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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 3/8/63

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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(OO:NY)

ReBulet dated January 31, 1963, and Chicago letter dated February 13, 1963. (u)

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The source could not furnish any additional information in connection with the ROBESON matter but will remain alert for further developments and the Bureau and New York will be kept advised. (u)

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TO: *97 m*
FROM: *1/17/63*

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: MAR 29 1963

SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 2/13/63. (u)

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NY files on [REDACTED] in the NY area, who are of security interest to the NYO, were reviewed to determine whether any information pertaining to this matter was reflected therein. None of the files reviewed reflected any information concerning the identity of [REDACTED] involved. (u)

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- 2-Washington Field (100-19021) (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 4/12/63

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-19021) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(OO:NY)

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[Handwritten initials]

ReNYlet 2/13/63, requesting WFO to review passport file concerning [redacted]

In connection with this matter, it is pointed out that under current passport regulations, a person in possession of a valid passport need not advise the U. S. Department of State (USDS) concerning proposed travel [redacted]

Re [redacted] IC [redacted] determined at the USDS Passport Office on 2/27/63, [redacted]

SA [redacted] determined at the USDS Office of Security, on 3/19/63, that the file concerning [redacted] contained no additional information other than data furnished by the Bureau.

Re [redacted] IC [redacted] determined at the USDS Passport Office, on 2/28/63, [redacted]

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No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

SA [REDACTED] determined at USDS, Office of Security, on 4/3/63, that [REDACTED] contained no additional information concerning this matter.

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RE: *PAUL LEROY ROBESON*
SM-C

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- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: *Reurlets 4/15/63 and 4/14/63 re [redacted]*
[redacted] your file 100-22692, Bufile
100-17304.

Appears informant intended reference to Paul Leroy Robeson, father of Paul Robeson, to clarify and advise by R/S if not previously done.

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To Director

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Att. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Title Paul Leroy Robeson

- SAC
- ASAC
- Supv.
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) **CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: April 19, 1963

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22692) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ~~PAUL LEROY ROBESON JR.~~ ^{PAUL LEROY ROBESON YES}
SM - C

OO: NEW YORK

Re Bureau letter dated 3/31/63, and Chicago letters dated 2/13/63, and 3/8/63, all captioned as above.

Chicago has followed instant matter as suggested in referenced Bureau letter. Since submission of Chicago letter of March 8, 1963, no additional pertinent information in this matter has been received and accordingly, it is felt this case should be considered RUC. However, Chicago will continue to follow this matter

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DATE: 4/26/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SM - C
(OO:NY)

W. H. ...
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[Signature]

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 3/29/63 and WFOlet to Bureau 4/12/63. *(u)* *foreign*

Review of passport files at Washington, DC on [redacted] and [redacted] reflects that both of these individuals are in possession of valid US passports. *(u)* *England*

[redacted] *(u)*
Current review has been made of [redacted] NYO file, but no information has been received shedding any light upon [redacted]

This information is reflected in WFOlet to Bureau dated 4/12/63. *(u)*

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- 2 - Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
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- 1 - New York (100-137722) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-119739) [redacted]
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It is noted from CGlet to Bureau dated 3/8/63 that [redacted] has been alerted to report any additional information in the above regard coming to his attention, if and when it is received.

[redacted] (S)

NYO is closing its file in this matter and it is suggested that Chicago do likewise until any additional information is received from [redacted] specifically, identifying the parties involved. (u)

The following confidential sources, NYO, were contacted negatively in this matter during March and April, 1963: (u)

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Date: May 9, 1963
To: Director, FBI (100-12304)
From: Legat, Paris (100-715)(P)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
IS - C

Set forth below is a text of an unclassified airgram dated May 4, 1963 to the Department of State, (information London), furnished the Paris Office on May 7, 1963 from the American Embassy, Paris, captioned "Whereabouts of Paul Robeson and His Present Attitude Toward USSR and Communism Disputed Between Le Figaro and L'Humanite."

"The present whereabouts of Paul Robeson, the American colored actor and singer, and his current attitude toward the Soviet Union and Communism were subjects of dispute between Le Figaro and L'Humanite on May 2 and 3.

"Le Figaro in an article by its authority on Communist affairs, who identifies himself with the sign XXX, reported on May 2 that Robeson had returned to the U.S. after having broken with the Soviet Union because of its cultural oppression of minorities. Mistakenly claiming that the American singer had resided in the USSR during the period 1948-1963 (in the earlier part of this period Robeson was unable to leave the U.S. because he had been denied a passport due to his identification with Communist causes), Le Figaro reported that Robeson 'had just returned to the United States completely disillusioned, aged, ruined and alone.' Le Figaro said the singer had explained his

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action as stemming from his disillusionment in the Soviet claim that all minorities in the USSR lived without the 'least restrictions' placed upon them. He supposedly said that in fact in the Soviet Union one tells the minorities that 'their culture is inferior to the new culture inspired by the Soviet state,' that 'the only great writers' are Soviets, and that western art is 'decadent.' Robeson supposedly reported that he was disabused because in the USSR he had found 'another form of oppression all the more dangerous because it was exercised in the name of a pretended liberation.'

"On May 3 L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's story, claiming that it had gotten information from its London correspondent that Robeson was in fact undergoing medical treatment in a clinic near the British capital. The wife of Robeson was reported to have said that 'my husband has not broken and has no intention of breaking with Communism.' Associates of Robeson were quoted to have said that he has no intention to visit the U.S. They allegedly asserted that if he does make a trip he would sooner go to Moscow, but that his state of health prevents him from undertaking any voyages."

"COMMENT: The rapidity with which L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's XXX account is noteworthy. Actually L'Humanite rarely refutes the claims in articles by XXX. The haste with which L'Humanite responded suggests that this time it may feel itself certain of its facts."



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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Embassy
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0-1 to London dated
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Date: June 7, 1963
To: Director, FBI
From: Legat, Paris (100-715) (RUC)
Subject: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re London letter to Bureau 5/22/63.

In view of the information set forth in re London letter and that it is highly unlikely that the subjects will be visiting France in the near future no further action is being taken in this matter.

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 - 2 - Legat, London (100-1182)(100-1666)(sent direct)
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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 7-30-63

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FROM : Legat, Bonn (105-720) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Bonnlet dated 2-20-63.

MRS. PAUL LEROY ROBESON

"Neues Deutschland," published in East Berlin, reported on 7-9-63, that Eslanda Robeson, the well-known freedom fighter and wife of the popular Negro singer, Paul Robeson, had been awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic for her service to peace and international understanding. Mrs. Robeson expressed heartfelt thanks for this award and recognition.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)
(100-399388)

DATE: 8/30/63

*Re. Bureau
copy 10/1/63
11/24/63*

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)
(100-56680)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka
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(OO: NEW YORK)

ESLANDA ROBESON aka
SM-C
(OO: NEW YORK)

MRS Paul Leroy Robeson

Re Legat letter dated 5/22/63.

The NY Times, a daily NY newspaper, in an article published on 8/26/63, captioned "ROBESON TO REST IN EAST GERMANY" reflects that PAUL ROBESON with his wife and a friend, boarded a Polish airline flight today, and flew to East Berlin. The article recorded that HARRY FRANCIS, a friend of ROBESON, stated that ROBESON made the journey to the German Democratic Republic where he will have a general medical checkup followed by a holiday in one of East Germany's beautiful spas. The flight came after information had been reported by the "Sunday Telegraph" concerning an attempt which was to be made to "smuggle" the 65 year old singer to a Soviet-bloc capital "to keep him quiet" because he had "broken with Moscow". HARRY FRANCIS, who accompanied ROBESON to the London airport, where he boarded the plane for East Berlin, stated that reports of "smuggling" and ROBESON disillusion with Moscow, were "sheer nonsense".

The NY Post, a daily NY newspaper, dated 8/26/63, contains an article captioned "ROBESON IN E. BERLIN" which reflects that PAUL ROBESON was in East Berlin today for rest and medical treatment. The article mentioned that his agent HAROLD DAVISON said that charges that ROBESON was "smuggled" behind the Iron Curtain were ridiculous and that he will return in four or five weeks.

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 10/7/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: **ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, aka**
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**To: SACs, New York (Enclosures-2)
Washington Field (Enclosures-2)**

From: Director, FBI (100-12304)

**PAUL LEROY ROBESON
SECURITY MATTER - C**

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According to an article in the 12/19/63 edition of the "Washington Post" under the date line "Berlin, December 18," Robeson and his wife, Eslanda, have left Germany en route to the United States for the Christmas holidays. In this connection there are enclosed for New York and Washington Field Office two copies of the above article.

New York immediately endeavor to determine details of subject's arrival in this country and ascertain the extent of his activities while in the United States, including the expected duration of his stay in this country. Washington Field Office check passport records for any additional details available concerning Robeson and his wife.

New York and Washington Field Office afford this matter immediate attention and furnish results to the Bureau suitable for dissemination. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of developments.

NOTE:

Subject, a well-known Negro singer, and his wife are on the Security Index. He resided in England for several years since 1958 before going to East Berlin several months ago. Prior to leaving this country he was actively engaged in communist activities in this country.

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Robeson, Abroad Since '58, and Wife Leave Berlin for Christmas in U.S.

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP) American Negro singer Paul Robeson and his wife Eslanda are on their way back to the United States to spend Christmas with their family, the official East German news agency ADN reported today.

The agency said they left by air from the Schoenefeld Airport, outside East Berlin. His route was unspecified.

The Robesons were in Communist East Germany while Robeson was undergoing treatment in an East Berlin clinic, ADN said.

The agency described Robeson as "leading representative of the colored population of the U.S.A. fighting for their civil rights."

Robeson, 66, went to East Berlin at the end of August for medical treatment at the invitation of the East German Peace Council, ADN said, and improvement in his health has permitted him to leave.

Robeson, accused in 1947 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities of supporting Communist-front organizations, has been abroad since July 11, 1958. He made his home in England before going to East Berlin.

[Robeson has had an 8-year battle to get his passport. He was finally issued one after the Supreme Court ruled that the State Department lacked statutory authority to deny

him a passport for failure to sign a non-Communist affidavit. The law has since been amended to give the State Department that right.

[As an American citizen, Robeson will have no problem entering the United States, a State Department spokesman said.

[When the singer tries to leave, however, he will probably have to apply for a new passport, since his old one presumably has expired. He would then be required to certify in the passport application that he is not and has not been a member of the Communist Party for the preceding 12 months.]

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SM-DASH-C. SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

[REDACTED] IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
INS, NYC, JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT, NYC,

ADVISED TODAY THAT PAUL ROBESON AND WIFE, ESLANDA ROBESON ARRIVED
NYC VIA BOAC FLIGHT FIVE ZERO FIVE AT THREE FORTY PM THIS DATE.

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On [redacted] advised subv. [redacted] NYO, [redacted] that PAUL ROBESON and ROBESON's wife were returning to the US, having left Germany this morning and stopped in London. [redacted] the ROBESONS are due in NY on Friday.

Although information has been received in the past that ROBESON is disenchanted with communism, the NYO, not being certain of his attitude, is not making any recommendation for an interview by newsmen upon his arrival back in the US.

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The title is marked "Changed" to reflect subject's true name as **ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON** which is the name she most commonly used based upon current file review. The current spelling of **CARDOZA** is set forth based on available records from subject's passport file and from subject's birth record as set forth in the report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 6/26/52 at New Haven. The complete title is set forth in this report for current reference purposes.

REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 11/13/62 at New York.

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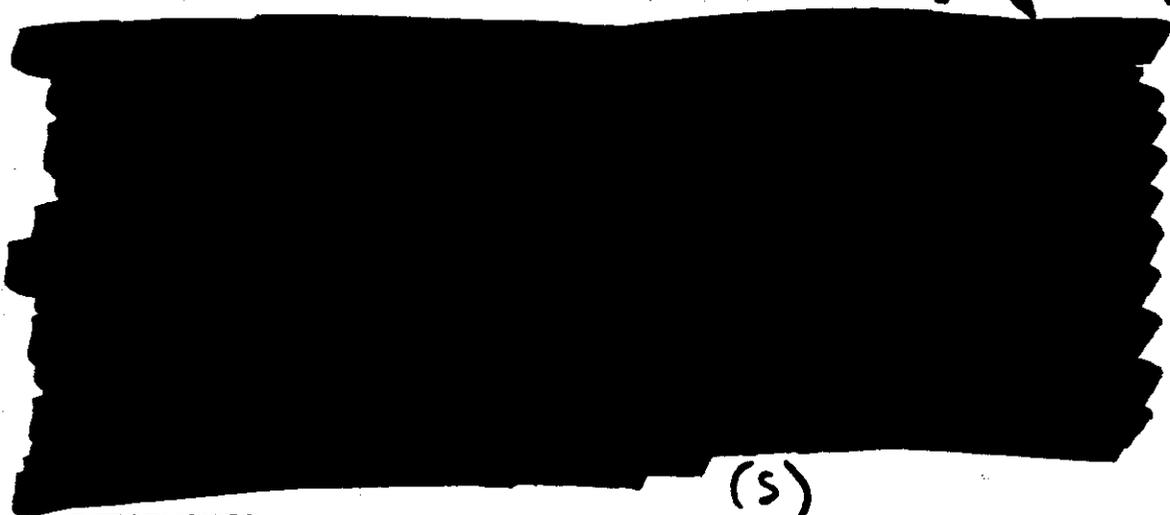
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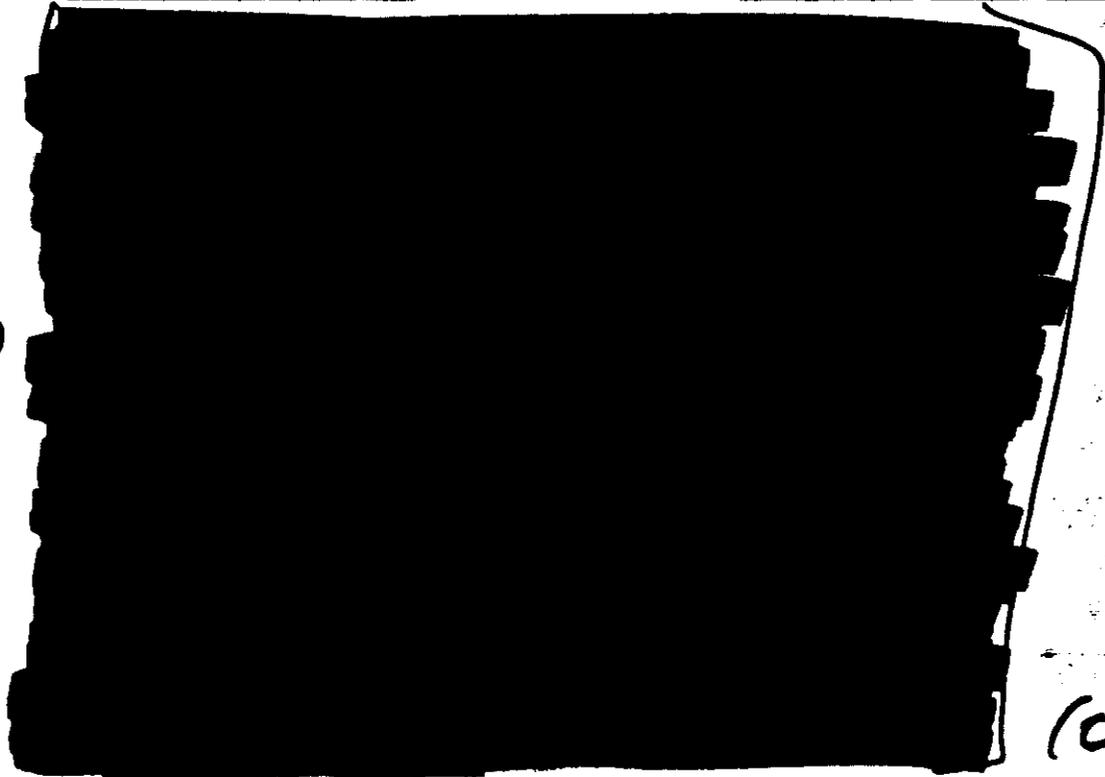


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3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) _____

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7. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
Resides abroad

8. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) No evidence has been received indicating that subject has abandoned her CP sympathies or associates. In a recent newspaper article, subject denied that her husband PAUL ROBESON had broken with the CP and she identified herself with "Our Soviet and Socialist Friends". She traveled to East Berlin in August 1963 and continues to be identified with CP front groups.

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

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Title:

ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON

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Synopsis:

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Subject listed among Board of Directors, National Council of American Soviet Friendship as of April 1963. Subject included in staff of "New World Review", as a "roving correspondent" as of August 1963. On 7/9/63, subject reportedly was awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic. (A)u

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The New York "Daily News" issue of August 30, 1963, page forty-four set forth comments of a newspaper reporter concerning the flight of PAUL ROBESON and ESLANDA ROBESON to East Germany in August 1963. The following is excerpted from the newspaper article:

"Despite subsequent reports from East Berlin, London newspapermen found the circumstances of his departure from London to be suspicious. They pointed out that his fiery 65-year-old wife joined with Red Poland's ambassador to England, Dr. Rodzinski, to smuggle Robeson from a London hospital for nervous diseases to a Polish Ilyushin plane that sped him across the Iron Curtain to East Berlin.

"If, as some of us suspect, Paul Robeson never again will emerge from behind the Iron Curtain, this is a description by veteran British newsman John Osman of Robeson aboard the Ilyushin plane. 'He sat like an effigy in his seat next to a plane window. In flight, I introduced myself to Mr. Robeson, who smiled charmingly and seemed about to talk to me. Angrily, his wife, who told me that she knew judo and would happily use it to keep people away from her "completely exhausted" husband, demanded I leave Paul and return to my own seat. Paul looked on stolidly, sat silently as his wife gave orders.' Osman had wangled passage aboard the plane. He saw that the Robesons were met at East Berlin's Schoenfeld Airport by uniformed officials and whisked away in a dark car."

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B - Foreign Residence

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C - Occupation

According to the August 1963 issue of "New World Review", ESLANDA ROBESON is a "roving correspondent" for this publication.

The "New World Review" is characterized in the appendix.

II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

A - National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A letter head of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) [REDACTED] listed as among the Board of Directors of the NCASF the subject, ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON.

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A rally of the NCASF was held on November 26, 1962 at Carnegie Hall, New York City attended by approximately fifteen hundred persons. During the program an announcement

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was read that PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON had sent greetings to the rally.

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The same information concerning sending of greetings to the NCASF rally was reported by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

B - "New World Review"

The August 1963 issue of the "New World Review" identified the staff of this publication and set forth the following pertaining to subject:

"ESLANDA ROBESON, our roving correspondent"

C - Miscellaneous

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"The Worker" an east coast Communist newspaper issue of November 26, 1961, page one, carried an article entitled, "Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS joins the Communist Party. The article related that Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS had joined the Communist Party, United States of America about November 1961.

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"The National Guardian", issue of June 6, 1963, page two carried an article datelined London, England concerning PAUL ROBESON and signed by ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON. The following is excerpted from the article:

"Several people, among them some news reporters, have been inquiring about articles alleged to have been written by my husband, Paul Robeson. The articles appeared last January in an American newspaper. They are pure fabrication.

"He has not, 'changed his political views' in any way, as has been alleged in the articles. On the contrary, there has been no interruption of his warm friendship and close contact with our Soviet and socialist friends. That this friendship is mutual was shown recently on his 65th birthday, April 9, by the heart-warming avalanche of cables, telegrams, letters, cards, gifts and overseas telephone calls of congratulations and good wishes from friends, organizations, trade unions, artists, musicians, government leaders and civic leaders in the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, Cuba and other socialist countries.

"The only people who sometimes wishfully think that he will change his mind are some Americans who are deeply sunk in their anti-communist hysteria."

"The National Guardian" is characterized in the appendix.

"Neues Deutschland", newspaper published in East Berlin, Germany reported on July 9, 1963 that ESLANDA ROBESON had been awarded the German Peace Medal by the Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic. Mrs. ROBESON allegedly expressed heart-felt thanks for this award and recognition.

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APPENDIX

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"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

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

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly * * *. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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III MISCELLANEOUS

Security informants familiar generally with Communist Party activities in the Metropolitan area of New York City, advised in December 1963 that they had no additional information to furnish concerning ESLANDA ROBESON.

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"NEW WORLD REVIEW"

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" New World Review

- "1. 'Soviet Russia Today commenced as the official organ of Friends of the Soviet Union. * * * It and its successor (New World Review) have a continuous record of over 22 years of uninterrupted publication and admittedly have operated in respondent's (the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.) interest and are used as educational media by respondent.' Soviet Russia Today was 'succeeded in the early 1950's by New World Review.' Jessica Smith, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., 'was also shown to be long-time member and functionary in the (Communist) Party, as well as in the Party-controlled Friends of the Soviet Union. She has been continuously the editor of Soviet Russia Today and its successor New World Review for years.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 104-53, Report and Order with respect to the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., February 7, 1956, pp. 20 and 22.)
- "2. The Communist Party 'is regularly putting out' the New World Review, which is a 'monthly propaganda organ on the Soviet Union, Red China, and the Communist satellites, published in New York.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report for 1958, House Report 187, March 9, 1959, p. 9.)

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"NEW WORLD REVIEW" (CONT'D)

- "3. Cited as an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda. It was formerly known as Soviet Russia Today. (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 90.)"

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Title Eslanda Goode Robeson

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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above, in New York

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12-23-63

Robeson is well-known Negro concert singer and Soviet apologist. He and his wife, Eslanda, both Security Index subjects, have resided abroad since 1958.

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He has long record of communist and communist front activities and has made numerous pro-Soviet and anti-American statements while abroad.

New York and Washington Field were previously instructed to cover Robeson's activities upon return and keep Bureau advised.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/20/63

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NY and WFO were requested 12/19/63 to determine details of his return to U.S., cover his activities and keep Bureau advised.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-407723)

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Re flimsy received with Bureau routing slip dated 10/9/63, from U.S. State Department, Passport Division reporting that the subject's passport was renewed in June, 1963, at NY and that she planned to depart from Idlewild Airport, NY, for the British Isles and France and to return to the United States on 9/5/63. (u)

Reference is also made to a letter from the Legat, London to the Director, FBI, entitled, "PAUL LEROY ROBESON, IS-C" (Bufile 100-12304) which reported

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on 12/2/63 and 12/5/63, that the subject returned from Europe in September, 1963, and that she is residing at 123 Carthage Road, Scarsdale and is occupied as a housewife. (u)

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The subject is not on the SI or the RI of the NY Division. The indices of the New York Division reflect no information of a subversive nature which has not previously been reported. The subject was interviewed on 2/28/55, at which time she was unfriendly, evasive and uncooperative. She refused to discuss any matters relating to her membership or activities in any organization past or present. (u)

In view of the above no request for authority to interview the subject is being made and this matter is being placed in a closed status. (u)

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Date: 12/23/63

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (100-56680)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
December 23, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Paul Leroy Robeson
Security Matter - C
Eslanda Robeson
Security Matter - C

On December 22, 1963, [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, advised that Paul Robeson and his wife, Eslanda Robeson, arrived in New York City at 3:40 p.m. on that date via BOAC Flight 505.

[redacted] advised that the Robesons gave 16 Jumel Terrace, New York 32, New York, as their destination. It is noted that this is the former residence of subject in New York City.

The Late City Edition of "The New York Times" dated December 23, 1963 reported that Paul Robeson left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport. He became ill in April, 1961, when he contracted a circulatory ailment.

According to the above article, Paul Robeson once said he loved "the Soviet people more than any other nation because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future in this world."

In 1956, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Paul Robeson, when asked why he did not remain in the Soviet Union, replied:

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Paul Leroy Robeson
Eslanda Robeson

"Because my father was a slave, and my people died to build this country, and I am going to stay here and have a part of it just like you."

Most of the questions directed at Paul Robeson on his arrival in New York City on December 22, 1963, were answered by his wife who told reporters that her husband still thinks Communism is "terrific".

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SUBJECT: CPUSA
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of a
letterhead memorandum dated 12/31/63.

The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are
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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] ⁴ b7D
This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Bu 100-3-116

New York, New York
December 31, 1963

Re: Communist Party,
United States of America-
Negro Question
Communist Influence in
Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On December 24, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that [redacted] stated on that date that he planned to go to Europe for a ten day visit. He said that he would probably leave on January 5, 1964, and would visit London, Copenhagen, and Stockholm.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

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The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

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

On December 24, 1963, [redacted] confidential source furnished information which indicated that [redacted] attempted on that date, to contact Paul Robeson, Jr. When he learned that Paul Robeson, Jr., was not there, [redacted] left a message for him. [redacted] said for him to tell Paul Robeson, Sr., that [redacted] is delighted to have Robeson, Sr. back again and that he hopes that he is feeling well. [redacted] indicated that he would like to get another message to Robeson, Sr., later.

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The Late City Edition of "The New York Times" dated December 23, 1963, reported that Paul Robeson left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport. He became ill in April, 1961, when he contracted a circulatory ailment.



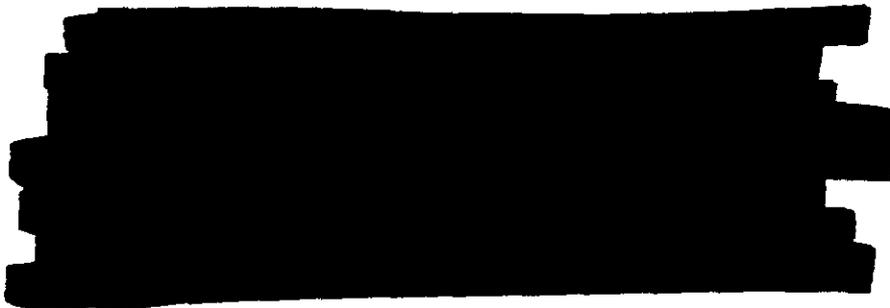
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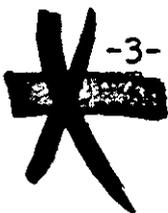
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Re: Communist Party,
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On December 27, 1963, [REDACTED] confidential source
furnished information which indicated that [REDACTED] b7D
stated on that date that March on Washington Office would be b7C
closed on January 20, 1964. He said that it had been decided
that the March on Washington would deal with special situations
as they arise, and he said it had also been decided that the
March on Washington would put on some demonstration if there
is a filibuster (in connection with civil rights legislation).

The March on Washington, which took
place in Washington, D.C., on August 28,
1963, was a civil rights demonstration.

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Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304) DATE: 1/6/64

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1-9-64

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FROM : Legat, Bonn (105-720) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Re Bonnlet dated 1-3-64.

Enclosed are four copies of a LHM dated 1-9-64, containing the contents of a news dispatch from the East German newspaper, "Neues Deutschland."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

January 19, 1964

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

The East German newspaper, "Neues Deutschland" reported the following on December 19, 1963:

The well-known American freedom fighter and artist, Paul Robeson, and his wife left the German Democratic Republic on Wednesday. They were given a heart-felt farewell at the Berlin-Schoenefeld Airport by the General Secretary of the German Peace Council of the German Democratic Republic, Heinz Willmann, and other members of the presidium of the German Peace Council.

Since the end of August Paul Robeson has been receiving medical treatment in the German Democratic Republic at the invitation of the Peace Council in a medical clinic in Berlin-Buch. The excellent care he received resulted in improvement of his health and allowed him to return to his family in the United States for the Christmas holidays.

In a friendly conversation with Professor Albert Norden, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee, Robeson and his wife, Eslanda, took leave of the representatives of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany. (The East German Communist Party)

Paul and Eslanda Robeson ask that their thanks be conveyed to Walter Ulbricht and the government of the German Democratic Republic for the hospitality and medical assistance which they had received there.

Robeson, leading representative of the Negro people of the United States in their fight for civil rights, explained that by his return to the United States he was complying with the wish of his countrymen who wanted him to be with them in the decisive phase of their struggle.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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(Bufile 100-399388)
(NYfile 100-56680)
(WFOfile 100-41052) (RUC)
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Re Bu AT 12/19/63.

Enclosed Bureau and New York Office respectively
are eight and four copies of LHM.

Files, Passport Office, Washington, D. C., reviewed
1/3/64, by SA [redacted] Contained no additional
pertinent information other than that set out in enclosed LHM.

State Department airgram 5/4/63 had the comment
that the rapidity with which L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's
XXX account is noteworthy. Actually L'Humanite rarely
refutes the claims in articles by XXX. The haste with which
L'Humanite responded suggests that this time it may feel
itself certain of its facts.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 220. C. 20535

January 7, 1964

PAUL LEROY ROBESON
ESLANDA ROBESON

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., as of January 3, 1964, contained an airgram dated May 4, 1963, from the American Embassy, Paris, France, to the Department of State, Washington, D. C. This advised as follows:

The present whereabouts of Paul Robeson and his current attitude toward the Soviet Union and Communism were subjects of dispute between the periodicals Le Figaro and L'Humanite on May 2 and 3, 1963. Le Figaro, in an article by its authority on communist affairs, who identifies himself with the sign XXX, reported on May 2, 1963, that Robeson had returned to the United States after having broken with the Soviet Union because of its cultural oppression of minorities. This periodical reported that Robeson "had just returned to the United States completely disillusioned, aged, ruined and alone." Le Figaro said that the singer had explained his action as stemming from his disillusionment in the Soviet claim that all minorities in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics lived without the "least restrictions" placed upon them. Robeson supposedly said that in fact in the Soviet Union one tells the minorities that "their culture is inferior to the new culture inspired by the Soviet state," that "the only great writers" are Soviets, and that western art is "decadent." Robeson supposedly reported that he was disabused because in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics he had found "another form of oppression all the more dangerous because it was exercised in the name of a pretended liberation."

On May 3, 1963, L'Humanite denied Le Figaro's story, claiming that it had gotten information from its London correspondent that Robeson was in fact undergoing medical treatment in a clinic near the British capital. The wife of Robeson was reported to have said that "my husband has not broken and has no intention of breaking with communism." Associates of Robeson were quoted to have said that he has no intention to visit the United States. They allegedly asserted that if he does make a trip he would sooner go to Moscow, but that his state of health prevents him from undertaking any voyages.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: January 30 1964

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FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

Card U.T.D.
2/5/64

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

Re: Eslanda Goode Robeson

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Reports of investigation of the above have been reviewed

as requested by you on _____.

It has been determined that subject's name should be

retained on security index; removed from security index.

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Remarks:

DECLASSIFIED BY: *SP-5 Rlg/LW*
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/7/64

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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(OO:NY)

ReNYairtel to Bureau, dated 12/23/63.

[REDACTED] USPO, Audubon Station, NYC, advised SA [REDACTED] 1/3/64, that subject is currently residing at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC. It is noted that this is the address at which subject resided prior to his leaving for Europe in July, 1958.

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NYO is preparing a report in this case to bring subject's activities up to date and to incorporate any information concerning subject based on indices review at NYO.

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TO
Director

SAC, New York (Your file *100-25857*) DATE: *2/5/64*

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial *100-12304-696*)

SUBJECT: Room No. *827 RB*
Paul Terry Robinson
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2. Date airtel letter submitted
 report letterhead memo will be submitted *2/12/64*

3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted

4. Status of Appeal Inquiry Investigation Prosecution

5. Submit airtel letter
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : Legat, London

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Lonfile 100-1666

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OO: New York

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Re Bureau LHM 1/19/64. (u)



As subjects have returned to the United States and there are no further leads outstanding at this time, these cases are being placed in a RUC status. (u)

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- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Does Adam Know His Secrets?



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Lady's man Paul Robeson, above, gets mean when congressional probers try to pry out secrets about his power over other negro communists.

On July 19, 1963, the Chicago Daily American predicted Adam Yarmolinsky will soon replace Hoover as head of the FBI. Yarmolinsky should qualify as an "expert" on Robeson's work with communists and revolutionaries. Dies Committee files show that

Robeson helped operate a very effective communist front called "The Pushkin Committee," and that other top Reds who ran this moneymaking outfit were Mrs. Efrem Zimbalist, Victor Lakhontoff and Miss Babette Deutsch.

Miss Deutsch is Adam Yarmolinsky's mother, according to Who's Who in America...and a mother shouldn't keep secrets from her little boy.

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| TITLE OF CASE PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka | | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] | TYPED BY gfb |
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Subject's wife, ESLANDA ROBESON is the subject of NY 100-56680 and on the Security Index of the New York Office. (u)

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INFORMANTS

Security informants contacted negatively concerning PAUL ROBESON in December, 1963 and January, 1964 are identified as follows:

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2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. A suitable photograph is is not available.
5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. This report is classified Confidential because (state reason) _____
 unauthorized disclosure of information reported herein by _____ would impair the future effectiveness of these informants and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interest of this country. Information received from _____ received under confidential classification. b1
8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____
 subject has been described as being mentally ill and in need of medical treatment. Any attempt to interview ROBESON at the present time might result in adverse publicity against the Bureau. ←
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) _____
 of subject's past history of involvement in the communist movement. Subject is described as still believing that Communism is "terrific". He has been visited by CP leaders since his return to the US and apparently is taking no pains to repudiate communist support and influence.
11. Subject's SI card is is not tabbed Detcom.
 Subject's activities do do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED] b7c
Date: 3/12/64

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-25857

Bureau File No.: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

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Synopsis:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON returned to the US from Europe 12/22/63. He currently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, [REDACTED] b7D

"The Worker" on 4/14/63 carried birthday greetings to PAUL ROBESON on his 65th birthday. A tribute to PAUL ROBESON was held in Moscow, Russia on his 65th birthday according to "The Worker", 4/16/63. "Le Figaro", a French newspaper, on 5/2/63 alleged that ROBESON had broken with the Soviet Union. An article in "L'Humanite", 5/3/63, denied "Le Figaro's" story and reported ESLANDA ROBESON as stating "my husband has not broken and has no intention of breaking with Communism."

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

PAUL ROBESON arrived in New York City at John F. Kennedy International Airport on December 22, 1963 at 3:40 p.m. aboard British Overseas Airways Corporation Flight 505. He furnished his destination to Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as 16 Jumel Terrace, New York 32, New York.

INS [REDACTED] b7c
Kennedy International Airport
Queens, New York

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PAUL ROBESON is currently residing at 16 Jumel Terrace, New York City.

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B. Status of Health

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"The New York Post", August 26, 1963, page four, in an article entitled "ROBESON in East Berlin", stated that PAUL ROBESON, 65 years of age, was in East Berlin as of August 26, 1963 for medical treatment and a rest. He had been in London in a nursing home since 1961 and would return to Great Britain after five weeks rest in East Germany.

The East German newspaper "Neues Deutschland", December 19, 1963, published an article concerning PAUL LEROY ROBESON, describing him as "the well-known American freedom fighter and artist." This article narrated that PAUL ROBESON had left the German Democratic Republic where he had been receiving medical treatment at a medical clinic at Berlin. His health allegedly improved while in East Germany. The article further stated that PAUL and his wife ESLANDA ROBESON

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asked that their thanks be conveyed to WALTER ULBRICHT of East Germany and to the government of the German Democratic Republic for the hospitality and medical assistance which they had received there.

ESLANDA ROBESON

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that ESLANDA ROBESON was a Communist Party member in 1945. She did not hold herself out as a Communist Party member and furthermore denied Communist Party membership.

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ESLANDA ROBESON made application for a passport at American Embassy, London, England, on May 15, 1962. Mrs. ROBESON furnished a sworn affidavit in which she declared "I hereby state categorically and without any reservations whatsoever, that I am not now, and have never been, in all my life, a member of the Communist Party, United States of America, or in any other country."

II. AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

A. ROBESON's Alleged Break With The Soviet Union

A Chicago publication called "The National Insider" dated January 6, 1963, on page seven, set forth an article entitled "PAUL ROBESON Speaks - This Is My Story". In this article, PAUL ROBESON is alleged to have made the following statements.

"I was a Communist for a long time. I wasn't forced into it. I did it of my own free will because of certain convictions I had. And at times I have also been a Socialist and a Fascist."

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"I am ashamed of being a Fascist, but not of being a Socialist or Communist. I only regret what these philosophies led me to do.

"I was young when I first told the world I was a Communist, and when I first moved to the Soviet Union-- young, not in years, but in ideas. The young are always rebelling against social injustices...and they are always

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impatient to achieve the perfect society. Age does not always bring wisdom, and just because I was a grown man does not mean I was mature.

"Even if I had been more mature in those days, I would probably have rebelled against the same thing: the injustices suffered by my people. But my approach would be different. I would have tried to improve the Negro's lot by staying within the framework of American government, rather than trying to overthrow the government and replacing it with Communism - - an ideology that promises much, but does very little."

"I am not making excuses, nor am I saying that I completely reject Communism today. I don't feel each philosophy has an element of good in it - some more than others. But there is a certain amount of good in Communism, and a certain amount of evil in a Republic."

"I told the world I was a Communist, and it made me proud at first. But in the end, it ruined my life."

This article further narrated that PAUL ROBESON sang "illegal song" while giving a recital in Russia and, as a result, he was "punished". He was not to give any more concerts for eight months and the money taken in at his last concert was to be given to the State. ROBESON allegedly stated that this was a very small thing, but it was one of the many things that led him toward disenchantment with the Soviet Union.

"The National Insider", January 13, 1963, on page 15, continued the "ROBESON Story" and set forth the following statements attributed to PAUL ROBESON:

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"I left the Soviet Union as you know. I have not rejected all the basic Communist philosophy, nor have I rejected all the Socialist philosophy. But this should only go to point up one of the strengths of democracy. A man must be free to voice his opinions, even if they are in opposition to the government. Remember, to voice them is one thing, this is the thing I am saying- to try to forcefully put them into effect is another."

"I don't reject Communism or the dream of a classless society. But I reject the Soviet Union's type of Communism, and I think that if ever my people and other minorities become completely free and equal, it will happen in this country, and under this system, before it will happen in the U.S.S.R."

On May 4, 1953, the American Embassy, Paris, France, in a dispatch to the Department of State, Washington, D. C. set forth the following information.

"Le Figaro", a French newspaper, on May 2, 1963, carried an article which alleged that PAUL ROBESON had broken with the Soviet Union because of its cultural oppression of minorities. "Le Figaro" claimed ROBESON was disillusioned with the Soviet claim that all minorities in the Soviet Union lived with the "least restrictions" placed upon them. ROBESON allegedly reported that he was disabused because in the Soviet Union he found "another form of oppression all the more dangerous because it was exercised in the name of a pretended liberation."

On May 3, 1963, "L'Humanite", a French newspaper, denied "Le Figaro's" story claiming that it had gotten information from its London correspondent that ROBESON was undergoing medical treatment in a clinic near London, England. ESLANDA ROBESON was reported to have said "My husband has not broken and has no intention of breaking with Communism."

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B. Birthday Greetings to PAUL ROBESON from Communist Sources

"The Worker", April 14, 1963, page 2, columns 4 and 5, contained an article entitled "Many Greet PAUL ROBESON on His 65th Birthday". The article reflected that PAUL ROBESON celebrated his 65th birthday on April 8, 1963 and contained greetings from GUS HALL, BEN DAVIS and JAMES E. JACKSON. "The Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper.

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"The Worker", April 16, 1963, page 2, columns 4 and 5, in an article entitled "Moscow Meet Marks ROBESON's Birthday", narrated that a tribute to PAUL ROBESON on the occasion of his 65th birthday was held in Moscow, Russia. The article narrated that HENRY WINSTON, described as "United States Communist" then in Moscow, was the main speaker at the affair. According to the article, the Soviet periodical "Sovietskaya Rossiya" published a telephoned interview with ROBESON's wife ESLANDA ROBESON, which told of the warm greetings received by PAUL ROBESON in London, England from Soviet singers and other artists.

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"The Worker", March 3, 1964, page one, in an article entitled "WINSTON greeted Here on Return from U. S. S. R." narrated that "HENRY WINSTON, communist leader, returned to the United States Thursday afternoon after 2½ years in the Soviet Union."

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The New York School for Marxist Studies is characterized in the Appendix Section of this report.

On December 13, 1959, BETTY GANNETT was elected to the National Committee, Communist Party, United States of America, at its 17th National Convention held on December 10 - 13, 1959.

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C. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

At a rally sponsored by the NCASF and held on November 26, 1962 at Carnegie Hall, New York City, the chairman of the rally relayed greetings from PAUL ROBESON and his wife ESLANDA ROBESON.

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The above information was also confirmed by [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

D. Miscellaneous

"The Worker", December 29, 1963, page 3, columns 1 and 2, paid a "welcome home" tribute to PAUL ROBESON and extended to PAUL and ESLANDA ROBESON "our heart-felt greeting and welcome."

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The "New York World Telegram and Sun", December 23, 1963, page 3, in an article entitled "A Silent, Gaunt ROBESON Back After Self-Exile in Russia" narrated as follows:

"At least 50 pounds underweight, his face gaunt and his hair gray, PAUL ROBESON was back in his native land today after five years of self-imposed exile.

"The basso profundo that has thrilled millions was silent. He had less than a dozen words for the press as he arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport yesterday from England.

"His wife, who has been doing most of the talking for him since he fell ill in April, 1961, told reporters that he thinks communism still is "terrific".

"Mrs. ROBESON's comment came in reply to questions about reports that the 65-year-old singer-actor had become disillusioned during the past few years."

Other security informants familiar generally with Communist Party activities in the Metropolitan area of New York advised in December, 1963 and January, 1964 that they had no current information to furnish concerning PAUL ROBESON.

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES

In September, 1960, a source advised it was announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, [REDACTED] held [REDACTED] that the People's School for Marxist Studies was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CPUSA, NYD. Adult classes were scheduled to start October 17, 1960.

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"The Worker" of October 16, 1960, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and Student Committee On Progressive Education (SCOPE) (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York.

The records of Pearce Mayer and Greer, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflect that on August 29, 1960, HERBERT APTHEKER leased Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, for the period starting October 1, 1960. The premises were to be occupied by a "People's School." On July 3, 1962, HERBERT APTHEKER signed a new lease for Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, to start October 1, 1962, which reflects that the premises were to be used as an office for the NYSMS.

During April and May, 1963, a second source furnished information that the NYSMS was then in operation at 853 Broadway, New York, New York.

The Spring Term, 1963 Bulletin of the NYSMS reflects Dr. HERBERT APTHEKER as the Director of the School.

A third source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA, held December 10-13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

The May, 1963, issue of "Political Affairs," self-described as the theoretical organ of the CPUSA, reflects that HERBERT APTHEKER has been replaced as editor of that publication after holding this position for several years.

A characterization of SCOPE is included in the appendix.

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APPENDIX

STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE
EDUCATION (SCOPE)

A confidential source advised on June 16, 1958, that the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) was formed in early 1958, by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE
EDUCATION (SCOPE) (CONT'D)

A fourth confidential source made available on March 23, 1961, a mimeographed letter signed by "The SCOPE Committee." This letter sets forth that last fall SCOPE became a part of the newly formed New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) as its autonomous youth division.

The Spring Term 1963 Bulletin of the NYSMS states that SCOPE is trying to provide conditions in which youth can broaden their knowledge and improve their understanding of this changing, perplexing, and exciting age. The goal of SCOPE is "to provide a unique opportunity for the study and discussion of Marxism."

On May 17, 1963, the fourth source advised that SCOPE continues to share the office space in Room 1922, 853 Broadway, New York City, with the NYSMS.

A characterization of the NYSMS is included in the Appendix.

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New York, New York
March 12, 1964

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Title

Paul Leroy Robeson

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Reference

report of Special Agent [redacted] is made to New York dated and captioned as above. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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March 27, 1964

Director, FBI (100-370965) (100-351310)
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1 - Mr. Floyd
1 - Miss Legore

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✓ PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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Enclosed for your information are three
copies of a letter from Legat, London, dated 3/16/64,
captioned "World Council of Peace, IS-C."

The captioned individuals appear to be
identical with those of similar names listed as
delegates.

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[REDACTED] is not on the Security Index. [REDACTED]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304)

DATE: 3/10/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON aka
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PAUL ROBESON during the past two years or more has been in poor health [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Upon his return to the USA in December, 1963, he had very few words for reporters. ESLANDA ROBESON appears to be "shielding" him from making public statements. He is still considered to be a concert singer, although he has apparently not been active in this respect for many months. While ROBESON allegedly still thinks communism is "terrific", his current activities do not warrant detcom tabbing.

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Information in the enclosed LHM concerns the subject's departure from the US and was furnished telephonically to [REDACTED] at the Bureau on 5/11/64 by Night Supervisor NYO. (u)

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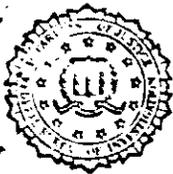
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On [REDACTED] advised that Eslanda Robeson, wife of Paul Robeson, was a Communist Party (CP) member in 1945. The informant advised that Eslanda and Paul Robeson were devoted CP members. (c) (u)

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Re: Paul Le Roy Robeson

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The following physical description has been obtained through observation and investigation: sex - male; race - Negro; date of birth - April 9, 1898; place of birth - Princeton, New Jersey; height - 6'2 1/2" - 6'3"; weight - 175 pounds; hair - grey; eyes - brown; peculiarities - wears glasses; marital status - married, wife Eslanda Robeson; Social Security Number 071-12-7669. (u)

The "New York Post and Home News" issue of July 14, 1949, contained an article reporting the testimony of Manning Johnson before the House Un-American Activities Committee. The article stated that Johnson, an admitted former member of the Communist Party (CP) National Committee, had told the Committee that he had been a CP member up to 1940 and described Robeson as a CP member for many years and had frequently met Robeson in CP Headquarters going to or coming from meetings with top Communist leaders. Johnson said Robeson's Party membership was kept secret from rank and file Communists. (u)

On [REDACTED]

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Robeson admitted current CP membership in [REDACTED] (u)

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Re: Paul Le Roy Robeson

Robeson was the winner of the Stalin Peace Prize of \$25,000.00 in December, 1952. (u)

"The New York Times" Late City Edition dated December 23, 1963, in an article on Paul Robeson on page 26, stated that "for eight years from 1950 to 1958, his refusal to sign an affidavit stating whether he was or had been a Communist Party member caused the United States to deny him a passport. A Supreme Court decision in 1958 temporarily killed the affidavit requirement and a passport was issued". (u)

In another article in "The New York Times" Late City Edition dated December 23, 1963, page 1, it was stated that Robeson left the United States on July 10, 1958 for London, sang in the Soviet Union off and on and acted in England before becoming ill in April, 1961. On August 25, 1963, he arrived in East Berlin for treatment for what his wife called circulatory trouble, and returned to London "last Wednesday" and arrived back in New York on December 22, 1963. When queried about his reported disillusionment with Communism, his wife Eslanda stated "He never was (disillusioned), and he thinks its terrific." (u)

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1- Liaison
1- Mr. Floyd

Date: July 21, 1964

To: Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ESLANDA ROBESON
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Reference is made to prior correspondence concerning the captioned individual. (u)

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No inquiries are requested of your Department or the Central Intelligence Agency. However, this Bureau would appreciate receiving any pertinent information concerning Robeson which comes to your attention during the subject's absence from this country. (u)

BY COURIER SVC.
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1- Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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Director
Bureau of Intelligence and Research
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Attention: SAC, New York and Legat, London:

Reference is made to Legat, London, letter 7-8-64.

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New York immediately conduct appropriate investigation to
obtain additional information of subject's travel plans.
Submit results in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

Subject is on Security Index. She is the wife
of Paul Robeson, well-known Negro singer. Subject resided
in England for several years since 1958 and while there
made trips to Europe, including East Berlin. She returned
to the United States with her husband in December, 1963,
and currently maintains residence in New York City.

This communication is classified "Confidential"
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
July 29, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 100-12304
NYfile 100-25857

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON

REFERENCE: Memorandum 5/18/64

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

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Employment: Retired

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