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- 6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.  This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_

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8.  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) his bitterness towards the FBI, as stated by him in Philadelphia, 1/3/58, as set forth in report, of [REDACTED] 3/27/58, NY, would preclude him from giving any information of value.

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- 9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- 10.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) as set

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- 11.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.
- His activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FD 305 Question No. 10, continued

GROPPER mentioned being employed by the "Morning Freiheit", stating that he did not know if the "Morning Freiheit" was a Communist paper. As set forth in the report of [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] b7c 8/29/56, NY, subject appeared before Senate Permanent Sub-Committee on Investigations on 5/6/53, and declined to testify claiming protection of Fifth Amendment.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
March 17, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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Re: Samuel Gropper  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above. It should be noted that all informants mentioned in the report have furnished reliable information in the past [redacted] who was in position to furnish reliable information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: 5/31/60

FROM : Legat, Mexico (100-1983)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM GROPPER  
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E.O. #	12958
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Page 1161 of Who's Who in America, Volume 31, for 1960-61 (published by Marquis--Who's Who, Inc.,) lists WILLIAM GROPPER as an artist born in New York City 12/3/97, the son of HARRY GROPPER and JENNIE NIDEL. His home is listed as Mt. Airy Rd., Croton on Hudson, New York. GROPPER's rather lengthy accomplishments in the field of art, particularly as a lithographer, are set out in this Who's Who entry.

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Page 3, Column 1 of the 4/7/57 issue of "La Voz de Mexico," the Spanish language organ of the Communist Party of Mexico, contains an article which sets out the information that WILLIAM GROPPER's art exposition will open at the Gallery of United Artists of Mexico on April 11 (1957) where he will display 82 lithographs. The address of the exposition was given as Hamburgo 36, Mexico, D. F., Mexico (MC 105-O-404A).

A pamphlet advertising the William Gropper exposition to be displayed from April 11 through May 2 (1957) contains a photograph of the subject as well as a description of his artistic accomplishments which appears to have been taken from Who's Who in America.

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The above is set out for the information of the Bureau and the New York office.

REQUEST OF BUREAU

In the event WILLIAM GROPPER has a significant subversive background, it is requested that the Bureau advise the Mexico City office.

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Legat, Mexico (100-1983)

June 20, 1960

Director, FBI (100-66809) - 59

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SAMUEL GROPPER, AKA.  
WILLIAM GROPPER  
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Re Mexico letter 5/31/60.

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For Mexico's information, subject's name is included in the Security Index. He was identified as a Communist Party (CP) member prior to 1930 and registered his affiliation with the CP in the 1937 election. He visited the Soviet Union in 1930 and again in 1948 and 1949. Subsequent to his return from the 1930 visit to the Soviet Union, he helped form the Workers Cultural Organization on instructions from the Soviet Union. He is a skilled cartoonist and has been employed in that capacity by the "Daily Worker" and "New Masses," as well as having been employed as a staff artist for "Morning Freiheit" from 1924 to 1950. He also served as a contributing and assistant editor of "New Masses" in the past. He was affiliated with at least 12 communist fronts during the period from 1940 to 1951. He invoked the Fifth Amendment in testimony before the McCarthy Committee in May, 1953.

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[redacted] in a public speech in Philadelphia in January, 1958, subject described the Bureau investigation of him bitterly.

Subject's wife, Sophie, was described as extremely active in the Civil Rights Congress as of April 1951.

He is described as follows:

Race White  
Height 5'6"  
Weight 170  
Build Stocky  
Born 12/3/97  
Manhattan, New York

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
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- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
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RE: SAMUEL GROPPER, AKA.  
-WILLIAM GROPPER  
100-66809

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Hair	=	Grayish-black
Eyes	=	Blue
Complexion	=	Dark
Occupation	=	Self-employed artist and cartoonist

Enclosed for New York are two copies of referenced Mexico letter. New York should conduct all logical investigation in order to develop any pertinent information regarding the purpose of subject's visit to Mexico and his future plans. Submit results in a form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject resides Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

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Mexico requested pertinent subversive data.

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Samuel Gropper also  
known as William Gropper

Confidential informants, who are familiar with certain aspects of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New York area, were contacted in June, 1960, and advised that they had no knowledge of any CP activity on the part of the subject and had no information concerning his other activities.

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TITLE OF CASE  SAMUEL GROPPER		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By:
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\* Synopsis \*

REFERENCE:

Report of [REDACTED] 3/17/60, at NY.

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8.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 5/29/57.  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of the bitterness towards the FBI as expressed by him in a speech on 1/3/58 (report of [REDACTED] 3/27/58, at NY). It would seem that no practical purpose could be accomplished by attempting to interview him. Comments in the speech mentioned on 1/3/58 would indicate a complete hostility to the FBI. In addition, in his previous interview on 5/29/57, GROPPER denied ever having been a member of CP or working for "Daily Worker." b7c
9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] GROPPER admitted that he was bitter during
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  - Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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b7C the course of an interview. During the course of an interview on 5/29/57, GROPPER mentioned being employed by the "Morning Freiheit" stating that he did not know the "Morning Freiheit" was a Communist paper. As set forth in report of [REDACTED] 8/29/56, at NY, subject appeared before a Senate Sub-Committee on Investigations on 5/6/53, and declined to testify claiming the protection of the 5th Amendment. [REDACTED]

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Bureau File No.: 100-66809

Title:

SAMUEL GROPPER

Character:

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Synopsis:

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"The Worker" of 11/13/60 carried an advertisement featuring Christmas cards by BILL GROPPER and HUGO GELLER for sale at "The Worker" office. The "Morning Freiheit" dated 6/21/60 announced an anniversary issue of "Heintige Lieder" in which GROPPER was a contributor.

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II. PUBLICATIONS

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"The Worker"

"The Worker" is an east-coast Communist weekly newspaper.

The issue of "The Worker" dated November 13, 1960, carried an advertisement featuring Christmas cards by BILL GROPPER and HUGO BELLERT which were offered for sale at "The Worker" office.

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

The "Morning Freiheit"

The characterization for the "Morning Freiheit" will be found in the Appendix of this report).

The June 21, 1960 issue of the "Morning Freiheit" announced an anniversary issue of 'Heintige Lieder', to which GROPPER contributed a number of drawings. The purpose of this anniversary issue was to mark the third anniversary of the only Yiddish poetry magazine.

"Masses and Mainstream"

The January, 1961 issue of "Masses and Mainstream", page 37, contained a drawing by WILLIAM GROPPER. (See Appendix attached).

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IV. ARREST RECORD



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V. INFORMANTS

Informants who are familiar with certain aspects of Communist activity in the New York area and who were contacted in January and February of 1961, could furnish no information concerning the subject.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "Morning Freiheit":

- "1. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "2. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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"MASSES AND MAINSTREAM"

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning 'Masses and Mainstream':

"Masses and Mainstream\*

- "1. Cited as the successor to New Masses, 'a Communist magazine.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1953 on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, originally released October 23, 1949, p. 75; also cited in House Report 1694 on Organized Communism in the United States, May 28, 1954, originally released August 19, 1953, p. 98.)"

\* Name changed to Mainstream with September 1956 issue of this publication.

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Title Samuel Gropper

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b7C [redacted] Reference is made to the report of [redacted] dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

b7c of the bitterness towards the FBI as expressed in a speech on 1/3/58 (report of \_\_\_\_\_ 3/27/58, at NY). It would seem that no practical purpose could be accomplished by attempting to interview him. Comments in the speech mentioned on 1/3/58, would indicate a complete hostility to the FBI. In addition, in his interview on 5/29/57, (continued next page)

9.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
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- Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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GROPPER denied ever having been a member of the CP or working for the "Daily Worker".

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GROPPER admitted that he was bitter during the course of an interview. In his interview on 5/29/57, GROPPER mentioned being employed by the "Morning Freiheit", stating that he did not know that the "Morning Freiheit" was a Communist paper. As set forth in the report of [REDACTED] 8/29/56, at NY, subject appeared before a Senate Sub-Committee on Investigations on 5/6/53, and declined to testify, claiming the protection of the Fifth Amendment. [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
March 12, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Bureau 100-66809  
New York 100-1030

Title Samuel Gropper

Character Security Matter - C

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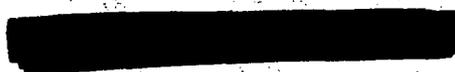
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TITLE OF CASE <b>SAMUEL GROPPER aka William Gropper</b>		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY 
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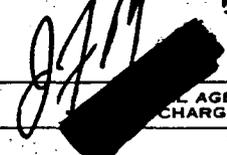
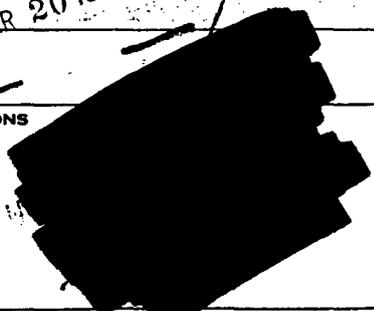
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call to [redacted] made a pretext telephone call to [redacted] Croton-on-Hudson, NY, on 3/6/63 ✓  
[redacted] The pretext used was [redacted]

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The provisions of Bulet to NY, dated 10/16/61, entitled, "SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS", have been complied with.

INFORMANTS

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Office: New York, New York

Report of:

Date: 3/18/63

Field Office File No.: 100-1030

Bureau File No.: 100-66809

Title:

SAMUEL GROPPER

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

[Redacted]

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Informants could furnish no information concerning the subject.

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I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

By means of a pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on March 6, 1963, it was determined that the subject resided at Mount Airy Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York and was self-employed as an artist working out of his home. It was also learned that the subject is on vacation until April 1, 1963, and is staying at the Motel Ankara, 23rd and Collins Avenue, Miami Beach 41, Florida.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants

Informants who are familiar with certain aspects of Communist activity in the New York area and who were contacted during January and February, 1963, could furnish no information concerning the subject at that time.



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Director, FBI

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April 5, 1963

Legat, Mexico City

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Enclosed are fourteen copies each of two letter-  
head memoranda, captioned and dated as above, pertaining  
to captioned individuals.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)

DATE: 5/23/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030) c

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER aka  
SM-C

Re New York report of [redacted] b7C  
dated 3/18/63; Legat, Mexico City letter to the Director,  
dated 4/5/63; Miami letter to the Director, dated 5/15/63.

On 5/22/63, [redacted] made a b7C  
pretext telephone call to [redacted] b7D

The pretext was [redacted] b7E

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Because of the bitterness towards the FBI as  
expressed by the subject in speeches by him in the past,  
no interview is contemplated at this time.

This matter is being placed in a closed status. h

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-66809 ) DATE: 3/17/64 *file*

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (File 100-1030 )

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER  
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This case will be delinquent. *CH 2/22/64*

Date of Bureau deadline: 3/18/64

Reason for the delinquency: Priority to earlier due dates.

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will reach the Bureau: 3/31/64

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TITLE OF CASE SAMUEL GROPPER		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY
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REFERENCES:

NY report of [REDACTED] dated 3/18/63.  
 NY letter to Director, dated 5/23/63.

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7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 5/29/57.  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of the bitterness toward the FBI as expressed in a speech on 1/3/58 (NY rep of [REDACTED] dated 3/27/58). In his interview on 5/29/57 he denied ever having been a member of the CP or working for "The Daily Worker" and for this reason and because of his long associations in the CP there seems to be no practical reason for interviewing him. (NY report of [REDACTED] 8/15/57.) b7c
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New York, New York  
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Title

Samuel Gropper

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Re: Samuel Gropper

Samuel Gropper, also known as William Gropper, resides at Mount Airy Road, Croton on Hudson, New York, and is self-employed as an artist working out of his residence.

Gropper is a white male; born December 3, 1897, Manhattan, New York; 5'6"; 170 pounds; stocky build; grey hair; and blue eyes.

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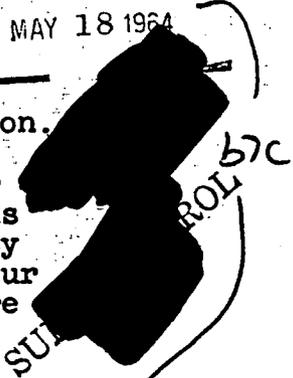
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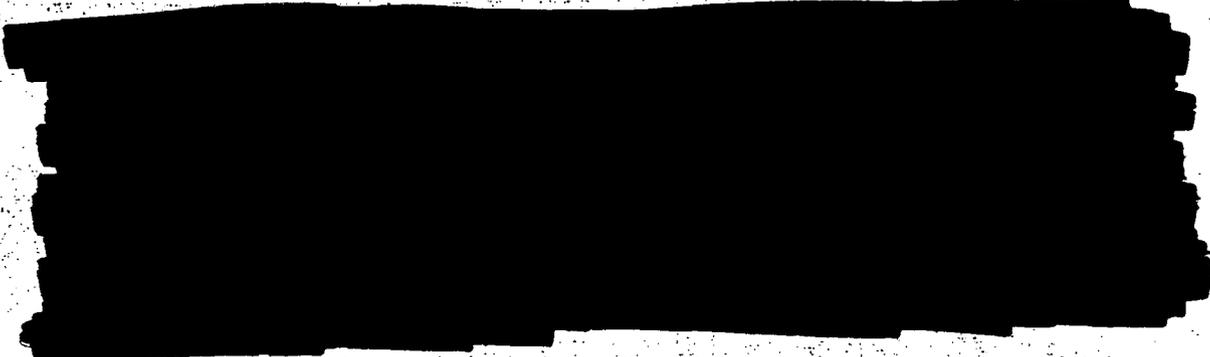
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The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist newspaper that suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

Characterizations of "New Masses" and "Morning Freiheit" are attached hereto.

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Re: Samuel Gropper

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APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

- "1. The Communist International 'subsidized \* \* \* the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit.'  
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'  
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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Re: Samuel Gropper

APPENDIX

1.

"NEW MASSES"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "New Masses":

1. "New Masses", a weekly publication \* \* \* was an officially controlled organ of the (Communist) Party which dealt principally with problems in the arts and sciences from the Party point of view."

(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 108-53, Report and Order with respect to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, December 21, 1955, p. 8)

2. A "Communist periodical."

(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7688).

3. "Nationally circulated weekly journal of the Communist Party \* \* \* whose ownership was vested in the American Fund for Public Service" (Garland Fund).

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, pp. 48 and 75; also cited in Annual Reports, House Report 2, January 3, 1939, p. 80; and House Report 2277, June 25, 1942, pp. 4 and 21.)

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United States Government  
MEMORANDUM

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To: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: November 3 1964

From: *JWM* Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

Card U.T.D.  
11/9/64

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: *07* SAMUEL GROPPER

*File in*

FBI No. 100-66809

*CC: 100-398030*

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on \_\_\_\_\_.

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future

review should be

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Commentary:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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3/29

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)

DATE: 3/24/65

FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030)(c)

SUBJECT:

SAMUEL GROPPER aka  
SM - C

Re NY report, 3/24/64.

This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual report as there is no information regarding the subject's activities which would warrant the submission of such a report. An FD 305 is attached.

Residence and Employment:

The subject resides at Mt. Airy Road, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, and is self-employed as an artist working out of his home. Verified on 3/15/65 by [redacted] through [redacted] Croton-on-Hudson, whose name should be concealed at his request.

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- 1 - New York (46)

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- 1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
- 2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
- 3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
- 4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
- 5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.  This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)

- 7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 5/29/57.
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

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of the bitterness toward the FBI as expressed in a speech on 1/3/58 (NY rep [redacted] 3/27/58). In his interview on 5/29/57, he denied ever having been a member of the CP or working for "The Daily Worker". For this reason and because of his long associations in the CP, there seems to be no practical reason for interviewing him.

- 8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- 9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

of the long history of CP activity on the part of the subject and his past work with the "Daily Worker", "Morning Freiheit" and "New Masses", (NY rep [redacted] dated 9/29/56).

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- 10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom. Con't on next page
- Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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GROPPER admitted that he was bitter during the course of an interview. In his interview on 5/29/57, GROPPER mentioned being employed by the "Morning Freiheit" stating that he did not know that the "Morning Freiheit" was a Communist paper. As set forth in the NY report of [REDACTED] dated 8/29/56, subject appeared before a Senate Sub-Committee on Investigations on 5/6/53 and declined to testify, claiming the protection of the Fifth Amendment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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3/24

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030) (P)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER aka  
SM - C

DATE: 3/17/66

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ReNYlet, 3/24/65.

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This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual report as a review of the indices of the New York Division reflects no unreported subversive activity on the part of the subject which would warrant such a report. An FD 305 is attached.

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FD-376 w/B/S 7/15/66  
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### Residence and Employment

The subject resides at Mt. Airy Road, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, and is self-employed as an artist working out of his home. Verified on 3/2/66 through [Redacted] Croton-on-Hudson name should be concealed at his request.

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- 1 - New York

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will obtain up-to-date photograph of subject.

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6.  This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)

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7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) 5/29/57.
  - Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of the bitterness expressed by the subject toward the FBI in his speech on 1/3/58 (NYrep of \_\_\_\_\_). In his interview on 5/29/57, he denied ever having been a member of the CP or working for the "Daily Worker". For this reason and because of his long associations in the CP, there is no practical reason for interviewing him.

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  9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of his long past history of CP activity and his past work with the "Daily Worker", "Morning Freiheit" and "New Masses". (NYrep of \_\_\_\_\_ dated 9/29/56).

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- Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-66809  
Director NYfile 100-1030  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Samuel Gropper

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a)  Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed,  is not available  
 may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

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9 JUL 19 1966

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Copy to Secret Service (3)  
by routing slip for  
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date 7/18/66  
by \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1)  
U. S. Secret Service, NYC (RM)

Enclosure(s) **ENCLOSURE**  
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Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.

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Date 7/11/66

To:

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Director

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NYfile 100-1030

Att.: DOMESTIC INTEELIGENCE DIVISION

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SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Agent \_\_\_\_\_

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SAMUEL GROPPER  
SM - C

Re:

ACTION DESIRED

- Acknowledge
- Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_
- Bring file
- Call me
- Correct
- Deadline \_\_\_\_\_
- Deadline passed
- Delinquent
- Discontinue
- Expedite
- File
- For information
- Handle
- Initial & return
- Leads need attention
- Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.
- Open Case
- Prepare lead cards
- Prepare tickler
- Recharge serials
- Return assignment card
- Return file
- Return serials
- Search and return
- See me
- Send Serials \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_
- Submit new charge out
- Submit report by \_\_\_\_\_
- Type

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file

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*(Handwritten signature)*

*John F. Malone*  
JOHN F. MALONE

SAC

NEW YORK

Office

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100-66809-NR19

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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3/21/67

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-66809)

DATE: 3/15/67

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-1030)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL GROPPER aka;  
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ReNYlet, 3/17/66.

Refer to Dept.  
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This letter is being submitted in lieu of an annual report as a review of the indices of the New York Division reflects no unreported subversive activity on the part of the subject which would warrant such a report. An FD-305 is attached.

Residence and Employment

The subject resides at Mt. Airy Road, Croton on Hudson, NY, and is self-employed as an artist working out of his home. Verified on 3/8/67, through [redacted] Croton on Hudson, [redacted] name should be concealed because of his position and at his request.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

March 28, 1967

Director, FBI

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EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

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The name of the subject appearing below has been approved for inclusion in the Security Index by the Internal Security Division of the Department.

Name: **SAMUEL GROPPER**

FBI File Number: **100-66809**

Department Approved: **November 3, 1964**

Date of Last Report: **March 24, 1964**

Investigation has failed to develop evidence of recent subversive activities or affiliations on the part of the subject. All pertinent information concerning the reported past subversive activities of the subject has been furnished the Records Administration Office.

It is requested that the results of the investigation be reviewed to determine whether the subject's name should continue to be included in the Security Index.

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1 - New York (100-1030)

**100-66809-NR20**

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Pending receipt of reply from Department, subject's name will be retained in Security Index.

1 - 100-66809 (Samuel Gropper)

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United States Government  
MEMORANDUM

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To: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: APR 28 1967

*Jay*  
From: Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

Security Index card cancelled

Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: Samuel Gropper

*File in*

FBI No. 100-66809  
cc: 100-398030

Reports of investigation have been reviewed as requested

by you on April 28, 1967

It has been determined that indexing of this case for future review should be

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Commentary:

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SAMUEL GROPPER  
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ReBulet to the Department dated March 28, 1967, captioned "Emergency Detention Program," a copy of which was furnished your office.

By letter dated April 28, 1967, the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and similar action should be taken with respect to the cards maintained in your office.

1 - 100-398030 (EDP)

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NOTE:

Last letter in lieu of report dated 3/15/67.

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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Wick \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
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**SUBJECT**

WILLIAM GROPPER

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SAC, New York

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May 24, 1945 <sup>2</sup>

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

PHILIP JACOB JAFFE, was, et al;  
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 5, 1945, to the New York and Washington Field Divisions transmitting copies of two memoranda dated May 1, 1945, suggesting leads in the reports of Special Agents [redacted] dated April 24, 1945, at New York City, and [redacted] dated April 19, 1945, at Washington, D.C.

In connection therewith there are being enclosed herewith copies of memoranda for the New York and Washington Field Divisions on the following individuals, which were prepared at the Seat of Government:

[redacted] SUMMARY  
Washington Book Shop Association

[redacted]  
American Council of Learned

Societies

[redacted] SUMMARY  
Union for Democratic Action

Japanese American Committee for

Democracy

The data contained in the above mentioned memoranda are for the information and guidance of the New York and Washington Field Offices.

No identifiable data was located in the Bureau's files concerning the following individuals:

[redacted]  
Paul Pearlman Book Shop  
West End Studios

[redacted]  
Institute of Chinese Studies

[redacted]  
Association of American Schools in  
Latin America

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Memoranda prepared at the Seat of Government are also attached with regard to the following individuals, who are of primary interest to the Washington Field Divisions:

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Personnel  
A. Tolson  
E. A. Tamm  
Clegg  
Glavin  
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Rosen  
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There are also attached memoranda on the following individuals, of primary interest to the New York Field Division:

[REDACTED]  
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William V. Gropper  
[REDACTED]  
Philip Jacob Jaffe

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As additional information is received concerning these and other persons of interest in this case, the Washington Field and New York Offices will be advised.

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cc - Washington Field (Encs 86)

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April 18, 1945

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WILLIAM V. GROPPER

The name of Bill Gropper, Croton 3619, was found in the address book of Philip Jaffe. This individual is apparently identical with William V. Gropper, Mt. Aray Road, Croton-on-the-Hudson, New York. Gropper is regarded as a key figure in Communist activities in the New York area.

An article which appeared in the Daily Worker, a Communist publication in New York, dated November 14, 1938, stated that Gropper had received a contract to paint murals for the main floor of the Department of Interior Building in Washington, D. C. A second article dated December 8, 1944, indicated that he was a cartoonist as well as an artist, and his specialty was political cartoons appearing in the Daily Worker and the Freiheit.

Gropper was born in New York City on December 3, 1897. He attended the National Academy of Design from 1913 to 1914 and the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts from 1915 to 1918. He was employed by the New York Tribune in 1919, and since that time has been the author of several books, including "The Golden Land" (a collection of political cartoons) published in 1927; "56 Drawings of the USSR" published in 1928; "Bats in Belfry" published in 1919; and "Alay-Cop Stories in Pictures" published in 1930. He has also illustrated many books by many authors. Gropper has been a contributor to "The Liberator," a publication of the Workers Party of America, "Revolutionary Age," "Rebel Worker," "New Masses," "The Daily Worker," etc.

In 1936 Gropper was a member of the Committee of Professional Groups sponsoring the candidacy of Earl Browder and James Ford for President and Vice President, respectively. He also attended the Tenth National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., as Party delegate from New York. (61-7559-3342)

A birthday party in his honor was sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee on December 4, 1944, in New York City. During the course of various speeches the story was told that during the period of time Gropper was working for the New York Tribune he was sent to obtain material for pictures at an IWW meeting. While there he met the chairman, and after listening for a short period asked for more information, and applied for membership. He then called the Tribune office and resigned from his job. (100-7061-740)

During 1943 Gropper was mentioned as an individual being considered by the U. S. Army Engineers to go abroad to do pictorial work in connection with the (100-189188-1)

An article which appeared in the Daily Worker, August 28, 1941, stated that Gropper was turning over thousands of rubles to the Soviet Government for the

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols WAL
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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December 18, 1946

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PHILIP JACOB JAFFE, was., et al.

This memorandum is submitted to serve as a cover memorandum for a series of a large number of memoranda prepared on the subjects in this case and contacts of theirs. These memoranda were prepared during the month prior to June 6, 1946. They represent a review of the Bureau's files as of that time on the following individuals:

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American Council of Learned Societies  
Amerasia, Incorporated

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"Asia Magazine, Inc."  
Assn. of American Schools in Latin America  
Atkinson, Brooks

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Bernstein, Joseph M.

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British-American Tobacco Company  
Browder, Earl Russell

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Oayn, Mark Julius

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Grupper, William V.

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Institute of Chinese Studies

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Jaffe, Philip Jacob

Japanese American Committee for Democracy

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Larsen, Emanuel Siguid  
Larsen, Emanuel S. (Passport File)

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Mitchell, Kate Louise

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Paul Pearlman Book Shop

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Both, Lr. Andrew (USNR)

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Service, John Stewart

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April 18, 1945

WILLIAM V. GROPPER

The name of Bill Gropper, Croton 3619, was found in the address book of Philip Jaffe. This individual is apparently identical with William V. Gropper, Mt. Arey Road, Croton-on-the-Hudson, New York. Gropper is regarded as a key figure in Communist activities in the New York area.

An article which appeared in the Daily Worker, a Communist publication in New York, dated November 14, 1938, stated that Gropper had received a contract to paint murals for the main floor of the Department of Interior Building in Washington, D. C. A second article dated December 8, 1944, indicated that he was a cartoonist as well as an artist, and his specialty was political cartoons appearing in the Daily Worker and the Freiheit.

Gropper was born in New York City on December 3, 1897. He attended the National Academy of Design from 1913 to 1914 and the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts from 1915 to 1918. He was employed by the New York Tribune in 1919, and since that time has been the author of several books, including "The Golden Land" (a collection of political cartoons) published in 1927; "56 Drawings of the USSR" published in 1928; "Bats in Belfry" published in 1919; and "Alay-Oop Stories in Pictures" published in 1930. He has also illustrated many books by many authors. Gropper has been a contributor to "The Liberator," a publication of the Workers Party of America, "Revolutionary Age," "Rebel Worker," "New Masses," "The Daily Worker," etc.

In 1936 Gropper was a member of the Committee of Professional Groups sponsoring the candidacy of Earl Browder and James Ford for President and Vice President, respectively. He also attended the Tenth National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., as Party delegate from New York.

A birthday party in his honor was sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee on December 4, 1944, in New York City. During the course of various speeches the story was told that during the period of time Gropper was working for the New York Tribune he was sent to obtain material for pictures at an IWW meeting. While there he met the chairman, and after listening for a short period asked for more information, and applied for membership. He then called the Tribune office and resigned from his job.

During 1943 Gropper was mentioned as an individual being considered by the U. S. Army Engineers to go abroad to do pictorial work in connection with the war.

An article which appeared in the Daily Worker, August 28, 1941, stated that Gropper was turning over thousands of rubles to the Soviet Government for the

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