

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 7/25/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was  
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REFERENCE

SAC Letter 55-30, dated 4/12/55.

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
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SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All informants set forth herein have furnished reliable information in the past or were in a logical position to furnish information relative to the subject unless the contrary is noted. (u)

On [redacted] and [redacted] advised that on 1/26/55, the subject was a speaker at a mass rally sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, NYC, to "Free William L. Patterson and Benjamin Davis". On [redacted] advised that subject and wife attended a reception held in honor of J. WINIEWICZ, Polish Ambassador, on 2/10/55, at the Polish UN Delegation, NYC.

[redacted] on 3/24/55, NY 687-s advised that subject and wife attended a party held at the USSR UN Delegation, NYC in honor of two Soviet women delegates to the Commission on the Status of Women.

On [redacted] advised subject was a speaker at the May Day Rally held 4/29/55, at Union Square, NYC. (u)

The April, 1955, edition of "Freedom", Vol. 5, No. 4, Page 2, Col. 2, listed PAUL ROBESON as Chairman of the Editorial Board of instant newspaper. "Freedom" is published by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, NYC. In December, 1950, [redacted] advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" is composed of CP members and sympathizers and stated that "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker". (u)

On [redacted] advised that as of that date the subject was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. (u)

RECOMMENDATION

Retain on SI.

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DATE OF REVIEW 12/18/90

Subject speaker at CRC rally, 1/26/55; attended various affairs

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Letter to Director  
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at Soviet and satellite UN delegations, 1955 and was speaker at May Day celebration, 1955. Subject Chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and Chairman of Council on African Affairs, June, 1955.

DETCOM TABBING

1. Subject presently tabbed for Detcom.
2. SI cards have not been received from the Bureau bearing Detcom in large, red letters under the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12 (A) dated 2/10/55,
3. It is recommended that subject be tabbed for Detcom under the new criteria set forth in SAC Letter 55-12, 2/10/55, in view of subject's position as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject, further, is a key figure of the NYO.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren E. Burger

July 28, 1955

Director, FBI

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PAUL ROBESON V. JOHN FOSTER DULLES  
(D.C.D.C., CIVIL NO. 169-55)  
FBI FILE 100-12304

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Reference is made to a memorandum from Mr. George S. Leonard of the Department dated July 26, 1955, your reference GSL:APV:lg, 145-2-47, in the captioned case.

Robeson is currently the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau. For your information, reports reflecting the results of our investigation of Robeson from 1942 to date have been disseminated to the Records Administration Branch.

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

2 cc - New York (100-25857) (W/Enclosure)

Note SAC, New York:

Enclosed for your information is one copy of a memorandum from the Department dated July 26, 1955, which is self-explanatory.

Note on yellow:

Subject in SI, key figure New York Office. Last report reflecting current activities of subject submitted by New York under date July 6, 1955.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 26 1955

FROM : *Geo. S. Leonard*  
Geo. S. Leonard  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

GSL:APV:lg

SUBJECT: Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles  
(D.C.D.C., Civil No. 169-55)

145-2-47

*Bamgardner*

It is requested that you make available to this Division all Federal Bureau of Investigation files on Paul Robeson. These files will be made available to the attorneys in the Civil Division assigned the defense of the above-captioned passport denial case as well as the Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the case. These men have been cleared to handle confidential and secret material.

In view of the fact that Robeson's attorneys filed, on July 25, 1955, a motion for preliminary injunction and for summary judgment in this matter it is essential that these files be made available as soon as possible so that this action may be properly defended.

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*Bamgardner*

*W. Belmont*

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Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) State Department, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**TO :** Mr. Tolson

**FROM :** L. B. Nichols

**SUBJECT:** PAUL ROBESON  
REPORTS SENT TO DEPARTMENT

DATE: 8/5/55

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*G. I. R. ?*

*Paul Robeson*

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*CW*

Mr. Vance, of the Civil Division of the Department, called my office at 4:00 p. m., 8/5/55, and advised that the Department by letter, 7/26/55, had requested the FBI to forward all files pertaining to the captioned individual. Vance stated that by letter, 7/28/55, the FBI advised the Department that reports on the captioned subject had been forwarded to the Department since 1942, and that it was believed a check of the Central Records Section of the Department would reflect such reports. Vance wanted to know if we could give any further identification inasmuch as the Records Division of the Department had reported to him they had no record on Paul Robeson. He was advised that this was somewhat strange inasmuch as it was definitely known that the Department must have considerable references to Robeson, however, that a check would be made to see if we could help him out in any way.

After checking with the Domestic Intelligence Division, it was determined that we have sent approximately 30 reports to the Department since 1942 regarding Paul Robeson, the latest report being sent as of 7/29/55. All reports have been sent by routing slip to the Division of Records and all were captioned "Paul Robeson - Internal Security - C."

Mr. Vance was telephonically contacted and advised of the above information. He stated that since his call he had been able to determine the Department had one file on Robeson and that he felt that this would be sufficient. He stated the urgency of the situation came about as a result of the State Department desiring to hold a conference that particular afternoon regarding Robeson. Robeson apparently is applying for a passport.

**ACTION:**

For record purposes.

cc - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Assistant to the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FROM: Robert W. Minor  
Acting Deputy Attorney General  
SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES

DATE: August 11, 1955

We will be glad to have your opinion on this  
as soon as possible.

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*Enc. Mr. Pomona  
8/12 - to Dept.  
K/B*

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cc-Nichols  
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August 12, 1955

Mr. William P. Rogers  
Deputy Attorney General  
100-12304-332  
Director, FBI

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PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
FBI FILE 100-12304

Reference is made to the memorandum of Robert W. Minor, Acting Deputy Attorney General, dated August 11, 1955, captioned "Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles," which enclosed a proposed copy of an affidavit intended to be filed in opposition to motions on behalf of Robeson and in support of your cross-motion for summary judgment in this matter.

In accordance with your request, we have reviewed the proposed affidavit, specifically paragraph 18 which is described as a summary of information taken from Bureau reports previously furnished the Department of State concerning Robeson's activities.

The decision whether to use this information in the proposed affidavit is, of course, for you to make; however, should you decide the information is to be used it should be with the provision that the FBI not be identified as the source and it will not be necessary to produce any Bureau reports in subsequent proceedings in this matter.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) DATE

Initiated in RA per Mr. Nichols

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Re memo Belmont to Boardman dated August 12, 1955, captioned as above, KLB:ph

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: August 12, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
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*Baumgardner*

Robeson, a key figure of the New York Office, has been denied a passport by the Department of State and has entered a civil suit "Paul Robeson v. John Foster Dulles" in an effort to appeal State's decision and secure a passport. Attorneys in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice have been assigned the defense of this case.

Attorneys for Robeson have filed motions for preliminary injunction and summary judgment to be heard 8-16-55.

On 8-11-55 the Department of Justice furnished a copy of a proposed affidavit drawn up for execution by Miss Frances G. Knight, Director, Passport Office, Department of State, to be filed with Department of Justice's opposition to plaintiff's motions and in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment. The Department noted the proposed affidavit contains specifically in paragraph 18 a resume of information taken from "FBI files" (Bureau reports previously furnished Department of State) and forwarded this affidavit for clearance. Department requested Bureau's decision by the afternoon of August 12, 1955.

Paragraph 18 states: "In addition to the information set forth above, consideration was given to information of a highly confidential character from another agency of the Government which indicated, among other things, that the plaintiff was a Communist; that he made frequent visits to the Soviet Embassy and to the embassies of other Iron Curtain countries, that he associated upon many occasions with a number of Communists and officials of the Communist Party, including residence with such persons at their homes in various parts of the country, and that he attended numerous Communist sponsored functions, including in the recent past, the National Conference to Win Amnesty for the Victims of the Smith Act and a dinner in behalf of International Publishers, the official Communist publishing house in the United States."

Enclosure  
cc-Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Broyse

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Bureau reports previously disseminated to Department of State have been reviewed and were found to contain the information set forth in paragraph 18 of the proposed affidavit. The information as set forth in this affidavit would not compromise other existing investigations being conducted by the Bureau or reveal sources or confidential techniques utilized in Bureau investigations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) In view of the above, it is recommended Department be advised that Bureau defers to Department's judgment as to the decision whether to use this information in the proposed affidavit; however, the information specifically in paragraph 18 has been reviewed and if a decision is made to use that information, it should be with the provision that the FBI not be identified as the source and it will not be necessary to produce any Bureau reports in subsequent proceedings in this matter.

(2) It is also recommended this memorandum and its attachment be routed to Mr. Nichols prior to mailing the attachment.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 10-17-55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

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SUBJECT: ESLANDA DORDOZO ROBESON, was  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

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

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS  Room 418, Dauphin Hotel,

Broadway, & 67th Street, N.Y.C.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 10/28/55

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, WFO (100-19021)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was.  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReWFOlet dated 7/21/55 and New York letter dated 10/10/55 requesting review of subject's passport file for purpose of identifying subject's legal and/or mailing address.

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On 10/19/55 SA *[Redacted]* was advised by *[Redacted]* of the Passport Office that subject's file has been in the possession of R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD's office for several months and is unavailable for review at this time. R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD, it is noted, is the Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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Also, on 10/19/55 Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Acting Chief, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, advised that there is nothing particularly significant pending in ROBESON's case at this time. NICHOLAS said although he does not have the file available to check, he recalled that on about 10/1/55 the subject requested permission to visit China for the purpose of attending some conference. NICHOLAS added that shortly thereafter the Passport Office sent a letter to LEONARD B. BOUDIN, New York City, attorney of the subject, denying the subject's request. NICHOLAS said that to his knowledge there were no more recent developments in the ROBESON case.

In view of the fact that the subject's file is in the possession of R. W. SCOTT MC LEOD's office, as noted above, it is requested that the Bureau's Liaison Section review the subject's file for the purpose of identifying the subject's current legal residence and/or mailing address.

The New York Office is interested in obtaining the identity of any residence addresses for the subject during the periods 1954-55.

Since no further investigation in this matter is contemplated by the WFO, this case is being RUP'd.

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New York (100-25857)

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SAC, New York (100-25857)

November 9, 1955

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PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Washington Field Office letter dated October 28, 1955, with copies to New York.

Records of the Passport Division, State Department were checked via liaison, Bureau on November 7, 1955. Records of the Passport Division contain an application for passport by Robeson dated July 2, 1954. This application reflects the residence and mailing address of Robeson as 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 26, 1955

FROM: *W.F.T.* William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: Letter concerning the Paul Robeson case

There is forwarded herewith for your information and any action deemed warranted a copy of a letter dated October 7, 1955, from The Los Angeles Forum, 1055 1/2 East 11st Street, Los Angeles 11, California. The resolution mentioned in the letter was not enclosed therein.

1 ENCL, *W.F.T.*

Enclosure No. 130402

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The Los Angeles Forum  
1055 1/2 East 41st. Street  
Los Angeles 11, California  
October 7, 1955

Slogan:  
"World Peace"  
Freedom and Liberty

To The honorable Brownell  
And President Eisenhower

The members of the Los Angeles Forum of Los Angeles California, and all friends of the Court and the people who believe in Justice and fair play appeal to you as heads of the government to review the so-called Paul Robeson case.

It is with grave concern that we call this matter to your attention. Our concern is not so much for Mr. Robeson as an individual, but the status of our government, yours and mine in the Eyes of the world.

Paul Robeson has been an outstanding Citizen, as a College student, as an athlete, and as a Civic leader among his, the Negro people.

Mr. Robeson is well known all over Europe and is hailed as one of the world's Artist of renown. For the past few years he has been invited to appear in Concert in many cities, but each time has been denied a Pass Port, a privilege enjoyed by Artist of lesser ability.

We contend that the treatment accorded Paul Robeson not only is a denial of his right to earn a decent living for himself and his family, but is also a denial of the enjoyment of that phase of the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees to every Citizen thereof, life, liberty, and Pursuit of happiness.

Please find enclosed; The Resolution adopted by the Los Angeles Forum, Sunday October, 2, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

*John V. Pitts*  
John V. Pitts, President

*Helen N. Wright*  
Helen N. Wright

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ENCLOSURE



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 11/4/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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11-10-55

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, was  
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York, N.Y. ~~Subject~~

also ~~is~~ self-employed concert singer.

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS  155 West 136th Street, New York, N.Y.

c/o Rev. B. C. ROBESON (Note: ~~Subject travels constantly and may be located at the above address at infrequent intervals~~)

REGISTERED MAIL 15 1955

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Date: November 8, 1955

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flian (orig. & 1)  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON, with alias  
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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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cc - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State

The October 22, 1955, issue of the London  
"Daily Worker" carried the following article:

**"ROBESON'S CALL**

"I am a prisoner within the confines  
of my native land, said the world-famous  
Negro singer Paul Robeson in a message he  
has sent to a conference taking place in  
Glasgow tomorrow in the Central Halls at  
2.30 p.m. on the attacks on democratic  
liberties in America. Visitors will be  
welcome."

These data are being furnished you as a matter of  
information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. R. ROACH

DATE: November 18, 1955

FROM : MR. O. H. BARTLETT

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO GOODE ROBESON, aka.  
MRS. PAUL ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Bartlett*  
*Blair*

On 11-17-55 [redacted] of the State Department advised Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section that about a month ago Mrs. Paul Robeson was accredited to the United Nations as a correspondent for the "New World Review." [redacted] stated that if the Bureau picked up any information concerning her possible misuse of her accreditation, State would appreciate our immediately furnishing same to the State Department.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Espionage and Subversive Control Sections. It may be noted that instant case is now in a closed status.

*Blair*  
*Jackson*

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- 1 - Mr. J.A. Jackson
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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November 25, 1955

SAC, New York (100-56680)

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Director, FBI (100-12904)-338

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ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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For the information of the New York Office, the State Department advised the Bureau via liaison that approximately a month ago the captioned individual was accredited to the United Nations as a correspondent for the "New World Review." The State Department requested to be advised of any information received by the Bureau in the future indicating Robeson's misuse of her accreditation. Accordingly, New York should immediately advise the Bureau of any information reflecting on the subject's accreditation to the United Nations.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject, wife of Paul Robeson, in SI. Case presently in closed status; pertinent reports reflecting investigation of this subject have been previously disseminated to the State Department.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 11/29/55

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.  
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Card U.T.D.  
12-5-55 am

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

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- Boardman  
Belmont  
Jackson

December 13, 1955

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RE: PAUL ROBESON

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For your additional information, it has been ascertained that it would not be necessary for Robeson to obtain a passport or tourist card for travel to Trinidad providing he possessed a round trip ticket, the trip originated in the United States, and would not extend for a period exceeding six months. No information has been obtained to date

[REDACTED] regarding the alleged trip to Trinidad. If such information is obtained in the future, you will be promptly advised. (u)

2cc - London

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cc - Foreign Liaison Unit

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- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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Date: December 13, 1955

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Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

2cc - New York (100-25857) (w/enclosure) See note page 2.

1cc - London (Information) SECRET AIR COURIER, BIL

cc - Bufile (100-44826) [REDACTED]

cc - Foreign Liaison Unit [REDACTED]

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Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State

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Any additional information coming to the attention of this Bureau regarding any proposed trip by Robeson to Trinidad will be promptly furnished to you. It is requested that this Bureau be advised of any information coming to your attention regarding the above. The above is for your information and is not to be disseminated outside of your Department.

(u)

2cc - Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

NOTE SAC, NEW YORK:

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Robeson key figure NYO. [redacted] subject  
of Bufile 100-44826. A review of this file reflects no  
derogatory information regarding [redacted]

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. B. ROACH

DATE: December 16, 1955

FROM : W. T. WHALEY

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SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
100-12304  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Boardman	_____
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Belmont	_____
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The above information was furnished to Supervisor [REDACTED] this A.M., and he later advised that Section Chief [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the ASAC [REDACTED] at New York and alerted him to this information.

ACTION:

That this memorandum be furnished to the Subversive Control Section for its information.

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- 1- [REDACTED]
- 1-Mr. Whaley
- 1-Section Tickler

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Mr. Tolson	36
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
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Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Belmont

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Tickers: Mr. Jackson  
Liaison Section  
Mr. Taryn

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EX-124

Date: December 22, 1955  
For: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
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DATE 8/3/81

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Director  
Office of Security  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 12/30/55

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FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was.  
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Card U.I.D.  
1-9-56  
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**Synopsis:**

Subject is a self-employed concert singer and until June, 1955, was Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Subject Chairman of Editorial Bd. of "Freedom", July-Aug., 1955, and scheduled to be featured writer for "Freedom" in regular issues 1956. In Oct., 1955, subject resided at 155 W. 136th St., NYC. Subject attended "Justice for SOBELL" meeting, [REDACTED] and in testimony before the NY Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations on 2/24/55, admitted association and/or connection with the CRC and that he was an officer of the CRC. Subject attended meeting of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, [REDACTED] was listed as a "contributor" in Spring, 1955 issue of "Sing Out", a publication of People's Artists, Inc.; attended reception given by East Bay Youth Committee, Oakland, Calif., 6/30/55, and continued agitation for the issuance of his passport by the US Dept. of State.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Employment

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 6, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON'S Popularity Greater Than Ever Concert Tour Shows". This article spoke of the "great" reception received by PAUL ROBESON during his concert tours in Oakland and San Francisco, California.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.



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The CAA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The December 31, 1950 issue of "The Worker" contained an article which described "Freedom" as a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates which was introduced in November, 1950. This article pointed out that the purpose of the newspaper was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the view point that is interesting, rather than necessary to the Negro worker and to point out the importance to the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the workers' class.

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"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", described above.

In December, 1950, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Editorial Board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party (CP) members and sympathizers. According to [REDACTED] "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of "The Worker".

"The Worker", dated June 20, 1955, page two, column three, contained an article entitled, "African Affairs Council Dissolves", with a sub-title, "Directors Say Others Continue Pioneering Work, Harassment By Government Hampers Activities". This article stated that the Executive Board of the CAA, June 17, 1955, unanimously voted to dissolve the organization and terminate all its activities, which decision ended 18 years of the CAA in the cause of African freedom. The article reflected that the Executive Board of the Council, headed by PAUL ROBESON, indicated that one consideration for this action was the fact that continued Government harassment had made further effective work of the CAA impossible.

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The July - August, 1955 issue of "Freedom", Volume V, Number 6, Page 2, listed PAUL ROBESON as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the newspaper. It further noted that "Freedom" is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City.

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B. Residence

On November 7, 1955, the records of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflected that on an Application for Passport, dated July 2, 1954, PAUL ROBESON indicated his residence and mailing address as 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

On September 20, 1955, [REDACTED] advised that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, then resided at 409 Edgecomb Avenue, New York City. [REDACTED] stated that during the Summer of 1955, while the PATTERSON family was on vacation, their apartment was occupied at various times by PAUL ROBESON.

On September 14, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at that time, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was the Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC).

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On [REDACTED] who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, advised that on [REDACTED] the subject indicated that his residence in New York was 155 West 136th Street, New York City.

C. Status of Health

On [REDACTED] advised that on October 10, 1955, the subject was admitted to the Sydenham Hospital, Manhattan Avenue and 123rd Street, New York City, as a private patient. [REDACTED] stated that ROBESON was operated on for a prostate condition on October 11, 1955, which operation would necessitate a convalescence period of from two to three weeks. [REDACTED] that a second operation in the subject's case could occur, depending upon the results of the first.

On [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information received by [REDACTED] indicated that the subject's recovery from his operation is going badly and the subject has been quite ill at home.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. CP Sympathies

The "China Daily News" issue of February 19, 1955, page five, item 12, reflects a news item stating that PAUL ROBESON, Negro singer, had written an article for publication in the Soviet newspaper, "Pravda" in which ROBESON reportedly stated that the United States has become the headquarters for reactionists, a small but influential group supported by industry and capitalism. ROBESON pointed out that the American people "know that the traitorous CHIANG Clique on Formosa is only a group of vagabonds and can never lawfully represent the Chinese people."

On July 17, 1955, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "China Daily News" (CDN), continues to be the main propaganda organ for the Chinese Communist element in the United States.

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On June 24, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in its editorial policy and treatment of the news, the "CDN" consistently favors the Chinese Communists and opposes the United States. [redacted] stated that the "CDN", to his knowledge, has never editorially criticized the Chinese Communists or printed any news unfavorable to them.

On June 15, 1954, the "CDN" and EUGENE MOY, its Managing Editor, were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for a violation of the Trading with the Enemy Act, in connection with the paper's printing of advertisements for Chinese Communist banks which sought to induce Chinese in the United States to send money to Communist China.

In June, 1955, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the policy of the "CDN" has remained unchanged since the above conviction. [redacted] stated that the only change in the paper is that it no longer prints the advertisement for which it was convicted. He stated that this, however, has had no effect on the editorial policy of the paper.

On July 12, 1955, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on [redacted], the subject attended and spoke at a "Justice for SOBELL Meeting" held at [redacted]. According to [redacted], ROBESON gave a fanatical talk on fighting for SOBELL, Negro rights and the rights of labor.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted on March 29, 1951, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on Conspiracy to Commit Espionage on Behalf of the Soviet Union and was sentenced on April 15, 1951, to 30 years imprisonment. He is currently serving his sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 22, 1955, page one, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Says He'll Sue If Passport Reply Is Negative!" This article stated that ROBESON had indicated that any negative

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decision by the United States State Department regarding his passport would result in a court suit. The article pointed out that ROBESON had angrily denied press reports to the effect that he was willing to sign a non-Communist affidavit as a prerequisite for obtaining a passport. The article quoted ROBESON as saying, "I contend that even Communists now have the right to travel according to recent court decisions and further, I contend that the affidavit has nothing to do with the denial of a passport to me".

The "New York Herald Tribune" newspaper issue of August 11, 1955, page eight, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Passport Ban Upheld By United States Court". In part, the article quoted PAUL ROBESON as stating, in connection with the non-Communist affidavit requirement, "Of course I won't sign.....I consider it to be an invasion of every Constitutional liberty I have".

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 19, 1955, page three, column four, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON Says He'd Gladly Join United States - Soviet Cultural Exchange". This article stated that PAUL ROBESON was highly gratified by recent reports from the Soviet Union listing him as one of the American artists whom Soviet cultural leaders would like to have included in a program of cultural exchange with the United States. The article stated that ROBESON described as "completely unfounded" a wire service dispatch on August 16, 1955, indicating that he did not intend to visit Russia again. According to the article, ROBESON stated "The fact is, I have specifically requested a passport to permit me to accept an offer to make a film version of Othello in Moscow and can think of no travel abroad that would be more enjoyable than another trip to the Soviet Union".

B. Connections and/or Association of the Subject with CP Fronts

On March 15, 1955, [REDACTED] made available records of the [REDACTED]

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proceedings before the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations held February 23-25, 1955, in the Supreme Court, State of New York, 60 Centre Street, New York City. In his testimony February 24, 1955, before the Committee, the subject stated that he had been associated with the CRC; that he considered the CRC to be one of the most important organizations fighting for the freedom of the Negro people; that he contributed much of his time to the work of the CRC; that he had been an officer of the CRC; that he was not sure of just what position he occupied, but believed himself to be a member of the Board of Directors; that he did not remember any amounts of money collected by the CRC for various causes in the defense of Civil rights.

On [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PAUL ROBESON attended a meeting of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, New York City, on [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] PAUL ROBESON spoke at the meeting concerning the shame and loss suffered by people everywhere because of rules governing travel. b7  
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The "Daily Worker" issue of October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, in an article entitled, "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Liberties Committee", reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was pointed out that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American Constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions.

Writing in "Political Affairs" issue of August 19, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted CP functionary, referred to the ECLC as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today".

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Concerning "Political Affairs", FLYNN, testifying in the case "United States versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL" on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's inception in 1945.

On April 25, 1955, the Spring, 1955 issue of "Sing Out" listed PAUL ROBESON as a "contributor". Page two of this issue reflected that "Sing Out" is published quarterly by People's Artists, Incorporated, 124 West 21st Street, New York City.

People's Artists, Incorporated

1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1943, p. 91.)

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on June 30, 1955, a reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held at 445 Fairmont Avenue, Oakland, California, which affair was sponsored by the East Bay Youth Committee. [redacted] advised that 70 or 80 persons were in attendance and ROBESON both sang and commented on various current issues.

With regard to the East Bay Youth Committee, [redacted] advised that it was, in reality, the Labor Youth League (LYL), which organization uses such names in planning for broad attendance at a function.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [redacted] advised that on August 18, 1955, BELLA ALTSHULER, described by [redacted] as a member of the CP and Secretary of the Bronx Committee for Freedom of Political Prisoners, stated that the latter organization was planning to have a banquet on September 10, 1955, in the Bronx, New York. ALTSHULER advised that money raised at

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this affair would be divided between the families of political prisoners and political refugees. According to [REDACTED] ALTSHULER listed PAUL ROBESON as being a member of the Banquet Sponsoring Committee.

With regard to the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners in November, 1954, [REDACTED] advised that the organization was formed in 1952, by CP members in the Bronx, New York. [REDACTED] described this committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted CP leaders. According to [REDACTED], the committee has no membership or formal organizational set-up and comes into activity only when an amnesty drive is in progress.

C. Subject's Activities in and/or Subversive Ramifications of His Passport Case

On July 19, 1955, Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised SA [REDACTED] that subject and his attorney, LEONARD BOUDIN, conferred with Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director of the Passport Office, on July 18, 1955, relative to obtaining a passport for the subject. In the afternoon, this same date, various State Department officials conferred with the subject and the question of subject's restriction in travelling to Canada was discussed. The subject and BOUDIN raised this question, inasmuch as ROBESON desired to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, in July, 1955.

NICHOLAS advised that on July 19, 1955, he telephonically contacted subject's attorney and informed him of the State Department's decision to allow the subject to travel in Canada. NICHOLAS added, however, that no decision has been reached on the matter of issuing a passport to ROBESON for proposed travel abroad.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 21, 1950, that he knew LEONARD B. BOUDIN to be a concealed member of the CP and actively associated with Communist fronts prior to 1945.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of July 21, 1955, page three, column three, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON to Visit Canada After Concert At Peace Arch, Sunday". The article stated that PAUL ROBESON would exercise his newly won right to travel in Canada, following the fourth annual concert in the Peace Arch Park near Blaine, Washington, on the Canadian border.

The "Daily Worker" of July 28, 1955, page three, column one, contained an article entitled, "ROBESON'S 4th Concert At Canadian Border Stirs More Than 15,000". The article stated that on July 27th, PAUL ROBESON gave his fourth annual concert at Peace Arch Park which was turned into a victory celebration in view of the action of the United States State Department in rescinding its ban on ROBESON'S right to travel in Canada.



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"The Worker" issue of August 14, 1955, page eight, column three, contained an article entitled, "Millions Eager To Welcome Our Best Ambassador Of Good Will". The article states that letters have been received from the United States and other countries urging that ROBESON be free to travel. Adjacent to the article is a small printed box entitled, "Lift Every Voice", which urges the reader to "write today to President EISENHOWER" relative to lifting the passport restrictions on PAUL ROBESON.

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 17, 1955, page six, column three, contained an article entitled, "The Real Issues Behind The Denial Of ROBESON'S Passport". The article pointed out that PAUL ROBESON had issued a statement in reply to comment in other newspapers that he was not following the standard requirements of the State Department in attempting to get the passport. The article quoted from ROBESON'S statement as follows: "The fact is, the so called non-Communist affidavit which the Passport Office insists that I must sign before my application can be considered is not a standard requirement....To deny the free exercise of such a basic right by inquiries into a citizen's political beliefs and by special oaths for arbitrarily selected individuals is to make a mockery of our democratic institutions".

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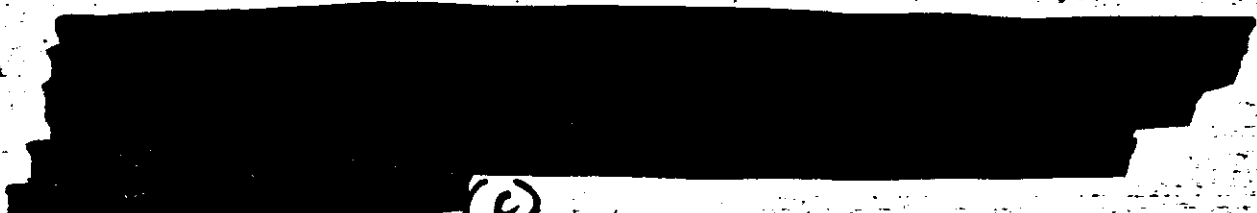
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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was Chairman of the Illinois - Indiana District of the CP and member of the National Administrative Committee of the CP. He was convicted in Chicago, Illinois in early 1955, under the membership clause of the Smith Act of 1940.

On November 9, 1955,  who was in a logical position to furnish reliable information, made available an undated letter from WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, 6 East 17th Street, New York 3, New York, addressed to "Dear Friend:". This letter bears the written notation, "200 International Leaders Of Peace Movement" and calls for petitions and delegations to be sent to the United States Embassies, Consulates and Information Centers in every country and for messages to be sent to President EISENHOWER and Secretary DULLES in Washington. In part the letter stated, "We ask of you a statement in support of PAUL ROBESON'S right to travel, a statement that we may present to the American people, along with similar expressions from other distinguished leaders of the World Peace Movement". The announced purpose of the letter is to enlist aid and support in behalf of PAUL ROBESON, described as an American prisoner of the cold war. b7D

D. Miscellaneous CP Activities

Contacts With Soviet and Satellite Officials  
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The Tass News Agency is the Soviet Russian News Gathering Agency in the United States, and as such, is registered with the United States Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted during December, 1955, and stated there was no recent information concerning the subject.

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T-8 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
T-9 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
T-10 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-11 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-12 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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T-16 [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
T-17 [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	
T-18 [redacted] c	[redacted]	[redacted] (c)	[redacted] and [redacted]	100-25857 - 2533
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (c)	[redacted]	
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Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in New York area contacted relative to the subject in December, 1955, with negative results:

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Agent Making Contact</u>
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were used in the report only in the instances where the source must be concealed.

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On June 14, 1955, Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS A. BOLAN, Southern District of New York, made available to SA [REDACTED]

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Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Inasmuch as this exhibit was a Grand Jury exhibit, it should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

ALBERT E. KAHN is described as a "New York State Communist Party Leader," on page 451 of the 1949 Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

On [REDACTED] made available to Agents of the Detroit Division (set forth in Detroit Letter to the Bureau dated 6/28/55, entitled "CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION; IS - C," Bufile 100-3-75; DE file 100-2817), a CP memorandum entitled "Current Concentration Mass Issues in the Field of Struggle for Equal Rights for the Negro People." This

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memorandum was from the National Administrative Committee, CP, USA, and under Section IV, No. 4 listed the "PAUL ROBESON Passport Case". The memorandum states, "this case offers possibilities of a campaign of an offensive character because it centers around a suit brought in Federal Court by the great artist and Negro people's spokesman to force the State Department to 'show cause' why a passport not be issued to him."

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The above information is contained in NY 100-4931-10169.

On 12/7/55 [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he was not in the possession of any information concerning the subject not previously reported.

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On 12/5/55 the records of [REDACTED] were checked by SA [REDACTED] which records reflected no information concerning the subject not previously reported.

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On 12/6/55 the records of [REDACTED] were checked by SE [REDACTED] which records reflected no information concerning the subject not previously reported.

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On 12/9/55 the records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles were checked by SE [REDACTED] which records reflected no current driver's license and/or registration on the part of the subject.

On 12/14/55 the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections were checked by SE [REDACTED] relative to the address 155 West 136th Street, New York City. These records contained no information relative to the subject.

On 12/13/55 the records of [REDACTED] were checked by SA [REDACTED] relative to the subject with negative results.

The telephonic pretext to "Freedom", 139 West 135th Street, New York City, on 10/3/55 was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

The telephonic pretext call to "Freedom" on 12/8/55 was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

The records of the Passport Division, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., were checked on 11/7/55 via liaison of the Bureau and furnished the New York Office via Bulet, 11/9/55.

Subject's testimony before the New York Joint Legislative Committee on Charitable and Philanthropic Agencies and Organizations on 2/24/55 at NYC is located in NY file 100-112999-1B-1.

Subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and his SI cards are current and accurate.

This case has been reevaluated in the light of SI criteria and the case still fits those criteria.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of the  
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Report of SA [REDACTED], at New York, b7c  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

**DATE:** 1/9/56

**FROM :** SAC, New York (100-56680)

Card U.T.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** ESLANDA CORICOZO ROBESON, was.  
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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)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: J.J.K.  
FROM: T.H.S.  
SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)  
PAUL ROBESON  
IS - C

DATE: 1/17/56

Rebuairtel to Newark, 12/22/55, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, IS-C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter to Director, 1/6/56, captioned, "Cominfil UERMWA, IS - C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter requested the NYO to furnish the Bureau two Photostats each of certain documents which [redacted] had furnished the Newark Office, and which the Newark Office had forwarded to the NYO, since they were of no value to the Newark Office.

Re Newark letter page 2, paragraph 2, reports that by letter dated 10/5/53, Newark forwarded to New York under caption "PAUL ROBESON, IS-C," New York file 100-25857, an invitation to attend a reception for ROBESON on occasion of ROBESON'S being presented with the International Stalin Peace Prize.

This document was destroyed in the NYO because it had previously been received from other sources. If the Bureau desired copies of this document as received from other sources other than [redacted] they can be forwarded.

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- 1 - 100-381206 [redacted] (RM)
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON,  
SM - C

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 1/25/56 G.I.R.

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated 12/25/55, and New York letter to Bureau 2/10/55.

Referenced New York letter to Bureau contained information received from [redacted] on [redacted], that captioned subject had been issued a temporary accreditation card as a representative of the publication "New World Review" at the UN on 10/8/54. It was reissued on 11/13/54, and expired on 12/23/54. Instant letter also noted that, according to [redacted] accreditation of press representatives to the UN is handled by the Press and Publication Section of the Department of Public Information of the UN. Informant advised that consequently subject was in no way an employee of the UN and would not, at that time, come within the provisions of the LEUN program.

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The January, 1956 issue of "New World Review", Vol. 24, No. 1, published by S. R. T. Publications, Inc., 23 West 26th Street, New York City, lists ESLANDA ROBESON as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions. This same issue on Page 17 contains an article by subject concerning recent United Nation matters entitled, "The World Family Grows".

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The Bureau is advised that the New York Division is recontacting all logical sources at the UN for any recent information relative to subject's accreditation there as a correspondent for the "New World Review". The results of these contacts will be furnished the Bureau in the near future.

It is noted that subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and her SI cards are current and accurate.

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cc - Liaison  
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Date: February 13, 1956

To: Miss Frances G. Knight BY COURIER SERVICE  
Director, Passport Office  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

According to a Washington City News Service Release dated February 5, 1956, one kill Paynter, South Wales, President of the National Union of Mine Workers, had reported that Paul Robeson had accepted an invitation of his union to make a singing tour of Wales in October, 1956. According to the news dispatch Paynter said that the United States had apparently lifted a six-year travel ban on the Negro singer and that Robeson had cabled that he would come to Wales as a guest of the above-mentioned union. Copies of reports reflecting the investigation of Robeson have been disseminated to your Department.

In view of the above-mentioned news release it is requested that this Bureau be advised regarding the current passport status of Robeson.

NOTE ON YELLOW: Subject key figure in New York Office. The referenced news release is the only information indicating that Robeson may receive a passport. In view of the litigation regarding this matter in the past, the voluminous reports and memoranda that have been disseminated to the Department of State regarding Robeson in his passport case, it is believed desirable that State be requested to advise of the current status of Robeson's passport fight at this time. Liaison, requested this matter be referred to Knight.

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 Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*F. J. ... - Jackson*

(ROBESON)

LONDON--A WELSH MINERS' UNION REPORTED TODAY THAT LEFT-WING AMERICAN SINGER PAUL ROBESON HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO MAKE A SINGING TOUR OF WALES IN OCTOBER.

WILL PAYNTER, SOUTH WALES PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINE WORKERS, SAID THE UNITED STATES APPARENTLY HAS LIFTED A SIX-YEAR TRAVEL BAN ON THE NEGRO SINGER.

PAYNTER SAID ROBESON CABLED THAT HE WOULD COME TO WALES AS GUEST OF THE MINERS' UNION.

A SIMILAR INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED LAST YEAR, BUT ROBESON REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT COME BECAUSE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BAN ON HIS TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

"WE ASSUME THAT ALL OBJECTIONS TO HIS VISIT HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN, OTHERWISE HE WOULD NOT HAVE CABLED," PAYNTER SAID. "WORK BEGINS AT ONCE ON ARRANGING A SPECTACULAR TOUR FOR HIM."

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RE: PAUL ROBESON

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According to a Washington City News Service Release dated February 5, 1956, one Will Paynter, South Wales, president of the National Union of Mine Workers, had advised that Robeson had accepted an invitation of his union to make a singing tour of Wales in October, 1956. According to the news dispatch, Paynter said that the United States had apparently lifted the 6-year travel ban on the Negro singer and that Robeson had cabled that he would come to Wales as a guest of the above-mentioned union. (u)

You will be immediately advised of any information indicating Robeson may be granted a passport in the future. (u)

2cc - London

cc - New York 100-25857 (For information) W/Enclosure  
NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK:

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You should remain alert to report any information indicating Robeson is contemplating travel outside of the United States. (u)

cc - Foreign Liaison Unit

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cc-Liaison  
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Date: February 9, 1956

To: Mr. Scott McLeod BY COURIER SERVICE  
Administrator  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Robeson, a key figure in New York Office whose application for a passport was recently denied. Continuing efforts are being made; however, to gain a passport for Robeson. liaison, requested above info be directed to Scott McLeod.

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Letter to Mr. Scott McLeod  
Administrator  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State

William L. Patterson is the National Executive  
Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights  
Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450. The above is for your information  
and is not to be disseminated outside of your Department. (u)

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Office Memo • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) 3/7/56  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56680) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SUBJECT: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was SM-C

ReNYlet to Bureau, 1/25/56.

On 2/16/56 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that captioned subject was at that time an accredited correspondent for the publication, "New World Review" at the United Nations, NYC. The informant continued that subject writes a paper once a week of about eight pages for the above publication and is believed to do some other free lance work of a writing nature.

The Bureau is advised that no info has come to the attention of the NYO indicating that subject has misused her accreditation to the UN. It is noted that subject presently resides at 16 Jumel Terrace, NYC, and appears to visit the UN on almost a daily basis.

Subject is carried on the SI of the New York Division and her SI cards are current and accurate. This case has been reevaluated in the light of SI criteria and this case fits these criteria.

This matter is being placed in a closed status until such time as additional info may be received which would warrant further investigation.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 2, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: PASSPORT MATTERS

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On March 1, 1956, [redacted] Passport Office, State Department, advised [redacted] of the Liaison Section that on March 8, 1956, the eight judges of the District Court of Appeals, Washington, will hear the Paul Robeson passport appeals case. Robeson will be represented by Leonard Boudin, New York attorney. [redacted] further stated that immediately following this hearing, the same judges will hear the Leonard Boudin passport appeals case. Boudin will be represented by Harry I. Rand, Washington attorney.

[redacted] stated that his office felt that the March 8 hearings could be a turning point in the current trend toward approving passports for anyone who applies whether they are security risks or not.

**ACTION:**

For your information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - [redacted]

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO *Y* Mr. L. V. Boardman *zfr*

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AKB*

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bufile 100-12304

DATE: March 9, 1956

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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Reference is made to New York airtel 3/6/56 which is the weekly summary of intensified coverage of Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional release term arising from a Smith Act conviction on 2/24/56. The referenced airtel contains data relating to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Davis gave a speech during which he remarked that Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis indicated that if a passport is given to Robeson, the State Department cannot refuse a passport to anyone. This is apparently a reference by Davis to the case Robeson has filed against John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State as a result of the State Department's refusal to issue Robeson a passport. Arguments on this case were heard before the U. S. Court of Appeals on 3/8/56 and decision has not as yet been rendered.

In view of Davis' statements concerning significance of the decision in the Robeson case, it is felt that this data should be supplied to the State Department, copies to the Passport Division, and to the Civil Division of the Department with copies for the information of Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Copies of pertinent reports have previously been supplied to the Department and to State. Significant data concerning Robeson's activities have been forwarded to both agencies by letter as received.

The referenced airtel from New York contains additional data concerning a press conference held by Davis on 3/1/56 which was reported in the "Daily Worker" on the following date. This "Daily Worker" article sets forth Davis' comments concerning the

- Enclosure *sent 3-12-56*
- cc - L. V. Boardman
  - A. H. Belmont
  - F. J. Baumgardner
  - J. A. Jackson
  - W. F. Doyle

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cc Bufile 100-149163 (Benjamin Davis)  
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Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

racial situation in the South, his charge that "Brownell is unfit to be Attorney General of the U. S.," and general statements concerning his feelings on the position of the Negro in the United States. In view of the public source nature of the material contained in the "Daily Worker" article, no dissemination of this data is being made.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letters to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn, State Department, copies to Miss Frances G. Knight, Passport Division, and to Mr. Warren E. Burger, Civil Division of the Department, copies to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, summarizing Davis' remarks concerning the significance of the Paul Robeson case be approved.

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J.B.  
J.R.  
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cc - Boardman  
Belmont  
Baumgardner  
Jackson  
Doyle

Assistant Attorney General  
Warren E. Burger

March 12, 1956

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Director, FBI

PAUL ROBESON v. JOHN FOSTER DULLES  
(D.C.D.C. CIVIL NO. 169-55)  
FBI File 100-12304

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past reported that Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional release sentence on February 24, 1956, arising from a Smith Act conviction, addressed [redacted] on [redacted] during the course of which he stated that Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis indicated that he felt if a passport is given to Robeson the State Department cannot refuse a passport to anyone.

The foregoing has been supplied to the Department of State and is being set forth for your confidential information with the suggestion that it not be further disseminated.

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2cc - Assistant Attorney General 12/18/80  
William F. Tompkins

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Above caption taken from Departmental memorandum July 26, 1955, which indicates attorneys in Civil Division of Department assigned defense of above passport case. Source of the foregoing information is [redacted]. This is attachment to memo Belmont to Boardman, dated 3/9/56, captioned "Paul Robeson, IS-C," WFD:hjf.

cc - Bufile 100-149163 (Benjamin Davis)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM -- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Bonn, Germany (105-0)  
Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
53 West 125th St., New York City  
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Date: 3/14/56

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On February 23, 1956, G-2, Hq., US Army Europe, furnished a report dated January 23, 1956 prepared by the Counter Subversive Team of Region VIII, 66th CIC Group, Berlin, Germany, under the title "FDJ ZR; Re: Miscellaneous Information" (Freie Deutsche Jugend, East Germany - Miscellaneous Information). The report was classified confidential. (CIC file D-137897; VIII-24101) (C)(u)

One section of this report stated, "The following persons and organizations have received copies of the 'Welt Jugend', a monthly magazine of the Democratic World League in Budapest." The captioned name and address was included in this list. The report did not further elaborate on the significance or source of this list. (C)(u)

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Date: March 12, 1956  
To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn BY COURIER SERVICE  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 - 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: PAUL ROBESON  
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Reference is made to your letter dated February 16, 1956.

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past reported that Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., National Committee member, Communist Party, USA, who completed a conditional release sentence on February 24, 1956, arising from a Smith Act conviction.

[redacted] stated that Paul Robeson's passport is the "key to all." Davis indicated that he felt if a passport is given to Robeson the State Department cannot refuse a passport to anyone.

The foregoing has been supplied as confidential information and should not be disseminated outside your Department.

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2cc - Miss Frances G. Knight BY COURIER SERVICE  
Director, Passport Office  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

NOTE ON YELLOW: Source of foregoing information is [redacted]  
This is attachment to memo Belmont to Boardman, same caption, 3/9/56, WFD:hif.

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From SAC, Detroit (100-15889)

To: Director, FBI

PAUL ROBESON, IS - C.

DAYLET. The 4/7/56 issue of the Detroit edition "Pittsburgh Courier" on page 12, section 2, column 4, carries an article stating that PAUL ROBESON will present a full concert program in Windsor, Canada on 4/20/56. The article states that ROBESON's tour is being sponsored by the Jerom Concerts and Artists Ltd. of Canada.

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Mr. Belmont  
*cc: Mr. London*

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