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**SUBJECT: TAYLOR CALDWELL**

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MURKIN  
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UNSUBS; Alleged Plot in  
New York City, New York,  
to Harm or Kill a Prominent  
Negro Woman

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS,  
TEXAS, 11/22/63

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Re Buffalo airtel and LHM, dated 6/5/68, captioned  
as above.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau ten  
copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two copies  
are enclosed for Memphis, as Office of Origin in MURKIN case;

*cc LHM to USSS, DEPT (RACIAL INT. DIV)  
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and three copies of LHM are enclosed for New York, as alleged locus of plots mentioned in referenced LHM, with one copy for New York file on [REDACTED] b7c

Buffalo is making no local dissemination of instant LHM, and whether or not any dissemination should be made at SOG is being left to discretion of the Bureau.

The information set forth in instant LHM is being furnished to the Bureau and interested offices principally because of the serious nature of the alleged information furnished and Miss CALDWELL's prominent position as a world-famous novelist, although previous experience with Miss CALDWELL demonstrates she has a penchant for intermingling fact and fiction indiscriminately, and has, in the past, published an article bearing on the internal security of the United States representing it to be factual whereas it was completely fictional.

Miss CALDWELL is now attempting to twist information recently furnished by her as evidencing advance information concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY, despite available facts as set forth in referenced LHM definitely indicating otherwise.

Specific attention is directed to the fact as set forth in instant LHM that when [REDACTED] telephoned Miss CALDWELL on June 4, 1968, she said she was unavailable for interview because she was hurrying to go to the hospital to see her husband who was on the brink of death. On June 6, 1968, she told [REDACTED] that after talking with him on June 4, 1968, she had gone out to the front of her home to plant flowers. b7c

Because of Miss CALDWELL's known unreliability, no action is recommended on the information being furnished by her, other than possible dissemination by the Bureau of this information because it is very possible Miss CALDWELL may proceed to furnish the same information to other governmental agencies, or may proceed to publish the information she has furnished.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Buffalo, New York  
June 7, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known  
as Eric Starvo Galt

ASSASSINATION OF REV. MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR., MEMPHIS,  
TENNESSEE, April 4, 1968

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In New York City, New York, to  
Harm or Kill a Prominent Negro  
Woman

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
November 22, 1963

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

At 3:45 P. M., on June 6, 1968, a telephone call was received at the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from TAYLOR CALDWELL, an authoress, whose true name is Mrs. JANET T. C. REBACK, and who resides at 34 Audley End, Buffalo (26), New York.

Miss CALDWELL immediately referred to a letter she had recently mailed to the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation predicting "that something terrible was going to happen," to the fact that on June 4, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had telephonically discussed this letter with her, and she stated she now wished to furnish additional developments.

She said that on the afternoon of June 4, 1968, shortly after discussing her letter with a Special Agent of

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the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had gone outside to plant some flowers in front of her home. While so engaged, she noticed a young man on a motor-bike ride by in the street in front of her home several times. Finally, this young man stopped directly in front of her home and commenced speaking with her. She states she was surprised to see on close observation that this young man was a Negro, whereas when she had seen him from a slight distance, he appeared to be Caucasian.

According to Miss CALDWELL, the first thing this young Negro said to her was, "Do you know DONALD JACKSON?"

Miss CALDWELL said she replied, "I know him well." (Miss CALDWELL explained at this point that she knows a Negro in Buffalo named DONALD JACKSON, who is head of the Donald Jackson Foundation, the purpose of which is to raise money to provide educational scholarships for meritorious and needy Negro students. She stated that she has given financial and other assistance to DONALD JACKSON, and immediately assumed that this is the DONALD JACKSON the young man was inquiring about.)

Miss CALDWELL went on to state that the next thing the young Negro said to her was "Did you tell Secret Service what our friend in New York wanted you to tell them?"

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Miss CALDWELL said she replied, "You mean about  
the Negro woman?"

The young man allegedly said, "No! No! You've got  
that mixed up."

Miss CALDWELL allegedly replied, "I told the FBI."

The young Negro then allegedly replied, "You should  
have told the Secret Service. Anyway, it's too late now."

Miss CALDWELL stated that almost immediately  
thereafter, the young Negro drove away on his motor bike,  
the entire conversation having lasted about one or two  
minutes. She stated that she had never seen this young  
Negro before, and described him as about 19 years of age,  
wearing a dark sleeveless shirt, blue jean trousers, and  
as being very well spoken. She conjectured he is a stu-  
dent because strapped on the back seat of his motor bike  
had been two or three text books.

Miss CALDWELL stated she had been completely  
startled when she had heard the young Negro refer to  
"our friend in New York," but had immediately assumed  
that the reference made was to the Negro businessman in  
New York City who had recently written to her that "some-  
thing terrible is going to happen."

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Miss CALDWELL then made reference to the recent assassination in Los Angeles of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and proceeded to speculate that perhaps this was the "terrible thing about to happen" that her Negro friend from New York City had written to her about, and which information she in turn had forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She acknowledged that in her letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had described the incident about to occur as involving an unknown Negro woman, but now wondered whether she may possibly have misinterpreted the Negro businessman's letter. She speculated that perhaps what the Negro businessman had been trying to tell her was that a Negro woman was to be involved in the incident in some way, but not necessarily as the victim.

Miss CALDWELL concluded by stating she felt Senator KENNEDY's death was more than just a mere coincidence, that she is "not a believer in coincidence," and that there must definitely be some connection between the information she had previously received and Senator KENNEDY's death.

Attention is directed to the fact that Miss CALDWELL in her telephone call of June 6, 1968, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated that her conversation with the unidentified young Negro occurred while

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she was planting flowers in front of her home on the afternoon of June 4, 1968, and that she also stated she had gone outside to plant these flowers shortly following a telephone conversation with a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on June 4, 1968.

It is noted that a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation did, in fact, have a telephone conversation with Miss CALDWELL from about 4:35 P. M. to 4:50 P. M., on June 4, 1968. During an earlier telephone call to the CALDWELL residence on June 4, 1968, the Special Agent was told by a housekeeper, who answered the telephone, that Miss CALDWELL was asleep, that it is Miss CALDWELL's practice to work through the night and sleep during the day, and that Miss CALDWELL would be available to answer the telephone at about 4:30 P. M.

When the Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation did telephonically contact Miss CALDWELL at about 4:35 P. M., on June 4, 1968, he requested a personal interview with Miss CALDWELL concerning a letter which had been received from her earlier that day. Miss CALDWELL replied she was not available for interview then because she was hurrying to get ready to visit her husband, who is in the hospital on the brink of death, and that because of her busy schedule, she would have no time for a personal interview for at least two weeks or perhaps longer.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/24/57

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-0)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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[REDACTED] Remylet, 10/29/53, captioned [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Bribery; Misconduct in Office; mylet, 8/13/54,  
captioned "Unknown Subject; Mrs. JANET REBACK, aka. Taylor  
Caldwell - Victim, Extortion"; and mytel, 8/22/54, captioned  
[REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING, IS."

This office is in receipt of a letter dated 10/16/57  
signed by JANET M. REBACK (pen name Taylor Caldwell) of  
34 Audley End, Eggertsville, N. Y. The letter has been ap-  
propriately acknowledged.

In this letter REBACK referred to one HERBERT HARRIS  
whom she met in 1928 at Hornell, N. Y. At that time, HARRIS  
was a young man and a graduate of the University of Syracuse.

REBACK alleged in her letter that in 1928 HARRIS  
"attempted to convert me to the Communist viewpoint."

Subsequent to 1928, REBACK had occasional contact  
with HARRIS. In 1941 or 1942, he "called" her from Washing-  
ton and stated he had been appointed to a position in Washing-  
ton "to help fight the Nazis and save our noble Ally, Russia."

REBACK had no further contact with HARRIS until  
recently when "someone" informed her that HARRIS for years has  
been holding an important position in the State Department;  
"writes text books and other propaganda for that Department"  
and "guides opinions of State Department officials."

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- 2 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 1)
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Referenced communications establish the apparent psychiatric condition of JANET M. REBACK. Accordingly the information set forth in REBACK's letter of 10/16/57 is not being submitted in blank memorandum form, but is furnished for the Bureau's consideration re possible dissemination to the State Department.

No action contemplated by Buffalo.

Enclosed herewith for completion of Bureau records is one autostat copy of REBACK's letter dated 10/16/57.

Taylor Caldwell

34 Audley End,  
Egbertsville, Buffalo 26, N. Y.  
October 16, 1957

Dear Mr. Roche:

A long time ago, 1928, in fact, I met one Herbert Harris in Hornell, N. Y. He is a graduate of the University of Syracuse. I had numerous talks with Mr. Harris, who was quite a young man then, and it was my first encounter with the Communist jargon, in its purest and most uncompromising form. He attempted to "convert" me to the Communist viewpoint, but it was repugnant to me. I was 27 years old at the time, and knew nothing of Communism - but its doctrines, as expounded by Herbert Harris, were particularly distasteful to me. I was with the U. S. Immigration Service in Buffalo, then, and after my return from Hornell I talked over the Communist doctrines with my present husband, Marcus Reback, who was with the Service until he retired in 1950. He told me then that it was his opinion that Mr. Harris had been infected by Communism.

Mr. Harris came to see me in Buffalo several times thereafter, but our friendship dwindled, if there had ever been a friendship. In 1941 or 1942, he called me from Washington, very jubilant, and told me he had been appointed to a position there, "to help fight the Nazis and save our noble Ally, Russia." I am not certain of the Department to which he was appointed then, but I remarked to my husband, at the time, that I could not understand why a man of his convictions had been chosen by Washington to "Help in the War Effort," as the jargon was in those days.

I forgot all about Mr. Harris until recently, when someone informed me that he now held a most important position in the State Department - a position he has been holding for years - and writes text books and other propaganda for that Department, and "guides opinions of State Department officials." To say that I was shocked is an understatement. Of course, we all know that Communists have done, and still do, a great deal of pro-Communist work in the State Department, but Mr. Harris is the only one I know personally.

When Mr. Harris called me from Washington, in 1942, it was because he wished me to write material in behalf of "democracy," heavily weighted with good feeling towards Russia. I declined. - For a number of years, from about 1941 to 1947, the Government would buy at least 2,000 copies of my books for the armed forces and for our overseas libraries. Then, from 1947 on the State Department ceased to buy my books. When my book, THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, was published in 1952, (an out-right attack on Communism abroad and particularly in the United States,) the State Department wrote, prior to publication, and asked for galleys on the book, as my publisher had done a great deal of prepublication publicity on the theme of the book. The ostensible reason, as the State Department wrote me, "was to get you foreign publishers." This was absurd, as the Government, until 1947, had not only been buying thousands of copies of each of my books, but had been sending them to our overseas libraries and for the armed services, and knew very well that we had always had foreign publishers. In fact, the Government had been buying foreign translations of them.

(over, please)

My husband, who is my collaborator and business manager, wrote to the State Department, informing them we had always had foreign publishers; he named them. Before the publication of the book in the United States, all our foreign publishers had cabled us for galleys, which were duly sent. At no time had any of them refused a book; they were particularly enthusiastic about the galleys of THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE. Then, all at once, our English, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch and Danish publishers rejected the book, with lame excuses. Only France, Italy and Spain took it; our French publisher said, "No matter who brings pressure to bear on me not to publish it, I am going to publish it!" He made no other comment.

I know coincidences happen, but I am now wondering if Herbert Harris, in his high position in the State Department, has not had a hand in this, and if he has not been behind the sudden decision of the Government not to buy any more of our books for overseas libraries and the armed services, and the pressure which was put on our foreign publishers not to publish THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE.

I am the only major best-selling novelist in the United States who is not tainted by "liberalism" and Communism, and who has never belonged to a Communist front. As a result the press, which is mainly "liberal," has been furiously attacking me for years in their alleged "reviews." It seems, according to a raft of reviews now coming in about our new book, "THE SOUND OF THUNDER," that, because I state over and over again in this book, and in nation-wide talks, that a man's first duty is to God and his country, and that Communism is a vile heresy against the nature of God and man, that my ideas are "anachronistic" and "edictic." One major review was particularly abusive, stating that the book was "unaccountably weighted on the side of religion." Apparently the American Communists, and their fellow-traveling liberals, having scored such triumphs against Joe McCarthy, the House anti-American Committee, and the FBI, feel strong enough now to attack religion in accordance with their directives from Moscow. - The New York Times, who used to give us marvelous reviews until 1946 when they discovered we were not "liberals," always reviewed our books, though abusive since 1946. They have not reviewed THE SOUND OF THUNDER, which is unprecedented. As one of their editors wrote me in February, 1951, "If you wrote WAR AND PEACE tomorrow, we'd give you no credit for it. (Our) critics are laying for you." In our bitterness, we are beginning to wonder what protection an anti-Communist has in the United States now, had we been Communists we'd have had the enthusiastic support of the press and would now be very wealthy; for, as liberal writers told me in New York, with contempt, that had we been "liberals" we'd not have had to pay any taxes, or only token payments. Perhaps if my husband had fought with the Spanish Communists, as did Hemingway, we'd now be the darlings of the American press and the Government.

I had always had my suspicions of a psychiatrist in Buffalo, one Dr. Samuel Yochelson, of whom I wrote you before. We broke off friendly relations with him several years ago, as his pro-Communist remarks angered us. He bragged to us that he had three agents of the Internal Revenue Service "in the palm of my hand," and that he was treating these men. At one time he was so angered, in 1949, by my condemnations of Communism, that he warned me I would "get into trouble." I have just heard, through a friend, that he has been openly boasting that he "set" the Internal Revenue Service on us, to "put us out of business," "with their fascist ideas." I knew the man was a fool, but this has gone beyond folly. He laughed to me, in 1952, that people write to the FBI, accusing him of Communism, and that the agents immediately run to him to tell him of this, and laugh with him. I cannot believe this, though. If we lose the FBI America will be lost.

Sincerely,  
*Maxwell R. Back*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/3/58

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (62-0)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *hrc*  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
MISCELLANEOUS

By letter dated 2/25/58, Mrs. JANET M. REBACK (pen name TAYLOR/CALDWELL) furnished this office a mimeographed letter dated 2/16/58, written by one Mrs. GERTRUDE G. SMITH, addressed to the Honorable U.S. Attorney General WILLIAM P. ROGERS, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. According to Mrs. REBACK, the aforementioned letter was received by her in an envelope bearing the return address "E. Lake, 412 East 55th St., New York 22, N.Y."

One autostat copy of the aforementioned letter is enclosed herewith.

By virtue of previous correspondence from this office the Bureau is aware of the current status of Mrs. JANET M. REBACK.

[REDACTED] *hrc*  
Mrs. REBACK'S letter of 2/25/58 has been appropriately acknowledged and no further action in this matter is contemplated.

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- 1 - Buffalo

AGS:JMH  
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Please help to save your Country!

I am Not a Communist - but the  
Department of Justice is forcing me to  
turn to the Communists of East Germany  
for help.

Please help me to bring my case to  
the attention of President Eisenhower.

Thank you.

Gertrude G. Smith

62-98106-18

ENCLOSURE

February 16, 1958

The Honorable U.S. Attorney General  
William P. Rogers  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This will be my very last letter to the Department of Justice before turning to the East German Government, and asking the help of the Communists. I am NOT a Communist, but the Department of Justice is FORCING me to turn to the Communists in East Germany to ask them to bring my cry for help to the attention of the whole world and to let the people in foreign countries know about the inhuman treatment which I have received as a Nazi victim in the United States, and that for more than four years I have had to flee from one part of the country to another in fear of my life, because the authorities in Washington have refused to give me any help.

For six years I have written numerous letters to the Department of Justice, asking them to make an investigation in my case, asking them to let me prove that I am the helpless victim of my former husband and a group of dangerous criminals and leading politicians -- among them two murderers -- all of whom have the protection of the authorities in Washington D.C. But nothing has changed my fate. On August 15, 1957, I asked once more for U. S. Attorney General Brownell to give me justice or to force my former husband to return my passport and my other identification papers, so that I can leave the country. Up to date I have not received any answer. Being born in East Germany and left without identification papers, the Department is FORCING me to turn to the Communists.

To get the true idea of what is going on among high officials in the present government of the United States, I shall give the manuscript of my book, "What is Going On Behind the Iron Curtain in the U.S." with all the details of my long suffering into the hands of the Communists, together with numerous items of evidence to prove to the world that the present government is the biggest law-violator in the United States, and that the government itself has no respect for the Constitution and the laws of the U.S.

I shall not keep secret from the Communists that I have been denied citizenship papers, because I was not willing to sell my body to other men to whom my husband tried to hire me out for money, and that I was denied citizenship papers because I wanted to live a clean and honest life, and refused to continue my life as a tool of a criminal and murderer, who has the protection of the highest officials in Washington.

I shall report to the East German government that income tax evasion is a crime in the U.S., and will be prosecuted, but NOT when the income tax evader has the protection of the top officials in Washington, or when his daughter is working as a secretary in the White House. With the evidence in my possession I SHALL PROVE THESE FACTS to the East German government. I shall prove still other facts, not only in my case, facts which would shock the newspapers in the United States, when they learn the truth about a case when the truth was never learned. I am going to reveal this to the East German Government.

I shall prove to the Communists that for a gambler, swindler, tax evader and murderer in the U.S. it is only a question of money to win a law suit, and that I was not even allowed to appear in court for my divorce hearing (after I filed for divorce), and was threatened by the District Attorney with being committed to a mental institution for the rest of my life, should I appear in court for the divorce hearing. I was sentenced as the guilty one, because I wanted to remain honest and live a clean life, and refused to continue my life as a tool for a criminal.

62-98106-18 ENCLOSURE

I shall report to the Communists that I - being a Nazi victim with a very hard fate, and with prison and concentration camp already behind me before I came to the United States (my first husband was murdered in a Nazi concentration camp), was robbed in the United States of my very last belongings, even my passport and identification papers, and was NOT allowed to have my papers back.

I am able to PROVE every statement made in my book about the inhuman treatment which I have received as a foreign woman and a Nazi victim in the United States, and I have not only named the individuals and top officials involved, regardless of rank or position, but I also shall give the copies of my letters, which I have sent to these individuals and top officials, asking for help and protection. I received no help. Since I sent all my letters by registered mail, these noble Americans will not be able to deny it when their names come to the attention of the people in the world, revealed through the East German government.

With my name sent by Registered Mail to the Department of Justice, I shall prove to the East German Government, that the Department knew that I am left without any papers, and being born in East Germany, the West German government is unable to give me a new passport so that I can leave the country and ask for asylum in another country until the people of the United States have elected a government which will respect the Constitution and the laws of the United States. The Department has done nothing in the matter.

I shall also prove to the Communists that the Department KNEW that I have been forced to flee continuously from one part of the country to another in fear for my life, and instead of doing something for me to give me the chance to prove that I am a helpless victim of a group of dangerous criminals, the Department has threatened that I will be put in jail, if I do not surrender.

I shall prove to the Communists that I wouldn't have to live in hiding and flee continuously, if the Department itself didn't violate the laws and protect those criminals and individuals who are involved in my case.

In my book which will be given into the hands of the East German government, I will prove that a foreign woman in the United States can be hired out to other men like a slave, with the knowledge and consent of the authorities.

I shall report to the Communists in East Germany, that in the past 6 years I have written many thousands of letters, not only to all top officials, Congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, all Committees on Un-American activities, ALL Church Leaders in the U.S., ALL leading Churches in the U.S., many times to all leading newspapers, but also twice to President Eisenhower, from whom I received no acknowledgement of my letters. Nothing has changed my pitiful life, and I have to continue to flee and move around, to work with all sorts of tricks, as I don't possess any identification papers, and can not even prove that I am born. I have not found ONE SINGLE true American in the whole United States WITH THE POWER AND THE COURAGE to help me. I shall tell the East German Government that this is the reason, that I -- who am not a Communist -- am forced to ask the East German Government to help me to get out of the hands of those criminal elements, all of whom are leading politicians, by publishing my true story about my horrible experiences in the U.S., in as many languages as possible, to make the people in the whole world know how the present U. S. Government is working officially with the criminal elements so that no honest and true American can do anything to stop it.

A copy of this letter will be sent to all members of the United Nations, all foreign Embassies and Consulates in the U.S., and all leading newspapers in Europe, to prepare the people and the governments of European countries for the things ahead, and to let them know that the authorities in Washington are responsible for the events which might develop.

I am giving herewith the Department of Justice one very last chance, either to make an investigation in my case, as soon as possible, in open court, and in the presence of newspaper reporters, as I want to leave the United States as soon as possible, OR the Department leaves me no alternative but to turn to the East German Government for help.

If you should want to contact me, you may notify the West German Government in Bonn, as they know where I am in hiding. Should I not hear from the West German government by March 3, 1958, I shall charge my co-workers abroad to hand over the manuscript of my book, with the originals of my documents of evidence, to Messrs. Ulbricht and Grotewohl, of the East German Government.

Again I want to repeat that I am NOT a Communist. If I were, I would not have lived for more than four years as a fugitive, as if I had been the criminal, but would have asked the East German Government long ago to bring my case to the attention of the whole world.

Should I be forced to ask the Communists for help, I want to remind the Department that the present U. S. Government will be responsible for the consequences, not only toward their own people, but also toward their Allies, and not the least, toward the people in their Allies' countries.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Gertrude G. Smith

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# 25 Ultra-Rights Plan To Organize N.Y. Party

AN ORGANIZING committee of 25 extreme rightists is planning to launch the Conservative Party in New York. The outfit will provide a political umbrella for both the ultra-conservative elements of both parties and the assortment of outfits like the Birch Society that have cropped up.

Godfrey Schmidt, who sought to organize a movement against James R. Hoffa in the Teamsters and had a prominent role in anti-labor legislative efforts, is reported chief leader of the move and is mentioned as its possible candidate for governor. Among those mentioned for the group's senatorial candidate is Joseph Mitchell, city manager of Newburgh, who became notorious with his plan to remove and otherwise victimize recipients of relief.

Others on the list of organizing committee are William F. Rickenbacker, son of the head of Eastern Airlines, Edward Rickenbacker, who last week ex-

pounded an ultra-rightist program and predicted to a San Francisco Commonwealth Club audience that the U.S. will some day build a monument to the late Senator Joe McCarthy. Also Mrs. Alfred Kohlberg, whose late husband was outstanding spokesman for the China Lobby; Kieran O'Dougherty, a Wall Street lawyer; Taylor Caldwell, novelist; Frank S. Meyer, who along with William Rickenbacker is editor of the rightist National Review; Susanne La Follette, daughter of the famed progressive of the twenties, Robert M. La Follette, and long an ultra-rightist; Prof. Silvestro Petra, N. Y. University specialist on labor laws; Alex Hillman, publisher of Hillman Books, and John Alexander, a writer.

Two Negroes reported in the group are George Schuyler, columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, and Max Yergen, renegade from progressive ranks, who for more than a decade has been associated with reactionary causes.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/4/58

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (62-0-8863)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
MISCELLANEOUS

By letter dated 8/28/58, mailed from Claridge's Hotel, London, England, Mrs. JANET M. REBACK (pen name TAYLOR CALDWELL), directed to this office a two page letter plus a small clipping from an un-named London newspaper, [REDACTED]

One autostat copy of the aforementioned letter and news clipping is provided for the Bureau and for New York.

The Bureau is aware of numerous prior correspondence from this office involving Mrs. JANET M. REBACK.

For the information of the New York Office, Mrs. REBACK is a nationally prominent contemporary novelist but is eccentric and given to frequent correspondence with the Buffalo Office.

Mrs. REBACK's letter of 8/28/58 has been acknowledged through a letter directed to her Buffalo address.

No further action Buffalo. Above submitted for information of the Bureau and New York.

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CLARIDGE'S LONDON

TELEPHONE: MAYFAIR 8860

TELEGRAMS: CLARIDGES LONDON

Aug. 28, 1958

My husband & I are in England to get local color for our next book. We left New York on August 15th on the Cunard liner, "Media," landing at Liverpool, August 23rd.

While on the ship we noticed one Esther Ackerman, who is mentioned as being refused admission to England, at Liverpool, on Aug 23rd, in the enclosed clipping.

We saw her often on the ship - a short stocky woman who dressed only in a man's white shirt & black pants. She walked around speaking to no passengers at all, & was sometimes fruitlessly engaged in conversation with a deck steward, waiter, etc. Her peculiar appearance was enough to arouse curiosity, & we all noticed that she always carried with her, everywhere, a package of papers, typewriter, etc. The steward, a Mr. Hodges, told us that she kept

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with the papers on her laid them down  
instantly at any time. He told me that he  
told him how happy, happy, she was to leave  
the United States for Communist Poland, and  
she was going to remain. She had two or three  
large sealed trunks with her, also, my husband  
as you know, was with the Dept of Justice for  
many years, & he had seen enough of Communists  
to suspect this woman. Hodges, our steward  
hers was him, I am convinced that she was a Com-  
munist spy. He said she refused to get out  
the landing card he gave her, though, a  
day later, I heard the British Immigration  
officer insist on her doing so, & she did.

The "Med-a" sails for New York  
Saturday, August 30th, & will arrive in  
New York approximately Sunday. Miss  
Miss Ackerman will be on board, & so will  
Hodges. She may have fraudulent papers &  
passport. And she may destroy the parcel of  
sealed papers she is carrying.

merely, Rebeck  
Mrs. Marcus Rebeck  
34 Audley, New York  
Eggertville, Buffalo - N.Y.

P.S. Perhaps a few members of the Supreme Court  
would like to be on hand to greet this woman &  
roll out the red carpet & console her! Also, the  
State Dept who issued her a passport.

1 Mr. Haack  
1 Mr. Jones

September 11, 1958

SAC, New York

Director, FBI

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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Re Buffalo letter 9-4-58.

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1 - Buffalo (For information)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Mrs. Janet Reback wrote the Buffalo Office August 28, 1958.

[REDACTED] Mrs. Reback stated that Ackerman reportedly stated to a steward on the ship she was happy to leave the United States for communist Poland where she was going to remain. Mrs. Reback enclosed a newspaper clipping reflecting that Ackerman had been refused permission to land in Britain and according to Mrs. Reback, Ackerman would be returned to the United States aboard the "Media!"

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April 28, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I. Hdqtrs  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing some literature from the  
Liberty Lobby, 825 Dupont Circle Bldg. Washington 6,  
D. C.

Can you advise me if this is a bonifide  
organization, not connected with any subversion. It sounds  
good and I am willing to work for it, if it is okay.

Will be happy to receive your reply as soon as  
possible.

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