

complacency about the infinitely ingenious and diverse tactics used by communists to achieve their objectives.

If your letter was meant to calm my fears, you have failed. Rather, I am the more aroused. I honestly hope you accept my comments as my justifiable, sincere expression of concern for this wonderful land of freedom that is ours. Let us not default in our responsibility to defend it -- for if my thesis is correct, and we do not join forces in defeating communism, both you and I will have lost all.

I respectfully await your reply and hope you will answer my queries regarding the Masters of Deceit and Communist Psychological Warfare (Brainwashing).

Sincerely,


Spokane, Washington

NBC

NLWB

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

484 Building, Radio City, New York 20, N.Y.

Dec 12, 1951

Thank you for your letter.

It is obvious you and I have a fundamental disagreement.

I have been in the most socialistic countries in the world today - namely, Scandinavia, India and Great Britain. I can assure you they are not communist societies or anything approaching it. Without going into all the differences between socialist and Communist governments, may I point to one very fundamental difference: socialism in these countries was inaugurated by the consent and choice of the electorate.

Sincerely,

Chas. Hunter

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October 19, 1951

Mr. E. H. Huntley
c/o National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

I have just heard your commentary on "Russia's Communism" over local NBC radio station KMO.

I do not doubt your sincerity, Mr. Huntley, but like other individuals in American positions of influence in the past who were not communists, but conditioned unknowingly to accept a communist line in the name of liberalism, is it possible you are playing an American fiddle with a communist score and asking the American public to dance? I refuse the invitation.

I cannot accept your thesis that socialism is not a sister philosophy leading to communism. Socialism and communism are of the same cloth. Liberalism and conservatism are of the same cloth and have a rightful place in American political life. I have been weakened to the techniques of propaganda that can condition minds to accept step by little step the erosion of our cherished heritage of American freedoms and religious beliefs. Socialism will ultimately lead America down that one way road to communism.

I would appreciate your personal response to this letter, and specifically to the following questions:

1. How did you read "The Naked Communist" by Clive Skousen?
2. Have you digested the material published by our own Federal government regarding the brain washing techniques of the communists in Korea?

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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FLYNN INVESTMENT COMPANY

HARLINGEN, TEXAS
February 9, 1962

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Malone
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Mr. Chat Huntley,
National Broadcasting Company,
New York, New York.

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Dear Mr. Huntley:

This letter in regard to your appearing before the Annual Meeting of the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce Banquet in Brownsville on January 16th may appear to you to be somewhat belated; however, the delay in writing to you has been deliberate and with purpose.

If you have not already been informed of the situation that prevailed down here at the time you appeared, I think you would want to know. When the announcement was made to the public that you were to appear as the speaker for the Annual Banquet of the Valley Chamber of Commerce, somewhat of a storm broke and Mr. Drake, Mr. Trask and I were subjected to a great deal of criticism. We did what checking we could to be able to answer questions and charges but were still rather apprehensive up to the time of meeting. It has been my purpose to get comments since the meeting and determine as well as possible the actual reactions to your speech. As an example of the foregoing information I am enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed by a chapter of the American Legion at McAllen, Texas that was delivered to me by mail on January 11th, five days prior to our meeting.

The comments I have received have ranged from one extreme to the other. For instance, one man said he was anxious to hear you speak to determine whether or not he should believe what he had been hearing about you. He stated that after listening to the speech, he was entirely convinced the charges that had been made were unquestionably true. Another man stated that even though he did not agree with you, he was very glad to get to hear your speech and was always happy to hear the other side of any question.

What my personal opinion of your position and speech is can be of little consequence, and perhaps I should not be so presumptive as to comment. You made one statement, however, that appears to be completely in contradiction to the position taken by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and the House Un-American Activities Committee, and it is impossible for me to reconcile that situation. In your statement that there are not more than 10,000 Communists in the United States and that we are not in any danger from Communism within our country but only from those across the ocean who have missiles in their possession, you are not leaving any possibility or making any allowance for the statements made by Mr. Hoover and the UAC insofar as the infiltration of Communists into the various organizations in the United States, the fellow travelers and Communist-front organizations that they say exist quite powerfully. Either you or they are wrong, and it appeared to me that you were merely stating an opinion whereby their information has been documented. Mr. Huntley, you are in a position of great influence, and it occurs to me that you should either prove them wrong or change your position on this subject lest you add further to the confusion that exists in the minds of our people. It should

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Mr. Huntley

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not be necessary for me to quote from the Un-American Activities Reports or to quote from Mr. Hoover's "Masters of Deceit" as I am sure you are much more familiar with this material than I am.

The other point on which I should like to comment briefly is the fact that you left me in the dark as to your exact position on the drift of power to the Federal Government. You quoted the old saying that Thomas Jefferson is sometimes given credit for originating: "The least government possible, the better." You did not say you subscribed to this line of thinking but merely said it came to your mind, and then you proceeded to leave the impression that you thought there was no danger in the drift of governmental powers to Washington. You know history perhaps better than I and know that when too much power has been concentrated into the hands of too few, that power has been abused, and the freedoms we enjoy and the importance and dignity of the individual has suffered. I am not taking the position that our freedoms are gone but that there is a likelihood that such could easily happen if we continue to concentrate more and more powers of government in Washington and fewer in our states and local governments.

Mr. Huntley, I do not question your loyalty to the United States; insofar as I know you are as patriotic as anyone. I am most happy that you are able to speak your beliefs without fear of retribution as long as they do not advocate the overthrow of our government by force or coercion. I am most interested in this condition prevailing forever in this great land of ours, and I sincerely trust that each of us can do our bit to perpetuate the system that we have inherited.

Please give my best regards to your charming wife, Tippy, and accept my personal thanks for giving your time and efforts to help make our Annual Banquet a success.

Sincerely yours,

~~Clyde Fincher.~~ *Texas*

CF/mo

cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

The Honorable Francis E. Walter, Chairman,
Un-American Activities Committee,
Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-1-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CHET HUNTLEY
TELEVISION COMMENTATOR
TELEVISION SHOW IN CONNECTION
WITH PRESENTATION OF CRISS AWARD
TO DIRECTOR

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Your memo to Mr. Mohr of 10-31-61 captioned "Criss Award, Mutual of Omaha," reflected that in connection with the presentation of the "Criss Award" to the Director, the award ceremonies would be carried on the Chet Huntley Television Show which runs for a half hour every Sunday afternoon. A brief resume of pertinent information in Bufiles is set forth below for the Director's information.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

SUMMARY

According to the current edition of "Who's Who in America" Chester Robert Huntley, news commentator, was born 12-10-11 at Cardwell, Montana. He studied at Montana State College, Cornish School of Arts at Seattle, and received his B. A. degree from the University of Washington in 1934. He had two children by his first wife, Ingrid Rolin, whom he married 2-23-36. He married Lewis Tipton Stringer on 3-7-59. (Lewis Tipton Stringer * appeared on local Washington television as a weather broadcaster.) Since 1934 he has been a radio news broadcaster for various radio and TV networks. He was with Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) from 1939 to 1951, American Broadcasting Company (ABC) from 1951 to 1955 and he has been with the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) in New York City since 1955. He has received several awards over the years for his commentary and he resides in New York City. "The International Celebrity Register" states that he has been described as too liberal (once winning a \$10,000 libel suit for communist charges), not liberal enough and once, by the "Saturday Review," as a moralist. He is well known for being an anchor man at the Democratic and Republican Convention broadcasts.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect that Huntley was the subject of a Security investigation conducted by this Bureau in the Spring of 1951, after the receipt of information alleging he was engaged in propoganda broadcasting in support of the communist position in world affairs. The investigation failed to develop any information indicating Communist Party membership or affiliation with any front groups other than reported

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*Better known as "Tippy" Stringer.

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RE: Chet Huntley

membership in the Radio Committee of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization in 1946. This was a cited group. The investigation did develop that as a result of allegations received by CBS concerning the liberal approach of Huntley in his radio broadcasts, his contract had not been renewed upon expiration in the Spring of 1951 and he accepted a position as news commentator with ABC. Sources indicated during the investigation that Huntley was a free thinker and an outspoken person regarding political beliefs. Other sources indicated that Huntley may have taken a liberal interpretation of international events; however, he nevertheless opposes inequities of communism as projected by the Soviet Union.

We interviewed Huntley on 2-21-52 in connection with an applicant case and during the interview, he advised that Agent that he was under the impression the FBI during World War II, had expanded too rapidly. His impression was that this resulted in a lowering in the standards of FBI Agents leading to a "lower caliber in Agents today," but he was unable to furnish any specific basis for this impression.

Huntley, when he appeared on a Beverly Hills, California, high school program in 1953 with Dr. Robert M. Hutchins of the Ford Foundation, described the issue of communism as "the grandest hobbyhorse for politicians ever invented." He did, however, advocate outlawing the Communist Party.

We have received numerous inquiries in the past year from citizens as to whether Huntley is a communist. These inquiries have stemmed from a pamphlet issued by Myron C. Fagan's Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., which distributes anti-communist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. Huntley and a number of individuals in the entertainment industry have been listed as allegedly associating with communism. It is noted that we have also had difficulties with Fagan. (100-378033)

Huntley has been the victim in two extortion cases handled by the FBI, one of which was concluded in March, 1961. The individual who sent Huntley a threatening letter was identified by the FBI but prosecution was dismissed because of the individual's mental instability. Huntley was deeply appreciative of the FBI's work and stated that he greatly admired the FBI.

In connection with a 3-22-59 NBC program entitled "The Big Year" on the subject of wire tapping and eavesdropping, Huntley correctly stated the FBI's policy with regard to wire tapping and mentioned the remarks of Justice Roberts in reporting on the Pearl Harbor investigation to the effect that the FBI had asked in vain to tap telephones and intercept radio messages in Honolulu. Huntley felt wire tapping was a dirty business and if it was necessary it should be controlled. He also felt that the use of informants by police was a dirty business. He felt other means of technological snooping should be forbidden. (62-12114-3173)

We have received information that Huntley and David Brinkley, also a TV commentator, have recently taped an interview with [REDACTED]

Jones to DeLoach
RE: Chet Huntley

in the Rudolf Ivanovich Abel espionage case, which they plan to put on TV in the
Fall of 1961.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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m TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-11-61

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: TELEVISION COVERAGE OF "CRISS AWARD"
CEREMONIES ON "CHET HUNTLEY REPORT"
NBC NETWORK

J. May
(b)(7)(C) Sullivan

At 5:30 p. m. on 12-10-61, the "Chet Huntley Report" was carried on WRC-TV television station at Washington, D. C. This station is a member of the National Broadcasting Company network. The program was entirely devoted to the 1961 Criss Award ceremonies, and it was monitored by Special Agent [redacted] of the Crime Records Division.

The Criss Award program was of thirty minutes duration. It was introduced by Chet Huntley who gave a brief description of the Criss Award. Mrs. Mabel Criss, widow of Dr. C. C. Criss, then appeared and stated she was proud that the award had been given to the Director. Three of the award judges then appeared and spoke in praise of the Director.

Mr. V. J. Skutt, president of Mutual of Omaha, then spoke concerning previous recipients of the Criss Award and led into an introduction of Dr. Mayo.

Dr. Mayo was on screen but a few moments, and he indicated that the Director was the next speaker.

The remainder of the program was devoted to the Director's address. Heavy applause interrupted the Director at four different points in his speech. The entire program, while quickly paced and authoritative in its presentation of the Director's views, nevertheless had an air of great dignity as befitted the occasion.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1962

Memorandum For:

Mr. Courtney Evans

From:

Kenneth O'Donnell

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Would you kindly conduct name checks on the following individuals:

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HUNTLEY, Chester Robert
1165 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Born: December 10, 1911
Cardwell, Montana

W
LIPPMANN, Walter
3525 Woodley Road
Washington, D. C.

Born: September 23, 1889
New York, New York

NR
K
OPIE, E. Walton Maj. Gen.
203 North Coalter Street
Staunton, Virginia

Born: September 15, 1898
Staunton, Virginia

NR
PT
SAYRE, Francis B., Jr. *the Key*
Rev.
The Deanery
Mt. St. Alban
Washington, D. C.

Born: January 17, 1915
Washington, D. C.

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WIRTH, Conrad L.
3808 Leland Street
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Born: December 1, 1899
Hartford, Connecticut

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell

With regard to Walter Lippmann, the files of this Bureau reveal that Mr. Lippmann was active in the Harvard Socialist Club while attending that university, prior to 1910, and was also a close friend of John Reed, originator of the communist movement in the United States and a well-known communist author who is buried in the Kremlin. Our files further reveal that Mr. Lippmann was a member of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations in 1937 and 1938 and that Mr. Lippmann's secretary during the period 1939-1943, Mary Price, reportedly furnished information from Mr. Lippmann's files to a Soviet espionage network during the early 1940's. There is no indication that Mr. Lippmann had knowledge that Mary Price was furnishing information from his files to the Soviet espionage network.

The American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations was the subject of a lengthy inquiry by the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security during the early 1950's. Following this inquiry, the Subcommittee issued a report pointing out that within the organization there had been a small core of individuals who promoted the Communist Party line, but that many of the members of the organization had been loyal Americans. (109-12-210-1329)

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

April 11, 1962

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Mexico, Missouri

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of April 4th has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer that we do or do not have data relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Chet Huntley is a well-known television commentator who was the subject of a security investigation in 1951, which failed to develop any indication of communist party membership or affiliation with a front organization.

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REFRACTORIES & CHEMICALS DIVISION
ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL CORPORATION

TECHNICAL SERVICES
MEXICO, MISSOURI

April 4, 1962

Mr. Nelson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. [unclear]	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. [unclear]	✓
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The rumor is being spread in this town -- and was started by a purportedly reliable visitor from Texas who has undoubtedly circulated it there -- that newscaster Chet Huntly of NBC network

- 1) is a former Communist party member who will not repudiate his convictions in this regard;
- 2) though no longer a party member, he now subscribes to the belief that Communist world domination is the wave of the present and the future, so that he will not exert himself in any cause or editorial opinion that conflicts with this state of affairs.

It is further stated that influential persons are selling their Texaco Oil Company stock because of his TV representation of this company.

This type of rumor is particularly vicious and destructive when it involves a public personality like Huntley. I find it very improbable on the evidence of many years of listening to the Huntley-Brinkley program.

This is addressed both to you and to Mr. Huntley in the hope that the facts in the case can be furnished in such a way as to convince the persons here who originated the spread of this story. There are no personal feelings involved. These people accepted the idea reluctantly also, but in good faith, and are willing to try to rectify the defamation they have been spreading if it can be repudiated. If either you or Mr. Huntley agree that it is worth doing, we would be pleased to hear any facts that may bear on this.

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With sincere regards,

[Redacted signature area]

Mexico, Missouri

cc: Chet Huntley

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CORRESPONDENCE

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CHET HUNTLEY

April 9, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is a letter of semi-desperation.

A pamphlet circulated by the Cinema Educational Guild of Hollywood and authored by Myron C. Fagan is receiving wide distribution and dismaying credence in parts of the country, particularly in Texas. The pamphlet lists me as a Communist.

I have repeatedly inquired about the possibility of suing on a complaint of libel and slander, but counsel points out that it is difficult and that it is made doubly so by the fact that I cannot prove genuine material or financial damage. However, Texaco, a sponsor on one of my broadcasts is beginning to suffer in Texas and in the Shreveport area.

I realize the limitations on your being able to comment on or otherwise involving yourself in a situation of this kind. However, it occurred to me to write to you to let you know what is going on and to inquire if, by chance, there is some recourse which I have overlooked.

Believe me, any assistance you can give me in this matter will be most appreciated.

Respectfully,

Chet Huntley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-12-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: CHET HUNTLEY
NBC TV COMMENTATOR

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BACKGROUND:

By letter dated 4-9-62, Mr. Chet Huntley, well-known TV commentator of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Huntley-Brinkley Report, advised that a pamphlet is being circulated by the Cinema Educational Guild of Hollywood which is branding him as a communist. He states this pamphlet, authored by Myron C. Fagan, is receiving "wide distribution and dismaying credence" in parts of the country, particularly Texas, and that the Texaco Oil Company, one of his sponsors is beginning to suffer in Texas and the Shreveport area. He states that he has repeatedly inquired concerning the possibility of a libel and slander suit against Fagan but that his counsel has told him it would be difficult to prove such a complaint, particularly inasmuch as Huntley could not show financial damage.

Mr. Huntley states that he realizes there are definite "limitations" on the Director's being able to involve himself in a situation of this nature but that he was writing to determine if the Director knew what was going on and to inquire if there is some recourse open to him which he had overlooked. He states that "any assistance which could be given him in this matter will be, of course, most appreciated."

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Mr. Huntley has been a NBC TV commentator since 1955. He is very prominent in this field and has received several awards over the years for his commentary. In addition to his well-known Huntley-Brinkley Report nightly, he has a weekly half-hour news show and is well-known for news specials such as coverage of the Democratic and Republican conventions.

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Bufiles reflect that Huntley was the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau in spring of 1951, based on allegations that he was engaged in propaganda broadcasting which supported the communists. Investigation failed to develop information that

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RE: CHET HUNTLEY

he was a member of the Communist Party or was affiliated with any front groups other than reported 1946 membership in the Radio Committee of Hollywood Writers Mobilization. This was a cited organization.

The investigation did develop that as a result of allegations concerning his liberal approach in radio broadcasting, the Columbia Broadcasting System canceled his contract when it expired in spring of 1951. Huntley was described by sources as the free thinker and a person who is very outspoken in his political speeches; however, it was reported he opposed the inequities of communism as broadcast by the Soviet Union.

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MYRON C. FAGAN

Myron C. Fagan is National Director of the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., a Hollywood, California, anticommunist, anti-Semitic organization of the extreme right. Fagan is a minor playwright and movie director who has been in the entertainment business since the 1920's; however, his main activity in the last decade has been concerned with the Guild's hate campaign. Fagan claims to speak with authority concerning communist infiltration of the movie and TV industries. Since he established the Guild in 1949, he has viciously castigated prominent Hollywood personalities as pro-communist in a series of tracts entitled "Red Stars." These tracts list some 200 actors, directors, writers and commentators as communist or "Fellow-Travelers." It is noted that in the most recent issues of this tract, Chet Huntley has been carried as one of the pro-communist commentators. These scurrilous publications are distributed on a national basis by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.. We have had many inquiries from citizens as to whether the tracts are authoritative.

Fagan has attempted to use the Director's name in his early writings. A pamphlet entitled "Luxurious Treason by Mr. X," produced by Fagan in 1949 deals with the communist activity in the movie colony, contains a photograph of Mr. Hoover and a portion of his 1947 testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Fagan also produced a pamphlet in 1949 entitled "Red Treason in Hollywood," which contained Mr. Hoover's photograph and a statement attributed to him. Strong objections concerning the improper usage of the Director's photograph were made to Fagan. The file does not reflect that Fagan has been guilty of this impropriety.
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Jones to DeLoach Memo
Re: CHET HUNTLEY

RECOMMENDATION:

As you will recall, Mr. Huntley carried the Director's Criss Award presentation ceremonies on one of his weekly half hour television shows and it appears appropriate, as a matter of cooperation, to furnish him information regarding Myron C. Fagan. Therefore, recommend that you (Mr. DeLoach) advise him as follows:

OK
Fagan, National Director, Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., Hollywood, California, established this anticommunist, anti-Semitic organization in 1949. Allegedly to expose communism in Hollywood. Fagan is a minor movie director and claims to speak with authority regarding "Red" activities in the movie and television industries. His Guild publications have attacked various personalities in these industries as communist and have caused a great deal of controversy. There is no indication, however, that the Guild has gained any great following nationally.

Fagan has attempted to use the photograph and name of the Director in his publications to make it appear the FBI has sanctioned his program of vilification.

(As of possible assistance there is attached a blind memorandum relating to Fagan.)

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Wey *Handled with Chet Huntley 4/19/62 - He was despising organization for Director. Making me case thin - D4/19*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-7-62

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

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SUBJECT: CHET HUNTLEY
NBC TELEVISION COMMENTATOR
TENTATIVELY DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE
A COPY OF "A STUDY OF COMMUNISM"

M.A. Jones
ML 5-1

Re attached copy of Director's new book, "A Study of Communism" which has been tentatively designated for Chet Huntley, television commentator. The following is a brief resume of pertinent information in Bufiles concerning Mr. Huntley.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

① The current edition of "Who's Who in America" reflects that Chester Robert Huntley was born 12-10-11 at Cardwell, Montana. He received a B. A. degree from the University of Washington in 1934 and became a radio announcer that same year. He was with the Columbia Broadcasting System and American Broadcasting Company prior to 1955 when he was hired as a commentator by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). He is very prominent in the news field and has received several awards over the years for his commentary. In addition to his well-known Huntley-Brinkley Report which appears nightly, he has a weekly half hour news program on Sundays and is well known for news specials such as coverage of the Democratic and Republican conventions.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Huntley has been friendly to the Bureau in recent years. The ceremonies connected with the presentation of the "Criss Award" to the Director were carried by Huntley on his half hour television show. The Director's address was treated with great dignity on this program and a number of persons connected with the award appeared on the show and spoke in praise of the Director.

Mr. Huntley has been the victim in two extortion investigations handled by the FBI and one of these, conducted in March, 1961, resulted in the identification of the writer of the threatening letter. Prosecution of this subject was dismissed because of his mental instability. Huntley was deeply appreciative of the FBI's work on the occasion and stated that he greatly admired the FBI.

Bufiles reflect that Huntley was the subject of an FBI security investigation in 1951, based on allegations that he was engaged in broadcasting propaganda which

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach
RE: CHET HUNTLEY

supported the communists. This investigation failed to develop any information indicating that Huntley was a member of the Communist Party or affiliated with any front groups other than a reported 1946 membership in the Radio Committee of Hollywood Writer's Mobilization. This was a cited organization. Sources reported during this inquiry that Huntley was a freethinker and outspoken in his political beliefs; however, other sources indicated that he was opposed to the inequities of communism as projected by the Soviet Union.

We have received numerous inquiries in the past year from citizens as to whether Huntley is a communist. These inquiries stemmed from a pamphlet issued by Myron C. Fagan's Cinema Educational Guild Inc., a highly controversial and largely discredited anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic west coast organization. We have had trouble with Myron C. Fagan in the past as he has attempted to use the Director's name and photograph in his scurrilous publications.

In connection with communist charges leveled against Huntley by Myron Fagan, Mr. Huntley wrote the Director on 4-9-62 to advise that Fagan had been viciously branding him as a communist in his publications. Huntley advised the Director that he had not filed a libel suit against Fagan on advice of counsel in view of the difficulty of proving such a complaint. He stated that he wished the Director to be aware of what was going on and also inquired as to whether the Director might suggest some recourse open to him which he had overlooked. He expressed his genuine appreciation for any consideration the Director might give this matter. In answer to this inquiry, information concerning Fagan and his organization was furnished to Huntley by you (Mr. DeLoach) on a personal basis on 4-19-62. Huntley was deeply appreciative for the Director having you call him.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the cordial relations we have had with Mr. Huntley and the friendship he has indicated for the Director and the Bureau, it is recommended that the Director furnish an autographed copy of "A Study Of Communism" to Mr. Huntley.

PAW *4/9/62* *M. A. Jones*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-27-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
FLINT, MICHIGAN

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BACKGROUND:

[REDACTED] National Broadcasting Company, Inc., New York City, who is on the Special Correspondents' List, communicated with Mr. DeLoach on 2-20-63 and enclosed copies of material received by his office in New York City. This material indicated that [REDACTED] in Flint, Michigan, for the Christian Mutual Life Insurance Company, Concord, New Hampshire, had received material from his church disseminated by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., in which Chet Huntley of NBC was listed as a communist. [REDACTED] indicated he had made a phone call to the FBI in Flint, Michigan, as he wanted to get the true facts about Mr. Huntley. A statement attributed to [REDACTED] alleges that he contacted an FBI Agent in Flint, Michigan, who stated that the information regarding Chet Huntley had to be true or the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., could be sued for libel and/or slander. [REDACTED] also enclosed with this material a three-page reprint of a letter which is apparently used by Chet Huntley when receiving inquiries about his alleged communist background according to the pamphlet put out by the Cinema Educational Guild and its founder, Myron C. Fagan of Hollywood, California.

Mr. DeLoach has responded separately to [REDACTED] letter to him.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

[REDACTED] appears to be identical with an individual who is the subject of [REDACTED] his identification record reveals a considerable number of arrests including a 15-year conviction for mail frauds in 1940 for which he served six years in Leavenworth Prison. We received an inquiry from a Congressman in Michigan in 1943 concerning [REDACTED] and the Congressman was endeavoring to obtain a parole for [REDACTED]. The Congressman understood that [REDACTED] had no prior criminal record, and he had never been out of the State of Michigan. The Congressman was subsequently advised confidentially about [REDACTED] extensive criminal record. A copy of the current FBI record for [REDACTED] is attached.

We have received numerous inquiries in the past year from citizens as to whether Huntley is a communist. These inquiries stemmed from a pamphlet issued by

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- 1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure
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Jones to DeLoach Memo

RE: [REDACTED]

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Huntley was also sent an autographed copy of the Director's book, "A Study of Communism," in September, 1962.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That the attached airtel be sent to Detroit requesting that office to immediately submit background data concerning the contact by [REDACTED] with a Special Agent of the Flint Resident Agency, and to also contact [REDACTED] and instruct him to desist from implying that the FBI has furnished any evaluation of the statement put out by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., relating to Huntley.

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NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

A SERVICE OF RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA

RCA Building, Radio City, New York 20, N.Y.

CIRCLE 7-8300

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February 20, 1963

Mr. Cartha DeLoach
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
HOLC Building
First Street and Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Deke:

I'm enclosing some correspondence I thought you would be interested in reading. I don't believe that the agent in Flint would make such a statement, but I don't think these things should go unchecked.

I'm also taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a statement we have been putting out in connection with the Cinema Educational Guild; and if memory serves, I believe Chet talked about this to the Director a few years ago at the Mutual of Omaha affair in Washington.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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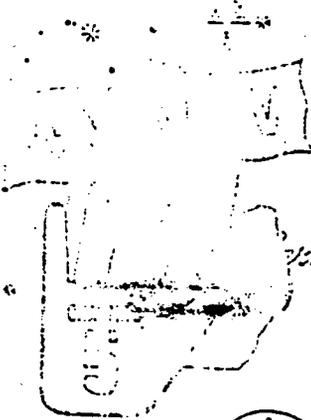
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JAMES GERITY, JR., President

Gerity Broadcasting Company

Flint • Saginaw • Bay City NBC

CENTRAL STUDIOS
5700 BECKER ROAD
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN
PHONE PL 5-8101



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STATION RELATIONS
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK 20, NEW YORK

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DEAR [REDACTED]: (b)(6)

PER OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF THIS MORNING, PLEASE
FIND THE INFORMATION DISCUSSED.

WHEN MR. [REDACTED] (b)(6) CALLED ME, HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD
CONTACTED THE FBI AGENT IN FLINT MICHIGAN, AND THE AGENT
DID SAY THIS INFORMATION REGARDING CHET HUNTLEY HAD TO BE TRUE,
OR THE CINEMA EDUCATIONAL GUILD INC. COULD BE SUED FOR LIBEL
AND/OR SLANDER.

THE COPY OF THE LETTER TO BILL McANDREW IS FOR YOUR FILE, I HAVE
A COPY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, DON'T HESITATE, CALL.

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REGARDS,

[REDACTED]

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Address Reply to:

Agency Office 229 W. BALTIMORE
FLINT 5, MICHIGAN
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Christian Natural Life Insurance Co.

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125 E. 11th St.
New York City, N.Y.

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Last Sunday, a copy of an article published by the Christian Educational Guild Inc. was distributed in a church home in our city. For all I know, it may have been given out in all of the churches in the area.

In this article, it listed, amongst others, Chas Huntley, of your news staff, amongst one of the most reliable news and "News - Travellers".

As a result to today, I received an announcement from the Institute of Life Insurance that Life Insurance Agents are back on TV with a new Chas Huntley special.

Now, I am not writing a one man article against Chas Huntley, but, I did make a show call to the FBI yesterday, and I want to get the true facts right from Mr. Huntley himself. This I believe the only fair thing to do.

Would you please be so kind as to see that Mr. Huntley receives this correspondence and has an opportunity to clarify himself, and confirm or deny this article completely. In fact, a copy of which may be obtained by writing direct to the publisher at 1700 W. 48th St Hollywood 40, California.

Personally, I have enjoyed Mr. Huntley, and have shown the film "Patterns for Survival" perhaps a hundred times or more. Mr. Huntley narrated that film you will recall.

In thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter, I remain,

[Redacted]

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Channel 5, Flint

NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

A SERVICE OF RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA

RCA Building, Radio City, New York 20, N.Y.

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Many thanks for your inquiry and the opportunity you have given me to point out the deliberate and cunning falsification which is at work here.

I am most familiar with the pamphlet put out by the Cinema Educational Guild which has no members but is owned 100% by Myron C. Fagan of Hollywood, California. I have spent a considerable sum of money trying to find a way to stop this slander but there seems to be no answer thus far.

The initial reaction of most people upon reading this pamphlet is, "Why doesn't Huntley sue Fagan and the Cinema Educational Guild?" At considerable cost I did find out that the Cinema Educational Guild and Fagan have absolutely nothing. Fagan keeps everything in someone else's name: his home, car, and personal effects. The Cinema Educational Guild has no members, so there is no one to sue there. His bank account cannot be attached because he keeps virtually nothing in it.

The result is that Fagan can be sued time and time again at tremendous cost to the plaintiff; but plaintiff's only satisfaction is going to be a small notice in the local newspaper that he won the case. Frankly, I do not have that kind of bank account. Fagan could be sued a thousand times and would lose the case a thousand times, but this is a free country and he can not be prevented from printing any lie he wishes to print. Most people have enough moral integrity to refrain from such practices.

Furthermore, Fagan uses a law-suit to his own advantage. Upon being sued he rushes before his audience and asks for donations to defend himself. He comes out the winner. Consider how much profit he realizes out of these pamphlets. He does not give them away, you will notice.

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But not all are as materially careful as Fagan. One citizen of Los Angeles, several years ago, by the name of Mrs. Rae Suchman, obviously under the influence of the Fagan-type literature and "professional anti-communism," had the temerity to call me a communist. I launched a suit and I refer you to the record of Los Angeles County which will show that the case was settled out of court within a week, that I won a judgement of ten thousand dollars, and compelled Mrs. Suchman to take out advertisements in the Los Angeles newspapers apologizing and retracting her statements. I never made any effort to collect the judgement, preferring to let it remain to be collected without further litigation should she repeat her slander.

I am not ashamed of the intense hatred directed toward me by these sunshine-and-fair-weather patriots. Some of them seek profit from a professional anti-communism. Others are simply misled. But in any case, I am convinced they do a tremendous service in behalf of communism which they purportedly oppose. They are communism's best agents. Communism breeds on suspicion and mistrust. Communism, in order to capture this nation, must first weaken and destroy our institutions, including that of due process. We have systems of due process which make the activities of individuals and groups such as Myron Fagan and the Cinema Educational Guild superfluous. I have invited the enmity of these people and groups because, I think, they do us a grave disservice. I particularly invited the hatred of Fagan when in 1949 I exposed him on the CBS radio network. He launched a slander and libel suit and then dropped it when he learned that I had proof of what I had said. The records of Los Angeles County will also reveal that.

As you can imagine, I have taken scores of loyalty oaths to the end that if I had ever had any communist or subversive connections or leanings whatsoever, I could be indicted for perjury at once. I enjoy the very highest security status from the various branches of the Department of Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission, and other departments of government. Every month or so I do some work of highly classified and secretive nature for our government and each time I have to be investigated and cleared over again.

I have given considerable financial support to an effective anti-communist organization called NTS with headquarters in Frankfurt, West Germany. I have had my life threatened by communists and on one occasion in Singapore my colleague, Gene Symonds of United Press was beaten to death by them and I managed to escape. So I frequently feel like telling these arm-chair patriots to put their money and their lives where their talk is. Perhaps one of these days I can manage to get some data on some of these people circulating this pamphlet and launch a suit against them to demonstrate that the pamphlet is in very serious error. It contains the names of some who, I am sure, either were or

are communists; but it is a deliberate kind of blackmail in respect to myself and others.

For your information, I have no qualms in telling you what I have sworn to under oath repeatedly: that I am not and never have been a member of the Communist Party or any other subversive organization. More than that I have never been a member of any organization which, to my knowledge, has been under the faintest suspicion. And even more than that.....I was never even asked to join any organization which was subversive or was later revealed to be subversive.

I think there is one simple question which I can address to you and which will reveal the lack of genuineness, sincerity, and truth in these charges brought by this despicable individual. It is this: if Fagan is a loyal, patriotic, responsible American why does he not bring his charges or his evidence to the FBI and to my employer, NBC? If there were any substance to his assertions, whatsoever, I assure you I would be dismissed from the air immediately; and the government of the United States would re-classify me to the end that I would be denied further access to top-secret and confidential information and plans. That Fagan refuses to do this in the face of repeated challenges, reveals, I think, that he is running an operation which is, in effect, bordering on blackmail. I have every confidence that when intelligent people stop to analyze what is going on here their indignation and revulsion will ultimately take care of Fagan and those like him.

Sincerely,

Chet Huntley

2-28-63

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To: SAC, Detroit

From: Director, FBI

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██████████ National
Broadcasting Company, Inc., New York, New York, has recently been in
touch with ██████████ regarding correspondence from the above-
captioned individual. ██████████ interest in contacting NBC was prompted by
his receipt of a pamphlet prepared by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.,
which alleges that Chet Huntley is "amongst 200 of 'the most rabid REDS and
Fellow Travelers.'" ██████████ of General Broadcasting
Company, Saginaw, Michigan, an NBC affiliate, was also in touch with Mr.
██████████. ██████████ attributed a statement to ██████████ to the effect
that ██████████ contacted an FBI Agent in Flint, Michigan, about Chet Huntley.
The Agent allegedly stated that the information regarding Huntley had to be true,
or the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., could be sued for libel and/or slander.

Buffles reveal ██████████ may possibly be identical
with the subject of ██████████ and a copy of his identification record is
enclosed. (b)(7)(c) ✓

For your information, the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., is a highly
controversial and largely discredited anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-
Semitic west coast organization. The Bureau has had trouble with Myron C.
Pagan, the founder of Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., as he attempted to use
my name and photograph in his scurrilous publications. We have also received
numerous inquiries in the past from citizens as to whether Huntley is a

- 1 - Mr. Callahan (Sent with cover memo)
 - 1 - Mr. DeLoach (Sent with cover memo)
 - 1 - Follow-up made for 3-8-63
- NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach Memo dated 2-27-63 captioned as above.
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communist. Huntley also communicated with me in April, 1962, to advise that Fagan has been viciously branding him as a communist in his publications. Huntley stated that he had not filed a libel suit against Fagan on advice of counsel in view of the difficulty of proving such a complaint. We have enjoyed cordial relations with Mr. Huntley and he is a firm supporter of the FBI. (b)(7)(c)

In view of the statements attributed to [redacted] regarding the statement allegedly made by a Special Agent of the Flint, Michigan, Resident Agency, on February 6, 1963, you should endeavor to obtain all facts surrounding [redacted] contact with the FBI and advise the Bureau. If the facts do not preclude such a course of action, [redacted] should also be contacted and forcefully informed that the FBI does not make evaluations or comments concerning any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, he should be instructed to desist from making any further comments of the type attributed to him by [redacted] mentioned above. The results of your inquiry and contact with [redacted] should reach the Bureau no later than 3-8-63 captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-11-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
FLINT, MICHIGAN

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BACKGROUND:

My memorandum to you of 2-27-63, captioned as above, set forth background information regarding a statement attributed to [REDACTED] in which he alleged he contacted an FBI Agent in Flint, Michigan, who stated that the information disseminated by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., regarding Chet Huntley had to be true or the Cinema Educational Guild could be sued for libel and/or slander. [REDACTED] allegedly contacted the Resident Agency at Flint, Michigan, on 2-6-63 about Chet Huntley in an effort to pin down the allegation made about him by the Cinema Educational Guild. [REDACTED] was a life insurance salesman and apparently was interested in Huntley's background as Huntley was sponsored on TV programs by certain insurance companies. The Detroit Office was requested to submit background information concerning the contact by [REDACTED] with the Flint, Michigan, Resident Agency and to also contact [REDACTED] and instruct him to desist from implying that the FBI had furnished any evaluation of the statement put out by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.

RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] BY DETROIT OFFICE:

[REDACTED] was contacted on 3-5-63. [REDACTED] received literature from the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., in which Huntley was named as a communist. [REDACTED] sells insurance for several companies and since one of these companies was to sponsor a TV program narrated by Chet Huntley, [REDACTED] decided to determine whether or not Huntley was a present or former communist. The consensus of [REDACTED] pastor and other members of his church was that the allegation regarding Huntley must be true or Huntley would have sued Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., for libel and/or slander.

[REDACTED] then telephonically contacted the Flint FBI Resident Agency and was informed to the effect the FBI is strictly an investigative Agency and makes no evaluations or recommendations concerning the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. Also, the FBI's inability to furnish any statement on Huntley or the Cinema Educational Guild should not be interpreted as implying that the FBI does or does not have information in its files regarding the subject of the inquiry.

[REDACTED] then contacted a representative of the Gerity Broadcasting Company, Saginaw, Michigan, to determine how to get in touch with Huntley so that he could either affirm or deny the allegation by the Cinema Educational Guild. [REDACTED] stated that if during his conversation with [REDACTED] the Gerity Broadcasting Company, he gave the impression that an FBI Agent at Flint had stated that the information regarding

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach

RE: [REDACTED]

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Huntley had to be true, this was not [REDACTED] intention. The opinion that the statement had to be true was his own opinion and that of members of his church. Since he also told Mr. [REDACTED] that he had contacted the FBI at Flint, [REDACTED] only advised this was an opinion regarding Huntley.

[REDACTED] assured the Detroit Agents that in the future, he will be most circumspect in his statements and will refrain from even mentioning that he contacted the FBI regarding the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.

CINEMA EDUCATIONAL GUILD, INC., ALLEGATION
RE CHET HUNTLEY:

[The Bureau has had trouble with Myron C. Fagan, Director of the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., Hollywood, California, and he has attempted to use the Director's name and photograph in his scurrilous publications.] We have also received numerous inquiries from citizens as to whether Huntley is a communist. [Huntley, with whom we have enjoyed cordial relations, and he is a firm supporter of the FBI, communicated with the Director in April, 1962, to advise that Fagan had been viciously branding him as a communist in his publication. Huntley stated that he had not filed a libel suit against Fagan on advice of counsel in view of the difficulty of proving such a complaint.]

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

JPM [Handwritten signature]

[REDACTED]
Jackson, Mississippi
July 20, 1964

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DATE 7/15/83 BY SP-1GSK/RBG

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I shall not take a great deal of your time with this letter, but there is a matter of some importance to me personally that I should like some help with if it is possible. Recently, I was talking politics in a group while the Republican National Convention was in progress. During the course of the conversation, some derogatory remarks were made against the news team of Chet Huntley and David Brinkly, culminating in the accusation that both of these newscasters were "card-carrying Communists," and that their names were on some sort of "list" of those required to "register" (evidently as agents of a foreign power).

If it is possible, I should like to know if these two men are, in the opinion of the Bureau, Communists or knowing agents of a Communist-controlled organization.

This matter may seem insignificant, but it is important that I know the truth. I am seeking to do my little part to discourage the practice of making such accusations without proof of their validity. I shall be content with your reply and your opinion alone. (Or that expressed by your subordinates.)

Thank you so much for your help.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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[Redacted]

66 Jackson, Mississippi

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 20th has been received.

In response to your inquiry regarding Chet Huntley and David Brinkley, the FBI does not have any information concerning these individuals which would warrant our investigation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]. Huntley is a well-known television or commentator who was the subject of a security investigation in 1951 which failed to develop any indication of Communist Party membership or affiliation with a front organization. (100-378033)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of April 15th has been received and I want to thank you for your very complimentary remarks. Your staunch support means a great deal to all of us in the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I cannot answer the questions you asked. I am sure you will understand the necessary reason for this policy.

I am enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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"Time for Decision"
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
Faith in God
Communism--The Incredible Swindle

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Mr Hoover: Chet Huntley

I have a card from a place in Calif saying Chet Huntley is a Communist - I find this a bitter pill as I've enjoyed them - but realize if this is true, he certainly can give out a lot of valuable information to them. Of course I know you couldn't tell me, a stranger but shouldn't he be checked out? My God, how America needs God! Also it has been rumored Mr. Luther King also is their leader in these parades. And that the woman killed on the high way was also a Communist.

I feel we must be infested like a termites house. Is Pres. Johnson in with Mr King? I have the highest regard for you and your stand for right and know the load must be heavy.

But know you are trusting a mighty God. But I am concerned about the list with C. Huntley and wondered if it could be verified as true or false! I am an older, retired, not wealthy widow but concerned.

Thank you

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Thankyou

Sincerely

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John

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 11-21-69

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: NAME CHECKS ON NEWS COMMENTATORS

In D. J. Brennan, Jr., to Mr. W. C. Sullivan memorandum dated 11-19-69, it was noted that on the morning of 11-19-69, Mr. Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, and Larry Higbee of his staff advised the Liaison Agent that the President had requested on an urgent basis all biographic data and any information in the Bureau files concerning the principal television personalities on the three major networks. Krogh and Higbee requested specifically information on the following names as well as any other television person of similar rank: John Chancellor, Eric Sevareid, Chet Huntley, Frank McGee, Frank Reynolds, and

A survey was immediately made of all reference sources in the news media field available to this Section to ascertain additional commentators of similar rank. As a result of this survey of reference material and knowledgeable individuals in the Crime Records Division, the following were considered pertinent and were also included in the list of name checks made for the White House: Martin Agronsky and Edward P. Morgan. It is noted that in none of the reference material available was CBS, listed.

The central files of the FBI reflect no information identifiable with a [redacted] and no arrest record was located identifiable with him.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to Mr. Egil Krogh, Jr., concerning [redacted] be sent.

Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure
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- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - M. A. Jones - Enclosure

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~~CHESTER ROBERT HUNTLEY~~

Summary

Captioned individual, who is commonly known as Chet Huntley, was born on December 10, 1911, at Cardwell, Montana. He studied at Montana State College, the Cornish School of Arts at Seattle, and received his B. A. degree from the University of Washington in 1934. His first wife was Ingrid Rolin, whom he married on February 23, 1936. He married Lewis Tipton Stringer on March 7, 1959. Since 1934 he has been a news broadcaster for various radio and TV networks. He was with CBS from 1939 to 1951, ABC from 1951 to 1955 and he has been with NBC in New York City since 1955. He has received several awards over the years for his commentary and he resides in New York City. "The International Celebrity Register" states that he has been described as too liberal (once winning a \$10,000 libel suit for communist charges), not liberal enough and once, by the "Saturday Review," as a moralist. He is well known for being an anchor man at the Democratic and Republican Convention broadcasts.

Wash.

Mr. Huntley was the subject of a security investigation conducted by the FBI in 1951 based on an allegation that he was engaged in propaganda broadcasting in support of the communist position in world affairs. This investigation developed no information indicating Communist Party membership or affiliation with Communist Party front groups except for reported membership in the Radio Committee of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization in 1946. This organization was cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450. It was reported that as a result of allegations received by CBS concerning Mr. Huntley's liberal approach, his contract was not renewed upon expiration in the Spring of 1951. Some sources indicated that Mr. Huntley was a free thinker and an outspoken person regarding his political beliefs. Other sources indicated that although he may have taken a liberal interpretation of international events, he opposed the inequities of communism as projected by the Soviet Union.

NOTE: Per request of Egil Krogh, Jr., Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs.

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Chester Robert Huntley

In 1953, Mr. Huntley appeared on a high school program in which he described the issue of communism as "the grandest hobbyhorse for politicians ever invented." He did, however, advocate outlawing the Communist Party. The FBI has received numerous inquiries from citizens as to whether Mr. Huntley is a communist. These inquiries stemmed from a pamphlet issued by the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., an organization headed by Myron C. Fagan, which distributes anticommunist, anti-Negro, and anti-Semitic pamphlets. In some of this literature, Mr. Huntley was named as a communist. Mr. Huntley has indicated he did not sue for libel on the advice of his attorneys because Fagan and his organization had no funds and because Fagan used such suits as excuses for soliciting funds for his organization.

It is reported that Mr. Huntley is registered as an Independent.

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

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November 20, 1969

BY LIAISON

Honorable Egil Krogh, Jr.
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Domestic Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Krogh:

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Reference is made to your name check request concerning
some news commentators.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following
individuals:

~~Maxim Litvinsky~~
~~Chancellor~~
~~Chester Robert Huntley~~

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~~Frank McG...~~
~~Edward P. Morgan~~
~~Frank Reynolds~~
~~Eric Sevareid~~

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

Sincerely yours,

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
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Huntley Finds Life Has Its Drawbacks

BOZEMAN, Mont. July 21 (AP)—Chet Huntley of the Huntley-Brinkley news telecast says Life magazine incorrectly quoted him as saying it "frightens me" that Richard M. Nixon is president.

In a letter to the Bozeman Chronicle, Huntley declared Monday that he actually said he "worried about all presidents of the United States—whether they will stay healthy, whether they can stand the strain, their power, the decisions they make, and our tendency to make monarchs out of them."

In New York, a Life spokesman said, "After reading the account of what he said, Mr. Huntley may have regretted saying it. But there is no question about the accuracy of what was reported. Mr. (Thomas) Thompson's (the Life reporter) notes are available if Mr. Huntley wants to see them."

Huntley, 58, retires from



CHET HUNTLEY
... good night, Life!

the telecast after the Friday night show, and will devote full time to developing a Montana recreational complex.

The newscaster also disowned another quote in the Life interview: "The shallowness of the man—President Nixon—overwhelms me."

In disclaiming that quote, Huntley said he had ventured the judgment that the 1968 campaign, as waged by all candidates, was shallow and that the President's rationale for Cambodia was thin.

"But that was transformed into the statement that I think Mr. Nixon was shallow," Huntley said.

Huntley also denied having said he had "poured Scotch" for President Johnson.

"Well, so it goes," concluded Huntley. "The only reasonably accurate quote was the one about the Eastern Establishment."

In that passage the newscaster was quoted as saying "Spiro Agnew is appealing to the most base of elements" and that the networks had "almost created" Agnew through intensive news coverage.

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- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Brennan/C.D.
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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(b)(c) [Redacted]

Grafton, West Virginia 26354

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Dear Sir:

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My name is [Redacted] I am a senior at Grafton High School. I think you can give me some information I need. A teacher of mine, [Redacted] and I had an argument about the news reporter, Chet Huntly. I told her that I heard he was a confirmed communist. She seemed to get very mad and did not believe me. She told me to get information to prove my statement. I would be very grateful if you would send me this information.

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Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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[Redacted]

Grafton, West Virginia 26354

Dear [Redacted]

In response to the inquiry in your letter which I received on May 4th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles show no record identifiable with correspondent or [Redacted]. *Huntley* is a well-known television commentator who was the subject of a security investigation in 1951 which failed to develop any indication of a Communist Party membership or affiliation with a front organization except for a reported membership in a Radio Committee of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization in 1946. This organization was cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

It has been stated that Ghet Huntley, the NBC news narrator, is known to have attended a leftist convention, at which Viet Cong flags were prominently displayed and revolutionary methods were advocated.

Do you possess any record of the above in your files?

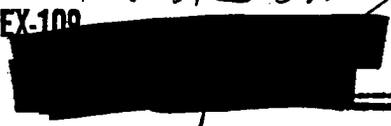
Please advise via the stamped, self-addressed envelope herewith enclosed.

Yours for exposing the truth—and the fiction

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. 

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NOTE CONTINUED: Our files disclose a citizen letter 4-12-69 which indicated an article appeared in a Fort Lauderdale newspaper on 4-11-69 that Chet Huntley was a speaker at a meeting of "The Fund for Education" in World Order at the New York Hilton Hotel during March, 1969, during which Viet Cong flags decorated the ballroom.