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100-12304

SECTION : 21

PAUL ROBESON, SR.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>DEC 8 1966</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/28/66 - 11/30/66</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>PAUL LEROY ROBESON aka APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF <u>CLASS. FR</u></b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	TYPED BY <b>lfm</b>
DATE <b>8/3/61</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM- ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</b>	

### REFERENCE

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Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 12/8/65  
at NY. (u)

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DATE OF REVIEW 12-8-86

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**[REDACTED]**

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Case has been: Pending over one year  Yes  No; Pending prosecution over six months  Yes  No

APPROVED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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3-New York (100-25857)

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[REDACTED] (S)

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source                      File Number Where Located

NY T-1                      Instant Report

[REDACTED] (S) u b. 7C/b7D  
US Post Office,  
Audubon Station,  
515 West 165th St.,  
NYC (by request)

NY T-2                      [REDACTED] (C)

[REDACTED] (C)                      100-7518-1A2892                      (u)

NY T-3                      [REDACTED] (C)

The following informants were contacted during November, 1966, and were unable to furnish any pertinent information regarding the subject:

[REDACTED] (C)

(S)

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6.  This report is classified "~~Confidential~~" because (state reason) it contains information furnished by NY T-1 through NY T-3, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reveal the identities of these informants or the existence of a confidential technique of the FBI which would hamper their future effectiveness. This would be injurious to the national defense.
7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
subject has been described as mentally ill and is also in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him and the risk of great embarrassment to the Bureau is considerable.
8.  This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9.  This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_  
of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He has been visited by CP leaders since his return to the US and has been described by his wife as not changing "his political views in any way".
10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 100-12304

NYfile 100-25857

Re: Paul Leroy Robeson

United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

- 1.  Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
- 2.  Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
- 3.  Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
- 4.  U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
- 5.  Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a)  Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b)  Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c)  Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
- 6.  Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed  is not available  
 may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service , NYC (RM)

Enclosure(s) (1)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Copy to: 1-Secret Service, NY (RM)

Report of: [Redacted]

b7C Office: New York, New York

Date: DEC 8 1966

Field Office File #: 100-25857

Bureau File #: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF CLASS. F/P  
DATE 8/3/87

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides Apartment 6A, 161 West 86th Street and is retired. Subject is presently in poor health. Subject listed as a sponsor of a dinner tribute to the executive director of the NCASF that was held on 1/26/66 at NYC.

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DETAILS:

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

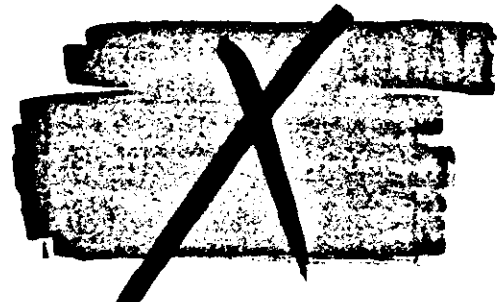
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[Redacted] advised on November 22, 1966, that the subject, who was retired, moved from 11 Jumel Terrace, New York City on September 8, 1966 to 161 West 86th Street, Apartment 6A, where he is living with his son and daughter-in-law.

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On November 23, 1966 [Redacted] 161 West 86th Street, New York City, advised that the subject, is presently living with his son and daughter-in-law in Apartment 6A at that address.

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B. Status of Health

b7c/b7D On November 23, 1966, [REDACTED] 161 West 86th Street, New York City, advised that the subject, [REDACTED] is in very poor health, is confined to bed in Apartment 6A at that address.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED], that he had received information on [REDACTED] that the subject was seriously ill.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party  
Front Group  
Organizations

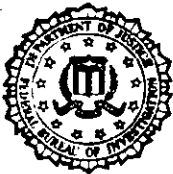
1. National Council of  
American-Soviet  
Friendship (NCASF)

The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 26, 1966, [REDACTED] furnished a copy of an announcement of a dinner to be held on that date in the Grand Ballroom, Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York City, in tribute to the executive director of the NCASF. The announcement contained the name PAUL ROBESON among the list of sponsors of the dinner tribute.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants aware of certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted during November, 1966 and they were unable to furnish any additional information concerning the subject.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 8, 1966

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NYfile 100-25857

Title Paul Leroy Robeson

Character Security Matter -C

Reference is made to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, b7c at New York.

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

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New York, New York  
December 7, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 100-12304  
NYfile 100-25857

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SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

REFERENCE: MEMORANDUM DATED 2-29-64

*Handwritten initials*

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

Residence: ~~181~~<sup>181-6A</sup> West 86th Street  
New York, New York

Employment:

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 12-7-66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
SM-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re: \_\_\_\_\_

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				
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born		<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized		<input type="checkbox"/> Alien
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist		<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party		<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)				
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-30-80 BY SP5R1g-tw				
Key Facility Data				
Geographical Reference Number _____			Responsibility _____	
Interested Agencies _____				
Residence Address <p style="text-align: center;">Apt. 6A, 161 West 86th Street New York, New York</p>				

2. SECURITY INDEX CARD AND INDEXED SEPARATELY

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Director, FBI (100-370965)  
(100-351310)  
(100-12304)

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**PAUL LEROY ROBESON**  
EH - C

The Bureau is in receipt of a publication captioned  
"Directory of Soviet International Front Organizations" dated  
May, 1966, [redacted]

[redacted] listed in the above Directory as a member  
of the World Council of Peace under the name [redacted]  
[redacted] and Robeson are also listed as members of the same  
organization.

If this information is to be disseminated outside  
the Bureau, it should be attributed to a confidential source  
abroad.

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NOTE:

[redacted] and  
Robeson are both current SI subjects.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 12/8/67

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) (P) <sup>ADVISOR AGENCIES</sup>

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

ADVISOR AGENCIES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF CLASS. PR  
DATE 8/3/81

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OTHERWISE

ReNYrep of SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY, 12/8/66.

This letter is submitted in lieu of a report as the Bureau is in possession of all pertinent subversive information concerning the subject.

### Residence and Employment

On 10/11/67, [redacted] (C) furnished information that PAUL ROBESON "had been very ill and has been inaccessible to anyone for the last couple of months." b1

The 10/17/67, issue of "The Worker", page 3, carried a 4 column article concerning the subject and stated in the last paragraph, "PAUL ROBESON, now 69, suffered serious injuries in a fall in 1965 and currently resides in a rest home in Connecticut."

On 11/27/67, the U.S. Postal Inspector, Manhattan, NY, furnished information that PAUL ROBESON, SR. was still receiving mail at Apartment 6A, 161 West 86th Street, NY, NY.

On 12/5/67, [redacted] 161 W. 86th St., NYC, advised SA [redacted] that he had last seen the subject at that address in early November, 1967; that he did not often see the subject before that because the subject is in poor health and seldom left his son's apartment and that it is possible that the subject could be in a rest home because of his health. b7C/b7D

### Administrative

Review of subject's case file and the indices of the NYO reflect no unreported subversive information concerning the subject.

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York

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The following informants were contacted in November and December, 1967, and were shown a photograph of the subject with negative results:

[REDACTED]

(C) b1

On 12/8/67, [REDACTED] (C) and [REDACTED] (C) advised that they had no information as to subject's current residence and/or location but would be alert for any information re ROBESON'S status of health and current location.

LEAD

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Will continue investigation to determine subject's whereabouts. If it is determined that subject is at a specific location and/or rest home in Connecticut appropriate leads will then be sent to the NEW HAVEN DIVISION to verify subject's presence in that State.

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1.  Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 4/22/65.
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6.  This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because  
(state reason)
  
7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
subject has been described as mentally ill and is also in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him and the risk of great embarrassment to the Bureau is considerable.
  
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of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He has been visited by CP leaders since his return to the U.S. and has been described by his wife as not changing "his political views in any way."
  
10.  Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  
 Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/8/67

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

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12/19/67

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Tab for Detcom	Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)			ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-30-81 BY SP5R/g/nw	
Key Facility Data				
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____		
Interested Agencies _____				
Residence Address				
Unknown				

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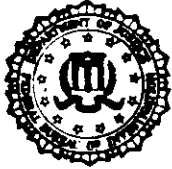
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*Robeson*  
*PAUL LE ROY*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
December 8, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 100-12304  
NYfile 100-25857

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON  
SM - C

REFERENCE: NY REPORT 12/8/66

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

Residence: Unknown

Employment:

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1/8/68

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

SUBJECT: PAUL LEFON ROBESON  
SM-C  
(CC:NY)

ReNYlet 12/8/67, indicating that subject was possibly in a rest home in Connecticut.

The "New York Post" of 12/23/67, contained a short article stating that the subject "who has been ill much of the time since he collapsed near his Manhattan home two years ago, has been hospitalized in Philadelphia. -- Doctors in University Hospital said ROBESON was admitted Tuesday (12/19/67) suffering from dermatitis, a skin inflammation. He is expected to be released shortly."

The article goes on to state that the subject has been living in Philadelphia with his sister, Mrs. ~~MARION FORSYTHE~~, "a retired teacher."

Review of subject's file reflects that in Philadelphia letter to the Director, 8/16/66, captioned, "Visitors to Iron Curtain Countries - USSR; IS-R" ~~MARIAN FORSYTHE~~ resided at 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1965.

The Philadelphia Division is requested to verify subject's presence at University Hospital or at his sister's residence in that city; and to determine, if possible, through logical sources and contacts subject's plans, and length, of staying in Philadelphia.

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- 10 (2) - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-38128) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/20/68

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-38128) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *0*  
PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
SM - C  
(OO:NEW YORK)

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Re New York letter to Director, 1/8/68.

On 12/21/67, [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] and advised that he ascertained from an unknown source at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital that PAUL ROBESON had been admitted on 12/20/67, to be treated for Neurological Dermatitis. He was admitted by Dr. WALTER B. SHELLEY.

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On 1/18/68, [redacted] University of Pennsylvania Hospital, an established source whose identity should be concealed, advised SA EDWARD A. SMITH that PAUL L. ROBESON was admitted to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital on 12/19/67, for treatment of a Dermatitis infection. ROBESON indicated that his Philadelphia address would be 4951 Walnut Street, the residence of his sister, Mrs. MARIE FORSYTHE. His religious preference was given as Methodist and a notation [redacted] indicates that the hospital bill should be forwarded to H. LEE LURIE, Attorney, 10 East 40th Street, New York City, 10016.

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On 2/19/68, [redacted] advised that ROBESON was discharged 12/29/67, is not an outpatient and presumably returned to New York upon his release from the hospital. He noted that ROBESON had occupied a \$45.00 a day room at the hospital.

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No other Philadelphia sources have any knowledge of the subject's presence in Philadelphia.

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1-Philadelphia (100-38128)  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 4/1/68

FROM : SAC, NEWYORK (100-25857)(P)

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

ReNYlet to the Bureau, 1/8/68, copy to Philadelphia; NYlet to Philadelphia, 2/28/68 (Inter-office).

New York is awaiting results of Philadelphia investigation requested in relet, 1/8/68.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-38128)(RM)
- 1 - New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM: *JFK* SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857) ~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF~~

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

ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF CLASS. FR  
DATE 8/7/81

*4/14/68*  
*PHlet to Phila.*  
*0-1 to Phila.*  
*Special Agent*  
*4/17*

ReNYlet to the Bureau, 4/1/68, copy to Philadelphia; PHlet to the Bureau, 2/20/68, no copy to New York. (u)

"The Worker" issue of Sunday, 4/7/68, page 4, column 2, in a five column spread setting forth plans in London, Berlin and Moscow to celebrate the 70th birthday of the subject on 4/9/68, it is indicated that the subject is living in Philadelphia as "a cable of greeting will be sent to ROBESON in Philadelphia from all his friends in Britain." (u)

New York radio station WBAI-FM in a two hour tribute to the subject, 7 to 9 p.m., 4/9/68, referred to the subject as living quietly in Philadelphia with his sister. (u)



EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING THIS INFORMATION AND MUST BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ANY COMMUNICATION. IT SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS ABOVE WHEN DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU.

Philadelphia is requested to verify subject's residence at his sister's address, 4951 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa, so New York can execute FD 128. (u)

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-38128) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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ALL FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 12, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

BUfile 100-12304  
NYfile 100-25857

SUBJECT:

PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
*SM-C*

REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 12/8/67.

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

Residence: 4951 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Employment:

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DATE 1-30-81 BY SP-5R/g dw

FD-128 DETACHED

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by routing slip for

info  action

date 6-18-68

by [Signature]

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*[Signature]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 5/29/68

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

CI NY 5-28-68  
LET WBS 5-29-68

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

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ReNYlet, 4/10/68, copy to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia has advised that the subject is residing at the home of his sister, 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and that he is not employed.

New York is preparing submission of FD 128 changing origin to Philadelphia pending completion of review of subject's voluminous file.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - New York

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 6/12/68

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka  
SM-C

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26 Jun 6/20/68  
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Cards UTD  
Cards Sent OO  
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Philadelphia Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Philadelphia Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address

1951 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.

Unemployed

Check the following applicable statements:

- This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Philadelphia Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- This subject is tabbed for Detcom.
- This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.

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

- Security Index Cards
- Serials (specify) **see attached list**
- Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
  - Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph
  - None available.
  - Previously furnished.

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- 3 - Bureau (Reg.) (1- Identification Division)(RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-38128)(Encls. 3E)(RM)
- 1 - New York

FD-366 to Secret Service dated 6/12/68 by NYO.

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ENCLOSURE DET. DIV. AND  
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6/18/68  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE <b>MAR 31 1971</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/27 - 3/5/71</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>PAUL LEROY ROBESON, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>mlb</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SM - C</b>		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE	

### REFERENCES

12/8/66.

New York report of SA [REDACTED]

dated 1-30-81

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CLASS. REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 8/3/61

~~APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 3-7-91~~

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- COPIES MADE:
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  - 1 - Secret Service, Philadelphia (RM)
  - 3 - Philadelphia (100-38128)

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report			
Agency	RHO	SS	
Request Recd.			
Date Fwd.	4/2/71		
How Fwd.	RS		
By			

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NEGATIVE INFORMANTS

The following confidential informants who are familiar with CP and/or CP front-group activities in the Philadelphia area were unable to furnish any information regarding subject's activities:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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INFORMANTS

- PH T-1 is [REDACTED] (C)
- PH T-2 is [REDACTED] (C)
- PH T-3 is [REDACTED] (C)
- PH T-4 is [REDACTED] (C)
- PH T-5 is [REDACTED] (C)
- PH T-6 is [REDACTED] (C)

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1.  Subject's name is included in the  Security Index  Agitator Index  Reserve Index.
2.  The data appearing on the  Security Index Card  Agitator Index Card are current.
3.  The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card  A  B  are current  have been changed.
4.  Changes on the  Security Index Card  Agitator Index Card are necessary and  Form FD-122  FD-397 submitted to the Bureau.
5.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1965
6.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7.  This report is classified confidential because (state reason) information provided by confidential informants of continuing value could result in their identification and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.
8.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject has been described as mentally ill and is also in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him.
9.  This case no longer meets the  Security Index  Agitator Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
10.  This case has been reevaluated in the light of the  Security Index  Agitator Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) of the subject's considerable and long-time involvement in the Communist movement. He is now nearly 73 years old and evidently not personally dangerous. As recently as 1969, however, he was used by the CP as an honoree. His own attitude toward this CP function is not known, except that he did not attend for reasons of health.
11.  Subject's SI card is tabbed  Priority I  Priority II  Priority III.  
 Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons) of his past activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, Philadelphia

Report of: J. [REDACTED] Office: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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Date: MAR 31 1971

Field Office File #: 100-38128 Bureau File #: 100-12304

Title: PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character: SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Synopsis: Subject resides at 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and is not employed. His activities have been curtailed since 1966 by poor health.

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DETAILS:

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At Philadelphia, Pa.

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] advised on March 5, 1971, that subject resides at 4951 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., with his sister, MARIAN FORSYTHE, and is employed.

CP ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED] furnished information on October 11, 1967, that ROBESON had been very ill and has been inaccessible to anyone for several months.

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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8/3/81

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title PAUL LEROY ROBESON

Character SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Reference Philadelphia report of SA [REDACTED] b7  
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above. c

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



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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*TO*

Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-12304

DATE: 12/15/71

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-38128)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON  
SM-C

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*CATEGORY APPROVED*  
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*ADEX-C II*  
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*o/LAC*

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Re:

Recommend:  SI Card  <sup>Adex</sup> SI Card changed (specify change only)  Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name			
Aliases		<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien	Tab <input type="checkbox"/> Priority I <input type="checkbox"/> Priority II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority III
<input type="checkbox"/> AWC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNIST	<input type="checkbox"/> NL	<input type="checkbox"/> PLP
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT	<input type="checkbox"/> JFG	<input type="checkbox"/> NOI	<input type="checkbox"/> PPA
<input type="checkbox"/> BPP	<input type="checkbox"/> MIN	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRN <input type="checkbox"/> SNC <input type="checkbox"/> SWP <input type="checkbox"/> SDS <input type="checkbox"/> SPL <input type="checkbox"/> WWP
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.		Residence Address	
		ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE <u>1-30-81</u> BY <u>SP-5 RJD/dw</u>  <u>100-12304-</u>	
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number <i>cb</i>		Responsibility	

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PH 100-38128

PAUL LEROY ROBESON

This case has been reevaluated in light of the Administrative Index criteria and it falls within such criteria.

Subject's activity continues to fall within CATEGORY III because of his long time close contact with CPUSA leaders. He was honored by the CP as recently as 1969.

The next report will be due 3/31/72.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 3/7/72

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (100-38128)

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON  
SM-C

Cards UTD  
Cards Sent OO  
3-20-72  
[Signature]

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommend:  ADEX Card  ADEX Card changed (specify change only)  Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

Name			
Aliases		<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien	Tab <input type="checkbox"/> Category I <input type="checkbox"/> Category II <input type="checkbox"/> Category III <input type="checkbox"/> Category IV
<input type="checkbox"/> AWC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNIST	<input type="checkbox"/> NL	<input type="checkbox"/> PLP
<input type="checkbox"/> BNT	<input type="checkbox"/> JFG	<input type="checkbox"/> NOI	<input type="checkbox"/> PPA
<input type="checkbox"/> BPP	<input type="checkbox"/> MIN	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (Specify) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> PRN	<input type="checkbox"/> SNC	<input type="checkbox"/> SWP	
<input type="checkbox"/> SDS	<input type="checkbox"/> SPL	<input type="checkbox"/> WWP	
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.  RETIRED		Residence Address  ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 1-30-81 BY SP-5R1g-lw	
Key Facility Data		100-12304 -	
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility	

2--Bureau (100-12304) (Encls. 2 cc FD-366) (RM)!

1--Phila. (100-38128)

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RES [Signature]  
S/W [Signature]  
mbl [Signature]  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 7, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. PH 100-38128

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON

CHARACTER: SM-C

REFERENCE: New York communication dated 6/12/68

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

Residence:

Employment: Retired

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Investigation for  
action  
date 3/10/72  
by JMS/mod

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 7/13/72

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-38128) (C)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF

SUBJECT: PAUL LE ROY ROBESON  
SM-C

DATE: 8/2/80  
8/6/55 FFD

REFERENCE: Philadelphia report 3/31/72.

This letter is submitted in lieu of a report inasmuch as no pertinent data has been developed since date of referenced communication. FD-305 enclosed.

RESIDENCE:  
EMPLOYMENT:

- Subject's employment  residence  remains the same.
- Source: [REDACTED] (C)
- Subject's employment  residence  has changed to:

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Source:

ACTIVITY:

The following security informants and established sources were contacted on the indicated dates and were unable to furnish any pertinent information regarding subject:

Informant	Date Contacted
[REDACTED] (C)	[REDACTED]
Established Source	Date Contacted

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Enc.

- 1- Bureau (100-12304) (RM)
- 1- Philadelphia (100-38128)
- BJT/vrh (2)

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1.  Subject's name is included in the ADEX., Category  I  II  III  IV
2.  The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3.  Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4.  A suitable photograph  is  is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1965
5.  Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6.  This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because  
(state reason)

7.  Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject was not  interviewed  reinterviewed because (state reason)

ROBESON has been described as mentally ill and in poor health. It is felt no useful purpose would be served by interviewing him.

8.  This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9.  This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria of Category marked above because (state reason) of the subject's considerable and long involvement in the Communist Movement. ROBESON is now 74 and in poor health and does not appear to be personally dangerous. The CP still continues to use his name and as recently as 1969 he was used by the CP as an honoree.
10.  This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it should be tabbed Category  I  II  III  IV because (state reason)

See 9 above.

11.  Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:

Submitted 6/13/68 Placed  Yes  No  
(date)

12.  Subject is Extremist in Category I of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.

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1 - J. P. Lee  
1 - M. E. Triplett

SAC, Philadelphia

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August 3, 1972

Acting Director, FBI (105-151463)

Paul Leroy Robeson

[REDACTED]

On 7-13-72, the U.S. Department of State submitted a Request for Biographic Data on [REDACTED]

According to information on this form, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (u)

[REDACTED] (s)

[REDACTED]

Paul Robeson is evidently identical with Paul Leroy Robeson, well-known pro-Soviet singer who has spent much time in the USSR and was last known to be residing in the Philadelphia area. [REDACTED] of Islanda, Cordoba

Robeson, nee Gibbs, aka Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson (NOT RECORDED)

2 - Philadelphia (Paul Leroy Robeson)

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20 AUG 11 1972 Field (105-71951) ① - 100-12304 (Paul Leroy Robeson) (SEE NOTE ON PAGE TWO)

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Routing slip dated 8/19/72 advised file reviewed and subject does not meet ADEX criteria, SAC Memo 21-72. J.P.S. (Initials)

Classified by 250 10/22/22 Exempt from GDS, Category 2 Date of Declassification Indefinite

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AGENCIES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF 8/3/72

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Letter to SAC, Philadelphia  
Re: [REDACTED]

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This is furnished for your information and possible assistance since it is believed that subject may attempt to come to the U.S. as a B-2 visitor or for permanent residence. (u)

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For your information, checks conducted by Washington Field in 1966 at the Passport Office, Visa Office and Security Office of the Department of State and Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service failed to reveal any information regarding subject. (u)

NOTE:

[REDACTED]  
ADEX subject Paul Robeson. (u)

~~SECRET~~



ROBERT F. DRINAN  
4TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

224 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
PHONE: 202-225-5931

COMMITTEES:  
JUDICIARY  
HOUSE INTERNAL SECURITY

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Director Sec'y	_____

January 29, 1975

Clarence Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I attach herewith a copy of a letter from a constituent, [redacted] of Boston College.

You will note that [redacted] is a distinguished author of two volumes on American history.

He makes the request to be able to inspect the documents in the possession of the FBI with regard to Paul Robeson about whose career [redacted] is seeking to write a comprehensive biography.

I would appreciate it if you would inform me and [redacted] as to the appropriate methods to follow so that this able historian of the Black people in America might obtain access to those documents which are essential to his comprehensive research on the life of Paul Robeson.

I send to you my appreciation for your attention to this matter.

Cordially yours,

Robert F. Drinan  
Member of Congress

*Robert F. Drinan*  
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LEGAL COUNSEL

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Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02167 Telephone (617) 969-0100

January 15, 1975

Department of History

Representative Robert F. Drinan, S.J.  
Room 224  
House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Father Drinan:

For the past year I have been researching the life of Paul Robeson. Last Thursday through Saturday I interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] during our talks, he mentioned that he had contacted you and asked that you attempt to gain his file from the House UnAmerican Activities Committee. [redacted] also stated that the process was underway, though it took some time to get his file. If, indeed, you are able to do this for him, is it also possible that this can be done for Paul Robeson's file? I am also interested in seeing the material on Robeson in both the State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Robeson had his passport taken from him in 1950 and he did not regain it until 1958 when Rockwell Kent won his decision. I read recently in the New York Times that material dating back over fifteen years ago is now open for research in the FBI. Is this accurate? Whatever help you may be able to offer in any of these areas would be much appreciated.

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By way of introduction, I have [redacted]

I believe with this as a background I can do justice to a Robeson biography and bring to light a man who has been all but forgotten in America.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature]

Boston, Mass.

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February 7, 1975

1 - Mr. Mintz  
1 - Legal Analysis Unit - Enc. (2)

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Honorable Robert F. Drinan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Drinan:

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 28th  
in behalf of a constituent, [REDACTED]

It is our opinion that to furnish [REDACTED]  
information from our files concerning Paul Robeson would con-  
stitute invasion of his personal privacy. However, if he can  
obtain a notarized authorization from Mr. Robeson, or from a  
family member who can legally act in his behalf, consideration  
will then be given to acceding to his request, subject to the pro-  
visions of the Freedom of Information Act. [REDACTED] may  
forward any further communications concerning his request  
directly to our headquarters, attention Freedom of Information  
Act Unit.

*cc. [unclear] 5/12/75*  
*6-2-75*

Sincerely yours,  
C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FOIA Unit  
FBI

FROM : Susan M. Hausen *SH*  
Staff Assistant to the  
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST - [REDACTED] *b7c*

DATE: May 6, 1975

Enclosed herewith is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, for access to files relating to Paul Robeson. This request has also been referred to the Criminal Division.

Pursuant to 28 CFR §16.5 which took effect on February 19, 1975, the responsible division shall, within ten working days, either comply with or deny a request for records unless unusual circumstances warrant an extension of time.

In cases where additional time is required, extensions shall be granted by the head of the division in increments of five days or less. The requester should be notified of the reasons for the time extension and the date on which a determination is expected.

If the request is denied, the requester should be informed by the head of the responsible division of 1) the exemption(s) authorizing the withholding of the records, 2) how the exemption applies to the record withheld and, where relevant, a brief explanation of why discretionary release is not appropriate, 3) the name and title of the person(s) responsible for the denial, and 4) his right of administrative appeal within 30 days to the Attorney General and the availability of judicial review thereafter.

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**EX 103**

Copies of all acknowledgements, extension notices, and responses should be forwarded to my office, Room 4212.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20530

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[REDACTED]  
May 5, 1975

Ms. Susan Hauser  
Freedom of Information Office  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20010

Dear Ms. Hauser:

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The enclosed information advance from Praeger Publishers, Inc. identifies me, and this letter is to present a researcher in my employ, [REDACTED]

With the exception of the publication date, which now has been changed to early 1976, all information about the scope, nature and contents of the book are accurate and up to date.

I am so appreciative of the willingness to assist that [REDACTED] has thus far encountered in your office and I will appreciate any further assistance you render.

I can be reached by telephone at either my home or office if further clarification is needed. [REDACTED] can supply those numbers upon request.

Yours very truly  
[REDACTED]

encl: Advance Information from Praeger Publishers, Inc.  
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# ADVANCE INFORMATION

**PRAEGER PUBLISHERS, INC.**

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Title: [REDACTED]

Format: 6" x 9"

Author: [REDACTED]

Pages: 268

Publication date: Fall, 1975

Illus. two 8-p. inserts  
or more

Price: ca \$8.95

## SCOPE, NATURE, AND CONTENTS:

This popular biography of Paul Robeson, the great black athlete, singer, actor, linguist, and political activist who in the McCarthy period in the United States plummeted from a peak of fame and popularity to what can only be described as enforced obscurity, will recreate the man and his legend in a warm, readable, but serious book. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is interviewing lifelong friends and co-workers of Robeson's, admirers, detractors, and son Paul, Jr., who is making available to her letters and other materials from the Robeson archives as the official biographer, Lloyd L. Brown, finishes with them. Her book will be published well in advance of the Brown book and will have the advantage of being written by a young black woman with a fresh point of view. She came to this biography as the result of covering the Robeson 75th birthday celebration for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and realizing with a shock how little she knew of the epic figure -- once widely acclaimed, later so shunned that his name disappeared from bibliographies and prints of his famous movie performance in Eugene O'Neill's "The Emperor Jones" were destroyed (a patched-together version is now playing in U.S. theaters), then left to oblivion.

Today there is a new surge of interest in Robeson. A generation of whom [REDACTED] is a spokesman is collecting his old recordings (78s mostly) at premium prices and re-evaluating the significance of his experience. Covering the dramatic span of his life as football hero, artist, passionate humanitarian, Communist sympathizer, outcast, and forgotten man, she begins her book with his childhood in Princeton, N.J., where his clergyman father, born a slave, raised him after his mother, the descendant of a free black of Revolutionary days, died in a fire when young Paul was six. Her book then explores his feats at Rutgers (Phi Beta Kappa as well as the first black named All-American); his switch from law school to the concert stage and his triumph as an actor in Othello; his development as performer, translator, and popularizer of the folk songs of many nations; his evolution into a "political" artist; his tours of Europe, residence in England and Russia; his marriage and the other women in his life. The final chapter will take him to the present or to his possible death.

THE AUTHOR: [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Wannall  
Attn: Mr. Deegen  
June 19, 1975

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*Handwritten initials*

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 5th to Mrs. Susan Hauser was referred to the FBI for response.

In response to your request, please be advised that in order to preserve the privacy of all individuals who may be the subject of similar inquiries, it has been necessary for the FBI to maintain the practice of not indicating whether we do or do not have information in our files pertaining to the subject of your inquiry.

In the event you are able to obtain notarized authorization from Mr. Paul Robeson directing us to release to you any information our files may contain concerning him, we shall thereafter search our files and advise you accordingly.

Since we have not conducted a search of our files, please to not infer that we do or do not have the information you requested.

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Sincerely yours, *Handwritten arrow*

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director *b7c*

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)  
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

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Mr. Rother C. Owen

NOTE: Robeson is probably identical with the subject of Bufiles 25-137212, 100-12304 and 105-19153 and approximately 6,000 references. Indices search would require 30 hours and preliminary file review 300 hours for which \$1,320 would be charged at the rate of \$4/hour. Fees not mentioned in this letter since the existence of records should not be acknowledged until the requester's authorization is documented.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/12/77

FROM : LEGAT, OTTAWA (105-5709) (P)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON, COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
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To: ADIC, New York (100-25857)  
SAC, Philadelphia (100-38128)

From: Director, FBI (100-12304)

PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
IS - R (CPUSA)

Enclosed for New York and Philadelphia is one copy  
of a self-explanatory [redacted] dated [redacted]  
classified "Secret." (c)

FBIHQ files contain no information identifiable with  
subject.

New York and Philadelphia conduct indices search  
regarding subject. Submit results in form suitable for  
dissemination abroad. It is requested this matter be handled  
expeditiously.

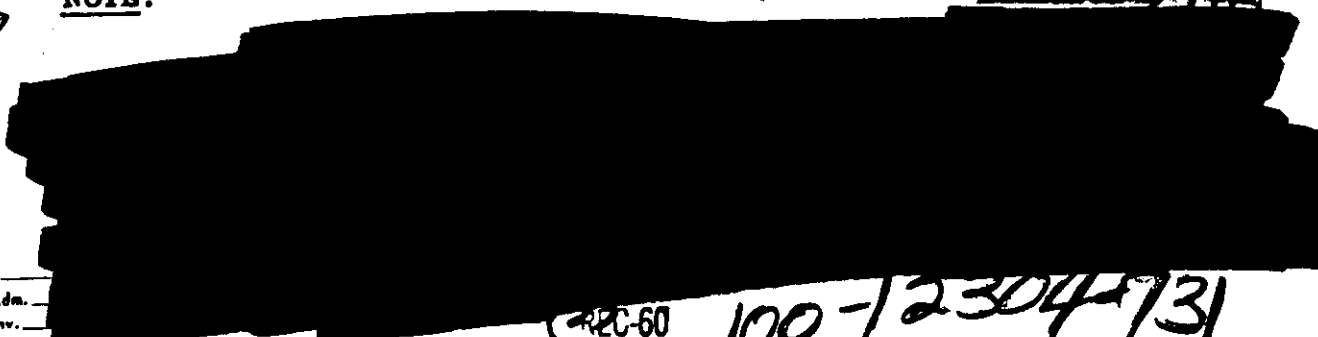
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304) ✓  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-25444) (SQ12) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
IS-R (CPUSA)  
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Re Bureau airtel dated 2/17/77.

Philadelphia indices fail to reflect any references  
for subject matter, "Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee."

It is assumed [redacted] <sup>(c)</sup> is cognizant of the history  
of PAUL ROBESON.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)  
 (ATTN: ~~CI-1 SECTION, INTD~~)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (105-157573) (C)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
 IS-R (CPUSA)  
 (OO: New York)

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Re FBIHQ airtel to New York and Philadelphia, dated 2/17/77, which enclosed a self-explanatory [redacted] dated [redacted] and Philadelphia airtel to FBIHQ, dated 3/1/77.

Enclosed herewith for FBIHQ are eight (8) copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above. Two copies of this airtel and enclosed LHM are intended for transmittal to Legat, Ottawa. Also, two copies of this airtel and LHM are being designated for the Philadelphia Office.

The New York Office (NYO) has no further information concerning the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee (PRCC) in addition to that set forth in enclosed LHM.

In view of the fact that the PRCC is apparently a Canadian-based organization, no investigation will be conducted concerning it. However, should future information concerning the PRCC come to the attention of the NYO, it will be furnished to FBIHQ in form suitable for dissemination abroad, so it can be transmitted to Legat, Ottawa.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

MAR 25 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee

The Wednesday, July 21, 1976 issue of the "Daily World", on page 6, contained an article entitled "To the UN: Declare Paul Robeson birth date Day of International Peace and Friendship". The article, datelined "Toronto", reflected, in part, that the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee (PRCC), recently formed in Toronto, has called upon the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, to place before the United Nations the proposal that the birthdate of Paul Robeson (April 9), be officially proclaimed as "the Paul Robeson day of International Peace and Friendship".

The "Daily World" is an east coast communist newspaper.

The late city edition of "The New York Times", dated December 23, 1963, reported that Paul Robeson left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight-year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport.

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

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

The January 24, 1976 issue of the "Daily World", on page 1, contained information reflecting that Paul Robeson died January 23, 1976 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee

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The article appearing in the July 21, 1976 issue of the "Daily World" also reflected that the PRCC is headed by Harvey Murphy, a retired trade unionist, who is Chairman of the PRCC.

The letter sent by the PRCC to Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations, also appears in the July 21, 1976 "Daily World" article.

At the end of the July 21, 1976 "Daily World" article appears a note entitled "To our readers:", written by "A.B.", not further identified, which note solicits support from "Daily World" readers for the PRCC's proposal to the United Nations. This note indicates the address of the PRCC to be 214 Beverly Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M 5T 123.

Attached hereto is a copy of the above-referred-to article which appeared in the July 21, 1976 issue of the "Daily World".

**To the UN: Declare Paul Robeson**

**birth date Day of International**

**Peace and Friendship**

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**TORONTO**—The Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee, recently formed in Toronto, has called upon the General Secretary of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, to place before the United Nations the proposal that the birthdate of Paul Robeson be officially proclaimed as "the Paul Robeson day of International Peace and Friendship."

Robeson's life and work was the subject of a concert tribute recently in Toronto, which drew wide recognition and acclaim. At the concert the packed audience heard messages of tribute from the four corners of the globe, many of whom subscribed to the idea of setting aside April 9 as an international day.

The Committee, headed by Harvey Murphy, a retired trade unionist who led the fight in Canada to free Robeson from the U.S.-imposed ban on his travel during the 1950's, has sent the following letter to Waldheim with copies to the States Members (U.N. delegations) as well as to all Non-Governmental Organizations at the United Nations. A special appeal will be made to the Canadian Government to support and carry the proposal to the U.N. General Assembly.

Honorable Kurt Waldheim  
Secretary General United Nations  
United Nations, New York, N.Y.

Honorable Sir:

We are addressing a request to you for consideration of the proposal that the United Nations Organization proclaim the birthday of Paul Robeson, April 9, deceased in January this year, as the world day of peace and friendship among all peoples.

We respectfully suggest that it should be proclaimed officially on April 9th, in perpetuity, as the **PAUL ROBESON DAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP**

Our purpose in setting forth this suggestion is to provide for the peoples of all lands and countries a day in which all may celebrate their oneness and commonality

as a means of strengthening the cause of peace to which the UNO is dedicated and to which Paul Robeson devoted his life.

Such an action would be in harmony with the universal aims and activities of this extraordinary man who was known and loved for his ceaseless efforts in the cause of peace and friendship in the world, as well as for his creative genius as a concert singer and actor.

His life and work were perhaps best symbolized when in the front lines of Spain in 1938, singing to the Loyalist troops and to the troops of the International Brigades, the guns were stilled on both sides of the fighting front.

His studies of the languages of many nations and people became a life-long effort to seek universal communication of the message of peace and friendship. It is true to say that his songs and his words rang like the bell of freedom around the world, to all continents and peoples.

No person can say that his unique abilities and gifts were used other than to heal and overcome obstacles and antagonisms among humankind. And in this noble work of love and brotherhood as he himself declared, "I will never retreat one thousandth part of one inch."

His courage and bravery, and in particular, his unrelenting struggle for the freedom and dignity of the colored and the oppressed peoples of all countries, has left a legacy which must not be forgotten.

He was a Black American, son of a slave who fought for and achieved his freedom. This heritage no doubt led Paul Robeson to the side of the working people, Black, white or brown, to struggle with them for the attainment of human dignity and freedom.

Recently in Toronto at a concert to honor Paul Robeson, greetings and tribute came from all parts of the world. The audience unanimously responded to the proposal of requesting the United Nations to proclaim his birthday as "THE PAUL ROBESON DAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP."

In view of the universal acclaim of Paul Robeson, we are also sending copies of this letter to all States Members of the United Nations Organization and to all Non-Government Organizations. We do so in order that Paul Robeson's contribution to understanding and peace be forever kept and acclaimed by the human family.

Respectfully yours,

PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE  
COMMITTEE, TORONTO, CANADA.

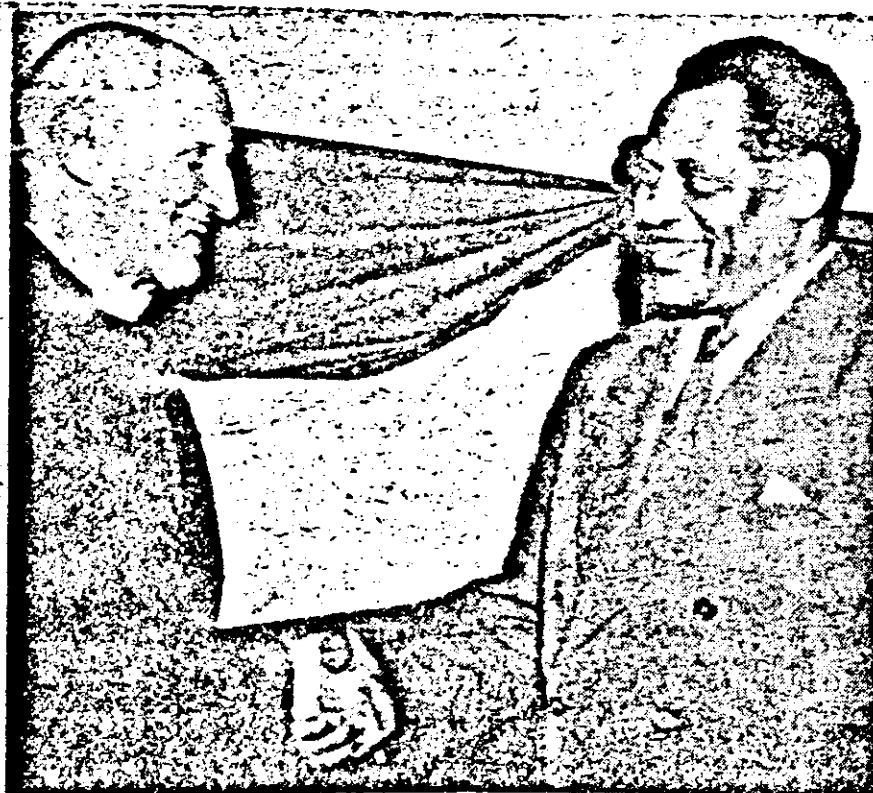
Harvey Murphy, Chairman

## To our readers:

Surely, this proposal should and will receive the widest support from unions, churches and community organizations in Paul Robeson's homeland, the U.S.A.

We suggest that Daily World readers bring the request for a UN proclamation of April 9 as PAUL ROBESON DAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP to the attention of the membership of their organizations; and that copies of resolutions in support of the Canadian committee's initiative be forwarded to the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee, 214 Beverly Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M 5T 1Z3, to the Honorable Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General, United Nations and to the Honorable William Scranton, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

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Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury with Paul Robeson during the 1950s.

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RE: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
IS - R (CPUSA)

ReBur airtel dated 2/17/77 and urtel  
dated 3/1/77,

- For information  Retention optional  For appropriate action  Surep. by \_\_\_\_\_
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report,  conceal all sources,  paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Your communication dated 3/1/77 in its present form is unacceptable. Resubmit results suitable for dissemination abroad as originally requested in referenced BURairtel 2/17/77.

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Date: 3/29/77

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: Director, FBI (100-12304)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (105-25444)(SQ12)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
IS-R (CPUSA)

Re FBIHQ airtel dated 2/17/77, which contained a self-explanatory [redacted] dated [redacted] Philadelphia airtel dated 3/1/77, and New York airtel and LHM dated 3/25/77.

Enclosed for FBIHQ are eight copies of a self-explanatory LHM, captioned as above.

Since the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee is a Canadian based organization, no investigation is being conducted.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 29, 1977

PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

The files of the Philadelphia, Pa., Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fail to reflect any information concerning the Paul Robeson Commemorative Committee.

No information has been received indicating such an organization exists in the Philadelphia, Pa., area.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI ( 100-12304 ) DATE: 4/19/77

FROM : Legal Attache, Ottawa ( 105-5709 ) (RUC)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE  
IS - R (CPUSA)

Reference: New York LHM 3/25/77 and Philadelphia  
LHM 3/29/77

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated  
to foreign agencies listed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 8, 1978

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The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Carter:

It was mentioned on a radio interview of Paul Robeson, Jr. that information and tapes of his father singing and speaking are being held by the F.B.I. and C.I.A. Why should this be so and what could be done to secure the release of this information?

He was one great human being, superior in intellect and accomplishment. What a rare instrument was his voice. There are so few like his that it is a shame we squelched it. Truly, he was an early black leader and paid a heavy price for his convictions. Can we not now take off the lid and let his greatness rise?

His son says that he never suffered any bitterness or hatred about what happened to him because he was all about LOVE. And the velvet voice. What a shame his career was not allowed to flower so that we would have more of his music recorded.

Last year we entertained a man from Holland who was bent on finding some Robeson records when in New York City. I think he must have been more appreciated outside our country.

When I heard Paul Robeson, Jr. being interviewed on WEXR (the New York Times station in New York) on the eve of his father's birthday, I was pleased to hear of an effort to give Paul Robeson the place he deserves even posthumously.

Yours truly, [Redacted] MAY 9 1978

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Dear Mrs. Bergquist:

Your recent letter to President Carter was referred to the FBI and was received here on April 24th. In reply, previous requests have been made regarding information on Paul Robeson and over 2,000 pages of documents have been released under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5, United States Code, Section 552). If you are interested in seeking such documents, you should make a separate inquiry, clearly marking the envelope and the letter as a Freedom of Information Act request, and direct it to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. 20535. In the letter you must request documents regarding the specific topic of interest to you.

Other material concerning Mr. Robeson is exempt from disclosure pursuant to provisions of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. Since you also mentioned the Central Intelligence Agency in your inquiry, I am forwarding a copy of your letter and of this reply to that agency for any consideration it may give you.

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Sincerely yours,  
William H. Webster  
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William H. Webster  
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Room 6958

This correspondent's response may engender a future FOIA inquiry.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Response was coordinated with SA [redacted] Operations Section, FOIPA Branch, Records Management Division and with SA [redacted] Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division.

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