

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: EDWARD KENNEDY (DUKE)**  
**ELLINGTON**

**FILE: 100-HQ-434443**

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**SUBJECT** EDWARD KENNEDY (DUKE) ELLINGTON

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EDWARD K. (DUKE) ELLINGTON S. G. ...  
Born April 29, 1899  
Washington, D. C.

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According to a reliable source the name of Ellington appeared on a list of the Committee of Sponsors for a dinner given at Cto's Restaurant, Hollywood, California, on November 10, 1941. The dinner was given under the auspices of the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Exiled Writers' Committee, and the United American-Spanish Aid Committee. The American Committee to Save Refugees has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944; the

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Exiled Writers' Committee has been described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as "established by the Communist League of American Writers to bolster the Communist front, American Committee to Save Refugees. The Exiled Writers' Committee worked with other Communist fronts in the Spanish Communist refugee education," and, the United American-Spanish Aid Committee has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 9835. (100-7061-115)

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that Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., New York City Councilman, was among the National Board members of the Communist Party convicted in United States District Court, New York, New York, of violating the Smith Act. (100-149163-A)

Information was received from a reliable source in January, 1944, that Duke Ellington had mailed out approximately 1500 letters on behalf of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax and that the Committee had been receiving money from the people Ellington contacted. The National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in their 1947 report as "among the Communist-front organizations for racial agitation" which also serves as "money-collecting media." (100-11507-204, page 10)

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Hollywood Democratic Committee has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in a report issued in 1948, as a Communist front. (100-238754-A)

The January 2, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article captioned "Yugoslav Relief Opens 1946 Drive." This article stated that the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief had opened its 1946 activities with a Town Hall benefit concert, which concert was sponsored by Duke Ellington among others. The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Incorporated has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as Communist within the purview of Executive Order 9835. (100-212169-A)

According to a reliable source Duke Ellington was elected to the Board of Directors of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, Incorporated at the annual membership meeting of that organization held at the Alvin Theater, New York City, on February 10, 1946. The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions has been cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in a report issued by that group on April 25, 1951, and in others.

(100-338892-45 page 6)

The "Brooklyn Eagle", a New York City publication, on May 5, 1947, contained an article concerning a bazaar which had opened on May 4, 1947, sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. According to this article the Bazaar opened with a variety concert starring Duke Ellington among others. The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as Communist within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(100-146984-1301p17)

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In Ellington's article he stated that during a stay in Stockholm, Sweden, in the course of a European tour, he had been approached by an individual who requested that he, Ellington, sign a paper indicating opposition to the atom bomb. Ellington denied signing the paper and stated that the individual had departed. He continues by stating that when he arrived back in the United States people began telling him that the "Daily Worker" had written a story about his having signed a Communist petition whereupon he immediately sent a wire demanding that his name be removed from the petition and threatening a legal suit if this was not done. He stated that apparently his telegram hadn't had much effect and he was taking this opportunity in "The New Leader" to state that unless his name was removed from the so-called "Stockholm Petitions" within 48 hours after publication of the statement, he, Ellington, would authorize his attorney to begin legal proceedings against those who were "trying to defame my name and reputation." In this article Ellington further stated "I've never been interested in politics in my whole life, and don't pretend to know anything about international affairs. The only 'Communism' I know is that of Jesus Christ. I don't know anyother." He further stated that during the last war he had helped sell bonds for the purpose of defeating Germany, Japan and Italy, and in the event of another war he would help sell bonds to defeat whoever is then America's enemy. (100-370500-A)

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American Embassy  
Paris 8, France

Date: March 21, 1961  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Paris (100-0-1154)  
Subject: EDWARD KENNEDY ELLINGTON  
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As indicated in Paris routing slip dated 1/6/61,  
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On 3/10/61 [REDACTED] advised that  
the subject stayed at the Hotel de la Trémoille, 14 rue de  
la Trémoille, Paris 8, 11/21/60 - 1/7/61. He was in France  
to direct the orchestration of the film "Paris Blues", which  
was being made at the motion picture studios located in  
Boulogne-sur-Seine, France, for the Jason Monica Corp. and  
Associated Artists, 25 rue d'Astorg, Paris 8. He did not

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: EDWARD KENNEDY (DUKE) ELLINGTON

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Ellington has never been investigated by this Bureau;  
however, the files of this Bureau contain the following infor-  
mation:

The publication, "Current Biography," in 1941 con-  
tained a biography of Ellington which reflected he was born on  
April 29, 1899, in Washington, D. C., and that he had one son,  
Merger Ellington, who was attending the Juilliard School of  
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The June-July, 1941, issue of the "West Coast Volunteer," a publication of the Henry Eaton Post of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Los Angeles, California, reflected that on July 26, 1941, the Hollywood Chapter of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade had given a barn dance to raise funds. The article reflected that Duke Ellington had appeared at the dance. The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by ~~the Attorney General~~ pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (100-7060-97 page 4)

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The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, published in 1944, reflected that the Artists' Front to Win the War made its debut at a mass meeting at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, on October 16, 1942. Exhibit Number 1, set out in the report, which appears to be a program of the above-described mass meeting, reflected Duke Ellington as one of the sponsors. The Artists' Front to Win the War was cited as a communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944. (61-7582-1298 page 576)

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At the national convention of the American Youth for Democracy held in New York, New York, in 1946, the report of the National Board was presented on June 15, 1946. The report, in reviewing activities of the American Youth for Democracy, reflected that the "Tribute to Fats Waller" held at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, in April, 1944, had been sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy. The report stated that

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RE: EDWARD KENNEDY (DUKE) ELLINGTON

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The foregoing information is furnished as a result of your request and is not to be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved. It is furnished for your confidential information and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency. (S) (C) U

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Date: May 31, 1957

To:

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: [redacted]  
KENNEDY (DUKE) WELINGTON  
WELINGTON

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This is to advise that a preliminary check  
of our files reveals numerous references on the above-  
named individuals, which will necessitate an extensive  
review.

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Date: December 29, 1960  
To: [redacted] (s-1) (C) b1  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Subject: EDWARD KENNEDY ELLINGTON  
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5) CT C. [redacted]

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This matter is being referred to the Legal Attache in Paris for his information in the event Ellington's activities while in France come to his attention.

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1 - New York (See Note, Page Two)  
1 - Paris (See Note, Page Two)

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SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, NEW YORK, AND LEGAL ATTACHE, PARIS

For the information of the Legal Attache, subject was never the subject of a main case file. However, Bureau files indicate that Ellington has had some affiliation with numerous communist front groups such as the All-Harlem Youth Conference, the Hollywood Chapter of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Artists' Front to Win the War and the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax. Furthermore, Ellington reportedly volunteered his professional services for a concert held in 1944 in Carnegie Hall, New York, sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. He appeared at another concert in 1947 sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. He also, according to an article in the October 10, 1943, issue of "The Worker," sponsored the candidacy of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Communist Party candidate for city councilman in New York. Ellington was born 4/29/99 at Washington, D. C.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject not on SI. He is well-known Negro musician who is presently traveling abroad, according to information received by Bureau from State Department in memorandum received 12/21/60. [REDACTED]

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1960

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# 95-3078

FBI Liaison:

For Information Only

Re:

Edward Kennedy Ellington K/a Duke  
Born: April 29, 1899 Ellington  
Place: Washington, D. C.

Residence:

1619 Broadway  
New York, New York

Bureau File Number:

Unknown

Passport Number:

1204297 issued September 24,  
1958 at New York; renewed  
November 15, 1960 at N. Y.

Attorney:

None

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure:

New York

Date of Departure:

November 19, 1960

Means of Transportation:

Unknown

Proposed Length of Stay:

Two months

Countries to be Visited:

France

Purpose of Trip:

Business

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# Memorandum

TO : [REDACTED] b7c  
President, FBIRA

DATE: May 23, 1962

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c  
Activity Promoter

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SUBJECT: THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAZZ  
FESTIVAL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Enclosed circular is one of a number received from the Department of Justice Recreation Association for possible distribution among our employees. The circular announces sponsorship of captioned festival by the President's Committee of the People to People Program listing Gunther Schuller as Musical Director and Duke Ellington as Musical Host.

Bureau indices are negative as to [REDACTED]. However, Bufile [REDACTED] contains the name [REDACTED] as an ex-crew member of "Graf Spee," married to [REDACTED] 31 years of age, Paraguayan citizen. Letter 3-12-46 from Legat, Montevideo, Uruguay, placed [REDACTED] name among 24 individuals, all former crew members of the "Graf Spee" or "Tacoma" who were not repatriated to Germany on 2-16-46. Letter also advised the State Department's secret instruction dated 12-18-48 specified that case histories be prepared concerning individuals suggested for repatriation. *KU*

Concerning Duke Ellington, Bufile 100-434443 contains a Bureau communication to [REDACTED] that this individual as Edward Kennedy Ellington had never been investigated by the Bureau but the following substance of the information was furnished from Bufile. Ellington has had some affiliation with numerous communist front groups such as the All-Harlem Youth Conference, the Hollywood Chapter of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Artists' Front to Win the War and the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax. Furthermore, Ellington reportedly volunteered his professional services for a concert held in 1944 in Carnegie Hall, New York, sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. He appeared at another concert in 1947 sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. He also, according to an article in the October 10, 1943, issue of "The Worker," sponsored the candidacy of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Communist Party candidate for city councilman in New York. Ellington was born 4/29/99 at Washington, D. C.

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Memorandum to [REDACTED]  
RE: FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

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RECOMMENDATION:

Since the enclosed circular will no doubt be available through public news media and in view of [REDACTED] and of Ellington, it is recommended these flyers not be distributed.

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NAME CHECK

May 22, 1964

*Summary*

DUKE ELLINGTON  
400 Central Pk West  
New York City

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ADD. DISSEMINATION.

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

On May 12, 1938, the "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, contained an article captioned "Harlem Youth Parley Rallies for Jobs, Peace." The article reflected that the first All Harlem Youth Conference would convene on May 13, 1938. Duke Ellington was listed as one of the prominent endorsers of the conference. In connection with the All Harlem Youth Conference, the 1948 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities reflected: "Nothing more plainly reveals the fraud and dishonesty of the Communists than the sinister stirring of antagonisms of one racial group against another.... Among the more conspicuous Communist-front groups in the Racial...subclassification...(is) All Harlem Youth Conference."

(61-7563-60X6)

The June-July, 1941, issue of the "West Coast Volunteer," a publication of the Henry Eaton Post of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Los Angeles, California, reflected that on July 26, 1941, the Hollywood Chapter of the Veterans funds. The article reflected that Duke Ellington had appeared at the dance. The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(100-7060-97 page 4)

On November 10, 1941, a dinner was given at Ciro's Restaurant, Hollywood, California, under the auspices of the American Committee to Save Refugees, the Exile Writers Committee, and the United American Spanish Aid Committee. The program for the dinner listed one Duke Ellington as being

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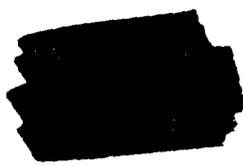
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on the Committee of Sponsors for the dinner. The American Committee to Save Refugees was cited as a communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944. The California Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948 described the Exiled Writers Committee as an organization established by the communist League of American Writers to bolster the communist front, the American Committee to Save Refugees. The Exiled Writers Committee was further reported as having worked with other communist fronts and in 1942 merged into the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. The United American Spanish Aid Committee has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(100-7061-115)

The report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, published in 1944, reflected that the Artists' Front to Win the War made its debut at a mass meeting at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, on October 16, 1942. Exhibit Number 1, set out in the report, which appears to be a program of the above-described mass meeting, reflected Duke Ellington as one of the sponsors. The Artists' Front to Win the War was cited as a communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944.

(61-7582-1298 page 576)

On June 23, 1943, the "Daily Worker" contained an article captioned "Negro Tribute to Hit Back at Axis Plot Here" which reflected that a "Tribute to Negro Servicemen" was to be held on June 27, 1943, in New York, New York. The article reflected Duke Ellington was one of the artists who would be presented. The tribute was supported by the Negro Labor Victory Committee and the National Negro Congress among other organizations. The Negro Labor Victory Committee and the National Negro Congress have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450

(61-6728-A)

On October 7, 1943, the "Daily Worker" contained an article captioned "Civic Leaders Endorse Davis." The article concerned Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., the Communist Party candidate for city councilman in New York City. The article reflected a "Davis Victory Show" was to be held on October 24, 1943, at the Golden Gate Ballroom in New York, New York. Duke Ellington was mentioned as one of the artists "who will pay tribute to the Communist leader." On October 10, 1943, "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," contained an article captioned "Ben Davis Candidacy Arouses Nat'l Interest." The article reflected: "From the world of art this week came backing from...Duke Ellington..."

(100-149163-A)

Duke Ellington

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1944, that Duke Ellington had mailed out approximately 1500 letters on behalf of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax and that the committee had been receiving money from the people he had contacted. The California Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947 described the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax as being among the communist front organizations for racial agitation which also served as "money-collecting media." b2 b7D  
(00-11507-204; [REDACTED])

At the national convention of the American Youth for Democracy held in New York, New York, in 1946, the report of the National Board was presented on June 15, 1946. The report, in reviewing activities of the American Youth for Democracy, reflected that the "Tribute to Fats Waller" held at Carnegie Hall, New York, New York, in April, 1944, had been sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy. The report stated that the meeting had turned into a "tremendous, spontaneous demonstration of inter-racial unity." The report further reflected that Duke Ellington was among those individuals who joined with the American Youth for Democracy in this event. The American Youth for Democracy has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 (61-777-742-page 41)

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(100-212169-A)

## Duke Ellington

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(100-370500-A)

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February 19, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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3-17-82

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Set forth herein is data relating to a number of entertainers which may be of interest to you.

The central files of the FBI reveal no pertinent derogatory information concerning the Marlboro Vermont Orchestra and [REDACTED]. The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with [REDACTED] based upon background information available.

Attached are separate memoranda regarding the Robert Joffrey Ballet Company, Mitch Miller Men's Chorus and the following individuals:

[REDACTED]  
Duke Ellington  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General. This letter of transmittal may be declassified when the enclosures bearing a classification are removed.

Sincerely yours,

Delivered to Mildred Stegall  
on 2/19/68

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February 19, 1968

~~DUKE~~ ELLINGTON

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Summary

A summary memorandum containing information from our files regarding captioned individual was furnished to the White House on May 26, 1965.

Since that time, information has been received that bandleader Duke Ellington would appear with James Forman, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, on a program sponsored by the United Ministers on the Texas Southern University campus in October, 1966. Forman was to speak on the theme, "Black Power: A New Religion?"

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Duke Ellington based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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December 31, 1969

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EDWARD KENNEDY ELLINGTON  
Also Known As: "DUKE"  
Born: April 29, 1899  
Washington, D. C.

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In response to your name check request, refer to a summary memorandum captioned "Duke Ellington," dated May 22, 1964, and sent to State (CU/CP) on March 30, 1966. (100-434443-3)

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July 8, 1970

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 7/22/86 BY sp7madd

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Edward Kennedy (Duke) Ellington and some other individuals.

Enclosed are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Edward Kennedy (Duke) Ellington

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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This letter of transmittal may be declassified when it is removed from the enclosure bearing a classification.

Sincerely yours,

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (sent direct)

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(DUKE ELLINGTON)

WASHINGTON -- DUKE ELLINGTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA WILL LEAVE NEW YORK SEPT. 10 FOR A FIVE WEEK CONCERT TOUR OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE TOUR, DURING WHICH THE MUSICIAN WILL CONDUCT 20 CONCERTS, IS THE FIRST ONE EVER MADE BY ELLINGTON TO THE SOVIET UNION.

THE CONCERT TOUR WILL BEGIN IN LENNINGRAD ON SEPT. 13 WITH A PERFORMANCE IN THE OCTYABR THEATER. ELLINGTON WILL ALSO PERFORM IN MINSK, KIEV AND ROSTOV, AND CONCLUDE THE TOUR WITH CONCERTS IN MOSCOW OCT. 9-12.

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