



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**MURIEL RUKEYSER**

**PART 1 OF 1**

**FILE NUMBER : 77-27812**



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

Subject of Request: MURIEL REKEYSER *Rukeyser*

FOIPA No. \_\_\_\_\_ /190-

Dear

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(See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) were reviewed and 118 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

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These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, Room 7238 MAIN, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, within thirty days from the receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

Chief  
Freedom of Information-  
Privacy Acts Section  
Information Resources Division

Enclosures

MEMORANDUM

RE: MURIEL RUKEYSER

Muriel Rukeyser is the author of articles appearing in the September 1, 1936, the September 14, 1937, and the December 7, 1937 editions of the "New Masses." She has also published an article entitled, "The Lively Art" which appears on page 160 of the February 5, 1938 edition of "The Nation." (61-9182-1X p.5,19,28.; 61-901-37X p.18)

Miss Rukeyser was reported in 1938 as being one of the "John Reed Club" authors. This club has been described as "a revolutionary organization composed of artists and writers in the United States. It was organized by Communists in memory of the American Bolshevik, John Reed, who was deported to Russia and died there." (Dies Committee Report Vol. I p. 60; Dies Committee Report, Walter Steele, Vol. I. page 256.)

Muriel Rukeyser was listed as a member of the Writer's Division of the Committee for the Arts Project in a letter sent out by that Committee to newspaper editors on January 11, 1939, which letter purports to explain the purpose of the Five Arts Committee. This letter defends the work of the WPA Federal Arts Project and states that the Five Arts Committee is sponsoring a mass movement of citizens who are requested to send letters or telegrams of protest against the dismissal of the 1,526 workers on the Project in New York City to the President, to Congressmen, and to the head of the Work Projects Administration. (61-7551-155X)

The name of Muriel Rukeyser appears on a list of members of the League of American Writers in a pamphlet issued by that organization announcing the Third American Writer's Congress to be held in New York City on June 2-4, 1939. The following is an excerpt from this announcement:

"We will discuss the following subjects, and shape a policy in relation to them:

"The defense of democracy in the United States, cooperation of this country with other Nations, and peoples opposed to Fascism — including the Soviet Union, which has been the most constant defender of peace; cooperation with writers exiled from Fascist countries; support for the anti-Fascist policies of the present administration; support for the labor unions; cooperation among all democratic and progressive forces; opposition to race prejudice; to attacks on social legislation and to efforts to cripple or abolish the Federal Arts Project; in general, the defense of a free world in which writers can function."

It should be noted that the members of the League of American Writers have been said to possess Communistic tendencies and the League has been reported to closely follow the Communist Party line. (61-7554-94)

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The following notation appeared on a list of members of the "Sponsoring Committee" in an announcement of an "Alumni Homecoming Dinner" to be held in New York City on March 21, 1937:

"Muriel Rukeyser, Vassar".

This dinner was sponsored by the American Student Union and was held for "graduates and present participants in the American Student Movement who, by their efforts during the years of this century, have created and fostered a liberal tradition on the American campus."

(61-7497-303)

In a news release put out on February 24, 1939, by the American Student Union, it was stated that Muriel Rukeyser was one of the individuals who spoke at Hunter College as a part of the National Student Protest Against the Embargo on Spain as a part of fifteen campus meetings in the New York City area arranged by the American Student Union. It should be noted that the American Student Union is an alleged Communist front organization.

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November 4, 1942

Mr. Dallas Dort  
Director  
Division of Central Administrative Services  
Office of Emergency Management  
1266 Federal Reserve Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. George J. Gould

Dear Mr. Dort:

Reference is made to the letter of Mr. George J. Gould, dated October 31, 1942, requesting a summary of the information in the files of this Bureau concerning Miss Muriel Rukeyser.

For your information there is attached hereto a separate memorandum setting forth a summary of the pertinent information pertaining to Miss Muriel Rukeyser as reflected in the files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF CENTRAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

IN REPLY REFER TO:

October 31, 1942

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. J. K. ~~Munroe~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Welch, will you please let me have a summary of the information in your files concerning Miss Muriel Rukeyser of 57 Bank Street, New York, New York, who was born in New York on December 15, 1913.

If this information is available by November 4, it will be very helpful to us.

Very truly yours,

*Geo. J. Gould*

Geo. J. Gould,  
Chief, Investigations Office.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 4, 1943

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Mr. D. M. Ladd,  
Assistant Director.

In re: DI- B-1513  
Muriel Rukeyser  
57 Bank Street  
New York, New York  
Applicant Copy Writer  
CAF-12, \$4600  
War Information  
Bureau of Publications and Graphics  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Hoover:

OEM

It is requested that a complete investigation be made of the above-named employee of the Office for Emergency Management and constituent agencies.

The application form filled out by the employee is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Dallas Dort,  
Director, Division of  
Central Administrative Services.

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v. memo to Ladd.  
W. " " Callan*  
Refined application returned.  
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By: *Geo. J. Gould*  
Geo. J. Gould

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Region 1, New York.

## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Refer to file:  
OEM Misc. 1

January 11, 1943.  
Date

TO: G. H. Butler, Director, Division of Investigations.

FROM: The Special Agent in Charge, New York.

SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER

In accordance with your memorandum of January 5, Agent Roland A. Reed of this office, has interviewed the above-named subject for the purposes of obtaining answers to questions specified by Mr. George W. Gould, in his letter to you of January 2, 1943. According to Mr. Gould, the interview was for the following purposes:

1. To determine Miss Rukeyser's present connection with the League of American Writers, and
2. Whether in her own thinking about economics, she favored a collective security as late as 1939 and what changes, if any, have occurred in her thinking with respect to collective security and fascists since 1940

Agent Reed's report covering his interview with Miss Rukeyser is as follows:

Regarding her activity in the League of American Writers, Miss Rukeyser stated the following, that one of her interests was from the standpoint of the craft, itself; that because of her status as a free lance writer, she was not eligible for membership in other writer groups; that she had been interested in associating with some organization that would tend to foster the union of writers' groups in order that they could assert themselves as a unit, and that she wished to join in a discussion of craft problems as they applied to writers. Her other reason was the preservation of free speech by the elimination of fascism. With other writers, she shared a hatred for fascism and because she regarded this movement as an immediate and powerful menace, she wished to lend her efforts in combatting its progress in the United States.

In the League of American Writers, she recognized the existence of the avenues through which she could work toward her two objectives and she had hoped that this organization would eventually become strong enough to support a publication, in which the writers as a group could express themselves on these objectives. However, during the winter of 1938-1939, she developed a feeling that little progress had been made and that there remained little possibility of furthering her aims, whereupon she lost interest in the activities of the "League" and discontinued her association with

that body. She is not aware of her present status with the "League", has not formally notified them of her resignation, but has, in no manner evidenced any interest in any of its activities since 1938. Her last association with the League was in the winter of 1938-1939 (does not recall the month) when she attended one of their meetings. Later, in the same winter, while travelling in California, she was appointed to some committee in her absence, and although she did not decline the appointment, she exhibited no further interest. During her association with the "League" her activities had been confined to reading some of her poetry, and on several occasions, discussing her experiences in Spain at the outbreak of civil war.

Her chief objections to the "League" were the failure of the organization to clarify its aims and the overemphasis placed on money raising projects for Spain, such as dinners, cocktail parties, etc., all of which consumed a lot of time and incurred a lot of expense.

With some reluctance, Miss Rukeyser admitted the presence of some Communist influences in the "League" which she was disinclined to regard as a serious or important matter on the basis that she felt the purpose of this "League" and many other similar organizations was to combine all forces in the fight against fascism. In the same manner that Russia, today, is an ally of ours, fighting on our side, so was Communism likely to be found working as one of the combined forces of these organizations.

Miss Rukeyser's objection to fascism is based upon the fact that it was intent upon the destruction of democratic government; that under it, freedom of thought and speech could not survive and that because of its rapidly moving progress, America was imminently in danger of its threat. Although in favor of America's non-intervention policy in connection with the Spanish civil war (because of our unpreparedness), she feels that anyone interested in the preservation of our freedom could not have failed to recognize the menacing aspect of fascism, and that she had become personally concerned over the issue to the extent that she exerted every possible effort to oppose it.

When it was pointed out that her interest in preserving freedom and democracy would probably produce in her a similar reaction against other "isms" Miss Rukeyser denied the existence of any other force sufficiently powerful to be considered a menace; that our fight is against fascism alone, but she stated that she would naturally be opposed to any movement where freedom of speech and the democratic way of life were denied.

In her remarks throughout the interview, Miss Rukeyser stressed her opinion that the presence of Communism in this country, or in the organization to which she belonged was a matter of little significance; that our fight was against Fascism, not Communism and that Communism could not be regarded as a menace to this country. She voiced the opinion that we, as individuals, and as a nation should be willing to join forces with any opponent of fascism, and that, in doing so, we should feel strong enough to work along with other movements and nations without fear of losing our identity as a free person or as a democratic nation.

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Memorandum to the Director

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February 18, 1945

Miss Rukeyser was quite reluctant to enter into a discussion of Communism, attempted to create the impression that her interest and knowledge of this movement were superficial and she answered all questions pertaining to Communism with hesitancy and vagueness. She stated that although collectivism may have some merits, she favored free private enterprise but opposed the rule or control of one group, whether it be capital or labor. She did not feel that the introduction of any so-called foreign ideas of government would improve the conditions of our country and she stated that, in her opinion the cooperation of all groups within our democracy, without special privileges to any particular group would be necessary to hold together our strength as a nation, and to offset any opposing influences. Miss Rukeyser declined to make any statement relative to the advantages of Communism, the result of this movement in Russia or the possibilities of Communism in America on the grounds that her limited knowledge on this subject and her inability to foresee what might develop after the war, made it impossible for her to qualify an opinion. Although she stated that she was opposed to the ambitiousness and "land-grabbi tactics of fascism, she withheld any opinion relative to Russia's invasion of Finland on the basis that she was not acquainted with the issues concerned.

On the basis that she "did not know the answer", Miss Rukeyser also refrained from making any comment on current issues, such as the part capital is playing in the fight against fascism; what place capital should occupy in post America; the continuation of control by various government agencies and the relation of America to world politics and economy. Although she recognized the need for some system of social security, she claims to have reached no decision as to what plan might be for the best, - whether revitalized industry with Government assistance, may abolish unemployment; whether complete governmental control of industry would be necessary to safeguard the worker's interests or whether the continuation and expansion of our present social security system will solve our problem.

Miss Rukeyser assumed a disinterested attitude toward the activities of the Dies Committee, merely remarking that our real enemy was fascism and that it was not well to lose sight of or divert our attention from the fight against fascism.

There is also attached hereto a resume of statement given to Agent Reed in the course of this investigation by Eugene Lyons, editor of the American Mercury, and an acknowledged authority on communism in New York City, concerning Miss Rukeyser.

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*Wayne A. Sanders*  
Wayne A. Sanders,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Statement of Eugene Lyons, editor, American Mercury, 51st Street and Lexington Avenue, as given orally to Special Agent Roland A. Reed, February 10, 1943.

Ariel Rukysyer was closely associated with and one of the more important members of the League of American Writers; that her name appeared on the masthead of the "New Theatre" magazine, and she was one of its contributors; that she wrote articles for New Masses and she associated with a group of known Communist sympathizers. On this basis, I would classify her as a fellow traveler; I did not know Miss Rukysyer personally nor was I personally acquainted with her activities, but her various convictions were obvious and she was pointed out to me by sources which I regard to be unquestionably accurate. I knew that it has been possible for well-meaning persons to be drawn into these associations, but I agree that anyone who continues these types of associations for the length of time Miss Rukysyer did, must be awfully ignorant not to recognize the Communist influences, or else must be a part of them; and from all that I can gather, I would not consider Miss Rukysyer an ignorant person. I am not surprised that she would have dropped out of the picture in 1939,- so did all of the rest of them. Starting with Hitler's invasion of Europe, there was a noticeable "soft pedaling" of open tactics on the part of this group and they have nearly become inaudible, but I do not believe that their apparent inactivity is the only proof that their interest has diminished or that they have revised their opinions. In the case of Miss Rukysyer, whose literary works, I understand, appear to be quite harmless and insubversive in character, I would draw a comparison with other known cases where persons of intellect and prestige and definite Communist leanings could not be distinguished as such through the medium of their utterances. In many cases, these same persons have expressed opinions or taken a stand in matters which was definitely contrary to the Communist party policy. I know of very few who advertise their connection with the Communist party, and I feel that the most dangerous ones are those that hide or deny their affiliations.

I would place some importance on the fact that although Miss Rukysyer may have discontinued her interest in Communism after 1939, it is highly probable that she would have expressed some opposition to the party or its doctrines or its methods, if she had changed her ideas. I know of no instance where Miss Rukysyer did this.

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2. Place of examination (if a written test), or place of employment applied for:  (City and State)			
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4. <del>Miss</del> <b>Muriel</b> <b>Rukeyser</b> (First name) (Middle) (Maiden, if any) (Last)	O. S.	
5. <b>57 Bank Street</b> (R. D. or street and number) <b>New York, N.Y.</b> (City or post office, and State)	Gr.	
6. Date of birth (month, day, year): <b>Dec. 15, 1913</b>	E & E.	
7. Age last birthday: <b>28</b>	P & D.	
8. Date of this application: <b>Oct. 16, 1942</b>	Int.	
9. Legal or voting residence: State: <b>New York</b>	Appor.	
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12. Height, with-out shoes: <b>5 ft. 6 1/2 in.</b> Weight: <b>160</b> lb.	-- Disability.	Exam. date
13. Where were you born? <b>New York, N.Y.</b> (Town) (State or country)	-- Wife.	Not. Ra.
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Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column	Yes	No	Indicate "Yes" or "No" answer by placing X in proper column	Yes	No
14. Are you a citizen of the United States? Unless otherwise instructed, naturalized citizens must submit, along with this application, Naturalization Certificate, other foreign-born documentary proof of citizenship. Documents will be returned.	X		22. (a) Were you ever in the U. S. military or naval service? If so, give branch of service and date of last discharge: -- Army. -- Navy. -- Marine. -- Coast Guard. Date		X
15. Have you ever been arrested or summoned into court as a defendant or indicted or convicted or fined or imprisoned, or placed on probation, or has any case against you been filed, or have you ever been ordered to deposit collateral for alleged breach or violation of any law or police regulation or ordinance whatsoever? If so, list all cases, without any exception whatsoever, under Item 45, page 4, giving in each case: (1) the date, (2) your age at the time, (3) the place where the alleged offense or violation occurred, (4) the name and location of the court, (5) the nature of the offense or violation, (6) the penalty if any imposed or other disposition. The above question includes arrests by military or naval authorities and disciplinary action imposed by courts martial, as well as in civil cases. If arrested, your fingerprints will be taken.	X		(b) Were all discharges granted under honorable conditions? (c) Have you already established military preference with the Civil Service Commission? If so, check kind of preference below: -- Veteran. -- Disabled. -- Wife of disabled veteran. -- Widow of veteran.		X
16. (a) Have you any physical defect or disability whatsoever? (b) Have you ever had a nervous breakdown? If your answer to either (a) or (b) is yes, give full particulars under Item 45, page 4.	X	X	If you are applying for a specific examination, and wish to claim veteran preference in connection with it, attach C. S. C. (Preference) Form 14, together with the evidence specified therein.		X
17. Do you advocate or have you ever advocated, or are you now or have you ever been or are you a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence? If so, give complete details under Item 45.	X		23. Have you registered under the Selective Service Act? If so, give address and number of local board. If classified, give your classification. Your order number		X
18. Have you ever been discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or forced to resign from any position? If so, state under Item 45 when and where employed and give the name and address of your employer and the reason for your discharge or forced resignation in each case.	X		24. (a) Are you now a member of any branch of military or naval reserve? If so, give name of organization. (b) Are you now on active duty?		X
19. Within the past 12 months, have you used intoxicating beverages? If so, specify: X Occasionally. <input type="checkbox"/> Habitually. <input type="checkbox"/> To excess.	X		25. Give number of persons completely dependent on you, other than husband or wife: <b>0</b>		X
20. Are any members of your family or relatives (either by blood or by marriage) employed by the United States Government, excluding persons in the armed forces? If so, give name, address, relationship, and branch of service of each such relative under Item 45.	X		26. Would you accept short-term appointment? 6 months. 3 months. 1 month.		X
21. Are you NOW employed by the Federal Government? (a) If so, (Department of agency) (Bureau) (Location) (b) If you now are or have ever been so employed, give dates: from (Month) 19 (Year) to (Month) 19 (Year)	X		27. (a) Would you accept appointment anywhere offered in the United States? Give location preferences: <b>New York</b> (b) Would you accept appointment outside the United States? Give locations acceptable (c) Would you accept appointment in Washington, D. C.? If so, and if you are applying for a specific examination, refer to the examination announcement to see if the Certificate of Residence (C. S. C. Form 12) is to be submitted. Proof of residence is required for many kinds of positions.	X	X
			28. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? <b>\$600</b> per. <b>yes</b> You will not be considered for positions paying less.		
			29. If you are willing to travel specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frequently. <input type="checkbox"/> Constantly.		
			30. How much notice will you require to report for work? <b>None</b>		

21. (a) Have you ever filed applications for any Federal civil service examinations? (If so, list them below.) Yes  No

Title of examination	Examined in what cities	Month and year	Rating

(b) Have you passed any State or other civil service examination (other than the above) within the last 5 years? (If so, give details under Item 45) Yes  No

22. EDUCATION: (a) Circle highest grade completed, elementary or high school: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  Did you graduate? Yes  No

Name and location of school	Dates attended		Years completed		Degrees conferred		Semester hours credit
	From—	To—	Day	Night	Title	Date	
(b) College or university	Vassar College	1930	1932				
	Columbia University	1931					
	Summer School	1933					
(c) Other							

(d) List your four chief undergraduate subjects	Semester hrs.	List your four chief graduate subjects	Semester hrs.
English			
History			
Philosophy			
Physiology			

23. Indicate your knowledge of foreign languages.

Language	READ			SPEAK			UNDERSTAND		
	Ess.	Good	Fair	Ess.	Good	Fair	Ess.	Good	Fair
French	X						X		
Spanish		X					X		
German			X						X

24. Are you now a licensed member of any trade or profession (such as electrician, radio operator, pilot, lawyer, CPA, etc.)? Yes  No   
 If not, have you ever been licensed?   
 Give kind of license and State   
 Earliest license (year)   
 Most recent license (year)

25. REFERENCES: List five persons, who are not related to you by blood or marriage, who live in the United States, and who are or have been mainly responsible for close direction of your work, or who are in a position to judge your work critically in those occupations in which you regard yourself as best qualified.

Full name	Address (Give complete address, including street and number)	Business or occupation
Donald B. Elder	Doubleday Doran, 14 W. 49 St., NYC	Editor
Thomas B. Costain	" " " " " "	"
Naomi Burton	Curtis Brown Ltd, 347 Madison Ave., "	Agent
Archibald MacLeish	Library of Congress, Washington, DC	Librarian of Cong., Poet
Stephen V. Benet	220 East 69th St., NYC	Post

26. May inquiry be made of your present employer regarding your character, qualifications, etc.? Yes  No

27. EXPERIENCE: In the space furnished below give a record of every employment, both public and private, which you have had since you first began to work. Start with your present position and work back to the first position you held, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Describe your field of work and position and, except for employments held less than three months, give your duties and responsibilities in such detail as to make your qualifications clear. Give names you used on pay roll if different from that given on this application.

PRESENT POSITION	Place	City	State	From	to	Exact title of your position	Salary: Starting \$	Contract
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	New York	N.Y.	March	1940		Writer		

Duties and responsibilities: Writing of non-fiction and poetry, editorial free-lance work  
 Wake Island and Willard Gibbs pub. under this contract. The contract for Willard Gibbs involved an advance with a salary of \$100 a month plus an expense account for a year, and \$200 addl. The other advances vary greatly with the kind of work. The most recent editorial work has paid \$50 for 3 days.

Machines and equipment you used

Continuation sheet

Muriel Rukeyser, 57 Bank Street, New York City - Dec. 15, 1913  
Copywriter CAF 12

The answers to No. 27 are incomplete. Most of the work that I have done has been done on a free-lance basis, so that often it has not filled the three-month limit set by the questionnaire. In addition to the work covered by contract with three publishing houses - Doubleday, Viking, and Yale - I have had assignments from various magazines, including Life, Coronet, Friday, Mademoiselle, for writing and work with photographs. I have done publicity work for Roosevelt Aviation School. I have had other layout and caption positions, as well as being continually engaged in my own writing. My income has been the sum of the moneys from contracts, free lance writing, short positions with film companies, lectures, etc.

My film work also includes work begun last spring for the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, 444 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C. My immediate supervisors at that office were Philip Dunne and Sheldon Dick.

I had a long but broken period of work on a statistical survey of medicine in industry for Elisabeth Marshall, 218 West 62nd Street, N.Y.C., during the period 1935-1936, when I was also working under contracts now held by Viking Press, and on assignment for Life and Letters Today (London), etc.

Other film work includes the titles, assistance in editing, etc. on films including "Stop Japan," (1936), "People of France," (1938), as well as "A Place to Live." ("A Place to Live" was on the final list of candidates for the American Academy Award, 1942.)

As for the books named in the contracts, they are listed under 44. The first book was published in the Yale Series of Younger Poets, Yale University Press; the last-named will appear on November 6th.

In addition to these positions, I have received awards amounting to \$1600 during the last two years; a \$1000 award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the \$500 Harriet Monroe Award from the University of Chicago, etc.

Muriel Rukeyser

Place New York N.Y.  
 From June 1941 To Dec. 1941  
 Name of employer: Klaus Mann  
 Address Hotel Bedford  
118 East 40th St., NYC  
 Kind of business or organization: Decision (magazine)  
 Number and class of employees you supervised 5 office employees and supervision of writers  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor Klaus Mann  
 Reason for leaving Suspension of magazine

Exact title of your position Associate editor Salary: Starting \$ 110 plus fr  
 Per MO Final \$  
 Duties and responsibilities Editorial work, writing of articles, poems, captions for photos, etc., supervision of office, contacts with writers and artists and arrangements for their publications, certain technical responsibilities concerning layout and printing, advertising, indexing, publicity releases, etc.  
 Machines and equipment you used

Place Philadelphia Penna.  
 From Jan. 1941 To Feb. 1941  
 Name of employer: Irving Lerner  
 Address 1600 Broadway, N.Y.C.  
 Kind of business or organization: Film production unit  
 Number and class of employees you supervised 0  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor Irving Lerner  
 Reason for leaving Completion of film

Exact title of your position Script writer Salary: Starting \$ 350 plus  
 Per Final \$ expense  
 Duties and responsibilities Writing of script and dialogue, supervision of dialogue during filming and recording of the film "A Place to Live," produced by the Philadelphia Housing Association.  
 Machines and equipment you used

Place Poughkeepsie N.Y.  
 From Oct. 27 1940 To Nov. 1 1940  
 Name of employer: Vassar College  
 Address Poughkeepsie, N.Y.  
 Kind of business or organization: College  
 Number and class of employees you supervised 0  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor Pres. H. N. MacCracken  
 Reason for leaving Completion of lectures

Exact title of your position Visiting lecturer Salary: Starting \$ 200  
 Per 4 days Final \$  
 Duties and responsibilities Writing and delivering of series of lectures on poetry and communication - films, current events, etc.  
 Machines and equipment you used

\*\* Place New York, N.Y.  
 From Sept. 15 1942 To Oct. 7 1942  
 Name of employer: Willi Hendelson  
 Address 218 East 68th St., NYC  
 Kind of business or organization: Publishing  
 Number and class of employees you supervised 0  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor W. Hendelson  
 Reason for leaving Completion of book

Exact title of your position Editor, writer Salary: Starting \$ 50  
 Per Wk Final \$  
 Duties and responsibilities Editing and preparing a series of captions for an almanac.  
 Machines and equipment you used

county, or municipality?  Yes  No  
 If so, give details under Item 45.

39. Do you receive any pension or other benefit (exclusive of Adjusted Service Certificate) for military or naval service, or an annuity from the U. S. Government under any Retirement Act?  Yes  No  
 If so, give details under Item 45.

40. Show name and address of wife's (or husband's) employer (if none, write "None").  
 None

41. (a) Were any of the following members of your family born outside Continental U. S. A.?  Yes  No  
 Wife \_\_\_\_\_ Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

If so, indicate which by marking the appropriate space, and show under Item 45 for each, (1) full name, including maiden name of wife or mother; (2) birthplace; (3) native citizenship; and (4) if U. S. naturalized, date of naturalization.

(b) Have you any relatives, by blood or by marriage (excluding persons in the U. S. armed forces), now living in a foreign country?  Yes  No

If so, for each relative show under Item 45 the (1) name, (2) relationship (3) place of residence, (4) birthplace, (5) present citizenship, and (6) whether transient or resident.

42. List any special skills not shown in Question 37, such as operation of short-wave radio, multilith, key-punch, turret-lathe, or scientific or professional devices.

SKILL \_\_\_\_\_ SKILL \_\_\_\_\_  
 SKILL \_\_\_\_\_ SKILL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Words per minute in typing \_\_\_\_\_; stenography \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have a license to operate an automobile?  Yes  No

43. State what kind of work you prefer \_\_\_\_\_

44. Give any special qualifications not covered elsewhere in your application, such as (a) your more important publications (do NOT submit copies unless requested), (b) your patents or inventions; (c) hobbies, construction of instruments, etc.

(a) Theory of Flight 1935 Yale Univ Pr.  
 U.S.1 1938 Viking  
 A Turning Wind 1939 Viking  
 Soul and Body of John Brown 1940 Ault, Ripper  
 Wake Island 1942 Doubleday  
 Willard Gibbs 1942 Doubleday  
 work in various anthologies, inc.  
 Modern American Poetry, This is my Beat, etc., magazines, ~~xxx~~ textbooks, etc.

Item No. \_\_\_\_\_ Column numbers of items to which detailed answers apply

15 Held on March 31, 1933 in Decatur Alabama. Released the following day without trial or formal charges. 19. No court involved, simply deputy sheriffs and the station-house of Decatur.

20 Leonard Euseman, c/o World Journal, San Juan, P.R., has just begun work in the COI office at San Juan. He is my brother-in-law.

If more space is required, use a sheet of THIN paper, size 8 x 10 1/4 inches. Write on each sheet your name, full address, date of birth, and examination title (if any). Use one side only. Enclose, unattached, with application.

If you claim preference for the Indian Service as an Indian, you must file with this application a certificate from the superintendent of the Indian agency where you are registered, or from the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, showing that you have at least one-fourth Indian blood.

**JURAT (OR OATH).** -- This jurat (or oath) must be executed.

The following oath must be taken before a notary public, the secretary of a United States civil service board of examiners, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, before whom the applicant must appear in person. The following are among those not authorized to administer this oath: Postmasters (except in Alaska), Army officers, post-office inspectors, and chief clerks and assistant chief clerks in the Railway Mail Service.

The composition and work in connection with any material required to be submitted for this examination are entirely my own, except where I have given full credit for quoted matter or the collaboration of others by quotation marks and references, and in the composition of the same I have received no assistance except as indicated fully in my explanatory statement.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs.," and if married use your own given name, as "Mrs. Mary L. Doe."

(Signature of applicant) *Miriel Kubisa*  
 (Sign WITH PEN AND INK your name—one given name, initial or initials, and surname)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 16th day of October, 1942, at city [or town] of \_\_\_\_\_, and State [or Territory or District] of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of officer) *Flournoy B. Blomberg*  
 (Official title)

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Date: April 12, 1943

To: SAC New York

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: Muriel Rukeyser

EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION--  
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Please conduct an investigation regarding this applicant in strict compliance with the instructions contained in Section 6B of the Manual of Instructions. The Bureau is the office of origin; teletype summaries are not desired; the original and four copies of the reports are required. Reports of the complete investigation are to be submitted not later than April 26, 1943.

Address: 57 Bank Street, New York, New York  
Position: Copy Writer, O.E.M., New York, N. Y.  
Marital Status: Single  
Birth Date: December 15, 1913  
Birthplace: New York, New York

NEW YORK

Donald B. Elder, Doubleday Doran, 14 West 49th St., New York, N. Y.  
Thomas B. Costain, Doubleday Doran, 14 West 49th St., New York, N. Y.  
Maud Burton, Curtis Brown, Ltd., 347 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.  
Stephen V. Hinet, 220 East 69th St., New York, N. Y.

Applicant attended Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from 1930 to 1932; and Columbia University, New York, N. Y., during 1931 and 1933.

Applicant was employed by Willi Handelson, 210 East 68th St., New York, N. Y., editor and writer from September to October 1942, salary \$50 week; Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., as visiting lecturer under Pres. H. N. MacCracken from October to November 1940, salary \$200 for 4 days; Irving Lerner, 1600 Broadway, New York, N. Y., as script writer at Philadelphia, Penna., from January to February 1941, salary \$350; Klaus Mann, Hotel Bedford, 118 East 40th St., New York, N. Y., as associate editor from June to December 1941, salary \$110 month; Doubleday Doran and Company, 14 West 49th St., New York, N. Y., as writer under Kenneth McCormick from March 1940 to probably March 1943; Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, 444 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., under Philip Dunn and Sheldon Dick, began work here last month; Elizabeth Marshall, 218 West 62nd Street, New York, N. Y., statistical survey of medicine in industry, from 1935 to 1936.

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An individual who may be identical with the applicant is stated to be the author of an article entitled "Mediterranean" in the New Masses for February 1937, published by the Writers and Artists Committee, Medical Bureau to aid Spanish Democracy, 300 4th Avenue, New York, New York. It is noted that th

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is also the address of the Congress of American Writers and it should be determined whether or not the individual is identical with the applicant, and if so whether she is a member of the Congress of American Writers. (61-7559-3793x3)

An individual who may be identical with the applicant is named as the author of "Barcelona on the Barricades" which is published in the New Masses of February 1, 1936, on page 9. (61-9182-lx, p.5)

An individual who may be identical with the applicant is the author of "Two Poems" which was published in the New Masses for December 7, 1937, on page 16. (61-9128-1)

An individual who may be identical with the applicant is named on the Committee for the Art Projects, Writers Division, 781 Broadway, New York, N. Y., W.P.A. Artists Projects. (61-7551-155x)

An individual who may be identical with the applicant is the author of "The Living Art" published in the Nation for September 5, 1938, page 160. (61-901-37x)

The Bureau files reflect that an individual who may be identical with the applicant spoke before a group of the American Students Union, 1660 Broadway, New York, N.Y. on February 24, 1939, in protest of the embargo on Loyalist Spain. (61-7558-170x)

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An individual who may be identical with the applicant is mentioned on page 13 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 10, 1941, at New York, N. Y. in the case entitled League of American Writers, Internal Security-C. New York file 100-11720. (100-7322-23)

If the applicant is identical with the individuals mentioned above, pertinent information should be incorporated in instant report, crediting it to original source and not to the field office file by title or number.

WASHINGTON

Archibald MacLeish, Library of Congress, Librarian, D. C.

Check Dies Committee indices.

An individual who may be identical with the applicant is mentioned on page 560 of the "Extracts from Hearings before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 75th Congress, Third Session, on H. Res. 282", in which the person of this name is mentioned as a National Officer of the John Reed Clubs.

If this individual is identical with the applicant, pertinent information should be incorporated in instant report crediting it to original source and not the field office file by title or number.

PHILADELPHIA

Applicant was employed by Irving Lerner, 1600 Broadway, New York, N. Y., as script

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writer at Philadelphia, Penna., from January to February 1941, salary \$350.

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Applicant states under arrest record "Held on March 31, 1933, in Decatur, Alabama released the following day without trial or formal charges. Age: 19. No court involved, simply deputy sheriffs and the station house of Decatur".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REY:VA  
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 8, 1943

Transmit the following message to:

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- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
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TITLE <b>MURIEL HUKYSER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** MURIEL HUKYSER's birth date and birth place verified as December 15, 1913, New York, New York. Entered VASSAR COLLEGE fall of 1930, withdrew spring of 1932. Did not graduate and obtained a B- average. Excelled in English course. Attended COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY summer session in 1931 and 1933. Obtained a B+ average. Took courses at HANCOCK SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCE, New York, 1932 and 1933. Informants state this school has communistic leanings. Well recommended by references and disinterested persons, who state she has excellent character, habits and ability; is considered one of America's outstanding younger poets; employers have high regard for work done; is a member of JOHN REED CLUB; author of articles in NEW MASSES magazine; a sponsor of CONGRESS of AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP in 1942; and a number of things written by her symbolizing masses and the working class. Credit satisfactory; criminal negative.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file #77-27812  
Bureau letter dated April 12, 1943.

**DETAILS:** *67c* EDUCATION

*AS* [REDACTED] in the Registrar's office of COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, produced the University's records and disclosed that the applicant was born on December 15, 1913 in New York, New York; that she attended two

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summer sessions at COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, one in 1931, which started about July 15th and ran for six weeks, taking a course in English and obtained an A grade. She entered summer session again in 1933, starting about the first of July and running for a six weeks' period, taking courses in anthropology and psychology and obtained a B average. The records further reflected that she had attended VASSAR UNIVERSITY and was attending the RAND SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCE in New York City.

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Special Agent [redacted] checked with [redacted] and [redacted] at VASSAR COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, New York, and their records disclosed the applicant attended school terms during the school year from fall to spring of 1930 and to 1932. The records did not indicate that any degree was secured. While at school applicant obtained a B- average, failing her course in German, but obtaining excellent marks in English. The applicant was active in English circles and considered, by the school, as an outstanding younger poet. [redacted] further verified that the applicant was at their school in October and November of 1940 as a visiting lecturer.

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[redacted] of the RAND SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCE, 7 East 15th Street, New York, New York, produced records which indicated the applicant took two courses at their school during the school year of 1932 and 1933. These courses were entitled, The Revolutionary Spirit in Literature and The History of International Sociology. No grades were given and listed on the report. It should be noted at this time that complaints have been made on the part of this school; one on the part of Confidential Informant T-1 who, on May 17, 1940, stated that a Mrs. LOUIS FINGER, instructor at the RAND SCHOOL, is very communistic.

Confidential Informant T-2 stated on November 28, 1936 that the RAND SCHOOL held itself out as a socialist school, but from information he had gathered from people who visited it, that it was inclining toward communistic principles.

A clipping from the WORLD TELEGRAM, dated April 22, 1940, reported a probable strike of the BROADWAY MASTER BARBERS ASSOCIATION, Division of the CIO, and that 1500 barbers were to meet at the RAND SCHOOL to discuss the strike.

The RAND SCHOOL BOOKSTORE is said to have sold publications put out by the Communistic Party.

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EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] at 220 East 68th Street, New York, New York, employed the applicant as an editor from September to October 1942, with a salary of \$50.00 weekly.

The book was entitled "Picture Animals for Boys and Girls". He considers the applicant a very competent young writer; that he did not consider any of her writings reflected any political philosophy, and that she could be considered a loyal and anti-fascist. He stated that a

short while ago she was given the American Academy Arts and Letters award, which was a thousand dollar fund to be used as the applicant desired.

[redacted] was not contacted as he is now a member of the Armed Forces in the 2nd Signal Radio Corps, CAMP RICHIE, Maryland.

[redacted] that she had not known the applicant prior to her employment and that she was employed through a local employment office.

She considers that the applicant has excellent morals, is honest, is a loyal American and that her writings do not reflect any political philosophy. She believes that the applicant is violently anti-Nazi and as far as she could remember, other than displaying her contempt for the Nazis, had not discussed political view points with her.

He did not use any of her work as he considered that the work she had furnished was too poetic and did not fit in with their picture. However, he stated that this did not in any way detract upon applicant's ability; that he considered her a brilliant writer, conscientious, and would be willing to re-hire her under other circumstances.

[redacted] but knows her associates; people of her own type, writers and painters and other people in the arts, and states that the applicant is dependable and can be trusted.

REFERENCES

He considers her a brilliant young poet; has received prizes from the National Institute of Arts and Letters and a prize from a poetry magazine for being an outstanding poet; and does not consider, in any way, her articles to be of a political nature. He states that he knows of articles that the

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applicant has written for the New Masses, but does not believe they necessarily reflect a political view point.

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New York states that she has known the applicant for about [redacted] that the applicant has done exceptionally well as a poet and among her recent awards is a GUGGENHEIM Award on her general work in poetry. She states that she does not believe that in any way her articles reflect a political view point.

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[redacted] He considers her capable, with good morals, a loyal American, and knows of no subversive groups that she belongs to. He states that during their relationship he and the applicant would have had plenty of opportunity to discuss political problems, but that this never occurred.

An attempt to contact reference STEPHEN V. BENET at 220 East 69th Street, New York, New York, disclosed that this reference had died almost two months ago.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

[redacted] at 37 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, said that he had remembered the applicant and the family since [redacted] that they lived in the apartment there at 37 University Drive [redacted] and prior to that time had lived at 789 West End Avenue, [redacted]

He stated that the applicant's father was engaged in the contracting business, with real estate and wine business as a side line; that he was interested in the COLONIAL SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY and had been one of the under-contractors in the construction of the 8th Avenue Subway; that the family had had considerable financial reverses and moved in 1933 to a more inexpensive apartment because of these reverses. He considered that the family were loyal Americans; that nothing had occurred which would, in any way, reflect upon the general character or reputation of the applicant or her family; that she had a sister, FRANCES, and considered her also a very fine lady. He stated that the family moved in 1933 to 54 Riverside Drive.

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[redacted] New York, New York, was contacted with negative results, as he said the entire establishment had changed hands and all the employees were new.

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[redacted] at 325 West End Avenue, New York, New York, stated that they remembered the applicant and her family; that nothing had occurred during their stay at

their place which would in any way reflect upon the general character or reputation of the family and they have considered them loyal Americans.

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[redacted] New York, New York, connected with MARK RAFALSKY & COMPANY, rental agents for 325 West End Avenue, New York, New York, brought out the lease which was dated from October 30, 1933 to August 30, 1937, and at the time of removal gave a forwarding address at 180 Riverside Drive, New York, New York. He produced a credit report in 1933, which showed the applicant's father, LAWRENCE HUKYYSER, was engaged in the contracting business and real estate business; was President of the COLONIAL SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY and of German-Hebrew descent. He was forced into involuntary bankruptcy on April 12, 1932 with \$2000,000 of liabilities. There was no fraud involved, but creditors sued claiming hidden assets because of property transferred in wife's name, but subsequent investigation showed that this property had been in his wife's name for 15 years previous to the bankruptcy and, therefore, was not considered as a hidden asset.

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[redacted] at 180 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, said that the applicant and family moved in in September of 1937 and moved out in 1938; that nothing occurred during the stay of the applicant which would in any way reflect upon the general character and reputation of the family.

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[redacted] New York, New York, stated that the applicant had lived in her place at 57 Bank Street, New York, New York from April 1942 to September 1942 and prior to that time had lived at 75 Bank Street, New York, New York.

[redacted] considered the applicant very dependable, a sincere brilliant girl coming from a family who were considered very well off, but applicant wanted to make her own way without assistance from them. She further stated that there was no question as to the general character and reputation of the applicant.

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[redacted] at 5 East 10th Street, New York, New York, stated that the applicant had lived at that address since about December of 1942 and that nothing had occurred during her short stay which would in any way affect the general character or reputation of the applicant.

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[redacted] New York, New York, stated the apartment at 5 East 10th Street to the applicant and, as he lived in this place himself, had occasion to observe the applicant and her habits. He stated that at the time she first moved in she had a house-warming and had about 30 guests in her apartment. Since that time she has been averaging about 5 guests a week and these people are not people of fashion, but people plainly dressed and seem to be people of good solid American stock. He considers the applicant to be very reliable and has had

not the least occasion to be critical of the way the applicant has conducted herself in the apartment and considers her an excellent tenant and a loyal American.

GENERAL

The New York Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York, New York, was checked to determine what articles were in the New Masses, as written by the applicant. In the December 7, 1937 issue, there were two poems, one called "The Disease" and one, "The Cornfield". In the October 26, 1937 issue there was a review of current screen showings of "The Spanish Earth", "Heart of Spain" and "China Strikes Back". The indexes of the Public Library further reflected poems entitled the "Theory of Flight", with forward by STEPHEN VINCENT BENET, published in 1936, a poem "Turning Wind", published in 1939, and a biography on WILLARD GIBBS, published by DOUBLEDAY DORAN in 1942.

In the Readers Guide to Periodical Literature, the following articles were listed:

Citation for Horace Gregory, poem, published in New Republic  
Boy With His Hair Out Short, poem, published in New Republic  
Effort at Speech Between Two People, poem, published in  
Scholastic

Flashing Clift, poem, published in Nation  
Girl at Play, poem, published in Nation  
Indian Fiesta (huge success), poem, published in Nation

The following poems were published in Poetry Magazine:

Night Music  
Time Exposure  
Child Asleep  
Adventure at Midnight

An article in the Saturday Review of Literature by LOUIS UNTERMEYER, dated August 10, 1940, entitled "Language of MURIEL HUKESER", states that applicant is a most inventive and challenging poet of the generation. It went on further to state that after the first publication of "Theory of Flight", she went to Spain and worked with the Spanish Medical Bureau, returned and explored the U.S. Highways from Maine southward. The native exploration was chiefly in terms of human values of the conditions which have particularized in the Atlantic seaboard and the direct influence of places upon the people. The poem, U.S. 1 deals with the industrial disintegration of the peoples in a West Virginia village riddled with silicosis. Other poems by this author indicate they could not have been written except in a period of disordered economics. Instinctively a pacifist, she is against everything in any organi-

zation which represents the brutal life of enforced regimentation and national slavery, and she is against war, conscription and the forcing of others to fight. She is unconditionally pledged to oppose Hitlerism and preserve civil liberties.

Time magazine in December 16, 1935 made a review of her poems, "Theory of Flight", and in his preface STEPHEN VINCENT BENNETT discussed her as essentially an urban poet and the article goes on further to state she is a left-winger and a revolutionary, but her poetry contains no direct appeals to the proletariat and her symbols of revolt are imaginative.

The Saturday Review of Literature on July 31, 1937, under an article of Artist as a Proletarian by ALAN CALMER here listed the picture of MURIEL HUKYSEN with a caption underneath "Proletarian Post". The article goes on to state that a number of young protagonists sought refuge in the JOHN REED CLUBS and the organization, like so many literary societies, consisted of minority of young men of letter and a majority of frustrated authors and amateur intellectuals. However, later these same intellectuals discovered that the proletarian arts were chained to a political movement and at this time how was literary sincerity possible. As a result of this connection with the Communist Party, people discovered the inconsistencies of the reasoning and some had dropped out of the groups.

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[redacted] of the WPA office, 500 Park Avenue, New York, New York, checked their records to ascertain if the applicant was a member of the Committee for the Art Projects, Writers Division, with negative results. A check of the literature on the Congress of American Soviet Friendship shows the applicant was listed as a sponsor of this organization in 1942.

Confidential Informant N, whose identity is known to the Bureau, states that the applicant is known to have been active in communistic literature circles as a writer and is employed by the Office of War Information. Subject is listed in the Oxford Book of American Literature as a left-winger poet.

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Special Agent [redacted] reported on December 10, 1941 that the applicant was listed in the Third Congress of American Writers, which ran June 2, 3, 4, 1939 and was a signer of the "Red Decade", and further stated that of the 72 signers for this 1939 call, at least 14 were generally known to be members of the Communist Party, while others were considered to have communistic leanings.

A check of the voting list at Borough Hall, 400 Broome Street, New York, New York, indicated that in 1936 the applicant registered as a voter, but did not affiliate with any party. In 1942 the applicant registered as a voter in the American Labor Party. The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by Special Employee Agent [redacted] which showed only one credit inquiry and no other credit information. The files of the New York City Police Department were checked by Special Agent James E. Amos, with negative results.

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The credit and criminal records of the applicant were met with negative results.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **77-6069**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, N. Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/31/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/20, 21/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">42c</span>
TITLE <b>MURIEL RUKEYSER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Applicant is said to be a writer for the DAILY WORKER and the NEW THEATRE magazine, a Communist controlled publication, and was a featured speaker at CITY COLLEGE meeting of the American Students' Union in an organization controlled by the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. Additional articles in NEW MASSES magazine not previously mentioned set out. Applicant was subject of a newspaper article in the NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN, dated May 7, 1943, which pointed out possible Communistic connections and applicant resigned from the OWI May 17, 1943.

*(Resigned)*  
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**REFERENCE:** Teletype from Bureau dated May 8, 1943. 47  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 5, 1943, at New York City.

**DETAILS:**

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He stated that he has known the applicant for at least seven years and saw her several times in 1938 in the offices of the DAILY WORKER, where he presumed she was writing copy for this paper. He states that she was a featured speaker at the CITY COLLEGE meeting of the American Student's Union, an organization controlled by the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE. The date of this speech was in the spring of 1938. He

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT ⑤ Bureau (Enc. 1) ② New York <b>5 JUN 20 1943</b> RECEIVED LIFE DIVISION	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">77-27812-8</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">18 JUN 8 1943</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">RECORDED INDEXED FILED</p>

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further stated that he has read articles in the NEW THEATRE magazine published in 1938 by the applicant. He states that this magazine is a Communist controlled publication. [REDACTED] was unable to identify the name of ELIZABETH MARSHALL with the Communist Party. It was through Mrs. MARSHALL that the applicant was able to make a trip to Spain to cover the Workers Olympice held at the Loyalist Capital. MARSHALL hired the applicant as her secretary in 1936 and made a trip to England with the applicant. From there the applicant went to Spain, returning to England in July of 1936. [REDACTED] was unable to give information of value to establish other individuals who might know of Communistic connection on part of the applicant.

[REDACTED] with the New York office of the OWI stated that the applicant had resigned from their organization as of May 17, 1943.

The files of the New York Public Library, at 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue, New York, were re-checked to determine additional articles on part of the applicant in the NEW MASSES magazine and one was discovered in this magazine under date of September 14, 1937, pages 18, 19 and 20, titled, "Mediterranean". Preface on this poem pointed out that the applicant and writer of the poem was evacuated on July 25, 1936, after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, with other Americans attending the Anti-Fascist Olympic Games at Barcelona. The only men who remained were those who had volunteered in the Loyalist forces and became the future corps of the International Brigades. The poem itself is about the author's impression of the evacuation as she watched it.

In the NEW MASSES issue, dated April 26, 1938, the applicant wrote a book review on "We aren't Sure We Are Wandering". Searches through the NEW MASSES magazines from 1936 to 1939 on additional articles written by the applicant, not previously mentioned, were made with negative results.

Clipping from the NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN enclosed for the Bureau, dated May 7, 1943, which is titled "Poetess in OWI Here Probed By U.S. as RED"

ENCLOSURE FOR BUREAU (1)

Clipping from the NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN, dated May 7, 1943, which is titled "Poetess in OWI Here Probed By U.S. as RED".

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# Poetess in OWI Here Probed by U. S. as Red

By HOWARD RUSHMORE

A well-known young poetess, who is alleged to have mixed considerable left-wing politics with her iambic pentameters, is under investigation by Government authorities who are probing political activities of the 1,300 OWI employes in New York City.

This was learned today as the scope of the inquiry was directed against Communists, Socialists and other leftists who, according to the Dies Committee, have obtained 500 key jobs in the national and regional OWI offices.

Miss Muriel Rukeyser, a \$3,800-a-year OWI employe here, who has been hailed by literary critic as one of the finer "young" poets is included in this probe, the N. Y. Journal-American learned, because of her poems, reviews and articles in the Communist Daily Worker and New Masses.

## HER POEMS QUOTED.

A dark, rather plump brunet Miss Rukeyser is the author of such volumes of poetry as "Theory of Flight," "U. S. 1," and a "Turning Wind," the latter volume including the lines:

"Lie still, be still, love, be  
thou not shaken,  
It is for me to be shaken,  
To bring tokens."

Not all of her *vers libre* has been so unshaken, investigators claim, and point to her violently-partisan writings in the New Masses from 1936 until recently.

One of Miss Rukeyser's poems was given a place of honor in the "Proletarian Anthology of American Literature," published by such Daily Worker writers as Mike Gold in 1935, which had an introduction reading:

"To followers of Karl Marx, the connection between poetry, politics and the Party is obvious."

## REVIEWED PRO-RED FILMS.

Other work for the New Masses included movie reviews of pro-Communist films, articles on literature and reportage written by Miss Rukeyser after she returned from Spain in 1936, when she covered the "Workers' Olympics" held in the Loyalist capital of Barcelona.

One of her poems on the Loyalists received a two-page spread in the New Masses, which is owned and financed by the Communist Party, in September, 1937.

Prior to that Miss Rukeyser, a Vassar graduate had sometimes found the word mightier than the pen.

She had been a featured speaker at City College meeting of the American Students Union, an organization controlled by the Young Communist League.

## RALLIES OPPOSED WAR.

The demonstrations were the then currently-popular "anti-war" rallies against military preparedness.

Miss Rukeyser also has been published in the Daily Worker, organ of the Reds' national committee New Theatre magazine, a Communist-controlled publication, and other leftist periodicals.

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TITLE <b>MURIEL RUKEYSER</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>	Mr. Pennington Mr. Quinn <b>R-10</b>

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**REFERENCES:** Letter, Director to San Francisco, dated May 15, 1944, Captioned **MURIEL RUKEYSER, Security Matter - C, Refer Five - IS**, with a copy of a letter dated April 25, 1944, New York City, to the Director, captioned **Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; Internal Security - C; New York File 100-2545.**

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San Francisco File No. 100-24064

DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Referenced Bureau letter dated May 15, 1944, from the Director to San Francisco, advised that Source A furnished the information that one M. RUKEYSER, 5 East 10th Street, New York City, wrote LUDWIG RENN, care of Dr. RIO DE LA LUZA, 86, Mexico, D.F., inquiring concerning one OTTO BOCH who had been with the THAELMANN Battalion of the International Brigade. RUKEYSER had been informed by JACK BJOZE of RENN'S address.

The copy of the letter from New York to the Director, dated April 25, 1944, advised that one MURIEL RUKEYSER, 5 East 10th Street, New York City was a former employee of the Office of War Information, New York City, but resigned May 17, 1943. On April 4, 1944 she sub-let her apartment at 5 East 10th Street, New York City, leaving a forwarding address of 6635 Dana Street, Oakland, California. This letter also stated that a review of the information contained in the files of the New York Field Division indicated that RUKEYSER possessed Communist sympathies and associations.

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With regard to JACK BJOZE, Source C advised that one JACK BJOZE, 1501 Undercliff Avenue, New York City, departed from Fort Worth, Texas, enroute to Mexico City via American Air Lines to attend a conference of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee at Mexico City, which conference was scheduled for August 20-22, 1943. BJOZE, at the time of his departure from Fort Worth, Texas stated he was born August 28, 1913 in Poland and claimed naturalization through his father, Naturalization Certificate No. 1809226. He claimed to be secretary of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and to have served as a lieutenant in the Brigade in Spain in 1936 and 1938. He left Spain in December of 1938. BJOZE claimed to have been born JACK GOLDSTEIN, but that his name was legally changed in New York in 1942 in the City Court, New York City.

**B7C** [redacted] Special Agent [redacted] ascertained through [redacted] that on July 13, 1944 MURIEL RUKEYSER changed her address from 6635 Dana Street, Oakland, California to 5 East 10th Street, New York 3, New York.

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[redacted], whose husband is employed as an accountant by the Pacific National Fire Insurance Company, San Francisco, California stated that about the first of April, 1944 an unknown person at the University of California sent MURIEL RUKEYSER to Mrs. BARBARA COYLES to sub-lease the COYLES apartment while Mrs. COYLES was east for an operation.

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[redacted] understands that until RUKEYSER sub-let the apartment from Mrs. COYLES she was not acquainted with her. RUKEYSER occupied Mrs. COYLES' apartment until about the middle of July, 1944 when she left for the East. [redacted] understands that RUKEYSER was doing research work at the University of California library in connection with a new book. On one occasion RUKEYSER stated that MABLE RUKEYSER, the well-known financial writer whose syndicate column appears in the San Francisco Examiner, was her father's cousin.

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[redacted] University of California Library, Berkeley, California produced records which reflected that from April 5, 1944 until June 30, 1944 MURIEL RUKEYSER was accorded access to the library stacks as an employee of the Institute of Experimental Biology in accordance with a letter dated April 5, 1944 from Dr. HERBERT M. EVANS, Director for the Institute.

[REDACTED] University of California, advised that the records of the University did not reflect that MURIEL RUKEYSER was employed with the Institute of Experimental Biology, part of the University. [REDACTED] voluntarily discreetly ascertained that MURIEL RUKEYSER was an acquaintance of Dr. HERBERT M. EVANS, Director of the Institute of Experimental Biology, and that she was accorded library stack privileges through Dr. HERBERT M. EVANS.

Preliminary investigation has disclosed that Dr. HERBERT M. EVANS is a professor of anatomy, University of California Medical School, Morris Herzstein Professor of Biology, Director of the Institute of Experimental Biology and Research Association in Experimental Biology, College of Agriculture, University of California. Dr. EVANS was born September 23, 1882 in Modesto, California. He was educated at the University of California and at Johns Hopkins University, and holds honorary degrees from a number of Universities in North and South America.

On September 17, 1905 he married ANNABELLE TULLOCK, his first wife, and on June 28, 1932 he married his present wife, MARGERY E. SADLER. Records of the San Francisco Field Division disclose that Dr. EVANS is listed as a Berkeley Chapter donor to either the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee or to one of the committees from which it was formed.

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The University of California library made available a copy of "Current Biography" edited by HELEN FLOCK and ANNA ROTHE, Published in 1943. There was contained in this current biography considerable biographical data concerning MURIEL RUKWYSER, the pertinent parts of which are as follows:

San Francisco File No. 100-24064

MURIEL RUKEYSER, care of Doubleday Doran and Company, New York City, is considered one of the most important of America's younger poets. She is the author of three books of verse and a biography of WILLARD GIBBS, the latter published in 1942. She was born December 15, 1913 in New York City. Being born in a period of beginning economic and political change followed by depression years, the new deal and the united front efforts, her early work like that of other poets of her generation reflects a strong "left-wing" viewpoint.

She is the daughter of LAWRENCE and MYRA RUKEYSER. She attended Fieldston High School, New York City, graduating in 1930; attended Vassar College until 1932, and during that year and the next she was on the staff of the Student Review, Left-Wing Undergraduate Opinion. Publication.

During the summers of 1931 and 1933 she studied at Columbia University. In March of 1933 RUKEYSER drove south with two friends to report the Scottsboro trial. When the police discovered them talking with negro reporters and found in their possession some "Calls" to a negro student conference at Columbia University, they were held for "inciting the negroes to insurrections" but were released.

After leaving Vassar College RUKEYSER was for a while editor of the Hensatoric, a New England literary journal. In the spring of 1935 she was associate editor of the New Theatre magazine. Meanwhile, she had also taken a course in flying at the Roosevelt Aviation School in order to learn the mechanics of aviation for her poems in the "Theory of Flight."

Visiting England in the summer of 1936 she was sent by "Life and Letters Today", a literary journal, to Spain to represent the first Peoples Olympic, organized by the Workers Sports Clubs.

She found herself a witness to the opening events in the Spanish Civil War. In sympathy with the Republican Government she worked with the Spanish Medical Bureau for some time before returning to the United States. In 1940 she gave a series of five lectures on poetry and communication at Vassar. The next year she was busy on film work translating JEAN RENOIRS People of France and writing "A Place to Live" which was produced by the Philadelphia House Association.

From June to December 1941 she was associate editor of the "Decision" a literary magazine edited by KLAUS MANN. On May 1, 1943 she resigned from the Classification Division, Office of War Information six months after she had been engaged to plan poster campaigns because she said most of the posters had been rejected through a policy of ~~down~~ with the world or through fear of these issues.

San Francisco File No. 100-24064

A review of the file of the San Francisco Field Division disclosed that according to "the Red Decade" by Eugene Lyons, MURIEL RUKEYSER was one of the signers for the 1939 Call to the Third Congress League of American Writers, New York City, June 2,3 and 4, 1939.

The description of MURIEL RUKEYSER is as follows:

Age	30
Born	December 15, 1913 in New York City
Height	Tall
Build	Heavy
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Grey
Father	LAWRENCE RUKEYSER
Mother	MYRA RUKEYSER
Marital Status	Single
Residence	5 East Tenth Street, New York City
Occupation	Poet and Author, care of Doubleday, Doran & Co., New York City.
Photographs	Obtained from current biography.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: 2 photographs of MURIEL RUKEYSER

ENCLOSURES TO NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION: 2 photographs of subject

ENCLOSURE TO LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION: 1 photograph of subject

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, will verify subject's present address of 5 East 10th Street and ascertain her present activities with particular reference to her possible involvement in the Comrap Case.

Will report additional pertinent background data and information concerning past activities available in the files of the New York Field Division. In this connection reference is made to New York File 77-6069, entitled MURIEL RUKEYSER, Employees' Investigation, Office for Emergency Management, referred to in letter dated April 25, 1944 from New York to the Director, attention to which is directed in a reference.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

A copy of this report is being designated for the Los Angeles Field Division for information in view of MURIEL RUKEYSER's possible involvement in the Comrap Case.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Source A. Postal Censor as reported in reference Bureau letter dated May 15, 1944.

Source B. *B1* [REDACTED]

Source C. *BK* Results of Foreign Travel Control Panel at Fort Worth, Texas as set forth in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 23, 1943 at Dallas, Texas in a case entitled JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE, Internal Security-C, New York Origin.

Source D. *B7D* Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

Source E. Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

The above confidential informants and other sources of information were given temporary source symbols to further protect their identity.



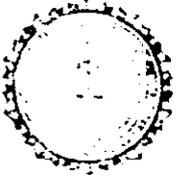
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MURIEL RUKEYSER

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MURIEL RUKEYSER  
Taken about 1942

SF File 100-24064



**Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
 Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street  
 San Francisco, 4, California  
 January 26, 1945

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Director, FBI

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RE: MURIEL RUKEYSER  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated December 21, 1944 at San Francisco, in the above captioned case. On December 27, 1944 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MURIEL RUKEYSER was in San Francisco or the vicinity. On January 17, 1945 Confidential Informant [redacted] verified the fact that RUKEYSER was in San Francisco or the vicinity and furnished the further information that she was seeking employment with the Communist Political Association dominated California Labor School.

It is requested that the New York Field Division make inquiry at 5 East 10th Street, New York City, RUKEYSER's New York address, or through other sources to ascertain her San Francisco address and immediately advise the San Francisco Field Division by Air Mail Special Delivery letter. It is also requested that the New York Field Division expedite the coverage of the pertinent part of the leads set out in the above mentioned report.

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Very truly yours,

*N. J. L. Pipher*  
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 Special Agent in Charge

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The attention of the New York Office is directed to the case entitled "Muriel Sawyer, Internal Security - R," (Bureau file 77-27812), of which New York City is origin, and which originated as an employee investigation for the Office for Emergency Management. The attention of the New York Office is specifically directed to the Bureau letter dated April 17, 1943, in which it is shown that Muriel Sawyer, in listing her employment record, indicated she was a reprint writer for Irving Berlin, 1200 Broadway, New York, N. Y., from January to February, 1941, at a salary of \$300. She was later employed in the Graphics Division of the Office of War Information. The latest report on Muriel Sawyer, submitted by the San Francisco Office, December 1944, shows that she

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San Francisco Office, in its investigation of [redacted] relationship between Muriel Sawyer and [redacted]

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AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that MURIEL RUKESER was with ALFRED GEORGE MARSHAK, 54 Tamalpais Road, Berkeley, on December 27, 1944.

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On January 6, 1944, a photograph of RUKESER was exhibited to [redacted] MURIEL RUKESER at the home of MARSHAK several times between Christmas and New Year's, but she was not of that date residing at his residence.

By letter dated February 14, 1945, the New York Field Division, in response to San Francisco letter dated January 26, 1945, advised that Miss PETTET, former roommate of MURIEL RUKESER at 5 East Tenth Street, New York City, notified the mail carrier for that address that mail for RUKESER should be forwarded to Box 56, Los Gatos, California.

AT LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

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Special Agent [redacted] ascertained through [redacted] that on February 17, 1945, RUKESER left an order to forward her mail from Post Office Box 56, Los Gatos, California, to 1310 1/2 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California. On March 21, 1945, a mail cover was placed on all mail addressed to RUKESER at this address.

CURRENT COMMUNIST AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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On February 7, 1945, [redacted] University of California, Berkeley, advised that RUKESER had obtained a renewal of her library card at the University of California Library through the cooperation of Dr. HERBERT H. EVANS, Professor of Anatomy, University of California Medical School, with whom she is acquainted.

(Information concerning Dr. EVANS is set out on Page 4 of the referenced report.) [REDACTED] stated that RUKEYSER gave her address as the CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL, San Francisco.

The February 18, 1945, issue of the San Francisco "Chronicle;" the February 23, 1945, issue of the ILWU "Dispatcher," the February 23, 1945, issue of the "People's World," and the February 24, 1945, issue of the "People's World" carried articles reflecting that MURIEL RUKEYSER would conduct a course in poetry at the CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL, both in San Francisco and the Eastbay Branch in Oakland. She was to give a series of nine weekly lectures on "Poetry and the People" beginning February 28, 1945. Some of the lecture topics to be given include "The Fear of Poetry," "Poetry of Resistance," "Poetry of Russia, China, and Latin America," "Poetry and Belief," and "The Background of Poetry." She would also conduct a poetry workshop which would meet once a week, beginning March 1, 1945. On March 16, 1945, Special Agent [REDACTED], observed an advertisement of these courses appearing in the window of the (CPA) Twentieth Century Book Store, Berkeley, California.

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A review of the files of the San Francisco Field Division also disclosed during the school year 1932-1933 RUKINSER took two courses, one entitled "The Revolutionary Spirit in Literature," and another entitled "The History of International Sociology," at the Rand School of Social Science, 7 East 15th Street, New York City, which school has a reputation of being communistically inclined.

An article in the "Saturday Review of Literature" by LEIS WINTERBERGER, dated August 10, 1940, entitled "The Language of MURIEL RUKINSER", states that RUKINSER is instinctively a pacifist. She is against everything in any organization which represents the brutal life of enforced regimentation and national slavery, and is against war, conscription, and the forcing of others to fight. She is unconditionally pledged to oppose HITLERISM and preserve civil liberties.

The "Saturday Review of Literature" for July 31, 1937, under an article entitled "The Artist as a Proletarian," by ALAN CALDER, featured a photograph of MURIEL RUKINSER, with a caption beneath "Proletarian Poet."

A review of the literature of the CONGRESS OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, New York City, reflected that RUKINSER was listed as a sponsor of this organization in 1942.

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[REDACTED] he presumed she was writing copy for the paper. He stated she was a featured speaker at the City Club meeting of the AMERICAN STUDENTS UNION in 1938, which union is controlled by the Young Communist League. He further stated that he had read articles by RUKINSER in the "New Theater" Magazine, published in 1938, which magazine, according to [REDACTED] is communist controlled.

The New York "Journal American" for May 7, 1943, carried an article entitled "Poetess in C.I. here Probed by U.S. as Red." It is noted this is shortly prior to the time RUKINSER resigned from the C.I.

- P E N D I N G -

San Francisco #100-24064

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At San Francisco, California: Will endeavor to obtain handwriting specimens of RUKEYSER for submission to the FBI Laboratory. U



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Will maintain contact with informants in the San Francisco Field Division with regard to RUKEYSER's activities. U

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A copy of this report is being furnished the Los Angeles Field Division for its information in view of subject's possible involvement in the Comrap case. U

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-24764**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/27/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/12/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>MURIEL RUKESYER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - ORIGINAL RETAIN</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MURIEL RUKESYER now resides at Box 56, Los Gatos, Calif., but is still employed as an instructor in poetry in the CPA dominated California Labor School, San Francisco. Mail cover results set out.

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Classified by **3832**  
Exempt from GDS, Category **3**  
Date **8/10/78**  
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**91172**

Reference: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**  
San Francisco, April 7, 1945.

CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) DATE: **5-2-80** AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (S) OF DATE **8/10/78** *edw*

On April 20, 1945, the office of the Postmaster advised of a receipt of a change of address for MURIEL RUKESYER from 1310 1/2 Montgomery Street, to 630 Bush Street.

On May 25, 1945, the office of the Postmaster advised of a change of address for RUKESYER from 660 Bush Street to Box 56, Los Gatos, California, which was to be effective May 21, 1945.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identities of the Confidential Informants appearing in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 5, 1943 at New York City, are as follows: b7c

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Confidential Informant T-1 is [REDACTED] York, New York, and information was given to us in complaint to the office on May 17, 1940.

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Confidential Informant T-2 is [REDACTED] and information was given to us by interview with Special Agent [REDACTED]

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **77-677 T.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-23-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/17, 21/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">67</span>
TITLE <b>MURIEL RUKEYSER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No arrest record located on applicant at Decatur, Alabama.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Bureau to New York dated 4-12-43  
Bureau file No. 77-27812

**DETAILS:** *67C10*

On April 17, 1943, the writer and **[REDACTED]** of Decatur, Alabama, searched the Mayor's docket for the period from February 1, 1933, to May 1, 1933, and no arrest record was located of the applicant. Her name was not found in the index of the 1933 docket.

On April 21, 1943, the writer and **[REDACTED]** of Decatur, Alabama, searched the 1933 Sheriff's jail register and no record was found of applicant's arrest supposedly on March 31, 1933. **[REDACTED]** of Decatur, Ala. advised that all arrests would be found in the Sheriff's Jail register and if they were not there no arrest was ever made. It might be possible that the applicant was arrested in Decatur, Georgia, instead of Decatur, Alabama.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

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FILE NO. **77-15204**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-8-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/28, 29/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>MURIEL RUKEYSER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Results of check of Dies Committee indices set forth.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 77-27812. Bureau letter to New York dated April 12, 1943.

**DETAILS:** AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On the basis of information furnished, Special Employee **[REDACTED]** under dates of April 28 and April 29, 1943, checked the Dies Committee indices which contained the following information with regard to MURIEL RUKEYSER:

From the May - June issue of "Direction", page 1, MURIEL RUKEYSER was shown to be a signer of the Call of the Third American Writer's Congress.

The Workers Library Catalogue of 1938, page 44, lists her as an author for Workers Library Publishers.

November, 1937 issue of "Soviet Russia Today", page 79, showed that she was a signer of "The Golden Book of American Friendship."

The Book Union Bulletin of August 1938, page 3, shows MURIEL RUKEYSER as a "Reviewer" for the "Book Union".

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According to the April 6, 1937 issue of the Daily Worker, page 9, MURIEL RUKEYSER was a member of the Advisory Board of the Newly Organized "Frontier Films" which was said to be an independent, non-profit film-producing organization.

The January, 1937 issue of the Daily Worker, page 7, contains an article reflecting that MURIEL RUKEYSER "A young American Poet" had contracted to make the adaptation of the new film from Spain "The Defense of Madrid", a Spanish Civil War film. This article reflects further the fact that MURIEL RUKEYSER was in Madrid during the first week of the Civil War, having been enroute to the Workers' Olympics in Barcelona.

An advertisement appearing in the February 20, 1939 issue of the Daily Worker, page 8, reflects that MURIEL RUKEYSER was scheduled to speak at the Keynote Club in New York City on February 23, 1939.

An article appearing in the February 25, 1939 issue of the Daily Worker, page 2, reflects that MURIEL RUKEYSER was a speaker at a Hunter College meeting relative to the National Student Protest against the Embargo on Spain, the meeting having been arranged by the American Student League.

The February 27, 1937 issue of the Daily Worker, page 7, contains an article reflecting that MURIEL RUKEYSER was present at a birthday celebration held in New York City by the American Artists School.

The March 11, 1936 issue of the Daily Worker, page 5, contains an article mentioning new revolutionary poems appearing in a then current issue of the "Partisan Review and Anvil" which states that one of the poems had been written by MURIEL RUKEYSER.

An article in the November 16, 1936 issue of the Daily Worker, page 7, reflects that MURIEL RUKEYSER, who was in Spain when the Spanish Civil War broke out, is writing a novel about her experiences in Spain.

According to an article in the November 18, 1936 issue of the Daily Worker, page 7, MURIEL RUKEYSER had contributed poems to the late issue of "The New Caravan".

An article in the September 8, 1936 issue of the Daily Worker, page 5, revealed that MURIEL RUKEYSER "A poet and a recent

arrival from war-torn Spain" was a member of a committee producing and sponsoring a play given in New York City, based upon the theme of the Spanish Workers' present life and death struggle against Fascism.

An article contained in the November 7, 1936 issue of the Daily Worker, page 3, reflects that MURIEL RUKEYSER was to give a talk on the subject "Tribute to Spain", held under the auspices of the League of American Writers.

In the November 28, 1933 issue of the Daily Worker, there appears an article which reflects that MURIEL RUKEYSER wrote a favorable commentary on the Operetta "Strike me Red" which was given by the Young Pioneers in New York City on November 25, 1933.

As revealed by the December 3, 1940 issue of "New Masses", page 28, MURIEL RUKEYSER was a signer of an open letter sent by the Council for Pan-American Democracy to the President of Brazil with regard to one LUIZ COLLOS PRESTES, who was shown to be honorary chairman of the National Liberation Alliance of Brazil.

According to the March 15, 1938 issue of "New Masses" page 19, MURIEL RUKEYSER was a signer of a statement on the International Situation, prepared by the American League for Peace and Democracy.

As shown by the September 14, 1937 issue of New Masses, page 18, MURIEL RUKEYSER wrote an article regarding her impressions of the sights and sounds of the first days of the Spanish Civil War.

According to the March 16, 1937 issue of "New Masses", page 13, MURIEL RUKEYSER contributed a poem entitled "Course".

The October 12, 1937 issue of "New Masses", page 19, contains an article by MURIEL RUKEYSER wherein she comments on a review of "New Letters in America."

According to the October 26, 1937 issue of New Masses, page 27, MURIEL RUKEYSER wrote a review of the film "China Strikes Back."

As shown on page 7, of the December 7, 1937 issue of "New Masses", MURIEL RUKEYSER contributed poems entitled "The Diseases" and "The Corn Field".

As shown on page 9 of the September 1, 1936 issue of "New Masses", MURIEL RUKEYSER wrote an article entitled "Barcelona on the Barricades".

The January 1935 issue of "New Theatre", page 8, appears an article written by an individual concerning the Jewish State Theatre in Moscow, in which it is shown that the article was translated for "New Theatre" by MURIEL RUKEYSER.

According to information contained in the April 1935 issue of "New Theatre" page 3, MURIEL RUKEYSER was one of the associates to the Editorial Board of "New Theatre". The April 1935 issue of "New Theatre" on page 27, of this issue, is an article written by MURIEL RUKEYSER on "The American Ballet."

These indices further reflect that WALTER S. STEEL, National Representative Chairman of the American Coalition Committee on National Security in testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 18, 1938 as shown on page 560 of the "Extracts from hearings before a special committee on un-American activities, House of Representatives, 75th Congress, 3rd Session, on H. Res. 282, in speaking of the "JOHN REED Club" which Mr. STEEL said is a revolutionary organization composed of artists and writers in the United States, listed the names of some of the officers of the club. Among this list of authors of the "JOHN REED Club" is the name of MURIEL RUKEYSER.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

EAS:mla  
77-15204

1435 K Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.  
May 8, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: MURIEL RUKEYSER  
EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION  
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated April  
12, 1943.

Enclosed herewith is report covering investigation requested  
in this office with the exception of interviewing [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mr. J. K. MUMFORD telephonically advised  
Special Agent [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was not to be interviewed  
in this case.

Very truly yours,

*Guy Hottel*  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. 77-2213 ted.

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/24/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/26:5/4/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] Wc</b>
TITLE <b>MURIEL RUKEYSER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation failed to reveal employment of applicant in Philadelphia. Credit and criminal records negative.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File #77-27812; letter from Bureau to New York dated April 12, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In an effort to ascertain the address of the applicant at the time she was employed by IRVING LERNER the following sources of information were checked with negative results: City telephone directory, City Directory of Philadelphia, Credit and Criminal records.

In order to verify the employment record of the applicant the City Telephone Directory, City Directory of Philadelphia, and the records and indices of the Curtis Publishing Company were checked to ascertain the location of IRVING LERNER, Philadelphia, the employer, with negative results.

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[REDACTED]

At 1935 N. Napa Street it was ascertained that the person residing at this address was [REDACTED] a paperhanger, who stated that he had no knowledge of an IRVING LERNER either in Philadelphia or New York. [REDACTED] N. Napa Street, stated she resided at this address for 22 years and that she had no knowledge of an IRVING LERNER ever having lived there.

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**B7D** On May 22, 1945, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that RUKEYSER was residing at Box 56, Los Gatos, California, in care of MRS. GEORGE WEST.

**B7D** Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that MURIEL RUKEYSER was still employed as an instructor in poetry at the Communist Political Association dominated California Labor School.

COMMUNIST AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Peoples World for March 21, 1945, carried an article with reference to the plan, establishment of a Peoples Radio Foundation, to operate a F. M. radio station in metropolitan New York. This Peoples Radio Foundation would provide a forum for progressive ideas. With regard to the foundation, MURIEL RUKEYSER wrote them, "I shall be glad to sponsor the foundation. The station you plan to establish can be a principal instrument of expression for forces which call for every expression in our time."

The Peoples World for April 3, 1945, carried an article listing people who requested President ROOSEVELT to quash the HARRY FRIDGES deportation proceedings and grant him U. S. citizenship. MURIEL RUKEYSER was listed among these individuals.

The April 23, 1945 issue of the Peoples World carried an article announcing that on the evening of April 23, 1945, MURIEL RUKEYSER, a poet, would be among the speakers who would participate in a roundtable discussion at a conference of artists and laymen sponsored by the United Artists Council, a group recently formed to stimulate cultural development of the community by broadening public interest in the arts. Those participating in the roundtable discussion included ESTELLE CLEN and others with Communist sympathies.

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[REDACTED] it was ascertained that RUKEYSER received communications from the following:

- E. BOYKIN, 321 East 52nd Street, New York City (4/2/45).
- Room 2002, 104-5th Avenue, New York City (4/4/45).
- Greenwich Village Action Committee, 36 West 9th Street, New York City (4/5/45).
- JAMES EDWINSTON, 462 Southwood Avenue, Sunnyvale, California (4/9/45)
- MRS. L. RUKEYSER, 50 West 72nd Street, New York City (5/9/45)

- California Labor School, Inc., 216 Market Street, San Francisco, California (5/11/45).
- Sidney Wallace Association, 381-4th Avenue, New York City (5/16/45).
- Emith College, Office of the Dean, Northampton, Massachusetts, (5/21/45).
- Curtis Brown, Ltd., 347 Madison Avenue, New York City (5/21/45).
- AL MARSHAK, 2107 North Roble Street, Arlington, Virginia (6/6/45). (AL MARSHAK is ALFRED GEORGE MARSHAK, the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation in the San Francisco Field Division).

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S. F. File 100-24064

ATTENTION: LOS ANGELES

One copy of this report is being designated for the Los Angeles Office in view of subject's possible involvement in the CO-RAP case.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER

DATE: June 21, 1947

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Reference is made to the office memorandum from the New York Office dated May 26, 1947, which requests advice as to the advisability of continuing this investigation.

MURIEL RUKEYSER is located in the San Francisco Field Division, her most recent address being Box 56, Los Gatos, California.

The San Francisco file fails to disclose that the Bureau has designated this office as origin in this case. The Bureau is therefore requested that San Francisco be designated origin.

It is requested that the New York Office, in its RUC communication to this office, advise of any further information received concerning the subject.

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cc New York (77-6069)

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July 10, 1947

SAC, San Francisco

Director, FBI

MURIEL NUKEYSER

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Reference is made to your letter of June 21, 1947, requesting that the office of origin be changed in the above-entitled case.

The Bureau hereby designates San Francisco as the office of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, the New York Office is requested to carefully check its file and make certain that the San Francisco Office has all serials in the case containing important data.

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cc: New York

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO**

FILE NO. **100-24064**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/1/49</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/19,20/49</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>MURIEL BUCKEYSER</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

*no*

Subject, a poet and lecturer, resides at 2831 Clay Street, San Francisco. Panel member at California Labor School Cultural Conference 8/2,3/47. Conducted poetry class at California Labor School, 1948. Participated in Freedom Rally at California Labor School 9/18/48. Appeared in California Labor School "Book Fair" 4/8,9/49. Sponsor of Communist Party Peace Conference 7/15-17/49. Delegate to Continental Congress for Peace in Mexico City 9/5-11/49 as representative of Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee. Appeared at Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee dinner 10/3/49. Background information set forth.

*- c - Deindexed 3/7/63 gm*

**REFERENCE:** Bufile 77-27812, *37c* Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 6/27/45 at San Francisco.

**DETAILS:** AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

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A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The October, 1949 San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory lists MURIEL BUCKEYSER as residing at 2831 Clay Street, San Francisco.

The Daily People's World of October 11, 1948 reported that MURIEL BUCKEYSER, a distinguished American poet now residing in San Francisco, would present four lectures at the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue. The article pointed out that subject has achieved prominence through her published books, which include "WILLARD GIBBS", "Green Way", "Theory of Flight". In 1941 she received the Harriet Monroe Award.

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B. ACTIVITIES

The Daily People's World of July 31, 1947 reported that subject would serve as a member of the panel on literature at the California Labor School Cultural Conference, August 2 and 3, 1947. It is to be noted that the California Labor School has been declared as a subversive organization within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

SF T-1, of known reliability, advised that subject was reported as a participant in the two day conference for cultural workers held at the California Labor School August 2 and 3, 1947.

SF T-2, of known reliability, advised that subject took part in the Freedom Rally at the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on September 18, 1948. Subject stated at this rally that it was an honor to work for the California Labor School and directed most of her speech toward poetry appreciation.

The Daily People's World on October 6, 1948 reported that subject would present four lectures at the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. It further stated that she would conduct a poetry workshop extending over a 12 week period, beginning on October 7, 1948.

The Daily People's World on March 28, 1949 reported that subject was scheduled to appear in the "Book Fair" held at the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on April 8 and 9, 1949.

SF T-3, of known reliability, advised on July 1, 1949 that subject's name appeared on the program as a sponsor of the Peace Conference which was presented July 15 to 17, 1949 under the auspices of the Communist Party.

The Daily People's World on September 16, 1949 reported that MURIEL RUKEYSER was one of the delegates to the American Continental Congress for Peace, which was held in Mexico City from September 5 to 11, 1949. This article reported further that subject would appear at a public meeting at the California Club, 1750 Clay Street, San Francisco, on September 23, 1949. In this regard SF T-4, of known reliability, advised on September 7, 1949 that subject was a delegate to the Continental Congress for Peace as a representative of the Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee and SF T-5, of known reliability, advised that the Communist Party was very active in sending delegates to the Congress.

The Daily People's World on September 28, 1949 reported that subject was scheduled to be a speaker at a dinner under the auspices of the Spanish Refugee Appeal Committee on October 3, 1949.

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T-1 [REDACTED] who furnished the information to SA [REDACTED]  
on 9/17/47.

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T-2 [REDACTED]  
furnished the information to SA [REDACTED]

T-3 [REDACTED] who furnished the information to SA [REDACTED]  
on 7/1/49.

T-4 [REDACTED]

T-5 [REDACTED]

SAC, San Francisco

December 20, 1950

Director, FBI

MURIEL RUKYSEYER  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
San Francisco file 100-24064  
Bufile 77-27812

By letter dated July 14, 1950, the New York Division advised the Bureau that the subject is one of the "400 Concealed Communists" whose identities have been revealed by Louis F. Budenz.

The New York Division should immediately send to the San Francisco Office all information which Budenz can furnish regarding the subject.

The Bureau files reflect Rukyseyer has been the subject of a Security investigation in your office which was closed by report of November 1, 1949. No information concerning her has been received since then, and she has not been recommended for Security Index.

You are instructed to reopen this case immediately, conduct investigation to bring her activities up to date, and submit a report including the information that she has been named as a concealed Communist by Budenz. At that time you must also consider recommending the subject for Security Index. This matter should receive preferred attention.

cc - New York (100-98164; 64-2988)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bufile 77-27812)

DATE: 12/30/50

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On December 28, 1950 [redacted], Post Master's Office, U. S. Post Office, 7th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, advised that the subject who formerly resided at 2831 Clay Street, San Francisco, on December 23, 1949 filed a change of address with the Post Master giving as her new address 70 Irving Place, New York City, New York.

The New York Division is requested to verify RUKEYSER's residence at 70 Irving Place, New York City.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 5/4/51

SUBJECT: MURIEL RUMKESER  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bufile 77-27812)

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Rebulet to San Francisco dated December 29, 1950 and San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated December 30, 1950.

It is requested that the New York office expeditiously verify RUMKESER's residence at 70 Irving Place, New York, New York, as previously requested. Verification is needed to enable this office to comply with Bureau instructions as set forth in rebulet.

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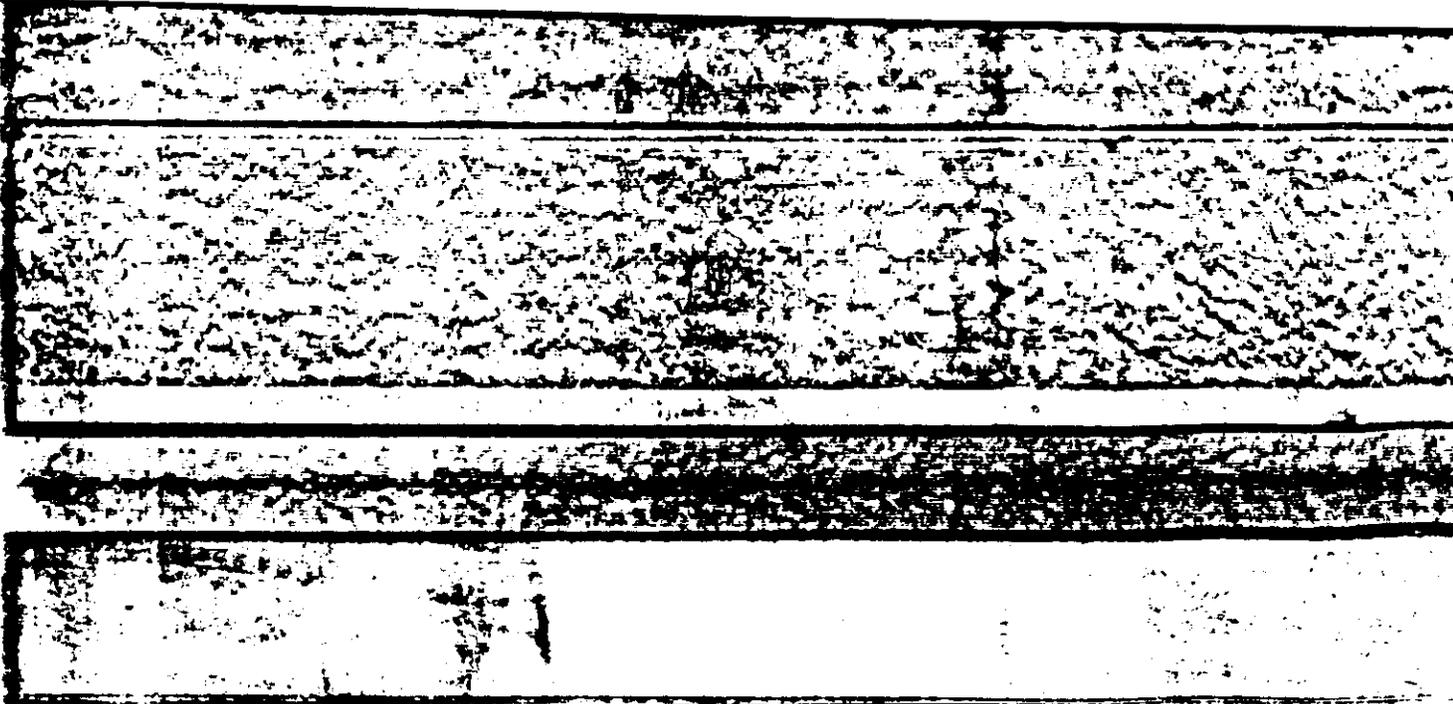
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TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York  
SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER  
SM - C  
(Bufile 77-27812)

DATE: 6/6/51

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Rebulet to San Francisco 12/20/50, San Francisco  
letters to New York 12/30/50, 5/4/51.

Investigation reflects subject presently residing at  
436 East 88th Street, New York City. It is requested that Form  
FD-128 be submitted and New York be considered origin since  
subject presently residing in New York

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GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER  
SECURITY MATTER-C  
(Bufile 77-27812)  
(New York file 100-102441)

DATE: 7/17/51

Re New York letter to San Francisco dated 7/3/50 and  
bulet to San Francisco dated 12/20/40.

In view of the fact that the New York office has  
verified the subject's residence in New York City together  
with the fact that she has reportedly resided in that city  
since 12/49 it is suggested that the New York office comply  
with the instructions contained in the above referenced bulet.  
It is further suggested that the New York office give the re-  
quested consideration to recommending RUKEYSER for Security  
Index.

Unless advised to the contrary, no further action  
contemplated here.

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cc New York

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY

FILE NO 100-24064

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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/1,4/51; 7/5, 6/51	REPORT MADE BY 
TITLE MURIEL NUNEYSER		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject moved from 2631 Clay Street, San Francisco, to 70 Irving Place, New York, New York, on December 23, 1949.

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, advised in June of 1951 that MURIEL NUNEYSER was residing at 436 East 58th Street, New York, New York.

ACTIVITIES

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The United States Attorney General has declared the JAFRC to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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T-3 has advised that the Spanish Refugee Appeal is an activity sponsored by the JAFRC.

The Civil Rights Congress is listed among those organizations described by the United States Attorney General as falling within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, furnished a bulletin entitled "Peace Appeal Bulletin," San Francisco Committee for World Peace Appeal in August of 1950. On page 3 of this bulletin, under the caption "American Who Have Signed the World Peace Appeal," appears the name MURIEL RUCKEYSER, poet, California, otherwise unidentified.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, furnished information on 6/22/50, reflecting that the San Francisco Committee for World Peace Appeal was controlled and dominated by the Communist Party in San Francisco.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

- San Francisco T-1 [REDACTED] Main Post Office,  
7th and Mission Streets, San Francisco,  
who furnished the information to SA  
[REDACTED] on 12/28/50.
- San Francisco T-2 Information contained in New York  
letter to San Francisco dated 6/6/51.
- San Francisco T-3 [REDACTED] who furnished the information  
to SA [REDACTED] on 11/14,30/49.
- San Francisco T-4 [REDACTED] who furnished the bulletin  
to SA [REDACTED] on 8/2/50.
- San Francisco T-5 [REDACTED] who furnished the information  
to SA [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/14/49 at San Francisco.

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(10-19-49)

GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER  
SECURITY MATTER-C  
(Bufile 77-27812)  
(New York file 100-102441)

DATE: 7/17/51

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 436 East 88th Street  
New York, New York

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.  
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The \_\_\_\_\_ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)

Communist index card

One copy of the report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated 11/1/49 at San Francisco

Two copies of the report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated 7/7/51 at San Francisco

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cc: New York  
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Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (77-27812)

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER  
SM - C

DATE: 11/6/51

*B7C* Reference San Francisco letter to the Director dated September 4, 1951, in case entitled, [REDACTED]

*B7C* The above referenced letter contained information concerning [REDACTED] who is subject of investigation in the San Francisco Division (SF File [REDACTED]). Page four of referenced letter requested that this information be incorporated in the New York file of MURIEL RUKEYSER. This letter further referred to Bulet to San Francisco dated May 15, 1951.

*B7C* A review of information contained in the New York file concerning MURIEL RUKEYSER fails to reflect any association between RUKEYSER and [REDACTED]

*B7C* It is requested that the San Francisco Division review the files of [REDACTED] and MURIEL RUKEYSER and inform this office of the purpose of San Francisco letter dated September 4, 1951. It is further requested that San Francisco forward any information concerning RUKEYSER which this office does not have in its possession.

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2 cc-San Francisco (MURIEL RUKEYSER 100-24064)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (77-27812)

DATE: November 28, 1951

JA FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-24064)

S SUBJECT: MURIEL FUKLYSER  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York letter to the Director dated November 6, 1951 and captioned as above.

87X Reference is made to the bulet to San Francisco, dated May 15, 1951, captioned [redacted]. A carbon copy of this letter was furnished the New York Office. On page 2, last paragraph, the Bureau pointed out that San Francisco was Office of Origin in cases involving [redacted] and MURIEL FUKLYSER while New York was origin in cases concerning [redacted]. The Bureau instructed that this information (referring to previous portions of the referenced bulet) should be routed to the subject files concerning these individuals.

87C By Form FD-128 dated July 17, 1951 captioned "MURIEL FUKLYSER, SA-C", the New York Office was designated Office of Origin in the FUKLYSER Case. Accordingly, by San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated September 4, 1951 and entitled [redacted], the New York Office was requested to comply with the instructions contained in the above referenced bulet.

A review of the FUKLYSER Case File, reflects that the New York Office has been furnished copies of all reports concerning this subject prepared by the San Francisco Office. RUC.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE: APR 22 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/11, 14; 4/1, 2-4, 7-9/52	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: <u>CHANGED</u> MURIEL RUKEYSER, with alias Muriel Helen Rukyser		CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - C	

SUMMARY REPORT

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Classified by 3537  
Exempt from GDS, Category 2, 3, 4  
Date of Declassification Indefinite

Synopsis of Facts:

MURIEL RUKEYSER resides at 436 East 88th St., NYC and is currently engaged as an author under contract to write two books. Informants advise subject is a concealed CP member. MURIEL RUKEYSER sponsored or was a member of numerous organizations which had been cited by AG or HCUA as Communist front organizations. Records of [REDACTED] negative. 5-8-80

CC TO [REDACTED]  
REQ. REC'D. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK:

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the addition of the name, MURIEL HELEN RUKYSER, which name was reflected on subject's birth certificate at New York City.

CLASSIFIED DECISIONS EXEMPTED  
BY [REDACTED] (SRC)  
DATE 5-8-80 DRK/welt

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

Edward Scheidt

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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BIRTH DATA

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, reflect that birth certificate #63949 was issued on behalf of MURIEL HELEN RUKYSER, born December 15, 1913, Manhattan, New York. This certificate reflected that MURIEL HELEN RUKYSER's father was LAWRENCE, age thirty-one, born in the United States, mother's name MYRA LYONS RUKYSER, age twenty-nine, born in the United States, both of whom resided at 619 West 127th Street, New York City.

Records of the Registrar, Columbia University, New York City, reflect that subject was born on December 15, 1913 at New York.

EDUCATION

Records of the Registrar's Office, Columbia University, Rand School of Social Science, New York, and Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, reflect that subject has the following educational background:

Vassar College - 1930-1932

Columbia University - 1931 - One Course

Summer of 1933 - and Rand School of Social Science, 1932-1933

The above records fail to reflect any information which indicated that the subject had obtained a degree at any of the above institutions.

MARITAL STATUS

820 [REDACTED] 70 Irving Place Building, New York, advised that the subject, while residing at the above address, was known by the name of MURIEL RUKYSER and she had a son approximately four years of age living with her. [REDACTED] further stated that the subject had often referred to the fact that she was a widow, but she could furnish no information concerning the subject's husband.

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[REDACTED] 1136 East 85th Street, New York City, advised that the subject is a widow, but could furnish no information concerning her husband. She further advised that the subject has a five-year old son living with her.

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

The 1943 edition of "Current Biography", edited by MAXINE BLOCK and ANNA ROTHE, as made available at the University of California Library, contained biographical data concerning the subject. This information reflected that the subject had been employed by the Loyalists Spanish Medical Bureau during the early part of the Spanish Civil War.

CRIMINAL RECORD

The above-mentioned "Current Biography" also contained information which reflected that during March, 1943 RUKEYSER drove South with two friends to report the Scottsboro Trial. This article further reflects that when the police discovered them talking to Negro reporters and found in their possession some "calls" to a Negro Student Conference at Columbia University, they were held for "inciting the Negroes to insurrections" but were released.

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Records of the [REDACTED] Police Department, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] on March 11, 1952, failed to reflect any information which can be identified with the subject.

EMPLOYMENT

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[REDACTED] New York City, advised that the subject is currently under contract to an unknown publishing house to write two books, which work the subject does in her apartment, which is located at the above address.

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According to the following sources, the subject has had the past employment: San Francisco Chronicle, dated February 23, 1948 and the University of California Library, 1943 edition of "Current Biography".

California Labor School - 1945

Institute of Experimental Biology,  
San Francisco, 1944

Office of War Information, New York, 1943

Editor for WILLI HENDELSON, 210 East 68th  
Street, New York, 1942

Doubleday Doran & Company, New York, 1940-1943

Irving Lerner, 1600 Broadway, New York,  
Script writer, 1941

"KLAUS MANN," Associate Editor, New York, 1941

Vassar College, Visiting Lecture, 1940

"Life & Letters Today", Spain, 1935

RESIDENCE

*B2D* [REDACTED] 436 East 88th Street,  
New York, advised on April 3, 1952 that the subject resides at  
the above address in an apartment with her son.

*B2D* [REDACTED] 78 Irving  
Place Building, New York City, advised that the subject had resided  
at the above address from approximately January 1950 until  
January 1951.

The following past addresses for the subject  
were obtained from Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2, both of  
known reliability.

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2831 Clay Street, San Francisco, Calif.  
1948-1949

Box 56, LaGatos, California, 1936

1310 Montgomery, San Francisco, Calif., 1945

830 Bush Street, San Francisco, Calif., 1945

6635 Dana Street, Oakland, California, 1944

5 East 10th Street, New York City, 1943

57 Bank Street, New York City, 1942

The following addresses were prior to 1941,  
dates unknown, and all in New York City:

37 University Drive

54 Riverside Drive

180 Riverside Drive

75 Bank Street

#### AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

##### Communist Party Membership

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on January 10, 1951 that MURIEL RUKEYSER is a concealed member of the Communist Party. This informant further advised that he met the subject in New York City, either at a National Convention or at some conference connected with the National Convention, involving the Communist publication "New Masses". Informant also stated that he had heard MURIEL RUKEYSER referred to many times as a Communist. However, he could not recall any specific instance but he stated there is no question in his mind about her being a Communist.

It may be noted that the Congressional Record dated September 24, 1942 states that Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE cited the magazine "New Masses" as a "Communist periodical."

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised on January 18, 1951 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant knew the subject to be a Communist as a result of conversations she had with the subject and with other individuals who knew the subject. This informant advised that no specific instances or statements could be recalled, but further advised that the subject had also visited with Mr. and Mrs. HANS EISLER on one occasion.

On September 24, 1947 HANS EISLER testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he had applied and had been accepted for membership in the Communist Party in Germany during 1926 and that he had never been active in Communist Party work.

Confidential Informant T-5, another government agency conducting security type investigation, advised on February 28, 1943 that the subject was known to that organization to have been active in Communist literary circles and as a writer. This informant further stated that the subject was listed in the Oxford Book of American Literature as a "left-wing poet".

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that the subject was known to persons at the Communist Party Headquarters, formerly located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, during the middle part of 1950.

#### COMMUNIST PARTY FRONTS

##### AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

The "New York World-Telegram" for May 7, 1943 carried an article which reflected that the subject had been active in the Communist controlled "American Student Union".

It may be noted that the American Student Union has been cited as subversive and un-American by the Special Committee of the House Committee on Appropriations, April 21, 1943.

##### NEW MASSES

Records located at the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] reflected that the subject has written the following articles for "New Masses":

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12/7/1937 issue, two poems, "The Disease",  
"The Cornfield".

10/25/1937 issue, reviews of screen shows,  
"The Spanish Earth", "Heart of Spain",  
"Germany Strikes Back".

4/26/1938 issue, book review. "We Aren't  
Sure We Are Wandering."

9/14/1937 issue, poem, "Mediterranean"

The preface to this poem pointed out that the subject, who was the writer of the poem, was evacuated on July 25, 1936 after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, along with other Americans attending the Anti-Fascist Olympic Games at Barcelona. The only men who remained were those who had volunteered in the Loyalist Forces and became the future corps of the International Brigade. The poem is about the authoress' impression of the evacuation as she watched.

The New York World Telegram dated May 7, 1943 carried an article which reflected that the subject had written for the "New Masses" magazine during the period 1936 to 1943.

It may be noted that "New Masses" has been documented as a Communist front organization previously in this report.

#### PEOPLE'S RADIO FOUNDATION

The "People's Daily World", West Coast Communist daily newspaper, in its March 21, 1945 edition, carried an article with reference to a plan for the establishment of a People's Radio Foundation, which would operate a FM radio station in metropolitan New York. This People's Radio Foundation would provide a forum for progressive ideas and with regard to this, the subject wrote them, "I shall be glad to sponsor the Foundation. The station you plan to establish can be a principal instrument of expression for forces which call for every expression in our times."

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It may be noted that Peoples Radio Foundation Inc. has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

STUDENT REVIEW

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Records of the [REDACTED] Police Department, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] reflected that the subject was on the Editorial Board of the Student Review Magazine, published by the National Student League, 13 West 17th Street, during June, 1933.

It may be noted that the National Student League has been cited as a front organization of the Communist Party by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE on May 28, 1942.

AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CONGRESS FOR PEACE

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, dated September 6, 1949, contained an article "Mexico Parlay Delegation Denounce Peekskill Mob". This article further reflected that MURIEL RUKEYSER was one of the North American delegates to the Congress which was held in Mexico City.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised on August 15, 1949 that the subject was a sponsor of the American Continental Congress For Peace, held in Mexico City, September 5-10, 1949.

It may be noted that the House Committee on Un-American Activities Report #378, dated April 25, 1951, cited the American Continental Congress For Peace, held on September 5-10, 1949 in Mexico City, as "another force in the Communist 'peace' campaign, aimed at consolidating anti-American forces throughout the Western Hemisphere."

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL

The February 18, 1945 issue of the San Francisco "Chronicle", the February 23, 1945 issue of the "People's World" and the February 24, 1945 issue of the "People's World" carried

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articles reflecting that MURIEL RUKEYSER would conduct a course in poetry at the California Labor School, both in San Francisco and the Eastbay Branch in Oakland. Subject was to give a series of nine weekly lectures on "Poetry and the People" beginning February 28, 1945. Some of the lecture topics to be given were "The Fear of Poetry", "Poetry of Resistance", "Poetry of Russia, China and Latin America", "Poetry and Belief" and "The Background of Poetry". RUKEYSER was also to conduct a poetry workshop which would meet once a week, beginning March 1, 1945.

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On February 7, 1945 [REDACTED] University of California, Berkeley, California, advised that RUKEYSER had obtained a renewal of her library card at the University of California Library. Subject had stated that her address was then the California Labor School, San Francisco, California.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised during June, 1945 that MURIEL RUKEYSER was at that time employed as an instructor in poetry at the Communist Political Association dominated California Labor School.

Attorney General TOM CLARK, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948, cited the California Labor School as a subversive and Communist organization which was located at 216 Market Street, San Francisco, California

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, in its February 10, 1944 issue, contained an article entitled, "American Women Leaders Greet Colleagues in USSR". This article states that Miss MURIEL RUKEYSER was one of the sponsors of the Committee of Women of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship. The article states that the Committee is sending messages to Russian women, the purpose of which is to develop exchange of information, model equipment and other materials between the women of the two countries as the means of promoting lasting friendship.

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Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on February 16, 1944 that the subject was a sponsor of the Committee of Women of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

It may be noted that the National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to come within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised on May 7, 1943 that the subject has written articles for the "New Theater" magazine, published in 1938, which magazine, according to the informant, is Communist-controlled.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report dated March 29, 1944, cited the "New Theater" magazine as a Communist publication.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS

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The records of the [REDACTED] Police Department, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] reflect that the subject was a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace held under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, March 25-27, 1949.

The January 17, 1949 edition of the "Daily Worker" carried an article captioned "Trial of Twelve Communist Party Leaders Starts Today". This article further reflects that the subject was among the signers of this article which called upon the Attorney General to drop the indictment of the twelve on the eve of the trial. This article was sponsored by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions and noted that "now for the first time in the history of the United States, there is an effort through the judicial process to outlaw an entire body of ideas and a political party exposing these ideas."

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The October 19, 1948 edition of the "Daily Worker" carried an article captioned, "Five Hundred Leaders of Arts and Sciences Back Wallace". Among the signers of this article was the subject. This statement charged "the bi-partisan alliance of Thomas E. Dewey and Harry S. Truman brought us to the brink of war and Fascism."

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability on March 11, 1949 advised that MURIEL RUKEYSER is one of the signers of a petition which was sent to Harry S. Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark and which petition reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, subscribe to this statement of the Executive Committee of the New York Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions and call upon President Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark to withdraw the indictments against the twelve leaders of the Communist Party."

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, made available information on April 21, 1950 which reflected that the circular issued by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, regarding a meeting held on April 19, 1950 to pay tribute to the Chilean poet PABLO NERUDA and protest the arrival of Chilean President GONZALEZ VIDELA, listed as one of the speakers MURIEL RUKEYSER.

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The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions and the Jefferson School of Social Science have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to come within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

WORLD PEACE APPEAL

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, made available a bulletin entitled "Peace Appeal Bulletin", San Francisco Committee for World Peace Appeal, in August, 1950. On page three of this bulletin, under the caption "Americans Who Have Signed the World Peace Appeal", appears the name of MURIEL RUKEYSER, poet, California, otherwise unidentified.

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, furnished a release issued by the Peace Information Center, 799 Broadway, Room 413, New York, under date of April 14, 1950. The release contained a geographical list of persons identified by the Peace Information Center as "Prominent Americans Endorsing The World Peace Appeal." MURIEL RUKEYSER's name appears under New York.

It may be noted that the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 378, dated April 25, 1951, advised that the Peace Information Center was a Communist Party Peace Committee which is making available the Stockholm Peace Petition.

On February 9, 1951 this organization and five of its officers were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for failure to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. 2/8/51

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, made available an issue of the "Cultural Peace Bulletin", dated June 26, 1950. This bulletin contained the name MURIEL RUKEYSER as signer of the Stockholm Peace Appeal.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities Interim Statement issued on the Communist "Peace Petition" Campaign, July 13, 1950, cited the Stockholm Peace Petition as Communist.

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It may be noted that the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 378, dated April 25, 1951, advised that the World Peace Appeal, also known as the Stockholm Peace Petition, was cited as a petition campaign launched by the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress, at its meeting in Stockholm, March 16-19, 1950; as having "received the enthusiastic approval of every section of the international Communist hierarchy"; as having been lauded in the Communist press, putting "every individual Communist on notice that he 'has the duty to rise to this appeal'", and as having "received the official endorsement of the supreme Soviet of the USSR, which has been echoed by the governing bodies of every Communist satellite country, and by all Communist Parties throughout the world."

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JOINT-ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised that subject was one of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee's sponsors of the five lectures given by MURIEL DRAPER during the week of April 8, 1949. This informant further advised that DRAPER is President of the Congress of American Women and the purpose of the lectures was to inform the public to keep FRANCO-SPAIN out of the United Nations.

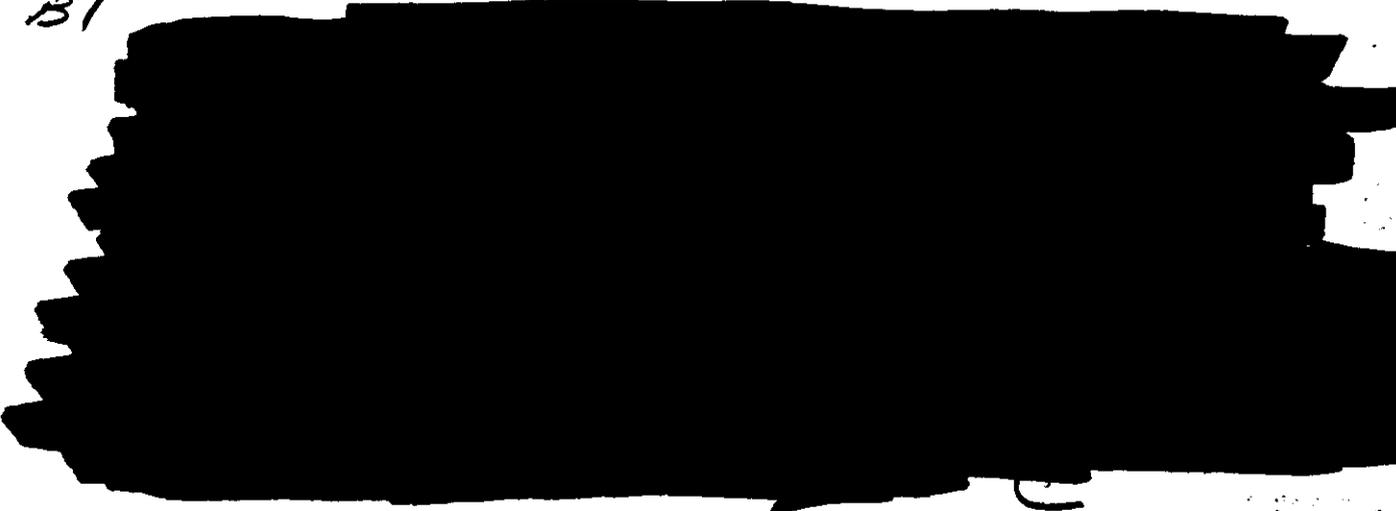
It may be noted that the Congress of American Women and the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-15 further advised that the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in April, 1949 directed a letter to President Truman urging the adoption of the anti-Franco position of the United States and to instruct the US Delegation to the General Assembly to oppose all moves fostering "cordial association" by any of the United Nations with Franco Spain. Informant advised that the subject was one of the signers of the letter.

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SPANISH REFUGEE COMMITTEE

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The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States to come within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

CHINA WELFARE APPEAL INC.

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Confidential Informant T-11, previously mentioned, advised that the China Welfare Appeal, Inc. is a Communist front organization. According to this informant, on March 8, 1951 the Board of Directors of the China Welfare Appeal Inc. issued a statement expressing their intention to continue to ship relief supplies to Madam Sun Yat Sen, Vice Chairman of the Peoples Republic of China.

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WILLIE McGEE

The May 2, 1951 edition of the "Daily Worker" carried an article which reflects that the subject was one of ninety prominent American women writers, artists, journalists, editors, leaders and personalities of stage and screen and radio, from all over the country, who have appealed to President Truman to save the life of WILLIE McGEE, victim of a legal frame-up.

Informant T-6 has advised that Communist Party groups with other organizations, including the Civil Rights Congress, promoted protest meetings, delegations and sent wires to local, state and national officials asking for their intervention in the case of WILLIE McGEE, a negro who was recently electrocuted, in the State of Mississippi after being convicted in that state on charge of rape.

HARRY BRIDGES

The "Peoples Daily World" for April 3, 1945 carried an article listing the subject as one of the numerous individuals who requested President ROOSEVELT to quash the HARRY BRIDGES deportation proceedings and grant him United States citizenship.

It may be noted that HARRY BRIDGES, President of the International Longshoremen's Union, CIO, on April 4, 1950 was convicted in the United States District Court, San Francisco, California, for perjury, arising from his alleged false statements at an immigration hearing by denying he was a member of the Communist Party.

RELATIONSHIP WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE MEMBERSHIP

Confidential Informant T-16, of known reliability, advised that the subject on December 3, 1943 was in contact with LUDWIG RENN, Mexico City, and inquired concerning one OTTO BOCH who had been with the Thaelman Battalion of the International Brigade. X U



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ASSOCIATION WITH INDIVIDUALS X U

ELLA WINTER STEWART

Confidential Informant T-18, of known reliability, advised on September 8, 1947 that the subject was acquainted with ELLA WINTER STEWART.

Confidential Informant T-3, previously mentioned, advised that ELLA WINTER STEWART was a Communist Party member and one of the Hollywood group, as well as being a member of many Communist front organizations.

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN



It may be noted that this informant advised WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was State President of the Communist Political Association in California. U

It may be noted that PAUL ROBESON was the star of the play "Othello" and that the Evening Star, Washington, DC newspaper, on June 15, 1949 contained an article which quotes ROBESON as telling an interviewer for the TASS NEWS AGENCY that

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"I am thoroughly happy that I am able to travel from time to time to the USSR, the country I love above all."

IRVIN BERNAY

Confidential Informant T-20, of known reliability, advised on November 23, 1945 that the subject was acquainted with ERIC IRVIN BERNAY.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on April 21, 1950 that BERNAY is a concealed Communist.

Confidential Informants T-21, T-22, T-23, T-24 and T-25, all of known reliability, who are familiar with some phase of Communist activity in the New York City area, advised they are not acquainted with the subject.

The following description of the subject was obtained from the 1943 edition of "Current Biography" and Mrs. EINAR ADLER:

Name:	MURIEL RUKYSER
Sex:	Female
Race:	White
Age:	38
Birthdate:	December 15, 1913
Birthplace:	New York City
Residence:	436 East 88th Street, New York City
Height:	5'9-5'10"
Weight:	Approximately 150
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Dark
Eyes:	Gray
Complexion:	Dark
Occupation:	Poet and Author
Marital Status:	Widow
Immediate Relatives:	Son, age approximately 5
	Father - LAWRENCE RUKYSER
	Mother - MYRA RUKYSER
	50 West 72nd Street, New York City

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T-1 Postmaster's Office, U.S. Post Office, San Francisco, California	Subject's residences	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
T-2 Bureau letter 4/12/43	Subject's past addresses	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
T-3 LOUIS F. BUDENZ	Subject a CP member	1/10/51	SA [REDACTED]	100-102441-16
	ELLA WINTER STEWART a CP member		Documentation	
	ERIC IRVIN BERNAY a CP member		Documentation	
<i>BD</i> T-4 [REDACTED]	Subject a CP member	1/18/51	SA [REDACTED]	100-102441-16
T-5 ONI	Subject active in CP literary circles	2/28/43	Unknown	54-144-799
<i>BD</i> T-6 [REDACTED]	Subject sponsor of Friendship Cargo For China	4/20/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-94513-1B23

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<b>B2D</b> T-6 (Cont'd) [REDACTED]	Subject signer of petition sent to President TRUMAN	3/11/49	SE [REDACTED]	100-93553-1B-126
	Subject's name on Welcoming Committee for World Peace Delegation	3/3/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-94580-1B7
	Subject known at CP Headquarters	7/13/50	SA [REDACTED] SE [REDACTED]	100-85800-4565
T-7 [REDACTED]	Subject sponsor of American Continental Congress for Peace	8/15/49	SA [REDACTED]	100-95874-1A-12, p.18A
T-8 [REDACTED]	Subject employed in June 1945 at CPA, California Labor School	3/8/45		
T-9 Anonymous				
T-10 [REDACTED]	Subject has written articles for "New Theatre" magazine	5/20/43	SA [REDACTED]	77-6069-5

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<i>B7D</i> T-11 [REDACTED]	Subject speaker for National Council of Arts, Science and Professions	4/21/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-93553-1B190
	Subject organized "Committee on Writers and Artists"	Unknown	SA [REDACTED]	100-99059-5
T-12 [REDACTED]	Subject signed World Peace Appeal	8/2/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-32134-27, p.3
T-13 [REDACTED]	Subject identified with Peace Information Center	8/22/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-94580-11B-13
[REDACTED] -14	Subject signer of Stockholm Peace Appeal	7/12/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-88297-1B47
T-15 [REDACTED]	Subject sponsor for Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee	11/14/49	SA [REDACTED]	100-28847-(38)(47)
	Subject member of Spanish Refugee Committee	11/30/49	SA [REDACTED]	100-28847-(38)(47)

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T-16 Office of Censorship	Subject in contact with LUDWIG RENN	12/6/43	New York Office	19-3-3318
B1 T-17 [REDACTED]			Documentation	
B7C T-18 [REDACTED] U.S. Customs Service	Subject acquainted with ELLA WINTER STEWART	9/18/47	B7C SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	100-16983-20
B7D T-19 [REDACTED]	Subject acquainted with WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN	3/2/45		
T-20 Anonymous				
1320 T-21 [REDACTED]	Negative information	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	Instant file
B7D T-22 [REDACTED]	Negative information	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	Instant file
B7D T-23 [REDACTED]	Negative information	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	Instant

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B20 T-24 [REDACTED]	Negative information	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	Instant file
T-25 [REDACTED]	Negative information	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	Instant file

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Will contact appropriate sources in the San Francisco area to determine whether the subject was married in San Francisco, inasmuch as individuals acquainted with the subject in New York City advised that subject has a young son, approximately five years of age.

It may be noted that the subject was living in the San Francisco area during the period of 1944-1948.

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK

Will await the decision of the Bureau concerning the recommendation made on FD 122.

Will submit amended informant pages upon receipt of information from other offices concerning information supplied by informant.

REFERENCE

B7c Bureau letter to San Francisco, 12/20/50.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] 7/7/51, San Francisco

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T-1 Postmaster's Office, US Post Office, San Fran., Calif.	Residences	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
T-2 Bulet 4/12/43	Addresses obtained from employment investigation, Office for Emergency Management	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
T-3 Louis F. Budenz	Louis F. Budenz  Louis F. Budenz concerning ELLA WINTER STEWART  Louis F. Budenz concerning ERIC I. BERNAY	1/10/51	SA [REDACTED]  Documentation  Documentation	100-102441-16
B7D T-4 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1/18/51	SA [REDACTED]	100-102441-16
T-5	ONI	2/28/43		54-144-7995
T-6	[REDACTED]	4/20/50	SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]	100-94513-13-1B23

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T-6 (Cont'd.)	B7D [REDACTED]	3/11/49	SE [REDACTED]	100-93553-1B-126
	[REDACTED]	7/13/50	SA [REDACTED] SE [REDACTED]	100-85800-4565
	[REDACTED]	3/3/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-94580-1B7
T-7	[REDACTED]	8/15/49	SA [REDACTED]	100-95874-1A-12,p18A
T-8	[REDACTED]	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
T-9	Anonymous			
T-10	[REDACTED]	5/20/43	SA [REDACTED]	77-6069-5
T-11	[REDACTED]	4/21/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-93553-1B190
	[REDACTED]	Unknown	SA [REDACTED]	100-99059-5
T-12	[REDACTED]	8/2/50	SA [REDACTED]	Unknown
T-13	[REDACTED]	8/22/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-94580-1B-13
T-14	[REDACTED]	7/12/50	SA [REDACTED]	100-88297-1B47
T-15	[REDACTED]	11/14/49 11/30/49	SA [REDACTED]	Unknown

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T-16	Office of Censorship, report dated 12/6/43 acquaintance-ship with LUDWIG RENN	12/6/43	NY Office	19-3-3318
T-17	<i>B1</i> [REDACTED]	9-14-44	Unknown	Unknown
			WFO letter to Bureau in case entitled "Comintern Apparatus, IS-R"	
T-18	<i>B7c</i> [REDACTED] US Customs Service, NYC	9/18/47	SAS & [REDACTED]	<i>BX</i> 100-16983-208
T-19	<i>B7D</i> [REDACTED]	3/2/45	Unknown	Unknown
T-20	Anonymous			
T-21	[REDACTED]	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	
T-22	[REDACTED]	3/14/52	<i>B7c</i> SA [REDACTED]	
T-23	[REDACTED]	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	
T-24	[REDACTED]	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	
T-25	[REDACTED]	3/14/52	SA [REDACTED]	

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (77-27612)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-102441)

SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER, wa.  
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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME MURIEL RUKEYSER

ALIASES MURIEL HELEN RUKYSER

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NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 9/26/52

TO : Director, FBI (77-27812)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-102441)

SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER, wa  
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Reference report of SA [redacted] New York, 9/26/52.

Enclosed are amended Informant pages of the report of SA [redacted] 4/22/52, New York.

Enclosures (5)

1 - San Francisco (100-24064) (Encl 2)

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TITLE <b>MURIEL RUKEYSER, wa</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Marriage records, City and County of San Francisco, reflect that MURIEL RUKEYSER and GLYN COLLINS married 7/18/45 at San Francisco. Background information set out.

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DETAILS

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Records of the Marriage License Division, Hall of Records, City and County of San Francisco, were checked on May 28, 1952, and reflect that MURIEL RUKEYSER and GLYN COLLINS were married July 18, 1945, at San Francisco. The marriage certificate number is 7144. The records reflect that this is the first marriage for each person.

The following descriptions and background information of the subject and her husband are set out:

Name	MURIEL RUKEYSER
Address	216 Market Street San Francisco, California
Race	White
Age	31
Birthplace	New York City

APPROVED AND FORWARDED

*Leland V. Boardman*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

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Occupation	Poetess
Place of Occupation	School
Father's Name	LAWRENCE RUKEYSER
Father's Birthplace	Wisconsin
Mother's Maiden Name	MYRA LYONS
Mother's Birthplace	New York

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Name	GLYN COLLINS
Address	743 Jackson Street San Francisco, California
Race	White
Age	30
Birthplace	Wanganui, New Zealand
Occupation	Engineer
Place of Employment	Permanite Metal Corporation
Father's Name	CHARLES BOWER COLLINS
Father's Birthplace	New Zealand
Mother's Maiden Name	ALBA HARRISON
Mother's Birthplace	New Zealand.

The birth records for the City and County of San Francisco were checked for the years 1944 through 1949 in an effort to identify the subject's child, but the records were negative.

The divorce files for the San Francisco County Recorder's Office for the years 1945 through 1952 were checked to determine if the subject and COLLINS were divorced. No record was found.

137D. Records of the [redacted] Police Department reflect that GLYN COLLINS was born on February 9, 1915, at New Zealand; was booked under arrest number SF 62250 on June 26, 1940, and charged with vagrancy and violation of Police Code number 215 (lewd conduct code). On June 26, 1940, in Municipal Court 12, the vagrancy charge was dismissed and COLLINS was sentenced to ten days in the County Jail on the violation of Police Code 215.

On October 9, 1943, San Francisco Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, furnished information indicating that GLYN COLLINS was a Communist Party member.

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INFORMANT

B7D T-1 is [REDACTED]

REFERENCE

B7C Report of SA [REDACTED], 4/22/52, New York.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (77-27812)  
FROM : SAC, New York (100-102441)  
SUBJECT: MURIEL RUKEYSER, was  
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DATE: 11/10/53

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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ALIASES Muriel Collins, Mrs. Glyn Collins

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME CHECK

June 24, 1954

MURIEL RUKEYSER  
Born: 1913  
New York

In response to your name check request there are attached hereto two investigative reports reflecting the results of a security-type investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning Muriel Rukeyser.

The foregoing information <sup>(77-27812-25, 27)</sup> 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 a 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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Note: Information concerning receipt of name check and data disseminated made available to Mr. Nichols prior to transmitting to USIA.

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Director, FBI

March 9, 1955

MARKEL KUKUYER  
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Reference is made to the report of  
Special Agent [redacted] dated April 22,  
1952, at New York in the captioned case.

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TO Director, FBI (77-27812)

DATE: 9/8/55

FROM SAC, NY (100-102441)

SUBJECT MURIEL RUKEYSER, was  
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Security Index card cancelled

Re SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

Succinct Resume of Case

**CANCELLED**

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The sources and informants mentioned in this letter have all furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

Subject was born 12/15/13 in NYC, NY.

On 1/10/51, LOUIS F. BUDENZ, a former CP functionary until October, 1945, advised that subject was a concealed member of the CP. He stated he had met her in NY in 1940 at a Convention involving the publication "New Masses", and had heard her referred to many times as a Communist.

870 On 1/10/51, [REDACTED]

She stated she knew the subject to be a Communist from conversations she had with the subject and with other people who knew the subject.

The "New York World Telegram", dated 5/7/43, reflected that subject had written for "New Masses" during the period 1936 to 1943.

870 In June, 1945, [REDACTED] advised that subject was then employed as an instructor in poetry at the California Labor School.

The "Daily Worker" in its 2/10/44 issue stated that the subject was one of the sponsors of the Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

870 The records of the [REDACTED] PD reflect that subject was a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, held 3/25-27/49, at NYC under the auspices of National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

The 1/17/49 issue of the "Daily Worker", reflected the subject was among the signers of an article captioned "Trial of Twelve CP Leaders Starts Today", which article called upon the Attorney General to drop the indictment of the twelve. This article was sponsored by the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions.

870 [REDACTED] advised that subject was known to persons at the CP Headquarters, formerly located at 35 East 12th St., NYC, during the middle part of 1950.

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On 11/11/49 [redacted] advised that subject was one of the "Joint Anti-Facist Refugee Committees" sponsors of lectures given by MURIEL DRAPER during the week of 4/8/49. The informant further advised that MURIEL DRAPER was President of the "Congress of American Women", and the purpose of the lectures was to inform the public to keep Franco-Spain out of the United Nations.

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37D

Subject married GLYN COLLINS, 7/18/45, in San Francisco, California. On 10/9/43 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that GLYN COLLINS was a CP member.

Recommendation

Remove from SI. Subject does not meet the standards as set forth in SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

Detcom Tabbing

1. Subject not presently tabbed Detcom.
2. Not applicable.
3. Subject recommended for removal from SI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-124717)

DATE: 11/5/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-64986) (P)

SUBJECT: 

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ReBulet to NY, 10/22/63.

A review of the current Manhattan Address-Telephone Directory reflects no listing for the name ROKEYSEE at 790 Riverside Drive, NYC, or elsewhere in Manhattan. However, at 790 Riverside Drive, which is a multi-storied apartment house, there is a listing for a MURIEL RUKEYSER, who has been identified as the subject of Bufile 77-27812 and NY file 100-102441.

For the information of the WFO, MURIEL RUKEYSER, born 12/15/13, NYC, NY, was named by LOUIS BUDENZ as a "concealed Communist" that he had met in 1940. Active in Communist front organizations in the late 1930's and 1940's, there has been no indication of subversive activities on her part since 1949. She married GLYN COLLINS, reported to be a CP member in 1945.

Review of instant file reflects a son (FNU) born of this union sometime in the late 1940's. Efforts to locate a birth certificate were negative and the status of the marriage is unknown at this time.

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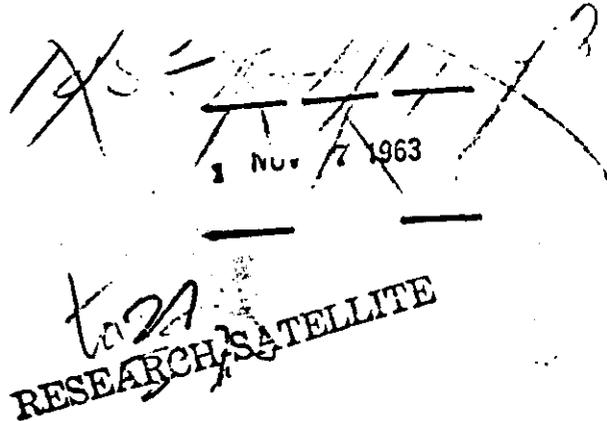
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In view of the above, it appears likely that BILL ROKEYSEE is probably the son of MURIEL RUKEYSER and this information being furnished WFO to assist investigation in that office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/30

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-10007) (C)

SUBJECT: CHANGED  
MURIEL RUKEYSER  
463 WEST STREET  
TELEPHONE NUMBER 691-4870  
EM-AIA  
(OO:NY)

*[Handwritten signature]*

Title is marked "Changed" to reflect correct spelling of subject's last name, which was obtained from telephone records check, 6/26/73. Title formerly carried as MURIEL KUKUEUSER.

RemPairtel to Bu, 5/12/73, captioned "WOUNDED KNEE."

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[REDACTED]

On 6/28/73, NYO indices revealed that RUKEYSER is the subject of NYfile 100-102441, status closed; Bufile 77-27812. A review of this file reveals that subject is a writer, born 12/15/13, at NY, NY, and was a concealed member of the Communist Party. Subject is not a security or reserve index subject.

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On 7/2/73, the files of the Credit Bureau [REDACTED] were caused to be searched with negative results re subject.

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On the same date, the files of the [REDACTED] and the files of the [REDACTED] were caused to be searched, which revealed negative results re subject.

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- 1- Minneapolis (70-6832) (RM)
- 1- New York

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*[Handwritten notes and stamps]*  
② *[Signature]*  
T. L. O. *[Signature]*



NY 157-10007

During June, 1973, the following sources could not provide any information regarding subject:

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Due to the apparent lack of extremist activity re subject, this case is being placed in a ~~Close~~ status. In the event that additional information of a positive nature is obtained re subject, appropriate action will be initiated.