persons acting under him to and thereby are restrained and enjoined from departing and aiding Claude Jones; and further

Sufficient reason appearing therefor, let service of a copy of this order to show cause and the annexed affidavit, upon the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York and Edward J. Shaughnessy, on the 31st day of October, 1955, be deemed good and sufficient service.

Dated: New York, New York,
October 31st, 1955

U.S.P.J.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
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 -against- : C. 136-7
GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, ALEXANDER :
TRACHTENBERG, et al., :
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 Defendants. :
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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a defendant in the above entitled cause. I make this affidavit in support of an order to show cause why an order should not be granted restraining and enjoining Edward J. Shaughnessey, District Director of the Third District of Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York, from deporting or otherwise executing any warrant of deportation against Claudia Jones, for such reasonable period of time as would make it possible for me and my co-defendant, Alexander Trachtenberg, to consult with Claudia Jones in connection with our preparation for the trial of the above entitled cause, and if necessary to be a witness in our behalf.

Upon information and belief a final administrative order of deportation was made and entered against Claudia Jones on October 27, 1952 ordering her deportation. Upon information and belief a warrant of deportation upon said order has issued and unless stayed or other contingencies and eventualities occur, the warrant for deportation will be executed and said

Claudia Jones will be deported forthwith.

Upon information and belief, on October 20, 1955, a temporary stay of execution of the warrant of deportation was granted by order of Hon. Edward A. Tamm, Judge of the District Court for the District of Columbia, pending a hearing and determination of a motion by Claudia Jones for a temporary injunction restraining her deportation. The motion will be heard by that Court on November 2, 1955.

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Claudia Jones, together with Alexander Trachtenberg and ten others, were jointly tried and convicted as co-conspirators under the indictment issued in the above entitled cause. All of said co-defendants, with the exception of Claudia Jones, Alexander Trachtenberg and your deponent, pursuant to said conviction, are presently serving terms of imprisonment in various Federal institutions throughout the country and are not available for consultation. Claudia Jones completed her term of imprisonment on October 23, 1955. Alexander Trachtenberg and your deponent were granted a new trial by order of Hon. Edward J. Dimock, District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

your deponent

Until now, because of her confinement in a Federal institution, there has been no opportunity for consultation with Claudia Jones. In order to adequately prepare for trial it will be necessary to consult with Claudia Jones prior to and during the course of the trial and it will be necessary that she be available ^{if needed} as a witness on behalf of your deponent.

gfc

During the first trial at least four witnesses for the Government, Louis Budenz, John Lautner, Bernice Baldwin and Lou Rosser testified as to events and conversations in which Claudia Jones was alleged to have participated. Consultation with her as to these and other matters introduced in evidence

at the time of the first trial as well as to allow the same to be introduced in the second trial, is essential for a complete and fair trial.

An order to show cause is being applied for using this motion in order to allow the warrant for deportation to be executed and the motion heard prior to the time when the motion can be brought on for hearing by service of regular notice of motion.

No previous application has been made by the defendants in the above entitled case for the relief sought herein.

WHEREFORE your petitioner respectfully begs for an order to show cause why an order should not be granted restraining and enjoining Edward J. Shaughnessy from departing or otherwise executing any warrant of deportation against Claudia Jones for such reasonable period of time as will be necessary for the purposes related above, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and proper.

George John Conway

Sworn to before me this
31st day of October, 1955

Murray Cohen

MURRAY COHEN
Notary Public, State of New York
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