

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

Subject:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

FILE : 100-365522

October 28, 1949

RE: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOWITS

The following information probably relates to the subject of your inquiry:

A "souvenir journal" distributed at the Fifth National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign-Born, held at the Hotel President, Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 29 - 30, 1941, listed Professor Melville J. Herskovits as a sponsor of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign-Born. (100-7046-77, p. 21).

As of April, 1941, the name of Professor Melville J. Herskovits, Evanston, Illinois, was listed as a sponsor on official stationery of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. (100-1170-109, p. 8).

The American Committee for Protection of the Foreign-Born and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties have been cited by the Attorney General as being Communist organizations within the review of Executive Order 9835.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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TO:

The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM:

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FULL NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM

HERSKOVITS, Melville Jean

DATE OF BIRTH

9/10/95

PLACE OF BIRTH

Bellefontaine, Ohio

ALIASES AND NICKNAMES

RACE

SEX

ADDRESS

810 Clinton Place,  
Evanston, Illinois

OCCUPATION

Professor  
Anthropology

EMPLOYER

TYPE OF INFORMATION DESIRED

- All information
- Derogatory

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

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MARITAL STATUS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

HEADQUARTERS ADDRESS

REPLY

OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE

- Material attached
- No record
- No derogatory information
- Other

NAMES OF LEADERS OR SPONSORS OR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

Melville Jean Herskovits Summary

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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June 5, 1951

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI pertinent to your inquiry. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which is believed to pertain to the individual on whom you made inquiry. It was reported that in 1937 Professor Melville J. Herskovitz, professor of anthropology, Northwestern University, was a member of the Scottsboro Defense Committee in Chicago. Further that he was a sponsor of the Congress for Peace and Democracy of the American League for Peace and Democracy, Washington, D. C., in 1939, and at the same time was a member of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

The Scottsboro Defense Committee and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy were cited as Communist front organizations by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 29, 1944.

The American League for Peace and Democracy was declared by the Attorney General on May 27, 1948 to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Another reliable informant advised that Professor Melville J. Herskovitz, Northwestern University, was among those who sent postal cards of encouragement to Ira Silbar, George Gibbs, Mary Wilson and Jane Curtis when they were arrested in Lewistown, Illinois, in the summer of 1940 on charges of violating the Criminal-Syndicalist Laws in that by word of mouth they advocated the overthrow of the government by force and violence and supported the Communist Party, which organization advocated the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

The Communist Party was designated by the Attorney General on March 24, 1947 as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. Another reliable

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informant advised in 1941 that Doctor Melville Herskovitz,  
Northwestern University, was one of the members of the  
International Workers Order Speakers' Bureau and his subject  
was anthropology. lll.

The International Workers Order was declared by the Attorney General on November 24, 1947 to be an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Another reliable informant advised in 1941 that the names of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Herskovitz, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois appeared on a list of names utilized by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the United American-Spanish Aid Committee.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was declared by the Attorney General as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The United American-Spanish Aid Committee was cited as a Communist front organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, in March of 1944.

For additional information concerning the individual on whom you make inquiry you may desire to refer to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 2-1-51 at Chicago, Illinois, in the matter entitled "Hugh Heyne Smythe, Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress (Voice of America)". b7c

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November 12, 1952

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
Born September 10, 1895  
Bellefontaine, Ohio

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Reference is made to a summary of information from FBI files furnished you June 5, 1951, in answer to your request submitted by "SY- [redacted] b7C

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Subsequent to the furnishing of the aforementioned summary, information was received from a reliable source that the name of Melville J. Herskovits was listed as a Member - at - Large on the letterhead of a communication dated June 28, 1951, addressed to the State Department by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. This letter was a protest against the Korean conflict.

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The National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated April 26, 1950, as a Communist front.

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December 4, 1953

MELVILLE JEAN ~~HERSKOVITS~~ - SUMMARY  
Born: 1895  
Bellefontaine, Ohio Illinois

Melville Jean HERSKOVITS

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI pertinent to your inquiry. However, the files of this Bureau reveal that the issue for June, 1933, of the "Left Front" magazine, a publication of the Chicago branch of the John Reed Clubs revealed the name of Professor Melville J. Hershkovitz as a speaker for the season of 1932 and 1933, for the above-named club. The John Reed Clubs of the United States has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

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It was reliably reported that in 1937 Professor Melville J. Hershkovitz, Professor of Anthropology, Northwestern University, was a member of the Scottsboro Defense Committee in Chicago, a sponsor of the Congress for Peace and Democracy of the American League for Peace and Democracy in 1939 and a member of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. The Scottsboro Defense Committee and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy were cited as Communist front organizations by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, and the American League for Peace and Democracy was cited by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist publication of September 18, 1940, contained an article wherein the name of Professor Melville J. Hershkovitz, Northwestern University, appeared as a signer of a message to the Mexican Government under the sponsorship of the Council on Pan-American Democracy. The Council on Pan-American Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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A confidential informant of known reliability advised that Professor Melville J. Herskovitz, Northwestern University, was among those who sent postcards of encouragement to Ira Silbar, George Gibbs, Mary Wilson and Jane Curtis when they were arrested in Lewistown, Illinois in 1940 on charges of violating the Criminal Syndicalism laws in that state, by supporting the Communist Party which has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Another informant of known reliability advised in 1941 that Dr. Melville Herskovitz, Northwestern University, was one of the members of the International Workers Order speakers' bureau. A reliable source advised in 1941 that the name of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Herskovitz, Northwestern University, appeared on a list of names maintained by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the United American-Spanish Aid Committee. The International Workers Order and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 10450. The United American-Spanish Aid Committee has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

A reliable source advised that the name of Melville J. Herskovitz was listed as a member-at-large on the letterhead of a communication dated June 28, 1951, addressed to the State Department by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. The aforementioned organization has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front.

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APPLIATIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

The name of Melville J. Herskovits was listed as a sponsor on the program of the Fifth National Conference of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 29-30, 1941.

American League for Peace and Democracy

The December 1, 1938, issue of "Daily Record," a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper, reported that more than 200 individuals were to attend the Fifth National Congress of the American League for Peace and Democracy, which was to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 6, 7 and 8, 1939. Dr. Melville Herskovits, professor of anthropology, Northwestern University, was listed as one of the sponsors of this Congress.

Civil Rights Congress

The name of Melville J. Herskovits was listed as a sponsor on a "Call to a Bill of Rights Conference" to be held at New York City, July 16 and 17, 1949, under the sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress.

Council for Pan-American Democracy

The September 18, 1940, issue of the "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper, contained an article wherein

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the name of Professor Melville J. Herskovits, Northwestern University, appeared as a signer of a message to the Mexican government under the sponsorship of the Council for Pan-American Democracy.

#### International Workers Order

In 1941 the name of Dr. Melville J. Herskovits, Northwestern University, was one of the members of the Speakers Bureau of the International Workers Order.

#### National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

A booklet entitled "The Road to Peace" contained an address by the Very Reverend Hewlett Johnson, commonly referred to as the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, London, England, which was delivered October 27, 1940, at the Chicago Opera House under the auspices of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Among the list of sponsors was the name Herskovits, professor, Northwestern University. The sponsoring organization which brought Reverend Johnson to the United States was the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

#### United American Spanish Aid Committee Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade

In 1941 the names of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Herskovits, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, appeared on a list of names utilized by the United American Spanish Aid Committee and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. The informant was unable to provide the significance of this list.

#### AFFILIATIONS WITH ORGANIZATIONS CITED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

##### The John Reed Clubs

The June, 1933, issue of the "Left Front" magazine, a publication of the Chicago branch of the John Reed Clubs, revealed the name of Professor Melville J. Herskovits as a speaker for the season of 1932 and 1933 for the John Reed Clubs.

##### Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions

According to the letterhead of the captioned organization dated May 28, 1946, the name of Melville J. Herskovits

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was listed as a member of the board of directors of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

In January, 1949, the name of Melville J. Herzkovits was listed on the letterhead of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions as a member-at-large of the organization.

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The April 2, 1940, issue of "New Masses" contained a letter to the President of the United States in defense of communist leaders. One of the signers of this letter was Melville J. Herzkovits. The "New Masses" has been described as a communist periodical by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

According to the letterhead of the Illinois chapter of the Progressive Citizens of America dated July 25, 1947, Dr. Melville Herzkovits was the vice chairman of the Illinois chapter of that organization. The Progressive Citizens of America was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as a "new and broader communist front for the entire United States."

According to a press release dated March 5, 1948, the name of Melville J. Herzkovits was listed as a sponsor for the Committee of One Thousand, which has been described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as "a communist created and controlled front organization."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 16, 1957

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON DESK

SUBJECT: MELVILLE HERSKOVITS  
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Re NY let to Director, 6/4/57.

The following information relating to MELVILLE HERSKOVITS is being forwarded to the Bureau in compliance with instructions in referenced letter. All of the following was located in the files of the Chicago Office.

The Office of Naval Intelligence, Chicago, Illinois, made available a list of Communist Party (CP) members in the Chicago area, in November, 1940. Appearing on this list was the name HERSKOVITS, Prof. MELVILLE J., Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, Professor Anthropology; member Scottsboro Defense Commission of Chicago (Communist) 1937; sponsor, Congress for Peace and Democracy, Washington, D.C., January 6, 1939; contributed article to "Opportunity" magazine, which attempts to prove that no biological effects result from mixing black and white races; member Chicago Com. Med. Bor. and No. Amer. Com. to aid Span. Dem. No explanation of the foregoing was furnished at the time the list was made available.

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On August 9, 1955

[redacted] furnished a letter of the Chicago Liberties Committee dated September 20, 1940, which was sent to the State's Attorney of Fulton County, Illinois, protesting the prosecution of four alleged Communists. The name of Professor MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, Northwestern University, appeared as a signer of this letter. Also, appearing on this letterhead under the heading "Advisory Board" was the name of MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITZ. Ill.

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An anonymous source advised in 1941 that the names of Mr. and Mrs. MELVILLE HERSKOVITZ, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, were maintained in the files of the United Spanish Aid Committee and Veterans Organization which, unfortunately were so intermingled that it was impossible to determine to which organization the above belonged.

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An anonymous source advised in 1941 that the name of Dr. HERSKOVITZ, Northwestern University, Anthropology, was listed in the International Workers Order Education Program files as one of those speakers available for meetings of other organizations.

The "Worker" issue of May 14, 1944, page 10, columns one and two, states that Dr. MELVILLE HERSKOVITS, eminent anthropologist, recently lectured at the South Side Community Art Center on the subject "The Native African Artist".

An article appearing in the "Chicago Sun" issue of November 19, 1944, states that the Abraham Lincoln Center, Social Settlement, at 700 Oakwood Boulevard, announced that MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS of the Northwestern University was to be the speaker on the topic "The Negro in Brazil" on the December 8, 1944 program of its free Friday evening forums.

An October, 1946 letterhead of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, Incorporated, bears the name of MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS (NFI) as an initiating sponsor, Midwest Division of that organization.

The name of MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS was listed as a sponsor of the National Program and Action Conference of Scientists held at Chicago on April 12, 1947, under the sponsorship of the Science Division of the Progressive Citizens of America. According to the program of the above date the purpose of this organization was to "formulate a program of organizational and political action for scientists of the United States".

An article appearing in the "Chicago Sun" issue of June 6, 1947, states that MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, Chairman of Northwestern University's Department of Anthropology, was one of the signers of an open letter sent to former Vice President Henry A. WALLACE, urging him to form a third political party.

 who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on January 16, 1948, which reflected that Dr. MELVILLE HERSKOVITS was scheduled to lecture on the program of the Progressive Citizens of America to be held on March 3, 1948. The topic of his lecture on this date was to be "Science and the American Way".

The 1948 yearbook and buyers guide of the Progressive Citizens of America, page seven, listed Dr. MELVILLE HERSKOVITS as a Vice-Chairman of the Progressive Citizens of America, State of Illinois.

The Illinois edition of "The Worker" of July 10, 1949, page 2A, columns 2 and 3, states that Professor MELVILLE HERSKOVITS, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, was one of those who declared themselves as sponsors of the "Bill of Rights Conference" to be held in New York City July 16 and 17th.

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A February, 1949 letterhead of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions carries the name of MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS (NFI), as a member at large of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

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[REDACTED] Industrial Detail, Chicago Police Department, advised on February 21, 1950, that the name of Dr. M. J. HERSKOVITS, 810 Clinton Place, Evanston, Illinois, business - Anthropologist, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, was maintained at the office of the Chicago Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions at 179 West Washington Street, Chicago.

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[REDACTED] who have furnished reliable information in the past, on August 24, 1955, jointly furnished a copy of the minutes of the National Executive Committee meeting of the League for a Workers World, held August 16, 1955. At this meeting an article was drafted concerning education, which was to be presented at the National Conference. In this article, it was commented that it was felt that any serious Socialist student will have read the well-known works of Marx and Engels and "many of our Comrades will have read some or all of them, and will read them if they have not already done so." The article further states that recommendation of a book "does not of course indicate agreement with everything said by the author, it only indicates that we feel the book contains valuable information for the Socialist to study". The article concluded with a suggested list of books, among which was "Economic Anthropology", by MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS, published by ALFRED A. KNOPF, 1952.

The "Worker" issue of September 30, 1956, page 15, column 1, in an article entitled "Hold Parley on 'Africa Today'" stated that Professor MELVILLE HERSKOVITS of Northwestern University will be one of the speakers at the discussion of "Africa Today" to be held at Roosevelt University under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee and other groups.

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Tic: Mr. [REDACTED]

SAC, New York (134-35)

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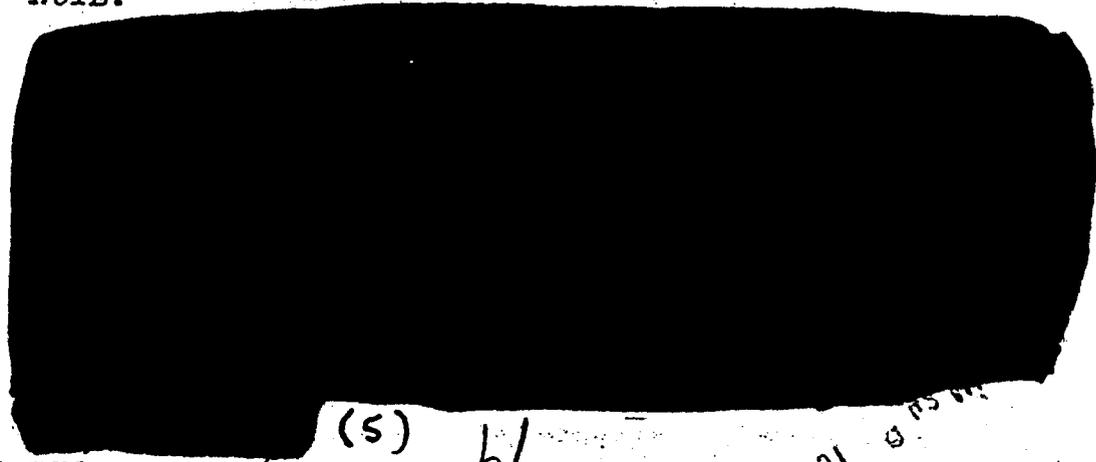
Re New York let dated 6/4/57 and Chicago let dated 7/16/57.

You may furnish [REDACTED] in summary form (5) that information beginning with the last paragraph on page 1. of referenced Chicago letter. Enclosed for Legat, Paris, is copy of Chicago let.

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January 29, 1959

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS - Summary  
Born: September 10, 1895  
Bellefontaine, Ohio

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual.

You are referred to the memorandum concerning Melville Jean Herskovits which was furnished your agency by this Bureau on October 28, 1949.

In addition, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

The December 1, 1938, issue of the "Daily Record," a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper, reported that more than two hundred individuals were to attend the Fifth National Congress of the American League for Peace and Democracy in Washington, D. C., on January 6, 7, and 8, 1939. According to the article, Dr. Melville Herskovitz, Professor of Anthropology, Northwestern University, was listed as one of the sponsors of this Congress.

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The September 18, 1940, issue of the "Daily Worker," an east coast communist newspaper which suspended publication January 13, 1958, contained an article wherein the name of Professor Melville J. Herskovits, Northwestern University, appeared as a signer of a message to the Mexican Government under the sponsorship of the Council for Pan-American Democracy.

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The name of Melville J. Herskovits, was listed as a sponsor on the program of the Fifth National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 29-30, 1941.

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**Melville Jean Herskovits**

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in 1941 the name of Dr. Melville J. Herskovitz, Northwestern University, was one of the members of the Speakers Bureau of the International Workers Order.

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that in 1941, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Herskovitz, Northwestern University, appeared on a list of names utilized by the United American Spanish Aid Committee (and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade). The informant was unable to provide the significance of this list.

A booklet entitled "The Road to Peace" contained an address by the Very Reverend Hewlett Johnson, commonly referred to as the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, England, delivered on October 27, 1948, in Chicago, under the auspices of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Listed among the sponsors was the name Herskovitz, Professor, Northwestern University.

The name of Melville J. Herskovits was listed as a sponsor on a "Call to a Bill of Rights Conference" held at New York, New York, on July 16 and 17, 1949, under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress.

The American League for Peace and Democracy, the Council for Pan-American Democracy, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the International Workers Order, the United American Spanish Aid Committee, the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and the Civil Rights Congress have all been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The June, 1933, issue of the "Left Front," a publication of the Chicago Branch of the John Reed Clubs, reported the name of Professor Melville J. Herskovitz, as a speaker for the 1932-1933 season for the John Reed Clubs.

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The Special Committee on Un-American Activities has cited the John Reed Clubs of the United States as organizations

Melville Jean Herskovits

"whose affiliation with the Communist Party is clear beyond dispute."

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According to the letterhead of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, dated May 28, 1946, the name of Melville J. Herskovits, was listed as a member of the Board of Directors of that organization.

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In January, 1949, the name of Melville J. Herskovits was listed on a letterhead of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions as a member-at-large of that organization.

The Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions have both been cited as Communist Fronts by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The April 2, 1940, issue of "New Masses" contained a letter to the President of the United States in defense of Communist leaders. One of the signers of this letter was Melville J. Herskovits. The "New Masses" has been described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a "Nationally circulated weekly journal of the Communist Party ..... whose ownership was vested in the American Fund for Public Service."

According to a press release dated March 5, 1948, the name of Melville J. Herskovits, was listed as a sponsor for the Committee of One Thousand. 2

The California Senate Fact-finding Committee on Un-American Activities has characterized the Committee of One Thousand as follows: "Communist created and controlled front organization" which was "created to raise funds for the defense of the nineteen unfriendly witnesses before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities' investigation of communist activity in Hollywood, ten of whom were indicted for contempt of Congress."

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that in 1937, Professor Melville J. Herskovitz, Professor of Anthropology, Northwestern

**Melville Jean Herskovits**

University, was a member of the Scottsboro Defense Committee in Chicago.

The Scottsboro Defense Committee has been cited as a communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

The July 10, 1949 issue of the Illinois edition of "The Worker," a communist weekly newspaper, reported that leading Chicagoans were to sponsor a Bill of Rights Conference in New York City, on July 16-17, 1949. The call to the Conference cited the Broyles Bills in Illinois among the many examples of the threats to civil rights throughout the nation. Among the sponsors listed in the article was Professor Melville J. Herskovitz, Northwestern University. The Broyles Bills were a series of legislation introduced into the Illinois Legislature and had as their purpose the curtailment of the activities of the Communist Party in the state of Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-37273)

SUBJECT: MELVILLE JEAN <sup>HERSKOVITS</sup>  
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DATE: June 9, 1960

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Reference is made to Bureau routing slip to Chicago dated 5/4/60, which enclosed for Chicago a document from [redacted] Passport Office (address not listed), dated 4/20/60 regarding the issuance of Passport No. 2103284 for the subject.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned and dated as above, concerning investigation conducted at Chicago. In view of the various countries being visited by the subject, five additional copies are being furnished the Bureau so as to be available for additional dissemination if necessary.

It is noted that HERSKOVITS had not been the subject of a prior investigation by the Chicago Office.

The investigation at Chicago, reflected in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, was conducted by SA [redacted] of Washington Field reviewed the records of the State Department on December 11, 12, 1958.

The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential because information furnished by [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of this source of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness.

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[redacted] furnished the information regarding subject's membership in the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. The information is located in 100-19003-718.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

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Mrs. B. M. DEK [REDACTED]

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~~HERSKOVITS nee Shapiro Fannie Herskovits~~

On May 25, 1960, Miss [REDACTED] Ticket Agent, British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), 2 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that reservations had been made with their company for Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Herskovits, 810 Clinton Place, Evanston, Illinois. Their itinerary is as follows:

- 7/7/60 - Leave O'Hare Field, Chicago, Illinois, via BOAC, Flight 564, for London, England
- 8/9/60 - Leave Paris, France, via SV (Soviet Airlines), Flight 050T, for Moscow *Russia*
- 8/20/60 - Leave Leningrad via SV, Flight 611T, for Helsinki, Finland *Den*

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- 8/22/60 - Leave Helsinki via SAS (Scandinavian Airline System), Flight 741T, for Copenhagen, Denmark
- 8/22/60 - Leave Copenhagen via SAS, Flight 565T, for Paris, France
- 8/23/60 - Leave Paris via AF (Air France), Flight 355F, for Bamako, West Africa
- 8/26/60 - Leave Bamako via AF, Flight 4231T, for Dakar, West Africa
- 8/30/60 - Leave Dakar via AF, Flight 4114T, for Conakry, West Africa
- 9/2/60 - Leave Conakry via AF, Flight 4136T, for Robertsfield
- 9/10/60 - Leave Robertsfield via WT (West Africa), Flight 930F, for Abidjan, West Africa
- 9/14/60 - Leave Abidjan via AF, Flight 4366T, for Accra, West Africa
- 9/19/60 - Leave Accra via GH (Ghana), Flight 850T, for Lagos, Nigeria
- 10/3/60 - Leave Lagos via WT, Flight 928F, for Kano, North Nigeria
- 10/5/60 - Leave Kano via BOAC, Flight 256F, for London, England
- 10/8/60 - Leave London via BOAC, Flight 563E, for Chicago, Illinois

The Communist Party, USA, which is mentioned in this report, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following organizations, which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, are characterized on the Appendix pages attached hereto:

Progressive Citizens of America

National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions

Concerning Dr. Herskovits the following information is submitted:

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Progressive Citizens of  
America (PCA)

The June 28, 1947, issue of the "Chicago Star", page 12, columns 4 and 5, contains an article regarding the PCA. The article reflects that Dr. Melville J. Herskovits, head of the Anthropology Department, Northwestern University, was then serving on the Executive Committee of the PCA Science Division.

The 1948 PCA Year Book and Buyers Guide contains a list of the state officers and Dr. Melville Herskovits is included on the list of Vice-Chairmen.

The "Chicago Star" was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1948, page 224, as being among publications which the Committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system".

National Council of Arts,  
Sciences, and Professions (NCASP)

On November 29, 1948, a source advised that as of that date, Melville J. Herskovits was a Member-At-Large of the NCASP.

Statement of Dr. Herskovits

On December 11, 12, 1958, the records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., were reviewed and found to reflect that on December 1, 1952, Melville J. Herskovits was issued a passport for the purpose of travel to the United Kingdom, Gold Coast and the African Continent. On December 1, 1952, Herskovits furnished a signed statement to a representative of the Department of State, stating in effect as follows:

He would like to affirm that he had never been and was not at that time a member of the Communist Party. He was unalterably opposed to any form of totalitarianism, which he defined as including Communism, as is found in his book "Economic Anthropology". In regards to his alleged consistent adherence to the Communistic

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position, he stated that many Americans, not Communists, in 1940 and 1941 felt that the Scottsboro trial did not represent the best in American judicial proceedings and that the Spanish War was not an attempt to establish Communism, but to prevent totalitarian control. He said he had been a member of the National Council for the Arts, Sciences and Professions, together with many distinguished Americans of integrity. Like them, when Communist infiltration became apparent, he left the organization. He stated that the letterheads bearing his name to protest intervention in Korea were something beyond his control. He always felt that the action of the United States in Korea was the only possible course and he never opposed it. He stated further that he was in Europe in 1937-1938 and was convinced the Germans would attack and that we should prepare for eventualities. After the war broke out, he constantly supported the English-French side. The German-Russian Pact did not change his views. He signed, together with other colleagues, a telegram urging Lend-Lease to the British when first sponsored. In regard to the program of African studies at Northwestern University, which he directed, a six-week institute on Africa was held in the summer of 1951. This and the State Department's Africa desk were viciously attacked in "The Daily Worker", an attack of which he knew nothing until it was brought to his attention by fellow Africanists in the Department. He stated that other members of the Department could attest to its (the program's) character. He indicated that the objectives were non-political in nature. When in Africa, he abstains from political discussions but devotes his time to research. Herskovits stated that this was not the Communist pattern and was perhaps the best refutation of allegations of his sympathy with the Communists' aims and methods.

"The Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

#### Physical Description

The following is a composite description of Herskovits as obtained from the files of the State Department and a review of Federal Bureau of Investigation files in Chicago:

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Name Melville Jean Herskovits,  
also known as Dr. Herskovits  
Sex Male  
Height 5' 6"  
Hair Brown  
Eyes Blue  
Date of Birth September 10, 1895  
Place of Birth Bellefontaine, Ohio  
Occupation Professor and head of  
Department of Anthropology,  
Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Illinois  
Resident Address 810 Clinton Place, Evanston,  
Illinois  
Relatives Wife, Frances (Fannie) Shapiro  
Herskovits, born in Minsk,  
Russia, October 21, 1897; <sup>b7c</sup>  
daughter, Jean Frances  
Herskovits, born [REDACTED]  
Evanston, Illinois; mother  
Henrietta Hart Herskovits, born  
in 1806 in Germany and deceased  
(per information received in  
1948); father, Herman Herskovits,  
born in Hungary and living at  
4606 High View Boulevard, Erie,  
Pennsylvania (per information  
furnished June 2, 1928);  
sister, Mrs. S. M. Levy,  
Montville, New Jersey, in 1941

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APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

The following organizations and/or publications, which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450, are characterized in the attached appendix pages.

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National Council of the Arts, Sciences  
and Professions

A Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee of Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., page 61, reflects the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1954 on the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, April 26, 1950, originally released April 19, 1949, page 2.)

2. Cited as a Communist front which is "used to appeal to special occupational groups \* \* \*"

(Internal Security Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Dec. 117, April 23, 1958, page 91.)

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Progressive Citizens of America

A Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee of Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., page 130, reflects the following concerning the Progressive Citizens of America:

1. Cited as a Communist front. The "initial meeting" of the Progressive Citizens of America at the Embassy Auditorium in the City of Los Angeles on the evening of February 11, 1947, was actually a consolidation of the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

(California Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1947, pp. 234-240, and California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 356 and 357.)

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FD-4 (Rev. 10-13-58)

Date 6/28/60

To  
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ReBuR/S 6/21/60. Pages 1 thru 5 of Chicago  
letterhead memorandum 6/9/60 furnished to  
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Date: September 12, 1960  
To: Director, FBI (105-61356)  
From: Legat, Paris (105-0-464)  
Subject: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
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Re Chicago memorandum 6/9/60.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365522)

DATE: 11/8/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-37273)

SUBJECT: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 6/9/60.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding subject's return from his trip abroad.

On November 2, 1960, a suitable pretext telephone call was made to the Administrative Office, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, by SA [redacted] regarding the whereabouts of MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS. It was learned through this call that HERSKOVITS recently returned from his trip abroad and is living at his home. He is presently on leave of absence from his teaching position; however, he spends some of his time on campus doing research. He presently holds the title of Director of African Studies and Professor of Anthropology at the University. b7c

A review of the Chicago file regarding this matter reflects that HERSKOVITS reportedly visited numerous foreign countries in the past 30 years for the purpose of research. He had reportedly planned to spend only a short time in any one country during his recent trip and he reportedly made this trip for the purpose of research, as he had done in the past. There is no evidence that he had developed any information of an intelligence nature during this trip.

HERSKOVITS, a professor and head of the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University is prominent as a scientist and a speaker in the field of anthropology. With this in mind, it is the opinion of the Chicago Office that an interview with Dr. HERSKOVITS could conceivably result in embarrassment to the Bureau. H60

In view of the above, permission to interview HERSKOVITS is not being requested of the Bureau at this time.

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The Chicago file was reviewed in considering HERSKOVITS for the Security Index or the Reserve Index and from the information available, he does not fit the criteria of either the Security Index or the Reserve Index. It is noted in referenced communication that in December, 1952, HERSKOVITS furnished a statement in which he denied that he was a member of the Communist Party and stated he was unalterably opposed to any form of totalitarianism, which he defined as including Communism.

The Chicago file concerning this matter is being placed in a closed status.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-37273

Chicago, Illinois  
November 8, 1960

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
SECURITY MATTER - C

On November 2, 1960, it was learned through a suitable pretext at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, that Melville Jean Herskovits had recently returned from his trip abroad and was living at his home.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : LEGAT, LONDON (100-365522)  
SUBJECT: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
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DATE: April 25, 1962

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RE: Chicago letterhead memorandum, dated June 9, 1960.

Referenced memorandum contained information concerning subject's contemplated trip to England and the USSR, including stopovers in Africa.

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SAC, Chicago (100-37273)

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MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
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Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of London letter dated 4/25/62 which is self-explanatory.

Chicago discreetly ascertain if Herskovits contemplates traveling to England and Russia with stopovers in Africa in connection with attendance at the International Congress of Africanists. Submit results of your investigation as well as any additional pertinent information regarding subversive affiliations by Herskovits in form suitable for dissemination.

For London's information all pertinent information contained in Bureau files concerning Herskovits has previously been furnished to London.

Enclosure  
1 - London (100-2346)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Herskovits is Professor of Anthropology at Northwestern University. Not on Security Index and never investigated by Bureau. Name connected with some front group activities throughout the 1930's and 1940's, however, Herskovits denied any connections or sympathies for CP in statement made in connection with passport application in 1958.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365522)

DATE: 6/11/62

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-37273)

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SUBJECT: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
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Re Bureau letter dated 4/25/62 with letter enclosed from Legat, London.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memoranda regarding captioned individual's proposed travels abroad.

Source used in letterhead memoranda was [redacted] a source of information whose identity was protected by request.

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The pretext used to telephonically contact Dr. HERSKOVITS on June 6, 1962, was that of a representative from the "Chicago Maroon," the University of Chicago student newspaper, seeking information concerning an International Congress of Africanists to be held in Africa. The telephone call was made by SA [redacted]

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All pertinent information concerning activities of Dr. HERSKOVITS was included in previous letterhead memoranda and is not being repeated in this letterhead memoranda for this reason.

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Careful consideration was given to source concealed in letterhead memoranda and source was concealed only because it was necessary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
June 11, 1962

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Reference is made to letterhead memoranda regarding captioned individual dated June 9, 1960, at Chicago.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 25, 1962, advised that Dr. Melville Jean Herskovits, Director of African Studies at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, has travelled extensively in Africa and is well known in the African Republics. Source stated that Dr. Herskovits has indicated he plans to spend most of the summer in Evanston but is planning a trip to Prague, Czechoslovakia in August, 1962. Source was unable to furnish any details concerning this proposed trip.

Dr. Herskovits on June 6, 1962, was telephonically contacted under a suitable pretext by an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Dr. Herskovits advised that an International Congress of Africanists is to be held in Africa in December, 1962, and that he plans to attend this Congress. It was not possible to obtain more specific information during this pretext interview.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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**Prof. Melville  
Herskovits  
Dies at Home**

Prof. Melville J. Herskovits, 67, director of the African Studies program at Northwestern University, died Monday night of a stroke in his home at 810 Clinton Pl., Evanston.

Prof. Herskovits, a Northwestern anthropologist since 1927 and internationally known authority on Africa, suffered a heart attack a month ago and was in Evanston Hospital until last week.

He recently participated in the establishment of a program for the International Congress of Africanists, a research forum of scholars from 55 countries.

He made numerous trips to Africa and was the author or co-author of 16 books, most recently "The Human Factor in Changing Africa."



HERSKOVITS

Private services were held Tuesday.

A memorial service is being planned by Northwestern officials, at a date to be announced.

A NATIVE of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Prof. Herskovits graduated from the University of Chicago in 1920 and did advanced study at Columbia University, where he received a doctorate in 1923.

He taught at Columbia and Harvard before joining Northwestern. He was named director of the newly-established African Studies program in 1947.

He was honored by the governments of Haiti and The Netherlands and by numerous scientific and civic organizations, including the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

His field work extended to research in Haiti, Trinidad and Brazil, as well as Africa.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, and a daughter, Mrs. Jean Frances Kopytoff, an anthropologist at Swarthmore College.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Chicago Daily News  
Chicago, Ill.

Date: Feb. 26, 1963  
Edition: Red Streak  
Author:  
Editor: John Stanton  
Title: MELVILLE JEAN  
HERSKOVITS

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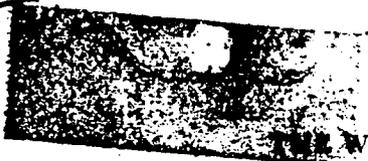
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

Subject:

**MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS**

**FILE : 161-786**



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1961

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Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Enclosed are security forms for the following listed individuals to receive White House clearances.

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
Herskovits, Melville J.	9/10/1895
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

James B. Hartgering, M.D.  
Technical Assistant

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Mr. Orrin H. Bartlett  
Department of Justice (FBI)  
Room 7647  
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Standard Form 86 REVISED OCTOBER 1954 U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CHAPTER 12, F. P. M.)		<b>SECURITY INVESTIGATION DATA FOR SENSITIVE POSITION</b>		CASE SERIAL NO. (CSC use only)  7125	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS.</b> —Prepare in quadruplicate, using a typewriter. Fill in all items. If the answer is "No" or "None," so state. If more space is needed for any item, continue under item 23.					
<b>1. FULL NAME</b> <i>(Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable)</i>		<b>(LAST NAME)</b> <b>HERSKOVITS</b>	<b>(FIRST NAME)</b> <b>MELVILLE</b>	<b>(MIDDLE NAME)</b> <b>JEAN</b>	<b>2. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <b>10 September, 1895</b>
		<b>OTHER NAMES USED</b> <i>(Maiden name, names by former marriages, former names changed legally or otherwise, aliases, nicknames, etc. Specify which, and show dates used.)</i>  <b>N O N E</b>			<b>3. PLACE OF BIRTH</b> <b>Bellefontaine, O.</b>
					<b>4. <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE</b>
					<b>5. WEIGHT</b> <b>157</b> <b>6. COLOR EYES</b> <b>BL</b> <b>7. COLOR HAIR</b> <b>BR</b>
<b>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW(ER) <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		<b>7. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED, GIVE FULL NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF SPOUSE OR FORMER SPOUSE, AND DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE. INCLUDE WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME. (Give same information regarding all previous marriages.)</b> <b>Frances Shapiro Harskovits, b. Oct. 21, 1897, Minsk, Russia</b> <b>married Paris, France, July 12, 1924</b>			
<b>8. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE (If actual places of residence differ from the mailing addresses, furnish and identify both. Begin with present and go back to January 1, 1937. Continue under item 23 on other side if necessary.)</b>					
<b>FROM</b> <b>JAN.-April, 1935</b> <b>April-Sept., 1937</b> <b>Oct., 1937-July, 1940</b> <b>July, 1940- present</b>		<b>NUMBER AND STREET</b> <b>Craven Hill Road</b> <b>71, rue d'Assas</b> <b>2016 Harrison St.,</b> <b>810 Clinton Place</b>		<b>CITY</b> <b>London</b> <b>Paris, 6<sup>e</sup></b> <b>Evanston,</b> <b>Evanston,</b>	
				<b>STATE</b> <b>England*</b> <b>France*</b> <b>Ill.</b> <b>Ill. *</b>	
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<b>10. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)</b>					
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<b>El Paso High School</b>		<b>El Paso, Tex.</b>		<b>1909</b> <b>1911</b> —	
<b>Eric High School</b>		<b>Eric, Pa.</b>		<b>1911</b> <b>1912</b> —	
<b>University of Cincinnati</b>		<b>Cincinnati, O.</b>		<b>1915</b> <b>1917</b> —	
<b>Hebrew Union College</b>		<b>Cincinnati, O.</b>		<b>1919-1920</b> <b>Ph. D.</b>	
<b>University of Chicago</b>		<b>Chicago, Ill.</b>		<b>1920</b> <b>1923</b> <b>A. B., Ph. D.</b>	
<b>Columbia University</b>		<b>New York, N. Y.</b>		<b>1920</b> <b>1923</b> —	
<p style="text-align: center;">(during war service)  <b>Universit� de Poitiers    Poitiers, France    March-June 1919</b></p>					
<b>11. THIS SPACE FOR FBI USE (See also item 24.)</b>				<b>12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b> <b>325-28-9706</b>	
				<b>13. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)</b>	
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14. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates starting with your present employment. Show ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. Give name under which employed if different from name now used.)

FROM	TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (Firm or agency) AND NAME OF SUPERVISOR	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS (Where employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING
1912	1915	H. Hershkovits (father)	clerk	Erie, Pa.	to continue education
1923-1926		Board of the Biological Sciences, National Research Council (fellow) Supervisor, Professor Frans Boas	Research	Columbia Univ., New York, N. Y.	end of term as Fellow
1924	1927	Dept. of Anthropology, Columbia Univ. (same supervisor)	teaching and research	" " " "	to take up appointment at N. U.
1927	present	Northwestern University	teaching and research	Evanston, Ill.	—
(Asst. Prof Anthropology, 1927-30; Assoc. Prof., 1931-35; Professor, 1935- ; Chairman, Dept. of Anthropology, 1938-57; Director, Program of African Studies, 1947- )					
1948	1949	Univ. of Illinois, Graduate School	Visiting Professor	Urbana, Ill.	—

Summer Sessions: University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisc., 1931  
 University of California, Berkeley, Cal., 1952

(Responsible officers of Northwestern University:  
 Professor F. L. K. Hsu, Chairman, Department of Anthropology  
 Dean Simon E. Leland, College of Liberal Arts, Northwestern U.  
 Dean Moody E. Prior, Graduate School  
 Dean Payson Wild, Vice-President and Dean of Faculty)

15. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE? (Do not include anything that happened before your sixteenth birthday. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of \$25 or less was imposed. All other charges must be included even if they were dismissed.)

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," GIVE FULL DETAILS BELOW:

REASON CHARGED OR HELD	DATE	PLACE WHERE CHARGED OR HELD	DISPOSITION
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16. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1945) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT USA	DATE RETURNED USA	PURPOSE
England, France, Germany	June, '24	Feb., '24	Vacation and attendance at scientific congress
Dutch Guiana	(June, 1928)	(Sept., '28)	Field research
England, France, Germany (continued)	Aug., 1930	Sept., 1930	Attendance at anthropological congress

17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

18. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

19. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 17 OR 18 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN QUESTION 23 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

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20. MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (List all organizations in which you are now a member or have been a member, except those which show religious or political affiliations.)

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
African Studies Ass'n.	409 W. 117 St. NYC	Scholarly	1957-date		President, 1948-59
American Anthropological Ass'n.	1530 P. St., NW Washington	Scholarly	1922-date		Editor, 1947-52, Pres., Central Sect., 1939; Member, Exec. M., 1947
Amer. Ass'n. for the Adv. of Science	1515 Mass. Ave., Washington (continued)	Scholarly	1927-date		V. Pres. and Chm., Sect. H, 1934

21. RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. If person is dead, so state under "address" and enter other information as of time of death.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	YEAR OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Harman Harkovits	1877	dead	Hungary	US
Mother	Henrietta Hart Harkovits	1861	dead	Germany	US
Wife	Frances Shapiro Harkovits	1897	510 Clinton Pl., Evanston	Russia	US
Daughter	Sean Harkovits Doytloff	1915	55 University Ave., Previ-lance, N. I.	US	US
Sister	Charlotte Harkovits Levy	1889	Taylorstown Md., Montville, N. J.	US	US

22. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or friends, who are well acquainted with you.)

Professor <sup>NAME</sup> John A. Logan	<sup>ADDRESS</sup> Department of Civil Engineering, Northwestern University	<sup>YEARS KNOWN</sup> 7
Professor Harold Williamson	Department of Economics, N. U.	13
Dr. Donald Young	Russell Sage Foundation, New York	30

23. SPACES FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS (Show item number to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space.)

**Question 16**

Haiti	Dec. 1930-Sept., 1931	Field Research
England, France, Denmark	June-Sept., 1934	Field research
Trinidad	8 Sept., '37-18 Sept., '38	Research and writing
Brazil	June-Sept., 1939	Field Research
England, Belgium, France	5 Sept., '41-18 Sept., '42	Field research
France, England	1 Aug., '45-3 Sept., '48	Attendance at anthropo- logical congress
Subsaharan Africa (all countries), England, France	12 March-25 March, '49	Meeting of Exec. Bd., Int. African Inst.
	1 Jan.-27 Sept., '53	Field research

(continued on attached sheet)

24. REPORT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED (This space reserved for FBI use.)

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Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

**CERTIFICATION**

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form is punishable by law.

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Question 16 (continued):  
Brazil, Senegal, France

Aug. 10-Sept. 12, 1954

Attendance at scientific congress and meeting of Permanent Council, Int. Cong. of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

Portugal, Liberia, Gold Coast, Congo, Uganda, England

Aug. 10-Sept. 17, 1955

Attendance at Bukavu meeting, Scientific Council for Technical Cooperation in Africa South of the Sahara

Subsaharan Africa (most countries), England, France

Dec. 20, '56-Sept 19,

Field research

England, France

Mar. 30-Apr. 12, 1958

Meeting Exec. Comm., Int. African Institute

Mexico, Costa Rica

July 14-26, 1958

Attendance at anthropological congress

France, Belgium, England

Mar. 18-Apr. 9, 1959

Meeting Exec. Comm., Int. African Institute

France, England, Austria, Russia, Finland, Mali, Senegal, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria Nigeria

June 1-Oct. 15, 1960  
Dec. 19-24, 1960

Attendance at scientific congresses, research attendance at Nigerian independence Celebration Attendance at UNESCO conference, Ibadan

Senegal, Ivory Coast, Italy

Mar. 31-Apr. 16, 1961

Attendance at Senegal independence Celebration, conference on African Religion at Abidjan, at meeting of Exec. Comm., Int. African Inst.

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Question 20 (continued)

Amer. Ass'n of Physical Anthropologists, 1925-date

no headquarters

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Amer. Ass'n. of University Professors, 1927-date

Washington, D. C.

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American Civil Liberties Union, 1922-date

New York, N. Y.

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American Ethnological Society 1959-date

no headquarters

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American Folklore Society, 1926-date

c/o Univ. of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pa.

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Council for Democratic Action (Evanston), 1940-1945

no longer exists

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Council on Foreign Relations 1942-1956

New York

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Industrial Workers of the World (a few months early in 1920)

no longer exists, as far as I know

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## Question 20 (continued)

International African Institute 1926-date	St. Dunstan's Chambers, 10-11 Fetter Lane, London, E. C. 4	scholarly
International Congress of Ethno- logical and Anthropological Sciences, 1934-date	no permanent headquarters	scholarly
International Congress of Americanists, 1924-date	no permanent headquarters	scholarly
International Inst. for the Study of Differing Civil- izations, 1933-date	11, Bd. de Waterloo, Brussels	scholarly
International Union of Ethno- logical and Anthropological Sciences, 1948-date	no permanent headquarters	scholarly
National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, 1945-1949	(at that time) 49 W. 44th St., New York, N. Y.	political
National Academy of Sciences, 1959-	2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D. C.	scholarly
Progressive Citizens of America Illinois Chapter, 1946-48	probably no longer exists; address was: 128 E. Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill.	reformist
Royal Anthropological Institute 1924-date	21 Bedford Sq., London, W. C. 1	scholarly
Society for American Archaeology 1935-date	Univ. of Colorado Museum, Boulder, Col.	scholarly
Sigma Xi, 1924-date	Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.	scholarly (honorary)
Society for Research in Child Development, 1928-1959	no headquarters	scholarly
Société des Africanistes 1932-date	Musée de l'Homme, Place de Trocadero, Paris 16 <sup>e</sup>	scholarly
Teacher's Union, Northwestern Univ. local, 1939-45	no longer exists	labor
University Club of Evanston 1927-date	1704 Hirman Ave., Evanston	social

## OFFICES held in organizations listed on Supplementary pages 1 and 2:

American Folklore Society: Member Council, 1930-date; President, 1946  
 International African Institute: Member Executive Council, 1947-date  
 Int. Cong. of Anth. and Eth. Sciences: Member Permanent Council, 1938-date  
 Int. Americanist Congress: Member of Council at various sessions  
 Int. Union of Ethn. and Anthropological Sciences: Vice-President, 1936-date  
 Nat. Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions: Member Exec. Com.,  
 1945-1949  
 Amer. Assn. of Univ. Professors: President, Northwestern University  
 Chapter, (about 1939)  
 Progressive Citizens of America: Vice-President, Illinois Chapter, 1946-48

Addendum to Question 14, Employment: Board of Economic Warfare, Washington D. C.  
 as Chief Consultant, from about November, 1942 to about April, 1943, when  
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PROFESSOR MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

SUMMARY

Born: September 10, 1895  
Bellefontaine, Ohio

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NAME CHECK

In response to your name check request, you are advised that an applicant-type investigation concerning the captioned individual was conducted by this Bureau during the current year and the results furnished to the White House on July 14, 1961. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the Office of the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, should you desire the detailed results of the investigation.

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NOTE:

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SA [redacted] contacted Supervisor [redacted] Special Inquiry Section, who advised a summary re Herskovits, MELVILLE JEAN furnished White House 7/14/61 and that Herskovits was connected with 17 cited organizations.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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San Francisco, California

June 29, 1961

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

b7C Confidential informants referred to in the  
report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated June 29, 1961,  
at San Francisco, California, have furnished reliable  
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From: Director, FBI

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS  
SPI

Buded: July 5, 1961

ReButel June 27, last. Enclosed for each office is FD 86 prepared by appointee 6/20/61 which contains additional background concerning him. Thoroughly review and where appropriate, organizations listed by him should be documented. Contact security informants where appropriate.

Chicago see your file  
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INFORMANTS

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Other informants referred to are as follows:

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contacted by	SA	[REDACTED]	on 6/29/61
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In addition [REDACTED] was contacted by SA [REDACTED] on 6/29/61 and information from that agency is attributed to original source in this report.

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Title: MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Information in CP Headquarters, San Francisco, in 1945 indicates HERSKOVITS in 1940 agreed to serve on committee to free JAMES B. MC NAMARA, who was then serving life term for bombing of Los Angeles Times Building in 1910 during labor dispute. HERSKOVITS in 1947 signed open letter to HENRY WALLACE regarding third party. Appointee employed summer session of 1950 at University of California. Informants familiar with CP activities in Northern California area unable to furnish any information concerning Appointee. No credit or arrest record located.

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DETAILS

b2 [REDACTED] who is unavailable for recontact, on September 6, 1945, furnished material from Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, 942 Market Street, San Francisco, California, indicating that ELLA WINTER, return address, Box 1145, Carmel, California, had written letters to various people in April, 1940, requesting the recipients of the letters to join a "Free McNamara Committee" to free JAMES B. MC NAMARA, then serving a life sentence in the State of California for the bombing of the "Los Angeles Times" building, Los Angeles, California, and resulting deaths, which occurred during a labor dispute in 1910.

b2 [REDACTED] on November 9, 1945, furnished additional material from CP Headquarters, San Francisco, including a letter dated May 20, 1940, addressed to Miss ELLA WINTER, Box 1145, Carmel, California, bearing the letterhead of Northwestern University, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Anthropology, Evanston, Illinois, and the signature of MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS. The letter stated "I shall be very glad to serve on the committee to have Governor OLSEN pardon J.B. MC NAMARA". The letter continued "I agree with you that whatever MC NAMARA may or may not have done, he has more than atoned and that steps should be taken to see that discrimination against him in terms of California parole and pardon practices should not be continued".

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

The Daily People's World in its issue of June 10, 1947 on page 1, contained an article captioned: "Professor Asks Wallace to Lead a Third Party". The article was datelined June 9, 1947 at Chicago, Illinois, and read in part as follows:

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"Declaring that 'courageous leadership was never so desperately needed as now,' 61 Northwestern professors addressed an open letter to Henry Wallace today calling on the former vice-president to form a third party."

Among the signers was MELVILLE J. HERKOVITS, chairman of the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University.

The "Daily People's World", now known as the "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper.

Other confidential informants familiar with same phases of un-American activity, including communist activity in the Northern California area advised that the Appointee is unknown to them and they have no information concerning him.

EMPLOYMENT

On June 28, 1961 Miss [REDACTED] Clerk, University of California Accounting Office, stated that her records show the Appointee was born September 10, 1895 at Bellefontaine, Ohio, and resided at 810 Clinton Place, Evanston, Illinois. She stated that he was employed as a professor of Anthropology at the University of California during the first summer session 1950 from June 19, 1950 to July 29, 1950. She stated there was nothing unfavorable contained in the record.

On June 28, 1961 Professor [REDACTED] at the University of California, advised that the Appointee was a well known scientist and Chairman of the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University. He stated that in about 1950 the Appointee had taught one summer session at the University of California. He stated that he knew nothing that might reflect adversely on the Appointee's character, loyalty or associates.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by IC [REDACTED] b7C

CREDIT AND POLICE RECORDS b7C b7D

On June 28, 1961, Mrs. [REDACTED] Clerk, Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, Oakland, California, which includes the Berkeley area, stated that she had no record on the Appointee.

On June 28, 1961 records at the Berkeley Police Department were searched and no record identifiable with the Appointee could be located.

On June 28, 1961 Officer [REDACTED] b7C b7D University of California Police Department stated that he had no record of the Appointee.

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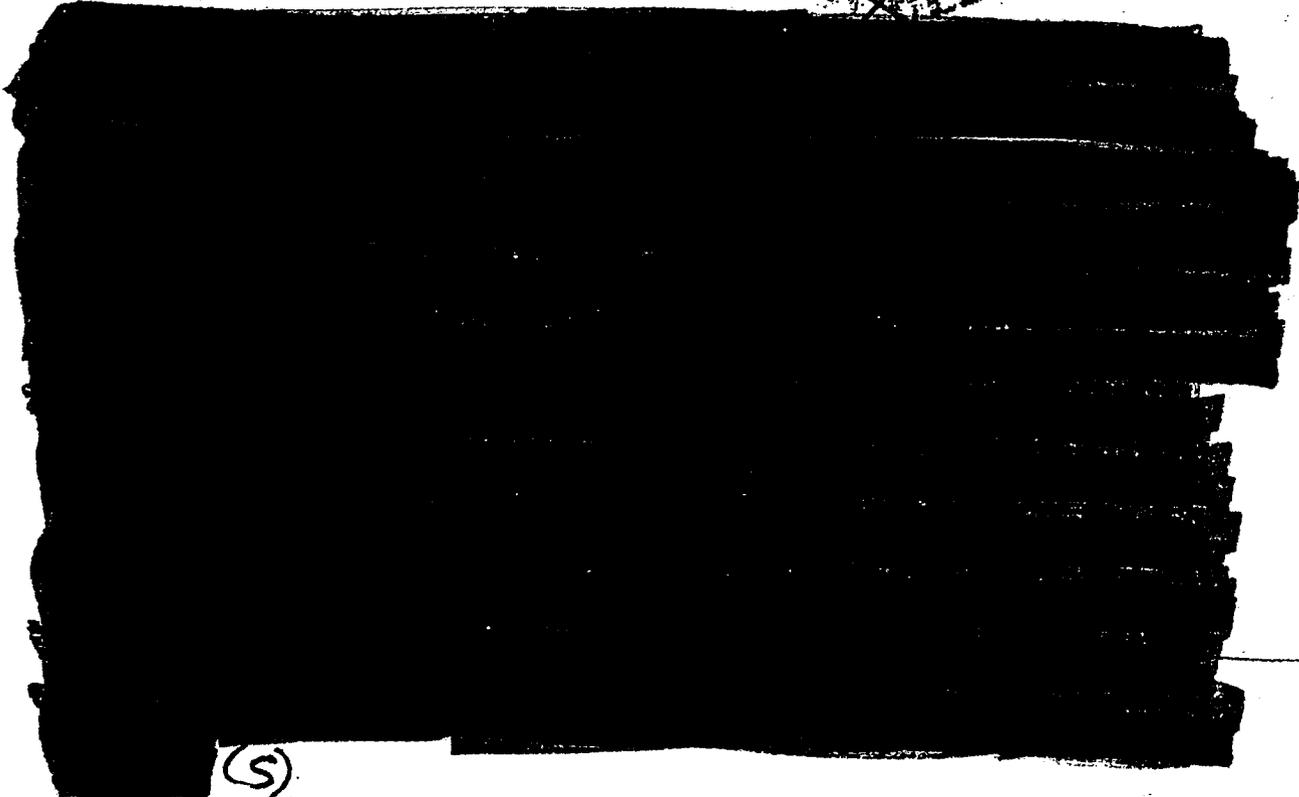
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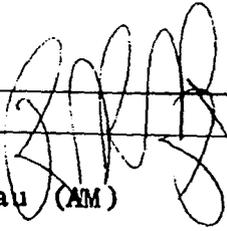
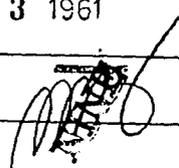
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Title:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

M. HERSKOVITS listed in University of Wis. timetables as a lecturer in anthropology for the summer session of 1930. Credit and criminal checks at Madison, Wis. negative.

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DETAILS: AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

EMPLOYMENT

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[REDACTED] Office of the Secretary to the Faculty, University of Wisconsin (UW), on June 28, 1961, after searching advised the records of that office with respect to faculty personnel fail to reflect the name of any MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS as employed on the faculty staff for 1931. However, after a further search, Miss [REDACTED] on June 29, 1961 advised that she had located a listing of faculty personnel in the 1930 UW summer session timetable of faculty personnel wherein the name of M. HERSKOVITS appears as a lecturer in anthropology, course 46S "Introduction to Social Anthropology," and a second course #111 "Negro, African and American." Miss [REDACTED] stated that this is the only record in the files of her office at this time concerning the employment of M. HERSKOVITS.

[REDACTED] Anthropology Department, UW, on June 28, 1961, after searching advised she was unable to locate at this time any record of employment for MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS by the Sociology and Anthropology Department during the 1930's inasmuch as the records are not complete with respect to payrolls and personnel records covering that period of time.

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She also advised that none of the present faculty personnel in the Sociology and Anthropology Department were on the faculty as far back as 1931 with the possible exception of [REDACTED] a professor in social work who is still at the UW although the Social Work Department was later split off from the Sociology and Anthropology Department.

[REDACTED] Professor of Social Work, UW, on June 29, 1961 advised that although the name of MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS is known to her generally as an educator in the field of anthropology, she does not know him personally and could not recall any temporary faculty service at the UW on his part during the 1930's.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

[REDACTED] clerk, Credit Bureau of Madison, and [REDACTED] clerk, Records Section, Madison Police Department, both on June 29, 1961, after checking the records of their respective organizations, advised that the name of MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS does not appear therein.

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MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS, SPI. REBUTEL JUNE TWO SEVEN. SOURCE ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE-S NAME CONTAINED IN DIES COMMITTEE REPORT, APPENDIX NINE, AND INDICES OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES REPORTS ONE NIN THREE EIGHT DASH ONE NINE FIVE SIX. WASHINGTON FIELD HANDLE. NEW YORK REFER REPORT SPECIAL AGENT ~~REDACTED~~ LOS ANGELES, JULY ONE SEVEN, ONE NINE FOUR TWO, CAPTIONED LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS, INTERNAL SECURITY DASH C, NEW YORK ORIGIN. PAGE ONE ZERO INDICATES DONALD OGDEN STEWART, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA IN BOOK QUOTE FIGHTING WORDS UNQUOTE CONTAINING INFORMATION RE ONE NINE THREE NINE CONGRESS OF LEAGE LISTS MELVILLE J. HERSKOVITS AMONG CONTRIBUTORS TO MATERIAL PUBLISHED AND DISCUSSED IN ONE NINE THREE NINE CONGRESS. NEW YORK HANDLE. IN SEPTEMBER, ONE NINE FOUR FIVE SOURCE FURNISHED MATERIAL FROM COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS, SAN FRANCISCO, INDICATING ELLA WINTER POST OFFICE BOX ONE ONE FOUR FIVE, CARMEL, CALIFORNIA, ON APRIL TWO SIX ONE NINE FOUR ZERO, WROTE LETTERS TO VARIOUS PEOPLE ASKING THEM TO JOIN

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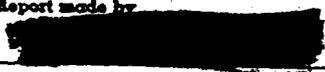
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TITLE OF CASE <b>MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS</b>		Report made by  <b>b7C</b>	Typed By: <b>MVH</b>
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Office: NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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Title:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Credit record favorable and no arrest record located for [REDACTED] N. J.

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DETAILS:

Credit and Arrest

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Morristown, Maple Avenue and Market Street, Morristown, New Jersey, which covers the Montville, New Jersey, area advised on June 30, 1961, that the records of his office reflect a favorable credit rating for [REDACTED] New Jersey.

b7C On July 1, 1961, Patrolman [REDACTED] b7C New Jersey Police Department, [REDACTED] New Jersey, advised that the records of his department contain no reference to [REDACTED] of Taylortown Road, Montville, New Jersey.

Miscellaneous

b7C On July 1, 1961, Mrs. [REDACTED] b7C New Jersey, who is a neighbor of [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] presently resides on [REDACTED] New Jersey. [REDACTED] also advised that she considers Mrs. [REDACTED] to be a loyal American, who enjoys a fine reputation in the community.

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Reporting Office <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>7/3/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/30 - 7/3/61</b>
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Synopsis:

Dr. JOHN W. ALBIG, Chairman of Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Illinois, recalls appointee as visiting professor lecturing to graduate students from 1948 to approximately 1/49. Stated appointee considered authority in field of anthropology, extremely competent and never gave any indication he was other than loyal American.

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Details:

EMPLOYMENTAt Gettysburg, Pa.

On July 3, 1961, JOHN W. ALBIG, visiting Professor of Social Sciences, Gettysburg College, 155 South Howard Avenue, advised he has known of HERSKOVITS for approximately 30 years and has known him personally for 15 years.

Dr. ALBIG said that while he was Chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Illinois in 1948, he had HERSKOVITS lecture to graduate students at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. He conducted this course until approximately January 1949.

Dr. ALBIG said that HERSKOVITS is considered a leading authority in the field of anthropology, particularly African anthropology and is well known in the profession for his work in this area, particularly West Africa.

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Dr. ALBIG said his association with the appointee was confined to professional contacts and in these he found HERSKOVITS to be an individual who was extremely competent, appeared to get along well with associates, students and one who had never given any indication that he was other than a loyal American.

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Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>7/3/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/29/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS</b>		Report made by SA <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span> <b>b7C</b>	Typed By: <b>rgr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

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Title:

MELVILLE JEAN HERSKOVITS

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Residence of [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] Providence, R.I., verified. Results  
of credit and arrest record checks set forth.

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Details:

Investigation at Providence, Rhode Island, b7C  
was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

The files of the Credit Bureau of Providence,  
the files of the Providence, Rhode Island Police Department,  
and the files of the Rhode Island Bureau of Criminal  
Identification, were reviewed by IC [REDACTED] b7C

A review of the Providence, Rhode Island and  
vicinity telephone directory for June 1961, shows that  
[REDACTED] Providence,  
Rhode Island.

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Providence, Rhode Island, advised on June 29, 1961, that  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are presently  
residing on the [REDACTED] Providence.  
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED]