

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

**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD (PAT) BROWN**

**FILE: 116-442786**

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. Type or print all answers. If space is not adequate for complete answers, use the additional space provided under Item No. 27. All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State.

1. NAME (Last, first, middle) <b>BROWN, EDMUND GERALD</b>		25. DESCRIPTION (Check which) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				
2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman) <i>CA 15 757 (F)</i>		RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
3. PRESENT ADDRESS <b>GOVERNOR'S MANSION SACRAMENTO, CALIF.</b>		<b>WHITE</b>	<b>5'10 1/2"</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>BROWN</b>	<b>BROWN</b>
DATE <b>1/59</b>		6. (Check which) <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		BIRTH MONTH	DAY	YEAR
4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS <b>460 MAGELLAN AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>		DATE <b>10/30/50</b>		<b>4 21 1905</b>		
DATE <b>Prior to 1/59</b>		8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country) <b>CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO STATE OF CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.</b>				
5. CITIZENSHIP: U.S. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/>		By birth				
IF U.S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:		(A) BY BIRTH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		(C) BY NATURALIZATION <input type="checkbox"/>				
		PETITION NO.				
		DATE				
		CERTIFICATE NO.				
		PLACE				
IF ALIEN, INDICATE		ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.				
		DATE OF ENTRY				
		PORT OF ENTRY				
10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED						
11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>NONE</b>						
12. PERMANENT STATION, RANK, AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE						
12A. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or Present)						
SERIAL NOS.	BRANCH	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)			
<b>NONE</b>						

13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)		ADDRESS	FROM (Yr.)	TO (Yr.)	DEGREES
NAME OF SCHOOL					
<b>LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL</b>		<b>1860 HAYES STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>			
<b>SAN FRANCISCO LAW SCHOOL</b>		<b>1044 POST STREET, MCT - 1 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>	<b>116 -</b>	<b>442786</b>	<b>LLB</b>
			<b>JUL 14 1959</b>		

14. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)			
COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>			
<b>FRANCE, ENGLAND</b>			
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>			
<b>HOLLAND, DENMARK</b>			
<b>ITALY, GREECE</b>			

15. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including present employment and ALL dates of addresses when unemployed. If any employments required AEC security clearance ("Q"), indicate the company or organization which requested the clearance. Give name or names under which employed if different than name now used.)

DATE FROM-TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS (Where employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING
11/58 to 12/58	J. J. Newberry, Co.	Sales clerk	1921 Broadway Oakland, Calif.	End of Christmas vacation.

16. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all present membership and all past membership during the last 15 years in all organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations not covered by Question 17 below.)

None	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM-	TO-	OFFICE HELD
None					

17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire.)

NO  
Answer "Yes" or "No"

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

NO  
Answer "Yes" or "No"

19. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

NO  
Answer "Yes" or "No"

20. 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?

NO  
Answer "Yes" or "No"

IF ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 17, 18, OR 20 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE BELOW, UNDER ITEM NO. 27, OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET, THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE DATES OF MEMBERSHIP.

YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 7, 19, 20, OR 22 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE BELOW UNDER ITEM NO. 27, OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME ADDRESS FROM TO OFFICE HELD

22. RELATIVES (Parents, stepparents, foster parents, spouse, divorced spouse or spouses, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, step-brothers, stepsisters, halfbrothers, halfsisters, father-in-law, and mother-in-law, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage. In the event of marriage subsequent to the execution of this Questionnaire, it will be necessary that data concerning the new spouse be furnished on Form AEC-354.)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Daniel Breuner	51	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	Germany	U.S.
Mother	Sue Bertha Breuner	43	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	United States	U.S.
Brother	Daniel Mark Breuner	5	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	United States	U.S.
Sister	Penny Sue Breuner	31	7317 Weld Street, Oak, Calif.	United States	U.S.
Sister	Vivian Jean Redinger	22	2940 Parker Avenue, Oakland, California	United States	U.S.

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

NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
[Redacted] Middle names unknown	[Redacted] Oakland, Calif.	3
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	17
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	11

24. 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 16TH 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.

If your answer is, "Yes," give in item 25 for each case:  
 (A) approximate date, (B) charge, (C) place, (D) action taken

25. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations) None

A. DATE	B. CHARGE	C. PLACE WHERE ARRESTED AND NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	D. ACTION TAKEN

26. PREVIOUS SECURITY CLEARANCE  
 A. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? NO Answer "Yes" or "No"  
 B. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED CLEARANCE BY ANY BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT? NO Answer "Yes" or "No"  
 If your answer to either question A. or B. is "Yes," please furnish details.

CERTIFICATION

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND REVIEWED THE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A HEREOF. I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF MY ELIGIBILITY FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT, AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT; FURTHER, THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

Audith Breuner (USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE) (Sign original only) 6/23/59 Oakland, Calif (DATE AND PLACE WHERE SIGNED)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES (Description should not reveal classified information)  Clerk Stenographer  CA-A  <u>T. P. Mulholland, Assistant Director,</u> Organization and Personnel Division  (SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE)	NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM <u>U. S. Atomic Energy Commission</u>
	ADDRESS <u>570 17th St. Oakland, Calif</u>
	WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	(Check the one block applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> I-C ATTACHED <input type="checkbox"/> I-4 ATTACHED } (RESULTS OF F.B.I. FINGERPRINT FILE CHECK)

(PLEASE REMOVE AND REVERSE CARBON PAPER BEFORE USING THIS SPACE)

27. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION REQUESTED IN ITEMS 1 TO 26. (Indicate item numbers to which answers apply).

ITEM NO.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AMB*

DATE: July 21, 1959

FROM :

[Redacted] *Xmb7C*

SUBJECT:

EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

- Tolson
- Belmont
- DeLoach
- McGuire
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Trotter
- W.C. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

Pursuant to approved recommendation in memorandum *7-21-59*  
 Mr. Rosen to the Director of July 20, 1959, Liaison contacted today  
 Mr. John A. Waters, Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission  
 (AEC); and Mr. Earl Lane, Assistant Director of Security Intelligence  
 of the Washington area, AEC, to determine if an investigation  
 of captioned individual, Governor of California, should be conducted.

Initially, Waters stated that in the light of the fact  
 that Brown, as a member of the Board of Regents at the University  
 of California, occupies a position of a high degree of importance  
 and sensitivity under the Atomic Energy Act, an FBI investigation  
 prior to granting him clearance is automatically required by Section  
 145 of the Act. He and Lane added that no exceptions or exemptions  
 are provided for in the Act. Reference was made by Lane and Waters,  
 to Brown's predecessor, Earl Warren, and they stated that AEC  
 headquarters records reflect that FBI conducted applicant-type  
 investigation on him in connection with the same position on the  
 Board of Regents in 1951 when Warren was Governor of California.

A check of our files on Warren, however, reflected that  
 the Bureau did not investigate Warren for AEC but rather wrote Waters  
 a letter of November 8, 1951, stating that Bureau files did not  
 reflect any derogatory information regarding Warren's character,  
 loyalty, and associates and that no further inquiry would be conducted  
 unless specifically requested by Waters. When this letter was  
 brought to the attention of Waters, he said that he had based his  
 original statement as to our alleged investigation of Warren on the  
 clearance cards on file at AEC headquarters and that he had no present  
 recollection of the letter mentioned above. He said that this letter  
 should be on file in the San Francisco AEC office; that he would  
 check into the matter further; that in the meantime we should hold  
 the AEC request on Brown in abeyance until we hear from Waters.

**ACTION:**

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For information.

Liaison will follow with Waters.

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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section

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*Handwritten notes:*  
 Upon investigation of Brown, we should advise Brown so he will understand why  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 20, 1959

FROM : A. ROSEN *ARM*

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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Belmont	_____
DeLoach	_____
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Rosen	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

This is to advise the Atomic Energy Commission has requested a background investigation of the above-captioned individual, who is presently the Governor of California. Because of his position as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California, which position has been classified as a highly sensitive position by the Atomic Energy Commission, the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 requires that a full investigation be conducted by the Bureau. Governor Brown, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California, will have access to restricted data.

Even though the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 requires that a full investigation be conducted concerning individuals having a highly sensitive position, it is believed that the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, should be contacted to determine whether an investigation of Governor Brown should be conducted. If the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, reaffirms the request for the investigation, it is believed that the investigation should be ordered, since it is felt that the Bureau would have no alternative, in view of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. In event the investigation is ordered, it is felt that Governor Brown should be advised of the reason for the investigation and the fact it is being conducted at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Bureau files reflect that Governor Brown has never been investigated by the FBI. In an article in the San Francisco Examiner, a California newspaper under date of 7-16-58, Brown, then Attorney General of California, charged the FBI Uniform Crime Reports presented California in an "unjustifiable and unfavorable light," because of the manner in which the statistics were compiled. He subsequently stated the article was not, in any manner, meant to be derogatory of the "great work" being done by the FBI. (62-76249, 62-21610-5-132)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Liaison Section

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Memorandum to The Director

Our files also reflect allegations received in the past indicating he sought the aid of communists and communist infiltrated organizations during his political rise. In 1945 he reportedly opposed the deportation of Harry Bridges, a West Coast labor leader accused of membership in the Communist Party. (62-76249)

On the Personnel Security Questionnaire which he submitted to the Atomic Energy Commission for the instant investigation, Brown admits past membership in the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) in 1946. An article in the San Francisco Chronicle, a California newspaper, under date of 8-9-49, announced Brown had been elected vice president of the San Francisco chapter of the NLG. The NLG has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (62-76249)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the investigation of Governor Brown be held in abeyance pending contact with the Director of Security at the Atomic Energy Commission by liaison to determine if an investigation of Governor Brown should be conducted.

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I concur.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: August 12, 1959

FROM :

[Redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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Belmont	_____
DeLoach	_____
McGuire	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

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My memorandum of July 21, 1959, reflected that the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) had advised us to hold in abeyance its request for an investigation of Brown, Governor of California, in connection with his need for AEC clearance as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California. It may be noted that AEC so advised us after being informed by us that when Earl Warren was Governor of California, which automatically carries with it membership on the Board of Regents, the Bureau did not investigate Warren for AEC clearance. In the Warren case, clearance by AEC was based on a letter from us stating that Bureau files did not reflect derogatory information on Warren's character, loyalty, and associates, and that no further inquiry would be conducted unless specifically requested by AEC.

On July 24, 1959, AEC Security Director, John A. Waters, said there was nothing new on the Brown situation and that we should continue to hold the matter in abeyance. On August 12, 1959, the Liaison representative was again in touch with Waters about the Brown case. Waters said that there was nothing new; that he had mentioned the problem to the General Manager at AEC; that presumably it was still under consideration in the General Manager's Office; and that he, Waters, had not yet followed it up but would now do so. Waters said that he would let us know as soon as a decision in the case has been reached at AEC.

ACTION:

For information.

JMF:jlkk  
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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Callan (Attention: Mr. Connell)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section

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August 28, 1959

EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
Born: April 21, 1905  
San Francisco, California

In response to your request for the results of any investigations conducted concerning the captioned individual, you are advised that no investigation concerning Mr. Brown has been conducted by the FBI.

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8/27/59 DRR:FJB

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- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

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

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Mr. Tamm	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 1P

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, CA, ACAA. REBULET TO SAN FRANCISCO JULY  
FOURTEEN, FIFTYNINE. FOR INFO BUREAU, BROWN IS CURRENTLY  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND THE BUREAU MAY RECEIVE INQUIRIES  
FROM THE PRESS.

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Date: 7/17/59

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)  
SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN - CA - 15757  
AEAA

Re Bureau telephone call 7/17/59 by Supervisor [redacted] [redacted] advising instant investigation should be discontinued.

No investigation conducted. No report being submitted.

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- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - San Francisco (116-52286)

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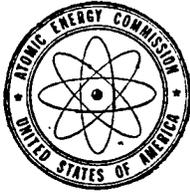
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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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September 30, 1959

IN REPLY REFER TO: S:PFG

MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED] Liaison Representative **b7c**  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Headquarters

From: *P. F. Gaughran*  
P. F. Gaughran, Deputy Director  
Division of Security

Subject: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AEC No. CA-15757

It is requested that the above-entitled case be handled  
in the same manner as the case of Earl Warren, AEC No. BE-3941.

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VIA LIAISON

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Date: October 6, 1959

To: Atomic Energy Commission

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
11C-442786-8

Subject: EDMUND GERALD BROWN,  
Also Known As "Pat" Brown  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

delivered to [redacted] 10/8/59  
JPH

Reference is made to your letter dated September 30, 1959. No investigation has been conducted by this Bureau relative to Edmund Gerald Brown; however, the following information received by this Bureau may be pertinent to your inquiry:

The February 13, 1945, issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco newspaper, reported that Brown, then District Attorney, opposed the deportation of Harry Bridges, a west coast labor leader accused of membership in the Communist Party. (62-76249-11, pg 7; 39-915-2560)

An article appearing in the August 9, 1945, issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" announced that Brown had been elected vice president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. The National Lawyers Guild has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-7321-879)

This Bureau is in possession of a letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee," which was a committee, according to the letterhead, to sponsor a second anniversary dinner of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at San Francisco. This letterhead lists Brown as a member of the Committee in Formation. The informant who made the letterhead available to this Bureau stated that Brown was being considered by the Communist Party in San Francisco as a speaker for this committee (no further details available). [redacted] (62-76249-19)

In March, 1946, this Bureau was furnished a copy of a letter dated January 10, 1946, written by a veterans group at the University of San Francisco, which criticized Brown for

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NOTE: See cover memo Rosen to The Director, 10/5/59, same caption, EMH:fil

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permitting his name to be listed as a sponsor of a banquet on November 10, 1945, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, in honor of the AYD. In reply, Brown by letter dated February 1, 1946, stated that he knew that the Young Communist League (YCL) or some similar organization had participated in the formation of the AYD. He then called an official of the AYD to determine if it was communistic in either origin or intent. According to Brown, the official advised him that the AYD "was not in any manner, shape or form communistic although some members of the Young Communist League had at one time belonged." Brown added, "I have refused at all times to become a sponsor of any organization or any meeting until I first investigated its background." The AYD and the YCL have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to EO 10450. (62-76249-13)

The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, U. S. Army, has advised this Bureau that on June 14, 1946, the Mobilization for Democracy sponsored a public meeting at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, at which Brown spoke. The Mobilization for Democracy has been cited as one of the "key communist fronts in California," by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947. (100-343748-9)

Brown advised this Bureau on July 5, 1956, that he was opposed to any provision giving the individual states the right to prosecute subversives. He felt that they were incapable and inadequately equipped to handle such a job. He added, "I assure you that I recognize the menace of subversive activities and I desire to do all in my power to aid and assist you as well as other security agencies of our Government." (62-76249-32)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: October 5, 1959

FROM : A. Rosen *Rw*

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SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN  
Also known as "Pat" Brown  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

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SYNOPSIS:

Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) requests name check in lieu of investigation of Edmund Gerald "Pat" Brown, Governor of California, who is under consideration for AEC clearance as Regent of the University of California. AEC is being advised in proposed letter FBI has never investigated Brown. Letter points out in 1945, according to San Francisco Chronicle, Brown opposed deportation of Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, accused of membership in Communist Party (CP); in 1945 same source stated Brown elected vice president, San Francisco chapter National Lawyers Guild, which is cited as communist front; in 1945 his name appeared on letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee," a committee sponsoring 2nd anniversary dinner for American Youth for Democracy (AYD), cited by Attorney General (AG) under E.O. 10450; when criticized by veterans group for allowing name to be listed Brown disclaimed knowledge AYD was communistic; in 1946 he spoke at public meeting sponsored by Mobilization for Democracy, cited as communist front; in 1946 Brown stated he opposed states prosecuting subversives and pledged his cooperation to FBI and other accredited agencies in prosecuting subversives. Above information can be substantiated.

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[REDACTED] not being furnished to AEC because some received from highly confidential sources, some hearsay, and information received years ago during Brown's political rise reflecting his attempts to use communists and their attempts to use him. If disseminated to AEC and Brown's clearance held up he would be furnished statement of charges by AEC. Our sources could not be divulged and if divulged could not be substantiated.

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During the period 1939 to 1943 Brown was variously reported to have assisted communists in legal matters; solicited political assistance from communists and communist organizations; listed as member of advisory committee for Daily Peoples World, west coast communist newspaper; close personal friend of a known communist and reportedly willing to endorse the California Labor School, cited by AG under E.O. 10450. In 1943 when advised by a CP member the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was giving a luncheon for Brown, latter reportedly stated, "in my heart I agree with you people, but I sometimes differ with your method." He was listed as a "honor," in 1948, to the Joint Anti-

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Memorandum to The Director  
Re: Edmund Gerald Brown

Facist Refugee Committee, cited by AG under E.O. 10450. In 1954 he reportedly agreed to discuss death sentence of Negro, in California, with a delegation from local Civil Rights Congress (CRC) because of votes controlled by delegation. CRC cited by AG under E.O. 10450.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be transmitted to AEC through liaison channels.

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DETAILS:

Under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) on 7/13/59 requested an investigation of Edmund Gerald Brown, aka "Pat," the present Governor of the State of California. The investigation was requested because Brown, as Governor, is a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California, and as such would have access to restricted data within the meaning of the Atomic Energy Act because the University of California has Atomic Energy contracts.

We have never investigated Brown. It was pointed out to AEC through liaison that Brown is the present Governor and has been for over six months, and that when Earl Warren was Governor, AEC accepted the results of a file search rather than an investigation. Brown is also prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1960. AEC asked us to hold the request for an investigation in abeyance and on 9/30/59 requested that the Brown case be handled in the same manner as the Earl Warren case.

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propose that certain items be furnished to AEC in order that it can reach a decision as to whether Brown should be granted an AEC clearance.

The attached suggested letter to AEC contains the following information disseminated to CIA in 1957 which can be substantiated from public sources or other material:

The February 13, 1945, issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco newspaper, reported that Brown, then District Attorney, opposed the deportation of Harry Bridges, a west coast labor leader, accused of membership in the Communist Party. (62-76249-11, pg. 7) and (39-915-2560)

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Memorandum to The Director  
Re: Edmund Gerald Brown

An article appearing in the 8/9/45 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" announced that Brown had been elected vice president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG). The NLG has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-7321-879)

This Bureau is in possession of a letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee," which was a committee, according to the letterhead, to sponsor a second anniversary dinner of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at San Francisco. This letterhead lists Brown as a member of the Committee in Formation. The informant who made the letterhead available to this Bureau stated that Brown was being considered by the Communist Party (CP) in San Francisco as a speaker for this committee (no further details available). [REDACTED] 62-76249-19) (b2, b7D)

In 3/46, this Bureau was furnished a copy of a letter dated 1/10/46, written by a veterans group at the University of San Francisco, which criticized Brown for permitting his name to be listed as a sponsor of a banquet on 11/10/45, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, in honor of the AYD. In reply, Brown by letter dated 2/1/46 stated that he knew that the Young Communist League (YCL) or some similar organization had participated in the formation of the AYD. He then called an official of the AYD to determine if it was communistic in either origin or intent. According to Brown, the official advised him that the AYD "was not in any manner, shape or form communistic although some members of the Young Communist League had at one time belonged." Brown added, "I have refused at all times to become a sponsor of any organization or any meeting until I first investigated its background." The AYD and the YCL have been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (62-76249-13)

The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, U. S. Army, has advised this Bureau that on 6/14/46, the Mobilization for Democracy sponsored a public meeting at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, at which Brown spoke. The Mobilization for Democracy has been cited as one of the "key communist fronts in California," by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947. (100-343748-9)

Brown advised this Bureau on 7/5/56 that he was opposed to any provision giving the individual states the right to prosecute subversives. He felt that they were incapable and inadequately equipped to handle such a job. He added, "I assure you that I recognize the menace of subversive activities and I desire to do all in my power to aid and assist you as well as other security agencies of our Government." (62-76249-32)

It is not believed the following information should be disseminated at this time to AEC because while it constitutes intelligence information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it relates for the most part to "fringe" activity on the part of Brown many years ago; namely, the efforts of the communists to use Brown for their purposes and to enlist his aid on behalf of (S)

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communist causes and communist fronts and of Brown's efforts to enlist support of his political endeavors from communists and from communist fronts. It has been obtained from highly confidential sources, in some instances quoting Brown's own words, and some are hearsay. If AEC denies Brown a clearance it will have to furnish him a statement of charges and back them up with witnesses. The sources of this information would not be available for use in any resulting hearing, cannot be divulged, and while reliable for intelligence purposes, cannot be substantiated even if they could be divulged:

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The names of Edmund Gerald Brown and [redacted] were contained in an anonymous confidential communication dated 3/1/39, received by this Bureau, which alleged that they had actively assisted communists in the San Francisco, California, area in their legal troubles. No further details are available in this matter. (62-76249-11, pg. 5)

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A confidential informant has advised this Bureau that [redacted] members of and attorneys for the CP, San Francisco, actively campaigned for Brown in his candidacy for San Francisco District Attorney in the fall elections of 1943. The informant further advised that after the election Brown [redacted] said, "Thank you a million for all your fine work on my behalf." (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

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On 12/10/43, an informant advised this Bureau that [redacted] contacted Brown and advised him that the NLG was planning to give a luncheon for him. Brown and [redacted] then discussed the Guild and Brown stated that "In my heart I agree with you people but I sometimes differ with your methods." The NLG has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

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An informant advised this Bureau on 8/11/44, that Brown was a close personal friend of [redacted] of San Francisco, a known communist who was active in the affairs of the California Labor School. The California Labor School has been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

An informant has advised this Bureau that in 11/44, one [redacted] a known communist, was requested to obtain publicity and aid for District Attorney Edmund Brown in connection with Brown's investigation of the "Mothers, Wives and Sisters of USA," allegedly an "antiadministration" organization in San Francisco. (62-76249-11, pg 3)

A highly confidential source has advised this Bureau that in 12/44, an unknown man had been contacting prominent people in San Francisco and informing them that the California Labor School was dominated by communists. This source further advised that [redacted]

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Re: Edmund Gerald Brown

[redacted] and "an old-time communist," called on District Attorney Edmund Brown and after a long chat was allegedly assured that Brown would give the school and [redacted] a "clean bill of sale to anybody in town." (Tesur, 62-76249-11, pg. 8)

In 9/44, an informant reported that [redacted] the California Labor School, contacted Brown and asked for a contribution. Brown replied that he was unable to contribute at that time but would allow the school to state that he, Brown, approved and endorsed the school. (Tesur, 62-76249-19)

In 1/45, an informant made available a list of names prepared at the California State Communist Party headquarters at San Francisco. The list was captioned "Names for 'People's World Advisory Committee.'" Brown's name was included in this list along with other public, union and clergy officials. The "People's World," also known as the "Daily People's World," is a west coast communist newspaper. [redacted] (62-76249-19)

An informant has furnished information to this Bureau indicating that [redacted] described above, during a political discussion at a meeting of the State Board of the Communist Party of California (of which he is a member) held on 3/23/46, at San Francisco, stated that Brown, then a candidate for the office of State Attorney General, had called upon him and wanted him to help write a couple of speeches (no further details available). (Tesur, 100-38425-91)

According to an informant, a meeting of the Whitney Club, Communist Political Association, Alameda County, California, was held on 5/2/46, at Oakland, California. According to the informant, the members were instructed to vote for Brown for State Attorney General. [redacted] 100-359035-1)

In 10/46, an informant advised this Bureau that the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (HICCASP) was devoting its main efforts toward the 11/46 elections and was going to intensively support a number of candidates, including Edmund G. Brown, who was running for State Attorney General. The HICCASP is an affiliate of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, which is cited as a communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-138754-136)

According to a highly confidential source, the name of Edmund G. Brown, 460 Magellan Avenue, San Francisco, appeared in the indices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, San Francisco, as of 3/17/48. According to the informant, this file is labeled "Donors," and purports to reflect the names of individuals who have contributed to the organization or who can be influenced to contribute money. The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (100-7061-1753)

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Re: Edmund Gerald Brown

An informant advised this Bureau on 2/24/54 that at a special executive board meeting of the East Bay Civil Rights Congress (CRC), held the previous day at Oakland, California, it was stated that a delegation of individuals (unidentified) had contacted Brown regarding the Wesley Robert Wells case, concerning which the CRC was extremely active. (Wells is a Negro life-terminer at San Quentin Penitentiary sentenced to die in 3/54 for assaulting a prison guard.) Brown reportedly asked the delegation if the implications in the Wells case were political. He was informed that they were; that the delegation controlled votes in various local unions in Oakland and San Francisco and that these votes might be helpful to him if he wanted to be governor some day. Brown reportedly agreed to meet for further discussion of the Wells case (no further details available). (The CRC has been designated by the AG of the U. S. pursuant to E.O. 10450. (100-3-72-1061))

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (116-442786)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA PAT BROWN, ARAA. REBULET JULY FOURTEEN, FIFTYNINE. CHAIRMAN JOHN A. MC CONE OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION PAREN AEC END PAREN HAS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF ABOVE HYPHEN CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. IMMEDIATELY CONTACT GOVERNOR BROWN AND ADVISE HIM THAT THIS BUREAU IS INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION OF HIM AT THE REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN MC CONE OF AEC INASMUCH AS HE, BROWN, AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AEC RESTRICTED DATA AND WILL REQUIRE CLEARANCE FROM AEC. THE INQUIRY OF GOVERNOR BROWN SHOULD BE LIMITED TO A DISCREET NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS AND NECESSARY AGENCY CHECKS. NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. PERSONS INTERVIEWED SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY ADVISED THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNOR BROWN IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE REQUEST OF AEC. WASHINGTON FIELD SHOULD CONDUCT NECESSARY AGENCY CHECKS. INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE

CONDUCTED BY MATURE EXPERIENCED SAS AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR REPORTS REACH BUREAU BY MAY EIGHTEEN, NEXT, WITHOUT FAIL. 2 MAY 9 1960

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May 5, 1960

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. PARSONS  
MR. BELMONT

*EDMUND GERALD BROWN*

Honorable John A. McCone, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, called to discuss a problem with me. He stated that Pat Brown, Governor of California is Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of California, which University handles several of the projects for the Atomic Energy Commission at Livermore and Los Alamos, and, of course, the Regents have access to many of these operations and use the laboratories to discuss their programs. He stated that Pat Brown has never been given a "Q clearance" which involves a routine check which this Bureau makes. Mr. McCone stated that our office had advised him that in this instance we did not like to make such a check because of the individual's position, which he understood would be a little awkward especially in making inquiries of his acquaintances and associates. On the other hand he stated the Commission can issue a clearance without such a check, however, they have not made a practice of doing this. He wondered if I could in some way arrange to have a check made on which he could base action for a clearance, since he did not care to make an exception. I told him I was not aware that we were reluctant to do this check and I would have this taken care of immediately to see what can be done.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. H.*

John Edgar Hoover  
MCT - Director

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cc-Mr. Ingram

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**To SACS, San Francisco (116-52286) (Enclosure)  
Washington Field (Enclosure)**

**From Director, FBI (116-442786)**

**EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA PAT BROWN, ARAA.**

**ReBulet dated 7/14/59, and radiogram this date.**

**Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter from the Bureau to AEC dated 10/6/59, which sets forth the information furnished to AEC concerning above-captioned individual.**

**Include in your reports any information appearing in enclosed letter that comes from the files of your office. Also include in your reports any new pertinent information appearing in files of your office. All other information which is not new information or that which has not been previously furnished to AEC in Bulet to AEC dated 10/6/59, should be set forth under administrative data in your report.**

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /116-52286/ 1P

*Atomic Energy Act - Applicant*

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[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE REGARDING GOVERNOR BROWN. [REDACTED] COMMENTS REGARDING BROWN FAVORABLE.

HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED AT THE REQUEST OF AEC, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE STATE SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO THIS TYPE OF INVESTIGATION, THAT THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE BENEATH THE DIGNITY OF THE FBI AND HE FEELS THE FBI HAS MORE IMPORTANT WORK TO DO. HE COMPLIMENTED THE BUREAU FOR ITS CONDUCT IN SUCH INVESTIGATIONS BUT FELT THAT THE MONEY AND MAN HOURS PURSUING SUCH INVESTIGATIONS WERE WASTED. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT HIS COMMENTS BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR. AIRTEL OF COMPLETE DETAIL FOLLOWS.

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Mr. Rosen

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: May 6, 1960

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA  
PAT BROWN  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Pursuant to the request made by Honorable John A. McCone, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, on 5/5/60, for an investigation of Governor Brown of California, the San Francisco Office is being instructed to contact Governor Brown immediately and advise him that the FBI is initiating such an investigation of him at the request of Chairman McCone inasmuch as he, Brown, as a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California will require access to restricted data and a clearance from the Atomic Energy Commission.

The San Francisco Division is also being instructed to initiate such investigation immediately; however, its inquiry should be limited to a discreet number of interviews and necessary agency checks. No neighborhood inquiry will be conducted. Persons being interviewed will be specifically advised the investigation is being conducted at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The Washington Field Office is also being instructed to conduct necessary agency checks.

With reference to the statement made by Chairman McCone that our office had advised him that in this instance we did not like to make such a check because of the individual's position these are the facts:

Memorandum dated July 20, 1959, (attachment #1) sets forth that the Atomic Energy Commission had, at that time, requested background investigation of Governor Brown. Since the request for the investigation was received directly from the San Francisco area operations office of the Atomic Energy Commission, it was recommended that the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, be contacted through liaison to determine if the investigation of Brown should be conducted.

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Enclosures (5)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Liaison Section

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*EX-104*  
*attached to*  
*REC-16*  
*Act. to McCone*  
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Memorandum for Mr. Parsons  
RE: EDMUND GERALD BROWN

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Memorandum [redacted] to Mr. Belmont dated July 21, 1959, (attachment #2) advised that during the discussion between our liaison representative and the Director of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., the latter stated that the FBI had previously conducted a similar investigation on Brown's predecessor, Earl Warren, when the latter was Governor of California. It was pointed out to the Director of Security that we had not conducted such an investigation of Governor Warren but had furnished the Atomic Energy Commission with a letter reflecting the results of a file check on Warren. The Director of Security advised that he would check into the matter further and that in the meantime the Bureau should hold the request for an investigation of Brown in abeyance.

By memorandum dated September 30, 1959, (attachment #3) the Division of Security, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., requested that the matter concerning Governor Brown be handled in the same manner as we had previously handled its request on Governor Warren, i.e., a file check only.

Memorandum dated October 5, 1959, (attachment #4) sets forth a summary of the information appearing in Bureau files concerning Governor Brown and pursuant to the recommendation in the memorandum information believed to be pertinent to Atomic Energy Commission's inquiry was furnished to them by letter dated October 6, 1959, (attachment #5).

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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[REDACTED] Bureau, at request of White House, 1-6-59, conducted full-field investigation of [REDACTED] who was being considered for membership on the Commission on International Rules of Judicial Procedure. Investigation generally favorable; however, two or three professional associates questioned his ability to fill position because of lack of experience in international law. Two individuals commented on his drinking habits as social in nature and, on occasions, slightly excessive.

Bureau files disclose [REDACTED] active in "Citizens for Victory" in California in early 1940s. This organization ceased to function in 1944, and was heavily infiltrated by members of Communist Party. [REDACTED] reportedly a member of National Lawyers Guild latter part of 1940; however, resigned from this organization in 1950. National Lawyers Guild cited as communist front by Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: May 10, 1960

FROM : [REDACTED]

1-Mr. Parsons  
 1-Mr. Belmont  
 1-Mr. Rosen  
 1-Mr. Callan

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka.  
 PAT BROWN  
 ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Enclosed memorandum Rosen to Parsons, 5-6-60, reflects investigation initiated on Brown, Governor of California, as basis for Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) clearance action, pursuant to 5-5-60 request of AEC Chairman John A. McCone to Director. Memorandum also sets out earlier facts in matter in view of McCone's statement that we had advised him we did not like to make such a check because of the individual's position. Director approved Mr. Tolson's suggestion Liaison straighten McCone out on this.

On 5-9-60 SA [REDACTED] Liaison Section, informed McCone of facts in enclosed memorandum, i.e., that when we received original request for Brown investigation in July, 1959, directly from AEC, San Francisco, it was brought to attention of AEC Security Division at headquarters to determine if investigation should be conducted; that when we pointed out Earl Warren, Brown's predecessor as Governor and Chairman of Board of Regents of University of California, had not been subject of investigation, but AEC clearance action then was based on letter setting forth Bureau file check results, AEC Security told us to hold Brown request in abeyance while they checked further; and that by memorandum of 9-30-59 AEC Security requested we handle Brown matter in same manner as Warren case, i.e., file check only, which was done by our memorandum to AEC 10-6-59. McCone was further informed that we had not stated we were reluctant to conduct Brown investigation.

McCone said that he appreciated being advised as outlined above and that his remark was probably based on misinformation. He added important thing is that investigation is now in progress, as he was also informed. He said he is very grateful for Bureau assistance regarding Brown.

ACTION:

Enclosed for approval is letter to McCone in reply to his 5-6-60 letter, confirming that expedite investigation of Brown has been initiated for AEC.

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UNITED STATES  
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 6, 1960

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Confirming my telephone discussion with you on May 5, I understand that you will undertake the background investigation of Governor Edmund G. Brown, of California. This is, of course, necessary to permit the Atomic Energy Commission to make the required findings to grant Governor Brown a clearance.

You are aware that Governor Brown in the performance of his duties as a Trustee of the University of California needs to have access to restricted data of the most sensitive type. Trustees of the University in their capacity as members of the governing body of the University, which is the operating contractor of the Commission's weapons laboratories, are naturally called upon to make many decisions; and these decisions must, of course, be based on complete information about all of the activities of the University.

We will sincerely appreciate the assistance of the Bureau in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*John A. McCone*  
John A. McCone

*Call McCone  
5/10/60  
pm 7: m + h*

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Callan

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[REDACTED]

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May 10, 1960

BY LIAISON

*delivered to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] 5/10/60*

*12 PM*

*5/10/60*

*SMIT*

Honorable John A. McCone  
 Chairman  
 Atomic Energy Commission  
 Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCone:

Reference is made to your telephone call to me on May 5, 1960, and your letter of May 6, 1960, concerning your request for background investigation of Governor Edmund G. Brown of California, in order that the Atomic Energy Commission may make required findings to grant Governor Brown a clearance.

As you were informed by Special Agent [REDACTED] of this Bureau on May 9, 1960, the desired investigation has been initiated on an expedite basis. The Atomic Energy Commission will be furnished the results.

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This will also confirm [REDACTED] statements referring you to this Bureau's memorandum of October 6, 1959, setting forth information resulting from a check of our files pursuant to letter from the Atomic Energy Commission dated September 30, 1959. As indicated in the last-mentioned communication, the Atomic Energy Commission requested that the Brown matter be handled in the same manner as that regarding Earl Warren, Brown's predecessor as Governor of California.

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You may be assured of this Bureau's continued willingness to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: See memo [REDACTED] to Belmont, 5-10-60, re Edmund Gerald Brown, aka. Pat Brown, Atomic Energy Act - Applicant, JMF:mtb.

JMF:mtb  
 5 MAY 25 1960

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5/9/60

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka,  
"Pat" Brown  
AEAA

Rebutel dated 5/6/60, no copy to Los Angeles, which advised that chairman JOHN A. MC CONE of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), has requested that the Bureau conduct an investigation of EDMUND GERALD BROWN the Governor of California, inasmuch as Governor BROWN is a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California and will have access to AEC restricted data and will require clearance from AEC. The Bureau instructed that the inquiry of Governor BROWN should be limited to a discreet number of interviews and necessary agency checks. No neighborhood investigation should be conducted. Persons interviewed should be specifically advised that the investigation of Governor BROWN is being conducted at the request of AEC. The Bureau further instructed that investigation should be conducted by mature, experienced SAS and it is imperative that reports reach the Bureau by 5/13/60, without fail.

By airtel dated 5/6/60, no copy to Los Angeles, the Bureau enclosed a copy of a letter from the Bureau to AEC, dated 10/6/59, which set forth the information furnished by AEC concerning Governor BROWN. A photostat of this letter is enclosed herewith to Los Angeles.

Bureau airtel to San Francisco dated 5/6/60, contains the following instructions:

2 - Los Angeles (AM)(REG)(1 Encl.)  
1 - Bureau (AM)(REG)(116-442786)  
1 - San Francisco  
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"Include in your reports any information appearing in enclosed letter that comes from the files of your office. Also include in your reports any new pertinent information appearing in files of your office. All other information which is not new information or that which has not been previously furnished to AEC in Bureau letter to AEC dated 10/6/59, should be set forth under administrative data in your report".

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 116-442786 ) DATE: 5/24/60  
FROM : *JH* SAC, WFO (File ~~116-442786~~ 116-132564 )

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, CA  
aka  
AEA-A

b7c Rerep SA [REDACTED] dated 5/18/60 at Washington, D.C.

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/18/60

Reason for the delinquency: CIA outstanding.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 5/31/60.

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.: CA  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No administrative action recommended.

RJH:



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**Radio**

**Teletype**

URGENT 5-10-60

*Mr. S.M.*  
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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO 102101

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, AKA. ACAA. RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO  
SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, MAY 6, LAST.  
WASHINGTON FIELD IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING  
INDIVIDUALS:

[REDACTED]

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RECEIVED: 7:26 PM RADIO

7:57 PM CODING UNIT

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2 CC: WASHINGTON FIELD

*Handling three  
searches  
at Bureau*

*S.M.*

116-442786-18

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Date: 5/11/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (116-442786)**

**FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (116-52286)**

**SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka. Pat Brown  
AEAA**

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ReBurad to San Francisco dated 5/6/60.

On 5/11/60

[redacted] San Francisco, California, furnished information concerning Governor EDMUND G. BROWN, all of which information was favorable. [redacted] was advised that this investigation was conducted at the specific request of the AEC.

[redacted] remarked, however, in connection with the investigation that "some day the people of California will learn of such investigations and will bitterly resent them. It is a disgrace that the Chief Executive of the sovereign State of California should be subjected to an investigation of this kind. Once he is elected, the Government has no right to go behind this unless it is for some reason that has developed after his election." He stated he had no criticism of the Bureau whatsoever but rather complimented the Bureau for the manner and conduct in which it makes such investigations. He said, however, that he feels the Bureau should decline to accept such cases, and to give thought to avoiding them completely. [redacted] said he understood thoroughly that regulations provided that the FBI conduct such investigations and that, flattering as the demand for such investigations may be, it was his opinion that the FBI nevertheless should attempt to avoid the imposition of such regulations.

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[redacted] commented on his friendship and fondness for the Director and remarked that he felt such investigations as this are beneath the dignity of the FBI and that the high calling of the FBI calls for more important work. [redacted] stated that it was his personal opinion that a request for this type of investigation by Chairman JOHN A. McCONE of the AEC was instituted primarily for the purpose of relieving McCONE of responsibility and shifting this responsibility to the FBI.

3 Bureau (116-442786) (AM)  
2 San Francisco (116-52286)  
(1 - File 77-7788, [redacted])

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *[Signature]* M Per *[Signature]*

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Director, FBI (116-442786)

5/11/60

[redacted] noted that he, himself, had been the subject of an investigation a few months ago in spite of the fact that he had specifically told former Attorney General BROWNELL and Attorney General ROGERS that he would not accept an appointment to a committee on international law because it would require extensive travel in Europe and he could not afford the time from his present position [redacted]. He said that he felt considerable Bureau time and money was, therefore, wasted in this futile investigation. [redacted] aka., Special Inquiry; investigation conducted January, 1959; Bufile 77-79858.)

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Since I am personally acquainted with [redacted] and I know his fine reputation, I felt that his comments should not be allowed to sit as is without additional clarification and, accordingly, I made contact with him. [redacted] stated he wanted to reemphasize the fact that he had no criticism whatsoever of the FBI but that his criticism was directed primarily at Congress which would pass such legislation which thereupon put a responsibility on AEC, which subsequently "passed the buck" to the FBI. He said that, to explain his remarks that sometime the people will rebel against such investigations, he meant that he felt Congress did not give adequate consideration to the importance and prestige of the Governor of an independent state duly elected by the people. He said that despite the fact that such Governorship might be only a temporary situation and might have rascals in it, such as Governor LONG of Louisiana who undoubtedly was a mentally incompetent, since the man was their Governor, he was, in his mind, the most important expression of home rule the country has.

[redacted] went on to state he felt the FBI was being made the scapegoat of all of the national Government in that we were required to spend our time in many piddling matters when we had such important work also assigned as our responsibility and to which we should give our whole attention.

I noted to [redacted] that the Director felt this also was true in the constant conferring on us of additional responsibilities in Congress after Congress, and that the Director many times had told Congressional committees how thin they were spread and his desire to contain our responsibilities as they are. [redacted] said that he one day looked forward to the opportunity to sit down with the Director and "bet that the Director would not only agree with this point of view but, in addition, would enlarge upon it."

[redacted] specifically asked that his comments concerning the involvement of the FBI in this type of investigation be brought to the attention of the Director.

5-11-60

**Airtel**

**To: SAC, Washington Field**  
**From: Director, FBI (116-442768)**  
**EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka**  
**Pat Brown - CA**  
**AEA-A**

ReBu airtel dated 5-6-60. Refer to your file 105-24305 and your airtel dated 1-27-60. Information in enclosure of referenced airtel has already been disseminated to other governmental agencies. Include in your report information set forth in enclosure of airtel suitable for dissemination to AEC. (100-363673-321)

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*Hal G... - 4645*

5-12-60

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka  
Pat Brown - CA 15557  
AEA-A

Re San Francisco radiogram dated 5-10-60.  
Investigation requested in referenced radiogram will be  
handled by the Bureau.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 5-12-60

FROM : G. C. Callan

SUBJECT: EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka  
"Pat" Brown  
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

During the current investigation of Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown of California for the Atomic Energy Commission, the San Francisco office has recommended that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] be interviewed for their comments concerning Governor Brown.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to:

1. Crime Records Division so that a representative of that division may conduct appropriate interviews with [REDACTED] concerning Governor Brown.

2. The Domestic Intelligence Division so that a representative of the Liaison Section may conduct an appropriate interview with [REDACTED] concerning Governor Brown.

The results of the above-mentioned interviews should be furnished to the Special Inquiry Section of the Investigative Division.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Liaison Section

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To be interviewed by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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1 - [REDACTED] 4/16  
4/22/60  
attached memo prepared [REDACTED] 5/2/60

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

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PM EDT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FROM SAN FRANCISCO 745-5200

RE: GERALD BROWN, ALA., AKA, RE SAN FRANCISCO RADIO-GRAM MAY 12, 1960

URGENT SIXTY TO BUREAU AND WFO.

RE WFO TELETYPE SAN FRANCISCO MAY FOURTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY

AND INSTRUCTIONS TO WFO

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CL 15 [Signature]

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>5/16/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>5/6/60 - 5/16/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>EDMUND GERALD BROWN, aka Pat Brown Ca-15757</b>		Report made by SA [REDACTED] <b>b7C</b>	Typed By: <b>Jr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AEAA</b>	

**Synopsis:**

**REFERENCES:** Bureau teletype to San Francisco, 5/6/60.  
 Bureau airtel to San Francisco, 5/6/60.  
 San Francisco airtel to Los Angeles, 5/9/60.  
 San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 5/11/60.  
 San Francisco radiogram to Bureau, 5/10/60.  
 San Francisco teletype to Washington Field, 5/13/60.

*Consult  
Pg 2, 7, 9  
Correction Pg 3*

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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

**ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:**

One (1) Photostat of letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee."

2 cc to  
Atomic Energy Commission

{ 6 Incl. A, B, C & AEC  
2 Photostats - Incl. D to AEC }

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge <b>MAY 31 1960</b>	Do not write in spaces below	
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<i>Corrected pages 2, 7, 9 EMH/ [Signature] 5/24/60</i>			

**ENCLOSURE**  
 Corrected copy pg 9 + Pg 1  
 Attached 5/25/60  
 Incl. to AEC  
 Photostats Incl. D enclosed.

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Cover Page

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Four (4) Photostats of mimeographed document captioned "For Your Information and Use," together with 2 Photostats of envelope in which it was received bearing return address Northern California Headquarters, EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN.

Four (4) Photostats of letter of Omicron Epsilon dated January 10, 1946.

Four (4) Photostats of letter of EDMUND G. BROWN dated February 1, 1946.

INFORMANTS:

Identity of Source	Date Received	Agent To Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
[REDACTED] b2			100-27623-A-H-1198
b2, [REDACTED] (By Request)			62-2767-1A1, 10, 11, 12
b7D [REDACTED]	5/11/60	[REDACTED] b7C	First reported here

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

[REDACTED] was not recontacted in this investigation because it appears he merely furnished documents which had been given to him.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

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On May 11, 1960, SA [REDACTED] b7C reviewed the files of [REDACTED] Information contained in these files relating to the Applicant was utilized. There was no information of pertinence in these files concerning the Applicant's immediate relatives.

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Reference is made to the letterhead entitled "Salute to Young America Committee" referred to in the details. A Photostat of the San Francisco copy of this letterhead is enclosed to the Bureau. This copy contains numerous notations on it. Only those in the extreme lower right hand corner were placed there by Bureau personnel. They were:

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b7D [REDACTED]  
"942 Market St.  
"Nov. 5 1945  
"ASW  
"H-1198-1."

The other notations were on the letterhead when it was obtained from the trash at Communist Party (CP) Headquarters, 942 Market Street, San Francisco, California. In view of the notations on this letterhead, copies of it were not made exhibits to be attached to the details of this report.

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

[REDACTED] was interviewed by telephone at his request. An appointment had been made on May 10, 1960, to interview him at 11:00 a.m., May 11, 1960, but [REDACTED] telephoned SA [REDACTED] at 4:30 p.m., May 10, 1960, stating he would be unable to keep his May 11, 1960, appointment and requested the interview by telephone. b7C

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In view of the nature of this investigation and the prominence of [REDACTED] California, he was not asked to furnish a signed statement or whether he would be willing to testify in any hearing in this matter. b7C

On September 12, 1944, [REDACTED] advised that on that day District Attorney BROWN gave permission to a person soliciting contributions to the California Labor School (CLS) to say that he approved and endorsed this School. b2, b7D

The California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The February 14, 1945, issue of the "Daily People's World" (DPW), page 4, column 6, contained an article captioned "Alameda, SF Demos Back Bridges." Pertinent parts of this article read as follows:

"A resolution requesting President Roosevelt and Attorney General Francis Biddle to drop deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast Longshoremen's Union chief, was adopted today by the Alameda County Democratic Committee.

"At the same time it was announced that San Francisco District Attorney Edmund Brown has added his support to the 'citizenship for Bridges' drive. Brown termed the deportation order against the native born Australian 'as a threat to industrial peace'."

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

(Not an FBI excision)

Reference is made to memorandum of the Director to the Atomic Energy Commission dated October 6, 1959, enclosed to San Francisco with Buairtel dated May 6, 1960. A review of the files of the San Francisco Office

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indicates that the material referred to in paragraph 2 of page 2 of this memorandum concerning the Mobilization for Democracy meeting of June 14, 1946, did not come from the San Francisco files.

The following information relating to this meeting found in the "Daily People's World" is being brought to the Bureau's attention for its information:

The June 17, 1946, issue of the "Daily People's World," page 3, columns 4-5, contained an article captioned "Stop The Klan," datelined at Los Angeles, California, on June 16, 1946. This article read as follows in its pertinent parts:

"Stop the Ku Klux Klan!

"This message will go out formally today to city and county law enforcement agencies.

"It was unanimously approved by more than 8000 persons who attended Friday night's citywide mass meeting in Olympic auditorium.

"Called by the Mobilization for Democracy, the meeting asked that laws be enforced against Klansmen 'just as they would be enforced against suspected Reds if they perpetrated acts similar to those charged against the hooded order....'

"San Francisco District Attorney Edmund G. (Pat) Brown drew applause when he announced he would call an anti-Klan meeting in his city."

The California Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947, pages 48, 62, and 369, cited the Mobilization for Democracy as, "One of the largest, and certainly one of the most potentially potent front organizations created by California Communists" since 1945. "As an excuse for" its creation, the Communist Party seized

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upon the appearance of Gerald L. K. Smith in Los Angeles. It is "a Communist-inspired and dominated organization, carefully window-dressed and directed" and "engaged in inciting riots, racial hatred, and disrespect for law and order." It is one of the "key Communist fronts in California."

The October 10, 1946, issue of the "Daily People's World," page 1, columns 4-5, contained an article datelined October 9, 1946, which in its pertinent portions read as follows:

"The Tenney Committee's attempt to smear Edmund G. 'Pat' Brown, Democratic candidate for Attorney General fizzled out here today about 10 minutes after it started....

"Brown, San Francisco district attorney, told the committee that he had promptly investigated what few Ku Klux Klan type incidents had occurred in his city. SI

"I feel that any public official should be quick at rooting out bigotry and prejudice," Brown said positively.

"Under examination by Richard E. Coombs, committee counsel, Brown refused to condemn the anti-Klan work here of the Mobilization for Democracy.

"Brown said he had never seen any reason to investigate the California Labor School, which Tenney claims is a 'Communist front' in San Francisco.

#### "GUILD UPHELD

"The district attorney upheld the National Lawyers Guild, of which he is a member...."

A characterization of the National Lawyers' Guild is contained in the appendix of this report. b2, b7D

On November 7, 1947, [REDACTED] advised that an official of the Communist Party at San Francisco, California, stated on that day that he had recently congratulated PAT BROWN on his election and asked him if he would like to renew his subscription to the "Daily People's World." This

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official advised that PAT BROWN said "he surely would."

In May, 1948, an anonymous source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is unavailable for recontact, advised that at that time a list of names and addresses was then maintained in the offices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Spanish Refugee Appeal in San Francisco, California, on 3" by 5" cards labeled "Donors." This informant added that on this list were the following names and addresses:

"Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund G.  
"460 Magellan Ave.  
"San Francisco, Calif.

"SF District Attorney  
"550 Montgomery St. SF 4."

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b2, b7D

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In 1948 Former [REDACTED] (concealed by request) advised that the above list was current as of March 17, 1948, and that this list contained names and addresses of all individuals who had contributed money to the San Francisco Chapters of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and its subsidiary group, the Spanish Refugee Appeal. Former [REDACTED] advised that this list was also used as a mailing list by the Executive Committees of these organizations. Informant added that this list contained the names of regular contributors who subscribed to the aims and policies of the organizations, as well as the names of individuals who had been influenced to contribute money without being aware of the full scope of the organizations' activities.

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[REDACTED] California, had access to addressograph plates of the "Daily People's World" subscribers. On September 27, 1950, [REDACTED] furnished the name and address made from an addressograph

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plate reflecting that E. G. BROWN, District Attorney, 550 Montgomery, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, California, was then a six month subscriber to the "Daily People's World" whose subscription would expire on November 11, 1950. b7C

On May 7, 1951, [REDACTED] furnished the name and address made from an addressograph plate reflecting that E. G. BROWN, District Attorney, 550 Montgomery, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, California, was then a six month subscriber to the "Daily People's World" whose subscription would expire on November 11, 1951.

On March 8, 1955, [REDACTED] advised that she was willing to appear at hearings, but that she did not desire to furnish a signed statement concerning persons whose names appeared on the subscription plates because she did not recall the specific data appearing on any of these plates and because she could only state she made copies from these plates. b7C

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Page 22 of Section 1 of the "San Francisco Examiner" for October 27, 1958, contained a full page political advertisement which reflected it was paid for by the Citizens for the Right to Know, 609 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 17, California. This advertisement was captioned "Brown's Little Green Book That Turned Red." It states that the Division of Criminal Law and Enforcement of the Department of Justice of the State of California published a booklet entitled "Guide to Community Relations for Peace Officers" and that this booklet was published while EDMUND G. BROWN was Attorney General. The article then states that several of the authors of the recommended books, pamphlets, and audiovisual aids listed in the bibliography of the above pamphlet have been identified as members of the Communist Party or had been listed in front organizations. Inasmuch as this is one of the many publications issued by the California State Department of Justice during the time that EDMUND G. BROWN was the Attorney General, it is believed that the authors listed in the bibliography of this book are so remotely connected with Governor BROWN personally, that this material was not incorporated in the details of this report.

In view of the above material set forth on the administrative pages of this report relating to the loyalty of the Applicant, the usual statement indicating that other Confidential Informants have no information concerning the Applicant was not incorporated in the details of this report.

Newspaper libraries were not checked in this case in view of Bureau instructions that the inquiry of Governor BROWN should be limited to a discreet number of interviews and necessary agency checks.

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## Synopsis:

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The 2/13/45 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" contained an article reflecting that District Attorney EDMUND G. BROWN opposed the deportation of HARRY BRIDGES. The 8/9/45 issue of the same newspaper contained an article reflecting that BROWN had been elected a Vice President of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild. In November, 1945, [REDACTED] furnished a letterhead which listed EDMUND G. BROWN as a member of the Committee in Formation to sponsor an anniversary dinner for the American Youth for Democracy. [REDACTED] stated that he felt Governor BROWN was lacking in character, ability, judgment, and integrity. All other persons interviewed commented favorably. Governor BROWN was interviewed at his request and explained certain allegations made against him.

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